

in 25th N. Y. Indpt. L. Art., or the famous Billingham Battery of 25 Loupen guns. The command was stationed at New Orleans, and there given the famous long range, steel rifle cannon. "Three thousand Texas rangers once tried to take the Battery; there were only 756 of us, but in 15 minutes we had killed, wounded and taken prisoners, over five hundred, with a loss of fourteen men. While on the Red River expedition, a shell struck the wheel of my cannon, the flying splinters striking my left hip and shoulder. I was taken out for dead, and when I came to, had my hand on my leg, and said, "Who is this?" "I was confined in the Main St. or St. James Hospital for two months, and finally discharged, June, 1863, at Key West. Once, taking a dispatch through the rebel lines, I crawled on hands and knees for a long time, was captured, but held only a day and night. On a moonlight night as I made my way out of the rebel lines, I heard some rebel cavalry coming down the road, and I slunk into the shade of the hill, on the north side. One, as he ascended the hill, said, "What makes your horse sheer out, back there?" and when they had ascended the hill, he came back within four rods of where I lay, but they again moved on." He was a faithful and trusted soldier. After 12 years spent in Michigan, six months in Neb. and two years in Wisconsin, in 1877 he settled in this county. His first marriage, to Laura M. Petson, was solemnized June, 1857. He was married to Jane Booth, daughter of Eden and Susan (Langham) Booth, Aug. 9, 1884, at Salamanca, N. Y. She was born Feb. 23, 1846 at Danville, N. Y. James and Geo. Kendall, his brothers, were in the service, the former killed at New Orleans, the latter was in army of the Potomac. Com. Kendall is an esteemed citizen, and lives on a pleasant farm near West Salamanca, N. Y.

NICHOLAS L. KYSOR.

Charles D. and Sarah (Sweet) Kysor were living in Leon, N. Y. when a son, Nicholas L., brought sunshine to their home, Oct. 23, 1842. He was engaged in farming when he enlisted, Aug., 1862, as a private in Co. K, 154th N. Y. V. I., but on account of severe sickness was discharged at Elmira, N. Y. in Oct., same year. In Sept., '63 he was drafted but hired a negro substitute, who served the three years. In April, 1865 Com. Kysor re-enlisted, but the war having closed he saw no active service, more than the wearisome eight hours drilling, eating sour bread and bean soup. He relates this incident: "One Sunday night we made a raid on the sutler's shop, and in ten minutes we had taken all his provisions, about three thousand dollars worth, but as there were two thousand of us this did not amount to much. Next morning we were all drawn up in line for inspection. To the great astonishment of the officers, only two articles were found among us all; one soldier had a razor and the other a strap. They were court-mar-

tialled and fined three hundred dollars. For two days and nights the regiment lay in readiness to march to the front. At last the message came, "Lee has surrendered." The wildest enthusiasm prevailed; some prayed, some cried, others threw up their hats, while a few turned summer-saults." Grandfather, John Kysor, came from Germany and served under Washington in the Revolution, as did great-grandfather John Ash, while grandfather Jotham Metcalf was a hero of 1812 war. Aug. 3, 1872, at Randolph, N. Y., Com. Kysor was married to Mary Metcalf, daughter of Joel Harvey and Armenia (Chaplin). She was born Dec. 17, 1852 in Randolph, N. Y. Robert H. born Aug. 3, 1876, died Feb. 20, 1895 of acute pleura pneumonia, Bessie H. b. Feb. 23, 1879, Grace M., b. Mar. 3, 1881, and William McKinley b. Nov. 29, 1893, have graced this home. A brother, Amos Kysor, endured the horrors of Andersonville for two weeks, and is now living in Cherrydale, Kan. Com. Kysor is a member of the I. O. O. F. and Sherwood Post, 380; by occupation, a prospector and geologist, and carpenter. He lives in a pleasant home in Salamanca, N. Y.

STEPHEN E. LECK.

Jan. 6, 1835 in Machias, N. Y. Stephen E. Leek was born. His parents, Almeron and Mary Edwards Leek, have long been numbered with the slumberers of the Great White City. He was engaged as a harness-maker in E. Hampton, N. Y. when the storm of war burst in demoniac fury upon the country, and he left the bench and enlisted Jan. 6, 1862 at New York City, in Co. E, 11th N. Y. V. Cav. as saddler, and in time promoted to saddler-sergt. His command was engaged in the South West, skirmishing with guerillas, destroying stores and carrying despatches. Many midnight rides he took carrying despatches from Fort Butler to Tapedo, La., which was a dangerous trip. With exception of two furloughs, in Spring of 1863 for ten days, and another in Fall of 1864, he was constantly on duty; he never rejoined command after last furlough, but was sent to 51st St. Hospital, N. Y. City, transferred to McDougal hospital, and from there discharged June 9, 1865. Feb. 18, 1865 in E. Hampton occurred a pleasant marriage when Jane Kahn, daughter of Daniel and Catherine (Smith) Kahn, became the wife of Sergt. Leek. She was born Sept. 25, 1840 in S. Hampton, Com. Leek has followed the trade of a harness maker since the war, but now as he descends the western slope, the sunset waves tinge his pathway, life and its battles have almost passed, the early days come back to memory, he lives again those thrilling days of '62. He lives in a pretty home in Machias, N. Y.