

MERRITT LOWELL.

In the town of White Hall, N. Y. on the 12th day of Dec., 1827, Merritt Lowell, a son of Daniel and Amanda (Thompson) Lowell was born. He was a fine type of a strong, vigorous man. March 31, 1856 in the town of Holland, N. Y. occurred a memorable wedding ceremony when our subject was united in holy wedlock to Verona Thompson, a daughter of Andrus and Sarah (Childs) Thompson. She was born April 26, 1837 at Sardinia, N. Y. Six children were given to this marriage: Aden W., b. May 2, 1857, Andrew, dec., b. March 17, 1860, Arthur, b. June 4, 1864, Lucius, b. May 3, 1867, Bertha, b. June 8, 1872, and Lavern, dec., b. Sept. 8, 1881. Bidding his little family good-bye, Comrade Lowell marched to the front, enlisting in Oct., 1861 in Co. F, 94th N. Y. V. I. Being injured by lifting he was confined to the convalescent camp for some time and from there was discharged in Dec., 1862, dated and given at Washington. True to his native pluck, he re-enlisted Sept. 3, 1864 in Co. A, 188th N. Y. V. I., 1st brig., 1st div., 5th A. C., and was constantly with the regiment until the final close of his services. Among his battles we mention Hatcher Run, and the running fight with Lee up to Appomatox C. H. When the country was once more at peace, he was discharged June 1, 1865 at Washington. He returned from the war and resumed the occupation as a farmer, and on Dec. 3, 1892 the spirit of our Comrade took its flight into the great Beyond, to be forever with him whom he had trusted all through life. Death resulting from consumption and kidney trouble. His brother, Erastus Lowell, was in the service. He was of the family of the poet, James Russell Lowell. Mrs. Lowell lives with her son on a pleasant farm near Machias, N. Y. She is a member of the Christian church, and one of the respected women of the town.

CHARLES O. MANLEY.

Ordie and Sarah Denning Manley were living in Mansfield, N. Y. when a son was born to them, Oct. 29, 1845; he was engaged in farming near Manchester, Ill. when the Rebellion began, and enlisted Oct. 11, '64 at Meringo, Ill. in the Elgin Battery, Ill. L. A. as a private. He was sick in the hospital at Springfield for one week, and detailed in the commissary Dept. at Springfield in Nov., '64 for his entire service. At the close of his service he was given his discharge May 27, 1865. Upon the evening of the beautiful autumn day, Sept. 20, 1870 at Springville, N. Y., Com. Chas. C. Manley chose as his companion for life Electa Skeels, daughter of George and Sarah Morey Skeels; shewas born July 14, 1846 at Mansfield, N. Y. Four children have gladdened this home: Nora Fenton, b. Oct. 28, '71, Glen G., b. July 6, 1873, Bennie B. b. July 1, '74, and Nina, b. March 28, '76. Henry

H. Manley, of Popular Grove, Ill., served in the famous Co. 4th Wis. Light or Flying Art'y. Comrade Manley is an energetic and honored farmer of Napoli, N. Y.

HOLLIS MARSH.

Hollis and Polly (Scudder) Marsh were living in Randolph, N. Y. when a son came to brighten their home, August 13, 1837. He grew to manhood in his native state, and was married Dec. 15, 1858 to Ellen M. Coy, daughter of George and Esther (Tanner) Coy. Mrs. Marsh was born April 18, 1837 at Randolph, N. Y. Four children have hallowed their home ties: Kittie E. (Mrs. Burt Carpenter), Will L., Ward H., dec., and George, dec. When the gloom of Civil War settled over our fair land he was peacefully engaged in farming, but he left the farm and enlisted Oct. 8, 1861 at Randolph, N. Y. in Co. E, 9th N. Y. Cav. of the famous Sheridan Cav. Corps. Private Marsh was first taken sick at Albany and was assigned to the hospital but refused to go and went with his regiment to Washington. Here he was sent out on picket and owing to heavy rain that night he was soaked through, and at last was sent to hospital with 160 others; he remained in the Columbian College Hospital from Dec. 15, 1861 to April 15, 1862 because of inflammation of the lungs and black measles, and being rendered unfit for further service, he was given his honorable discharge April 15, 1862. He never saw the battle-field, but who will not say that his fight for life with disease was not as severe as any such trial? William and Nathan Sears, his half-brothers, were in the service; the former was a lieutenant of 20th Ill. Vol. Inf. and was killed at Vicksburg, and the latter died of blood poisoning caused by cleaning out a well, used for the troops at Springfield, Ill. which contained the dead bodies of animals. Uncle Dempster Scudder was color-bearer, and was killed at Vicksburg. Grandfather Joel Scudder was in war of 1812, and great-grandfather Ezeal Scudder was a hero of the Revolution. Comrade Marsh is honored by the Commandership of D. T. Wiggins Post, No. 297, and is one of the truly honored men of his town, Randolph, N. Y.

WILLIAM THOMAS MASON

Was born in the mighty city of London, England on the 10th day of Jan., 1836. He is the son of Thomas and Eliza (Scarlet) Mason, who have long since been numbered with the slumberers of the 'White City.' He left the home of his childhood and came to America in Aug., 1860 and was engaged in farming near Rutledge, N. Y. when the gloom of civil war settled over our fair land. He left the plough and enlisted in the ranks of Co. B, 64th N. Y. V. I., 3d brig., 2d div., 2d A. C. Sept.

17, 1861 at Elmira, N. Y. He was a private in ranks and bravely met the enemy in the following battles:- Fair Oaks, Seven Day Retreat, and Fredericksburg; in the last named battle, Sept. 13, 1863, he was wounded in the left foot by a gunshot and taken to the Carver hospital, Washington, where he remained until June, 1863. With the exception of a 60 day furlough given after his wounding, he was constantly on duty with his regiment. Being rendered unfit for further duty, he was honorably discharged June 9, 1863. He came home and after a year he was again in good health, but the wound was still tender; he re-enlisted August 30, 1864 at Conewango, N. Y. in Co. K, 154th N. Y. V. I., 3d brig., 2d div., 11th A. C. He joined this famous regiment at Atlanta, and was on the glorious "March to the Sea" ending his military career with the campaign in the Carolinas, at Bentonville. He was given his final and well-earned discharge June 11, 1865 at Bladensburg, Md. He left the army with a noble record; one of which any man might justly feel proud. Comrade Mason once more returned home and was welcomed by his friends. His comrades who fought by his side said: "Tommy was a faithful soldier, a patient sufferer, and one of the stubborn, unyielding kind." He is a member of the Presbyterian church and is spending his declining days in the pretty village of Rutledge, N. Y.

ALONZO MERRITT

A son of Sylvanus and Debro Miller Merritt, was born July 8, 1863 near Pecksville, Dutchess Co., N. Y. When the low mutterings of Civil war were borne on the winds from the South he was a cabinet maker in Albion, N. Y. When 29 years of age he entered the ranks of Co. K, 1st N. Y. Vet. Cav., Aug. 1, 1863 at Rochester, N. Y.; this command was assigned to 3d brig., 3d div., Sheridan's Cav. Corps. He has a remarkable history; although passing through many of the hardest battles of the war, he was never wounded, captured, sick, or in the hospital. His battles are some of the bloodiest of the war:- Leestown, Piedmont, 1st and 2d Winchester, Sheridan's campaign in the Shenandoah, and following movements of Lee into Md.; fighting almost constantly through all those years. He was given his honorable discharge in 1864 at Rochester, N. Y. On his return home, he came to live in this county. He had been married May 1, 1861 at Albion, N. Y. to Eliza (McKaffery), the daughter of Samuel and Mary (Gleam) McKaffery. Mrs. Merritt was born in Albion, N. Y. Five children have crowned their marriage vows, Samuel, Daniel, Frank, Harry and Eliza. Comrade Merritt's brother Allen was in the service, sickened and died there. Comrade Merritt is still a cabinet-maker, a member of the D. T. Wiggins Post, 297, and one of the influential men of his town, Raulolph, N. Y.

WILLIAM MERRILL

Is the son of John and Martha (Ford) Merrill and was born Sept. 15, 1840 in Howard, Steuben Co., N. Y. He was a fireman on a railroad when the War of Secession began, and in July, 1862, at Olean, N. Y., was enrolled in Co. C, 154th N. Y. V. I., 2d Brig., 2d Div., 11th A. C., as a private. He passed through the storms of shot and shell in many battles, but never was hurt. He bore conspicuous part in the engagements of Suffolk, Blackwater, Lookout Mt., Missionary Ridge, Keneraw Mt., Rocky Face Ridge, Peach Tree Creek, Big Shanty, Before Atlanta, "March to the Sea," Campaign in the Carolinas, and on to Raleigh, N. C. In Feb., 1863 he was given a thirty day furlough, and returned promptly to Alexandria at end of time. During the last year of his valued service he was detailed as wagon-master in the Corps train. His service was characterized by loyalty, faithfulness and exemplary obedience to his superiors. June 11, 1865 at Bladensburg, Md. he was given his well-earned discharge, and returned home to his wife and child. They had been married Sept. 24, 1862 at Ashville, N. Y. Mrs. Emily (Moore) Merrill, his wife, is the daughter of Seth and Nancy (Coville) Moore; she was born Feb. 8, 1847 in Cattaraugus Co., N. Y. Their daughter, Ida May, was born May 29, 1865. John Merrill, a brother, was a veteran, served two enlistments, and was discharged after his wounding. Henry Moore, Mrs. Merrill's brother, was in the 9th N. Y. V. Cav., and lives on a farm near Cherry Creek, N. Y. Comrade Merrill has lived for the most part in Big Rapids, Mich. He went there in Oct., 1865, in July, 1867 came back for his wife and child, and remained there until 1887. He ably filled the office of Constable and Deputy Sheriff for three years. He is by occupation an engineer, and lives in a cosy home in E. Randolph, N. Y.

VIRATUS G. METCALFE

Is a son of Henry L. and Juliette Smith, and was born July 1, 1845 at Conewango, N. Y. He was engaged in farming when our flag was trailed in the dust of the South. He enlisted in the 24th, '64, at Dunkirk, N. Y., in Co. A, N. Y. Cav. He fought with this noble command at Liberty Mills, before Gordonsville and on the Gordonsville Ridge, receiving his discharge in June, '65 at Westchester, Va. He was first married to Charlotte Salisbury, by whom he had two children, Josephine Boirst, born in 1869, and Henry L. born in Oct., 1873. His second marriage was to Julia C. Nuttung (Maybee). A. Labor Metcalfe served three years in Co. E, 9th N. Y. and is now living in Houston, Texas. In 1875 Comrade Metcalfe went to California, where he resided until 1893 in the Sacramento Valley. He was a member of Gen. Punkey Post, 845 Cal., and is a member of the Odd Fellows and K. of