

the wear of an active life leave their silent trace, still we can see in him the bearing of a soldier and the once powerful man. Cattaraugus county may well be proud of her worthy citizen. His last days are being spent in a quiet home in Gowanda, N. Y.

GEORGE W. PARSONS.

On Aug. 12, 1839, in Cattaraugus county N. Y., George W., son of George and Mahala (Shamon) Parsons, was born. He was engaged in farming in Janesville, Wis., when the war cloud rolled up from the south. He was among the many brave boys to don the blue, on Feb. 5, 1862, in Co. D, 8th U. S. V. I., 2d Brig., 2d Div., 5th A. C., as a private. He was present in all the fights except Weldon and Five Forks in which Sykes' Corps or the 5th A. C. participated. Promotion in the regular service was a rare thing, and hospital soldiers were not wanted, so our comrade was always with his regiment, with the exception of a 15 days' furlough given in New York Harbor, returning promptly at the end of time. His detailed service was rather limited. They were on general provost duty in the Army of the Potomac until the Wilderness campaign, from May 4 till June 28, when they arrived in front of Petersburg, there they were in charge of the Q. M. and Com. supply train. Feb. 5, 1865, Comrade Parsons was honorably discharged from the United States service. Although his was not the thrilling, spread-eagle experience of some great (?) soldiers, yet in its steady faithfulness we may see its heroism. In December, 1874, he was united in marriage to Rhoda Hall, and his second marriage was consummated Nov. 30, 1898, to Carrie Shaw. Her father, Romine Shaw, served a faithful enlistment. Comrade Parsons is unable to work, suffering from inflammatory rheumatism caused by service, and is now a retired farmer, living in Perryburg N. Y. A member of the A. O. U. W. and Dayton G. A. R. Post.

NATHAN PIERCE

Is the son of Charles and Eliza A. (Hall) Pierce, and was born Feb. 12, 1843, in Collins, N. Y. He was engaged in farming near North East, Pa., when he was enrolled as a private in Co. C, 145th Pa. V. I., 3d Brig., 2d Div., 5th A. C., in September, 1862. He was in all the engagements of the gallant 145th Pa., until discharged through disability. He was confined for about three months in Lincoln hospital, Washington, with typhoid fever, and was discharged at Convalescent Camp, near Alexandria, Va., Oct. 25, 1864. He was several times placed on detailed service to guard private property. He was a faithful soldier, trusted by his officers and respected by his comrades. In 1867 he was united in marriage to Julia Bartlett, daughter of Seth

and Aurilla (Peasley) Bartlett, at Collins Centre, N. Y. Two children were given to them, Seaman M. and Maud. Comrade Pierce's brother was killed at Pittsburg Landing during the service. Comrade Pierce has served the public as school trustee and constable. He is a member of Gowanda Post, but is unable to attend its meetings because he lives on his farm seven miles from the city and old age weighs heavily upon him. Comrade Pierce lives at Collins Centre, N. Y., an esteemed and worthy citizen.

DUDLEY PHELPS.

Son of Gideon and Altha (Cook) Phelps, was born on Sept. 5, 1834, in Broome county, N. Y. On April 1, 1855, he was united in marriage to Maria Torry, at Friendship, N. Y. Sept. 10, 1863, the wife and mother was called to the better land, leaving two children, Jennie E. and Charles S. to grieve over her departure. When war's grim visaged front burst upon the horizon of our nation and the strong men were flocking to defend the nation's honor, among them was our comrade, who was enrolled as a corporal of Co. C, 154th N. Y. V. I., 1st Brig., 2d Div., 11th A. C. He followed the fortunes of this gallant command on many a hard fought field, Chancellorsville, Gettysburg, Mission Ridge, Rocky Faced Ridge, Snake Creek, Atlanta, with Sherman to the Sea, and the Campaign in the Carolinas. He was wounded at Chancellorsville by a gunshot, but was not confined to the hospital. He was given a ten days' furlough from Fairfax C. H., rejoining his command at Alexandria. When the dove of peace had spread its healing wings over this broken and bleeding nation, our comrade was given his honorable discharge on June 13, 1865, at Bladensburg, Md., and returned to his home in Allegany, N. Y. Nov. 23, 1865, he was united in marriage to Julia Scofield, of Allegany, N. Y., who passed away March 19, 1895. Comrade Phelps has ably served his community as a member of the board of education, and was town clerk for 21 years in Allegany, N. Y. He is a faithful member of the Presbyterian church of Gowanda, also a member of the F. and A. M., No. 252, of Olean, and A. O. U. W., No. 540, of Allegany, N. Y. He has been a member for some time of Darby Post, No. 359, of Gowanda, N. Y., in which he has held the office of chaplain. He lives in a quiet home in Gowanda, N. Y.

FRANKLIN E. RANNEY

Is a son of Eli and Louis (Wetmore) Ranney, and was born Sept. 25, 1837, in Augusta, Madison county, N. Y. March 1, 1859, at Perryburg, N. Y., he was united in marriage to Adelaide L. Wells, daughter of William and Jane (Ellis) Wells. Mrs. Ranney was born