

(from Adams, pp. 167-68)

Corydon C. Rugg was descended from Revolutionary stock. His grandfather was a soldier in that war and his father, Jonathan G., was a soldier in the War of 1812, where he distinguished himself at Sackett's Harbor. Jonathan G. Rugg was born near Lake George in 1795 and died May 12, 1877. Corydon C. Rugg, born in Perrysburg, May 13, 1822, passed his youth on the farm and in attending the district school, supplementing his rudimentary education by nearly two years' work at Fredonia Academy and teaching school three winter terms. At the age of twenty he commenced the study of medicine in the office of Cyrus Thompson, of Syracuse, a son of Samuel Thompson, founder of the Thompsonian system of medicine. In 1844 he was appointed colonel of the 168th Regiment Infantry, 54th Brigade, 26th Division, of New York State militia. At the breaking out of the Civil War he was captain of Co. A, 64th N.Y. Regiment, which was organized in 1853 as the New York militia. In 1847 he married Fidelia Goodell, by whom he had six children: Adella D., Loella V., Corydon A., Estella F., Clayton A., and Minnie M. In 1848 he was graduated from a medical college in Cincinnati and located in practice in Meadville, Pa., removing one year later to Gowanda, where he followed his profession until the war of the Rebellion, when, on the organization of the 154th Regiment, he volunteered as a private and on November 3, 1862, was appointed by Governor Morgan as its assistant surgeon. In this position Dr. Rugg was exposed to great danger, but always performed his duties bravely and faithfully, and acquired the unqualified esteem and respect of all--soldier and superior officer alike. Failing health compelled him to resign on January 3, 1864, and return to Gowanda, where he resumed his practice, which he continued till February, 1874, when he removed to Rutland, Vt. Four years later Dr. Rugg removed to Jamestown, where he continued practice until a short time previous to his death, which occurred there January 14, 1891. Dr. Rugg was endowed by nature with a splendid physique. He was charitable and generous to a fault, and his industry and self-sacrifice were remarkable.