

tin. Com. Pettit shared the glories of his command at Chancellorsville, Gettysburg, Wauhatchie, Lookout Mt., Mission Ridge, Rocky Face Ridge, Reseca, Dalton, Pumpkinvine Creek, New Hope Church, Peach Tree Creek, before Atlanta, March to the Sea, campaign in the Carolinas, and the Review at Washington. In 1864 he was sick for 6 weeks with typhoid fever and rejoined the regiment at Fairfax-C. H. While in hospital at Fairfax he was granted a 30 days' furlough and returned promptly at end of time. June 11, 1865, at Bladensburg, Md., he was given his honorable discharge. His brother George, see record, and the wife's brother Justin Simonds, of 112th N. Y. V. I., was killed at Ft. Waggoner. Com. Pettit is the leading hardware merchant of Ellicottville, a member of VanAernam post. He has never applied for a pension.

BRADFORD ROWLAND,

Son of Asa and Eliza Quackenbush Rowland, was born May 1, 1844, at Great Valley, N. Y. When the gloom of Civil War settled over our land, he was enrolled as a private July 28, 1862, at Ashford, N. Y., in Co. G, 154th N. Y. V. I., 2d Brig., 2d Div., 11th A. C. He bravely met the enemy at Chancellorsville, Gettysburg, Wauhatchie, Mission Ridge, Lookout Mt., Rocky Face Ridge, Reseca, Pumpkin Vine Creek, All Burnt Hickory, New Hope Church, Peach Tree Creek, before Atlanta, March to the Sea, campaign in the Carolinas, and was one of the worn veterans to swing into line for the Review at Washington. May 2, 1863, at Chancellorsville, he was wounded below right ear by a spent ball, causing a scalp wound; In Oct., 1862 he was in hospital in Convalescent Camp, Alexandria, with typhoid fever and rejoined his regiment in time for the 'stick-in-the-mud' campaign. July 1, 1863 he was captured at Gettysburg, doomed to Libby and to Belle Isle, paroled and rejoined command in Nov., 1863 in Lookout Valley. Comrade Rowland relates this story: "Comrade Esley Groat and myself were going over the mountains with a little mule laden with corn which we intended to have ground at the mill; it was a very tough ascent and we got pretty well discouraged; at last Groat piped up, 'The Book says, they went into Egypt to buy corn, but by G—d we're going to get this ground.'" June 11, 1865, at Bladensburg, he was discharged from his enlistment. The last year of his service was spent at Hdqtrs. of 20th A. C. as painter. He returned home and on May 4, 1866 was united in marriage to Sarah Scott, daughter of Oliver and Durmda Leach Scott; she was born Nov., 1842, in Franklinville, N. Y.; one child hallowed their home, Jennie May, dec., born May 22, 1872, and died Oct. 19, 1892, death resulting from peritonitis. Com. Rowland is a keen business man, a commission merchant. He

He belongs to the F. & A. M., Blue Chapter, Commandry and Shriners, also to H. VanAernam post of Ellicottville, N. Y., where he lives in a pleasant home, respected by all who know him.

LORENZO L. RASEY.

Son of Aaron and Anna (Fish) Rasey, was born May 16, 1830, in Ellicottville, N. Y., and was a clothier when war of the States began and he enlisted as a private of Co. E, 5th N. Y. V. C., 3d Brig., 2d Div., Sheridan's Corps. Com. Rasey saw continual fighting at Warrenton Junction, Gettysburg, Rapidan River, Wilderness campaign. June, 1862 he was sick in camp with sunstroke, diarrhea and piles for three months. Just before Banks fell back from the Shenandoah Valley. Com. Rasey took a dispatch from Gen. Hatch to Gen. Sigel, and arrived just in time as Sigel's men were already breaking camp. Being rendered unfit for further service and at close of his long enlistment, he was given his honorable discharge Oct. 18, 1864, near Harper's Ferry, Va. April 6, 1865, at Hamlet, N. Y., he was married to Ellen Warner, daughter of Reuben and Savilla A. (Fish) Warner; she was born Dec. 10, 1840, at Hamlet. Three children have graced the union. Anna E., R. Warrne, and May. Com. Rasey is a member of I. O. O. F., Masons, Episcopal church, and is Asst. Adjt. of VanAernam post, at Ellicottville, N. Y., where he lives in a pleasant home, being by occupation a painter. Also a member of A. O. U. W. and Templars.

BENEZER C. SHERMAN.

Son of Charles and Mary Whitney Sherman was born Nov. 3, 1845, in E. Ashford, N. Y., and was engaged in farming when he was enrolled as a private of Co. D, 154th N. Y. V. I., 2d Brig., 2d Div., 20th A. C., Sept. 9, 1864, at E. Ashford. He fought at Savannah, campaign in the Carolinas, Snow Hill and Bentonville, and was with Sherman to the Sea. He was on a detail to get wagons through the S. C. swamps, working in the water five days without sleep; he took a severe cold in his head, catarrh and deafness resulting. While before Atlanta, he was sent back to the hospital but was with his regiment in three days; he was nearly captured once while foraging for sweet potatoes, the rebel cavalry swooped down upon them, but our boys got away with their plunder. The latter part of his service was spent in the wagon train, receiving his honorable discharge June 11, 1865, at Bladensburg; he returned home and Oct. 11, 1866, was married at E. Ashford, N. Y., to Marion Headley, daughter of Oscar and Elvira (Davenport) Headley; she was born May 3, 1847, at E. Ashford; two children have graced their home, Fred and Helen (Myers). Charles W. Sherman, a brother, was in 116th N. Y. V. I., wounded in arm at Port Hudson

and discharged. Comrade Sherman is a member of Howell post, 390; he has retired from active life and is living at Delevan, N. Y.

FREDERICK SILLMAN.

Son of Samuel and Sally (Coston) Sillman, was born Dec. 11, 1832, in Yorkshire, N. Y., and was engaged in farming when the President called for the loyal boys to go forth for the old flag; he went forth under the banner of Co. H, 44th N. Y. V. I., 3d Brig., 2d Div., 5th A. C., Sept. 15, 1861, enlisting at Yorkshire, N. Y. He fought with this gallant command at Hanover C. H., Yorktown, Williamsburg, and 2d Bull Run; he was injured, producing left hernia, near Harrison's Landing by unloading ammunition; he was sent to Washington, then to Annapolis for three months in Camp Distribution, where he was discharged March 8, 1863, by reason of disability; he had served faithfully and was honorably discharged. Since the war, he has served the public as J. of P. and constable; he is a member of Odd Fellows and of the Howell post, and is one of the esteemed citizens of Delevan.

JAMES MARSHALL SHEFFILED.

Son of William and Helen N. Stewart Sheffiled, was born March 13, 1847, in Great Valley, N. Y. He was a laborer when the war of Rebellion began, and was only 16 years of age when he donned the blue, being enrolled as a private of Co. F, 43d U. S. C. T., 2d Div., 25th A. C. He was injured in right eye by the tube of his gun being blown off while he was on picket in front of Bermuda Hundred, but never was in hospital. "The water had run low in the rifle pits before Petersburg and as there was a pool a little distance from the pits I determined to get some for the boys; as it was dark I could not see the rebels but could hear them talking; at last they discovered me and a reb came down yelling, 'Surrender, you Yankee s— of a b—,' but I did not want to surrender, so he shot at me, as did a sharpshooter, hitting the top of my hat and cutting the figure 4 from it, but I got safely back to the pits. I remember one scene and have thought of it often since; our lieut. was singing, 'When I read my title clear,' a piece of shell struck him in the head and killed him instantly; he dropped and said, 'O, Lord' and was gone forever." Com. Sheffiled served faithfully and was discharged at the close of the war. He was married to Amanda E. Wilson, daughter of Cornelius and Phoebe Lamberd Wilson, in Ellicottville, N. Y. She was born July 2, 1853, in Cart, N. Y.; four children were given to them, George E., William H., James E. and Jessie G. His brother Jeremiah served in 26th N. Y. C. T. in Carolina campaign, and the father was in Co. E of that regiment; William Wilson, wife's brother, was in 154th N. Y. V. I. Comrade Sheffiled is

a member of the M. E. church and one of the respected men of his town. He is a consistent Christian, living up to the best human ideal of the life as it is in Christ.

MARION F. THORNTON

Son of Samuel and Abigail Langmade Thornton, was born Feb. 15, 1842 in Yorkshire, N. Y. He was engaged in farming when Lincoln called for troops; he left the farm and, aged 17 years, was enrolled as a private of Co. K, 105th N. Y. V. I., 2d Brig., 2d Div., 1st A. C., on Dec. 8, 1861. He fought at Cedar Mt., Bull Run, Rappahannock Bridge, Thoroughfare Gap, where he slept on the dead rebel all night and did not know it until morning, Fredericksburg, Chantilly, Chancellorsville, South Mt., Antietam, Gettysburg, Wilderness, Spottsylvania, Hatcher's Run, Cold Harbor, before Petersburg. July 1, 1863 he was captured at Gettysburg by Hill's troops, held on field 3 days, 500 of the boys paroled in Carlisle and turned loose, so they footed it home to New York state in about 7 days. "Brand and I were arrested for desertion by provostmarshal Cooper of Perrysburg; we promised to meet him at Perrysburg after we finished important business at Ellicottville. Brand consulted his brother-in-law, Judge Lamb, who answered shortly, 'You know where Washington is? You know where Washington is?' Critical times, I dasn't say much.' So we went to Washington, and at last reported to provost-marshal's office and sent to Camp Distribution, then to Camp Parole, did special guard duty all winter at a widow's home. June 3, 1864 he was wounded in left groin by a gunshot, was sent in ambulance to City Point for one week, and there transported to Blackwell Island, N. Y. II.; while here a young college student visited him and discovered that a ball was still in Com. Thornton's leg; the student cut it out and secured him a 30 day furlough, which was extended for 60 days. He rejoined his command at Hatcher's Run in Dec., 1864. The student for this act of kindness was given his surgical diploma and commission. Near Warrentown, he and his comrades, Morse, Perryman, Langmade and Derby, had a little fun at foraging. They wanted some honey and at midnight they left camp and found the hives, they threw a blanket around it and Thornton carried it towards camp; the bees came out and stung him all over but he hung to the honey. They ate all they could, and the rest buried in kettles in the ground, and many meals were enjoyed of it. Com. Thornton was discharged Mar. 8, 1865 before Petersburg. On his return from the service he was united in marriage to Martha Lowe, daughter of Cullen and Delia Plumb Lowe, Feb. 11, 1866, in Yorkshire, N. Y. One daughter graced their home, Abigail (Howe) born Jan. 29, 1867. Her grandfather Plumb was a hero of the 1812 war. Com. Thornton is a member of the I. O. O. F., K. O. T. M., and