

The fashion that came with our first parents, and will remain unchanged until our race has run its course and the wide firmament be rolled up like a scroll. The old, old fashion—Death! Oh, thank God, for the older fashion still of Immortality! And look upon us, angels of young children, with regards not quite estranged when the swift river bears us to the ocean."

JAMES SKIFF.

James Skiff, private of Co. F, 154th N. Y. V. I., 1st Brig., 2d Div., 11th A. C., is a son of James and Lovina (Smith) Skiff. He was born March 6, 1823, in the town of Arkwright, N. Y. His early days were spent in farming, and on reaching manhood he united his fortunes for life with Elmina Chase, a daughter of Stephen and Clarinda (Holebrook) Chase. Six children were given to this union, Mason J., Ellen L., Charles G., Phylla, Electa and Edson. When the war of the Rebellion began to assume most threatening proportions, Comrade Skiff tendered his valued services to aid the North. He was enrolled in August, 1862, in Charlotte township, N. Y., and was one of the best soldiers of his regiment. He was in the following battles: Chancellorsville, Fairfax C. H., Throughfare Gap and Falmouth. Our hero was wounded in hand at Chancellorsville, captured by the rebel forces under Jackson and taken to Libby prison, where he remained until paroled October, 1863. Having rejoined his regiment, he participated in the battle of Wauhatchie; here he was again wounded, in the leg, and taken to hospital. Being a faithful and trusted soldier he was detailed into the Ordnance Dept. for ten months. When peace was again assured to the Union, Corp. Skiff was given his honorable discharge, June, 1865, at Elmira, N. Y. His record as a soldier is a fitting example of a true, courageous man fighting valiantly for country, friends and home. He is now an honored resident of Cassadaga, N. Y.

ELIAL SKINNER.

Elial Skinner, a son of David and Mary (Williams) Skinner, was born Sept. 30, 1838, in Portland, N. Y. He was engaged in farming when the Civil war began. Leaving the peaceful scenes of his home, he enlisted Aug. 22, 1862, at Portland, in Co. E, 154th N. Y. V. I., which was assigned to the 1st Brig., 2d Div., 11th A. C. The company went out under the able leadership of Capt. Joseph Fay. It was in many bloody battles, Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville and Gettysburg. At Gettysburg, July 1, 1863, our comrade was captured and endured all the horrors of Belle Isle from July 24 to Feb. 7, 1864; Andersonville from Feb. 7 to Oct. 10; at Savannah for six weeks and at Milan until Dec. 21, 1864. On his parole and return to the Union lines, he was