

hospital near Petersburg on account of typhoid fever. Corp. Shipman never shrank from duty and if any hazardous task was to be done he always volunteered. A soldier in word, thought and deed. June 16, 1865 at Baltimore, Md. he was discharged. On the beautiful 5th of June, 1870 at Allegany, N. Y. Comrade Shipman was united in holy matrimony to Eva Badger, daughter of Lafayette and Mary (Payne) Badger. She was born Nov. 15, 1852 at Salamanca, N. Y. One child, Minnie, born June 28, 1874, crowned their marriage. Grandfathers George Wenn and William Luther Badger were heroes of 1812. Corp. Shipman has held the office of Master Workman in the A. O. U. W., and both husband and wife are members of the Baptist church. He is an honored citizen of Ischua, N. Y.

JAMES O. SPENCER

Is 54 years of age and was born in Cuba, April 28, 1845, a son of Col. J. O. Spencer, dec., and Tryphenia T. Chamberlain, sister of Judge Chamberlain. In 1857 he went to live with his uncle, the Judge, at E. Randolph, N. Y., and attended school—in the Randolph academy. In the Spring of 1861 he enlisted as a private in the 64th N. Y. V. I. on April 1st of that year, under Capt. Everetts, Lieuts. James G. Johnson and Lysan Jones. After drilling with them a few days his uncle found it out and told him that he could not go to war as he was too young. He ran away from Judge Chamberlain and went to Allegany, Cattaraugus Co., N. Y., and enlisted May 16, 1861 in Co. H, 37th N. Y. V. I., Berry's Brig., Kearney's Div., 3d A. C., as a private and in due time was made sergeant. He underwent the storms of shot and shell at 1st Bull Run, Williamsburg, Yorktown, Fair Oaks, Seven Days fight under McClellan before Richmond, Charles City Cross Roads, Malvern Hill, 2d Bull Run, and Chancellorsville. In Sept., 1862 he was sent on recruiting service to New York City for his regiment, but returned in time for the Chancellorsville fight, and, owing to the end of his enlistment, was given an honorable discharge in June, 1863. He spent the following months in recruiting for the 14 N. Y. H. A., and he re-enlisted at Dunkirk, N. Y., in Co. D, 179th N. Y. V. I., and was promoted to orderly sergeant. He again faced the enemy at Cold Harbor, and three times before Petersburg, where, July 30, 1864, he was captured and taken to Libby prison. He endured the horrors of this modern Hell for five months; was sent from thence to Danville, Prison No. 6, for five months; at last paroled, sent to Annapolis, Md., and finally came home. He entered a strong, robust man, and came out a wreck; the old, old story of awful suffering, starvation and disease had left its ghastly trace. He never returned to the field, and was discharged July, 1865 at Elmira, N. Y. On the memorable day, July 4, 1873, at Ellicottville, N. Y., Comrade Spen-

cer was married to Arvilla D. Metcalf, daughter of Harvey and Armenia (Champlin) Metcalf. Mrs. Spencer was born Aug. 5, 1849, in New Albion, N. Y. Three children have hallowed their home ties: John J., born May 4, 1874; George, b. July, 1877, and Armenia T., b. August, 1883. Stephen B. Spencer his brother served in the 9th N. Y. V. Cav. On his return from the army he studied law with Jenkins & Goodwell of Randolph, N. Y., for two years, and was recorder at Albany, N. Y., and for two years more studied with E. B. Townsend at Portageville, N. Y.; was elected as J. of P. there, and on his coming to Salamanca, N. Y., was elected as J. of P., and has served for sixteen years, Justice of the Sessions two terms with Judge O. S. Vreeland, Democratic nominee against Hon. J. S. Whipple for member of the Assembly, nominated by the Cleveland faction for Judge of Cattaraugus county, N. Y.; has served ably as President of the Soldiers' Association of the county for 11 years; Commander of Sherwood Post, No. 308, for four years; elected in the spring of 1899 as Police Judge at Salamanca for four years; trustee for Union School district for 18 years of West Salamanca, N. Y. Under the Cleveland and Hill fight, he stumped it through the country for President Fairchilds of the Provisional Committee of New York City; has served as aide-de-camp in the department of the G. A. R. of the state, and is now the honored vice-president of the 37th N. Y. Veteran Association. He leads a very active life, helping all who merit his favor, in a word "the elements are so mixed in him that Nature can stand up and say to all the world there stands a 'man.'" Comrade Spencer is one of the esteemed citizens of Salamanca, N. Y.

HORACE SMITH,

A son of Marcus and Susan A. (Stilwell), was born March 21, 1837, at Franklinville, N. Y. He was employed as a clerk in a general store at Franklinville when the War of Secession began. He enlisted July 30, 1862, at Franklinville, N. Y., in Co. D, 154th N. Y. V. I., 2d Brig., 2d Div., of the 11th A. C., afterwards consolidated into the 20th A. C., as a Sergt., and was promoted to 1st Lieut. of Co. H, 154th N. Y. V. I., on Nov. 1, 1864. He was an active participant in the following battles: Chancellorsville, Gettysburg, before Atlanta, "March to the Sea," and the campaign in the Carolinas. On July 1, 1863, he was slightly wounded on the left knee. He was first confined in the hospital at Savannah as a result of a severe cold caught on the field of battle. In February, 1865, he was confined in the hospital at Beaufort, S. C., until April 15, 1865. July 1, 1863, he was captured by the rebel forces at Gettysburg and was taken to Belle Isle and Richmond, Va., about ten months. After his parole from Annapolis, Md., he was given a twenty days' furlough and rejoined his command

near Atlanta. Nov. 1, 1864, he was discharged from Co. D, by reason of re-enlistment and promotion to 1st Lieut. in Co. H. He was detailed at the battle of Gettysburg as Sergt.-Major. His war record is one of which any one ought to feel proud; he served until finally discharged June 11, 1865, at Bladensburg, Md. Nov. 8, 1870, at Machias, N. Y., he was united in marriage to Naviny J. Button, daughter of Heman G. and Jerusha (Joslyn) Button. She was born Aug. 12, 1848, at Machias, N. Y. Two children are the light and comfort of their home; Nellie Blanche and Lotta Button. Mrs. Smith's two twin brothers were in the service, Kingsley and Millard F. Button. (See records.) Comrade Smith has been R. R. postal clerk from 1872 to 1881 on the Lake Shore road from Buffalo to Toledo, O., and for about three months run on the W. N. Y. & P. from Buffalo to Emporium. In March, 1885, he moved with his family to Mazouanie, Wis., and is now a member of A. R. McDonald Post, No. 56, of that place. He is one of the respected and influential men of his town.

VALORUS SWIFT,

A son of Vanlausing and Silva A. (Gillett) Swift, was born Sept. 28, 1839, at Rushford, N. Y. His father was a farmer, but the boy on reaching manhood chose the blacksmith trade and was thus employed when the war between the States began. He quickly enlisted in Co. C, 1st N. Y. Dragoons, 2d Brig., 3d Div., of the 19th A. C., as a private. In 1864 he was detailed in Capt. Vilas' wagon train as a blacksmith for three weeks. He was conspicuous in many battles: Winchester, Middletown, Fisher's Hill, Mount Jackson, Brown's Gap, Port Republic, Tom's Brook, Cedar Creek, Gordonville, Warrenton and Waynesboro. During all his heroic service Comrade Swift bore a charmed life, he was never wounded, captured, sick in the hospital, or furloughed. His record is one of which to be proud and he was given his well-earned discharge June, 1865, at Rochester, N. Y. On Christmas Day, 1873, at Hinsdale, N. Y., Sarah Bacon, daughter of Fred and Eunice (Barker) Bacon, became the loving wife of our veteran. She was born July 27, 1848, at Homer, N. Y. Two daughters have graced their union, Nellie, born Sept. 30, 1875, and Dora, born Jan. 20, 1883. George and William Bacon, brothers, were in the service. Comrade Swift is the overseer of the poor, and still pursues his trade as blacksmith at his home in Franklinville, N. Y. He is a member of Alanson Crosby Post, and one of the highly respected citizens of the town.

MATTHEW STRAIT

Was born Jan. 23, 1843, at New Hudson, N. Y., and settled in this county in 1856. His parents, Matthew and Matilda (Herrick) Strait, were patriots, the father serving in the War of 1812. He was follow-

ing the peaceful pursuits of the farm in the town of Lyndon, Cattaraugus Co., N. Y., when the war of the Rebellion began; he enlisted in Co. E, 5th N. Y. V. Cav., 1st Brig., 3d Div., Sheridan's C. C., and was promoted to 2d Lieut. Nov. 15, 1861, and 1st Lieut. Jan. 30, 1865. We proudly write his long list of battle: Harrisonburg, Winchester, Culpepper C. H., Orange C. H., Rapidan, Cedar Mt., Kelly's Ford, Bull Run, Chantilly, Thoroughfare Gap, Aldie, Hanover, Pa., Gettysburg, Hagerstown, Boonsboro, 2d Culpepper C. H., Summerville Ford, James City, Sperryville, Brandy Station, 1st, 2d and 3d Grovetown, Bucklin's Mills, Hanover C. H., Ashland Station, Stevensburg, Raccoon Ford, Hampton Cross Roads, Defences of Washington, Matapony River, Mt. Carmel Church, Stony Creek Station, Ream's Station, Oppequan Creek, Berryville, Winchester, Port Royal, Brock's Gap, Tom's Brook, Cedar Creek, Mt. Jackson and Ruddle's Hill. March 23, 1863, at Aldie he was taken prisoner, sent to Libby until March 31, went to Annapolis, Md., and returned to his regiment June 27, 1863, performing the duties of his office faithfully until discharged Dec. 31, 1863; but immediately re-enlisted as a veteran in his old command. Jan. 15, 1864, he was granted a furlough, returning to his regiment in February, 1864, on the banks of the Matapony river, just before the battle. While on Kilpatrick's Raid, from Richmond falling back to Yorktown, Comrade Strait was shot in the left thigh; taken to the hospital at Yorktown, Va., for the night and was then removed to Hampton Roads for ten days. In a few days reported for duty. January, 1865, he was given a thirty days' furlough, on his return he served until finally given his well-earned discharge July 18, 1865, at Winchester, Va. His service was long, faithful and heroic, and he left the army with a noble record. Lieut. Strait was first married to Florence E. Gould, by whom he had one child, Laura A., born Oct. 12, 1873. His second marriage was consummated Dec. 7, 1892, at Franklinville, N. Y., to Gracia E. Gould, daughter of George and Amelia S. (Burr) Gould. Harvey Strait, a brother, was in the 13th N. Y. H. A. Mr. Strait is at present a meat dealer at his home in Franklinville, N. Y. He is a member of Masonic Order and G. A. R., also served capably as deputy sheriff.

ALSON THURSTON.

In the town of Randolph, N. Y., on Oct. 20, 1843, Alson Thurston, the son of Daniel and Lodenay (Torrance) Thurston, was born. His father is still living at the good old age of 90 years, but the mother has passed to her reward. He was a farmer when the War of Secession began; he was enrolled Sept. 3, 1864, at Randolph, N. Y., in Co.