

with chronic diarrhea and sent to field hospital, from thence to Washington, and finally to Bedlow's Island, N. Y. H. While at Suffolk he was placed on guard and provost duty for one month, and at Gen. Peck's headquarters for two weeks. The war having ended and his services being no longer needed, he was discharged June 13, 1865, at Raleigh, N. C. Comrade Stebbins became the husband of Maggie Colburn on the 3d day of October, 1866, at Clymer N. Y. She was born March 23, 1841, in Magog, Canada, and was the daughter of James and Mary (Pardue) Colburn. Two children have graced this union, Fred D., born Aug. 11, 1876, and Angie M., b. April 23, 1878. The patriotism of the Stebbins family was shown by the service of Aaron and Julius Stebbins, the latter died at Suffolk. Mrs. Stebbins had a brother in the service, Justin Colburn, and Henry Bradshaw, a half-brother. The peaceful pursuits of the farm have always suited the quiet nature of our comrade, and he now lives on his farm near Sherman, N. Y.

SERGT. WAITE J. STEVENS.

Waite J. Stevens, the worthy son of William and Lydia (Johnson) Stevens, was born at Castletown, Vt., Feb. 11, 1825, was reared among its sturdy sons—where rocks, mills and men are the most valued products. Living amid the historic scenes of New England, listening to the thrilling stories of his patriotic ancestors, who served in the Revolution. Especially the story of his grandfather, David Johnson, who was confined on a prison ship in New York Harbor for several months, and after his release was appointed by Gen. Washington as one of his camp guards and continued as such until the close of the war. His grandfather, Nehemiah Stevens, was also a soldier of the Revolution, and lived all his life in sight of the Bennington field. It is not strange that at the first call of his country, he volunteered as a private in Co. H, 112th N. Y. V. I. For a few months in 1863-4 he was in the Q. M. Dept., but he preferred the full duty of a soldier in arms. June 1, 1864, Comrade Stevens was wounded at Cold Harbor, and sent to the hospital, from which he was discharged May 19, 1865. Sergt. Stevens was one of the best known men in the service—cheerful, bright—his wit and humor helping to enliven the darkest scenes of soldier life; his generous nature was shown by his resigning his position as P. M. at Mayville, N. Y., in order that a helpless comrade might be appointed to take his place. For many years he was court-crier of Chautauqua county, and always the genial Yankee gentleman, with his kindly word and deed towards all he met. He had resided in Mayville for thirty-seven years, and his position and agreeableness made him well known throughout the county. Comrade Stevens' death was caused by injuries received in a runaway in Mayville, when

his wife and himself were thrown from the buggy. He lingered a few days and at last the life tide ebbed, and the soul of our brother and comrade drifted into the ocean of Eternity Nov. 2, 1896. He was conscious to the last, recognizing each member of his family, and with his unflinching tenderness he bade them a loving "Farewell," as his spirit returned to the God who gave it. The full attendance of A. E. Carpenter Post, of which he was a member, and the throng of all the classes of the village, the many floral tributes, indicate something of the high estimation in which he was held by those who knew him. Miss Almira Barber, of Glen's Falls, Vt., became his wife, and passed away, leaving one child, Mrs. H. A. Parker, of Washington, D. C. His second marriage was to Mrs. Laura M. Swetland. To them were born the following children: William P., of Jamestown; Waite J. Jr., of Mayville; Mrs. R. M. Vickers, of Minneapolis, Minn.; Mrs. J. P. Held and Mrs. D. L. Klauberg, of New York; Mrs. Buckingham, of New Haven, and Mrs. Robert Burrows, of St. Mary's Pa. His widow now lives in Mayville, N. Y.

FREDRICK SWARTZ.

Fredrick Swartz, a native of Gatzen, Mecklenburg-Schwerin, Prussia, was born Feb. 3, 1844. His aged father, Frederick Swartz, is still living, but his mother Fredrika (Duge), has passed away. He came to this county in June, 1858, and was engaged in farming when the late "unpleasantness" arose. Although not an American, still he proved himself a loyal and true defender of his adopted country. He was enrolled as a private in Co. E, 154th N. Y. V. I., 1st Brig., 2d Div., 11th A. C., afterwards consolidated into the 20th A. C. The battles in which he fought were the most important of the war, Chancellorsville, Lookout Mt., Missionary Ridge, Peach Tree Creek, Resaca, Rocky Face Ridge, Atlanta, Gettysburg and Buzzards Roost. While on a charge here his comrade was wounded, and in the morning he found him dead; Comrade Swartz had slept with him all night. The hard service in the Burnside Campaign against Fredericksburg was too much for our comrade and he contracted typhoid fever, was confined in hospital at Mt. Pleasant for three months, and rejoined his command just before Chancellorsville. He was on extra guard duty at headquarters for a short time. Peace had come, war had purged the nation, and the great "sin of slavery" was blotted out forever; the army was disbanded. Fredrick Swartz was granted his discharge June 11, 1865, at Bladensburg, Va. Doratha Reichentrog, the daughter of Henry and Mary (Golnitz) Reichentrog, of Nyandorf, Mecklenburg-Schwerin, Prussia, was born July 13, 1844, in Nyandorf, and became the wife of our comrade Dec. 8, 1867, in Westfield N. Y. Six children were given to this marriage, Dora, Minnie, Fred, Louisa,

Carl and Nellie. The family are one of the most respected and highly honored in Westfield township, where he resides on his well kept farm. Comrade Swartz is a prominent G. A. R. man holding the office of S. V. C. in the William Sackett Post, of Westfield, N. Y.

JACOB SWITZER.

On the autumn day of Oct. 7, 1832, into the home of William and Densie (Bremen) Switzer, came a bright eyed baby, whom they afterwards called Jacob N. He was a sturdy and soon grew to vigorous manhood. In 1853, his parents removed into this county and on Aug. 9, 1854, he united his fortunes for life with Mary J. Raymond, the daughter of Henry R. and Polly (Tenika) Raymond. She was born in the town of Waterloo, N. Y., Nov. 9, 1832. Henry R. and Laney were the issue of this union; he was again united in marriage, March 28, 1878, to Mrs. Hannah (Haskins) Dorman who was born in Ellery, N. Y. Newton Dorman is the son of Mrs. Switzer by her former marriage. The soldier record of Comrade Switzer is one of which he ought to be proud; he was enrolled March 20, 1863, in Greenfield, Pa. in Co. E, 102d Pa. V. I., 3d Brig., 2d Div., 6th A. C. He was an active participant in the battle of Danville, N. C. and Burk's Station, and in that terrible forced march to Danville, N. C. He was also on guard and garrison duty for a few months. When "Johnnie came marching home again" he was given his discharge, June 24, 1865, near Washington, D. C. His grandfather, Henry Switzer was a captain in the War of 1812 as were his three grand-uncles. George Haskins, father of Mrs. Switzer was a veteran of the late unpleasantness. The offices of Sr. V. and Jr. V. C. and Chaplain have been graced by Jacob Switzer in the Union Post, No. 407, at his home Findley's Lake, New York.

JOHN TALLMAN.

John Tallman, a son of Abner and Thankful (Sparks) Tallman, was born Sept. 8, 1823, in Villenova, N. Y. His early education was carefully attended to, fitting him in the truest sense for citizenship in this great country. Elmira Benett, a daughter of Jarvis and Amy (McMamie) Benett, was born April 20, 1826, in Villenova, her childhood was spent among the gray hills of old Chautauqua and reaching womanhood she became the wife of John Tallman, Aug. 18, 1844. When the cruel tyrant—WAR—stalked through our land, haling men and boys to battle," he chose five brothers, George A., Abner, Lewis, Allen and John, and after those years of dark and horrible conflict only two remained, Lewis and John. John Tallman enlisted September, 1864,

at Dunkirk, N. Y. in 177th N. Y. V. I., and shared faithfully the fortunes of his gallant command through all their services. He was present at the battles of Cedar Creek, Hatcher's Run, Ft. Fisher, Five Forks, Petersburg and Appomattox C. H. Only once during his entire service was he wounded and only once was he in the hospital. Having served faithfully until the close of the war he was discharged, June 21, 1865, at Washington. On retiring from soldier life he has been honored with two offices, constable and pathmaster. Private John Tallman passed from earth to his home "beyond the Stars," just as the old year of 1891, was breathing its last on the verge of the Western horizon. His widow has a pension and lives in Forestville, N. Y.

GEORGE TATE.

George Tate, a son of Henry W. and Mary (Depuy) Tate, was born Jan. 5, 1840, in Crawford, N. Y. and came to this county in 1856. Leaving the student's desk, he enlisted at Dunkirk, N. Y., May 28, 1861, in Co. D, 72d N. Y. V. I., 2d Brig., 2d Div., 3d A. C. as a private and in due time was made Corporal, Sergeant, Sergeant Major, and 2d Lieutenant. Among the battles in which he bore so conspicuous a part may be mentioned: Williamsburg, Fair Oaks, Seven Days' Retreat, Bristoe Station, 2d Bull Run, Chantilly, Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, Cold Harbor and numerous minor engagements around Petersburg up to Appomattox C. H. May 3, 1863, Comrade Tate received two wounds at Chancellorsville, one in the face, the other in the head, by gunshots; here he was captured and held in the rebel lines for ten days, but was paroled and returned to the Union lines. About May 20, 1863, he was furloughed at Potomac Creek hospital and returned to Parole Camp, near Washington D. C., July 10, 1863. He soon regained strength and after his exchange rejoined his regiment Oct. 27, 1863, at Culpepper C. H. Comrade Tate was granted an honorable discharge from his first enlistment Dec. 24, 1863, at Brandy Station, Va., and immediately re-enlisted in Co. D, 72d N. Y. V. I., but was transferred June 23, 1864, while before Petersburg to Co. G, 120th N. Y. V. I. He shared the glories of the noble regiment until May 29, 1865, at Washington, D. C., he was discharged, but no service was so dear to his patriot love, than the service of his country. He was again enrolled June 1, 1865, at Washington in 41st U. S. Colored troop. This regiment done duty in the South during reconstruction and our veteran was finally and honorably discharged Sept. 30, 1865, at Brazos, Texas. On the beautiful autumn day, Oct. 10, 1866, occurred a beautiful marriage in the Baptist Church at Fredonia, N. Y., when George Tate was united in marriage to Eliza M. Brown, a daughter of Joshua F. and Malinda (Hunt) Brown. She was born Jan. 15, 1840, in the town of Ellery, Chautauqua Co., N. Y. Two children have graced