

Richard, Frederick S., Samuel and Edith. Comrade Welch was a surveyor when the war began, and Aug. 11, 1862, he was enrolled as a private in Co. C, 154th N. Y. V. I., at Jamestown, N. Y. This command was assigned to 2d Brig., 2d Div., 11th A. C., and in 1863, transferred from the Army of the Potomac to the Army of Tennessee; in 1864 the 11th and 12th A. C.'s were consolidated, forming the 20th A. C. Our comrade was promoted through all the grades to captain, commanding his company. Among his battles we mention Chancellorsville, Wauhatchie, Missionary Ridge, Rocky Face Ridge, Resaca, march on Atlanta, 40 days of continual fighting. He was captured at Chancellorsville, but returned to Camp Parole from Richmond in a few days. Not until the welcomed peace had come did the tried veterans of "Old Billie's" army, who had followed him "to the sea" and marched with him through the Carolinas, receive their well-earned discharge June 13, 1865, at Bladensburg, Md. His brother, DeLancey Welch, a member of Co. C, 154th N. Y. V. I., was taken prisoner at Gettysburg, July, 1, 1863, and died in prison at Richmond. Our comrade's father, Richard Welch, was captain of a state artillery company, militia, and after thoroughly drilling the company withdrew, giving the command to James G. Johnson, and when war was declared he organized a company and went to Jamestown, N. Y. Captain Welch, our subject, has been a member of the board of education and was under sheriff of Cattaraugus county from 1865 to 1867. He was a charter member of the first Post organized in Allegany and is still living on the farm near Allegany, which has been his home for many years.

GEORGE L. WINTERS

Was a son of Alphonzo and Sallie C. (Hyde) Winters, and was born April 13, 1838, in Tecumseh, Mich. He was engaged in teaching when the thunders of Civil war were borne on the winds from the South. Aug. 16, 1862, he was enrolled as a private of Company C, 154th N. Y. V. I., and before the close of his military career he was promoted to Sergeant and 2d Lieutenant. He was a conspicuous participant in the fights at Chancellorsville and Gettysburg; here he was wounded July 2, 1863, in the left arm by a gunshot, resulting in amputation above the elbow. He was captured shortly after his wounding, and was with the rebs four days, but escaped by hiding from them and returned to his command. He was then acting as captain of Co. H, 154th N. Y., and when he reached Washington was given a sixty days' furlough, returning to Washington at expiration of time. During the four days of his captivity he was without food except a small piece of Hardtack which he found on the ground, Comrade Winters well remembered Prince Salm Salm, Persian attache

of our army who remained with his regiment for several months. Owing his to disability Comrade Winters was given his well-earned discharge and returned home to once more resume his active life. But what a change! He had gone forth in all the strength of his young manhood and returned crippled for life. March 1, 1865, he was united in marriage with Margaret J. Pierce, daughter of John and Mary (Sill) Pierce, of Olean, N. Y. Mrs. Winters was born Sept. 8, 1846, in Ischua, N. Y. His brother, Alphonzo Winters, was also in the service. Comrade Winters served the public very ably as deputy sheriff, revenue collector, sheriff of Cattaraugus Co., and special U. S. service in the pension office, in fact was in some public office continuously. He was admitted to the bar and practiced for some time. He was an ardent Knight of Honor, and also a member of the Baptist church until his death. Mrs. Winters resides in Olean, N. Y. The following was written by our comrade while he was at Falmouth, Va., on Jan. 31, 1863:

WHO WAS IT?

"Who was it watched my childish days
When I was young and small,
And kissed away the tears that came
When I would catch a fall?
Mother.

"Who watched when I was out to play
With wagon, hoop or ball,
Who left her work and mended them
Whenever I would call?
Mother.

"Who worked so hard to buy my clothes,
And everything I had;
And when she met me at the gate
Always seemed so glad?
Mother.

"Who used to let me go
With other boys to play,
But whipped me almost every time
That I would run away?
Mother.

"Who watched me as I grew in years,
With ever anxious care;
Taught me to read the Book of books,
And never learned to swear?
Mother.

"When I arrived at manhood's years,
And started out for life,
Who cared for all my little wants
As sunbeams in her life?
Mother.

"When States rebelled and war began,
Our country to o'erthrow;
Who said, 'My son, if duty calls.
You've my consent to go?'
Mother.

"Who thinks of me from day to day,
As through the South I roam,
And prays to God to speed the day
When we shall all come home?
Mother.

"Of all the beings on the earth,
Throughout the East or West,
Who is it that I think of first,
And love more more than all the rest?
Mother."

While on the picket line, the rebs offered to shake hands and be friends, or to fight, just as "Yourn Yanks want." They offered to trade "terbaccor" for coffee. "You'ns got any?" Or "go bring some ale Jeff. You'ns will bring ale Albe, and throw both into the river and let's go home." Such is war in its sunshine and shadows.

MONROE WOOD,

Son of Elias and Phebe Wood, was born Sept. 18, 1845, at Freedom, N. Y. He left his occupation as a farmer to join Co. E, 111th Pa. Inf., as a private. He was first discharged Sept. 18, 1862, but re-enlisted in Co. I, Penn. State Militia., during the following year. He was in active service during the battles of Gettysburg, Norfolk, Petersburg, Blackwater and other engagements. He was finally discharged June 21, 1865, at Norfolk, Va., and in 1868, he was married to Mary A. Watson. To them was born a daughter, Gladys L. Comrade Wood is a member of Bayard Post, No. 222. He is at present employed as a mechanic in Olean, N. Y. In reminiscence he says: "At Smithfield Creek, Va., we ran up with a cutter and 45 or 50 men to attack a band of guerillas, they flanked us, got in our rear, and captured our cutter, but soon let it go. We dropped three of the party and returned to our gunboat. * * While on picket duty be-

tween Suffolk and South Keys, Va., on a post where three of our command had been shot, we decided to lay low for visitors; pretty soon a couple of men gave me a mid-night call; I was lying down beside a log, and without rising to greet them as cordially as my comrades, I sent them my compliments in minie balls and they left without thanks, covered by our gunboats shelling the woods. We followed the guerillas to Elizabethtown." Mrs. Wood's brother, Edgar H. Watson, served in the late war, see his record elsewhere.

LEWIS WRIGHT,

The son of Eliakam and Emily Wright, was born March 10, 1844, at Wooster, N. Y. He was a teamster at Kingston, where he enlisted in Co. K, 80th N. Y. V. I. All that remained of the 20th N. Y. after the battle of Gettysburg was transferred to the 98th N. Y. He served through the battles of the Wilderness, Petersburg, Spottsylvania, Cold Harbor, and the intermediate skirmishing. During the winter of 1864, he was on prison guard at City Point. After the battle of Petersburg he was detailed to Hart's Island, N. Y., and after Lee's surrender was on police duty at Richmond nine months during 1865-66. At different times he declined the promotion of Corp., Sergt. and 2nd Lieut. Jan. 16, 1866, at Norfolk, Va., he was honorably discharged. In 1870, Kate Dunbar became his honored wife. Their home has been brightened by the presence of five children, Amanda E., Charles W., Nellie M., Emma and Mabel. Nellie and Emma died in childhood. Comrade Wright has served the city of Olean, N. Y., as alderman and policeman. By reason of almost total disability he receives a small pension, which is poor compensation for his enfeebled condition, but he still meets with the "boys" and is a member of Bayard Post of this city.

CHARLES H. BLAIR.

On Sept. 22, 1838, in the town of Perrysburg, N. Y., Charles H. Blair, son of William W. and Mary (Walker) Blair, was born. He was engaged as a carpenter and joiner when, on Sept. 17, 1861, he left his peaceful home to be enrolled in Co. H, 44th N. Y. V. I., 1st Brig., 1st Div., 5th A. C., as a private, and in 1862 was made Corp. He was in all the engagements of his command, including Hanover C. H., where he was wounded, but returned in time for the Antietam Campaign. He was wounded again at Bull Run, and the third time at Gettysburg; from this field he was sent to York, Pa., where he remained until December, suffering from the severe wound in his head. He then returned to his regiment, located on the line of railroad between Alexandria and Culpeper C. H., where he remained until May 4, 1864, being then relieved by the coming of the