

of Howell Post, Delevan, N. Y., where he is actively engaged in business, being the 'genial hack driver. He is respected by all.

## WALTER WALRATH,

Son of David and Elizabeth Forbes Walrath, was born Aug. 28, 1826, in Manham, N. Y. and Dec. 22, 1849, was united in marriage to Mary A. Rickards, daughter of Nelson and Roxalany (Taylor) Rickards. Mrs. Walrath was born Oct. 31, 1828. Five children were given to the union, Adelaide Chase, Nelson, Walter, Dr. Charles M., and John C. When the war cloud rolled up from the South, he left his home on the farm and was enrolled as a private of Co. A, 154th N. Y. V. I., 2d Brig., 2d Div., 11th and 20th A. C., Aug. 11, 1862, at Great Valley, N. Y. He shared the glories of this command at Chancellorsville, Mission Ridge, Lookout Mt., Rocky Face Ridge, Resaca, Dalton, All Eurnt Hickory, Pumpkinvine Creek, Peach Tree Creek, New Hope Church, Kenesaw Mt., Before Atlanta, March to the Sea, campaign in the Carolinas and the review at Washington. May 2, 1863, at Chancellorsville, he was captured by Longstreet's Corps and was taken to Richmond, in Belle Isle 14 days, then paroled and returned to Union lines, went to parole camp at Alexandria, and exchanged in Sept., 1863. In June, 1864 he was slightly wounded, having his head shaved by a rebel bullet. He was sick with dysentery at Goldsboro but in 10 days was back with the boys. He served faithfully until peace came and was given his discharge June 11, 1865, at Bladensburg, Md. His grandfather was in the Revolution with Washington, and father was in 1812 war. The wife's brother, Israel Rickards, see record. His grandfather Forbes was a heroic character; he would often take the youthful Walrath upon his knee and tell him of the stirring scenes of those old days. His uncle, Israel Rickards, enlisted when 60 years of age in Co. G, 76th N. Y. V. I. as a wagonmaster, but at last wanted to be a sharpshooter. "General, I want a gun," said he. "What do you want with a gun? You can't drive mules with a gun," said the officer. "No, and you can't shoot rebels with a mule gad; I want to do some shooting," retorted Israel. He lived to be 99 years of age. Comrade Walrath is a member of the Free-Will Baptist Church and of Henry Van Aernam post of Ellicottville, N. Y., where he is spending the last days of his life.

## ROBERT J. WOODARD,

Son of Asie and Mary A. Graham Woodard, was born April 14, 1843, in Cuba, N. Y., and was engaged in farming when the war surged over the country, threatening to devastate our homes. He was enrolled as a private Aug. 6, 1862, at Hinsdale, N. Y., in Co. C, 154th

N. Y. V. I., 1st Brig., 2d Div., 11th A. C. He was in the fight at Chancellorsville, where he had his knapsack cut off by rebel bullets, and at Gettysburg. In Nov., 1862, at Falmouth, he was sick with typhoid fever and rheumatic fever, until April 14, 1863, when they broke camp and went to Kelly's Ford. July 1, 1863, at Gettysburg, he was captured and confined in rebel prisons for about 20 months. We will not describe his suffering at Bell Isle, July 24 to Oct. 3; or in hospital for 6 weeks; or in Pemberton prison for six weeks; and Feb. 26, 1864, was sent to Andersonville, remained till Sept. 10; thence to Florence until Feb. 18, 1865; then to Wilmington on the 19th, and his escape has been told in Com. Aldrich's record. His people thought him dead and there was great joy when he was furloughed and came home. He reported at Anapolis, went to Alexandria, thence to Newburn and finally to Bladensburg, where he was honorably discharged on June 11, 1865, regiment disbanding June 23, at Elmira, N. Y., and he returned home. He had gone forth in the strength and courage of a vigorous manhood, and returned, an old man before his time, worn and diseased. His sufferings left their ghastly trace, and even now in his eyes there is that sympathetic, patient, look, which almost moves one to tears. He had suffered as no pen can describe, but with uncomplaining fortitude. May 27, 1867, at Olean, N. Y., he was married to Electa A. Morgan, daughter of Hiram and Harriet C. Dickenson Morgan; she was born June 26, 1845 in Franklinville, N. Y. Four children have hallowed their home, Asie H., Charles H., George C. and Floyd. The wife's brother, James A., served in the 37th N. Y. V. I. for two years. Com. Woodard is an honored member of Van Aernam post of Ellicottville, and the family are living on the farm where the wife was born, amid scenes familiar to her childhood. It is with pleasure, yet sorrow that he goes back to those days when he was a prisoner; with pleasure because he has lived to see his country united and respected by the world; with sadness because he thinks of the many brave boys who starved at his side while in those hell-pens of Southern chivalry. He lives in Morgan Hollow, P. O. Sugartown, N. Y.

## CAPT. EDWIN B. OLMSTEAD.

There are a few scenes during our great civil conflict which have never been recorded, scenes which throw light upon the character of the men engaged. The scene in question occurred in the private office of Sec. Stanton. Gen. Franklin, accompanied by Capt. Edwin B. Olmstead of Co. H, 4th O. V. I., rode at full speed into Washington, down 14th St. and Pa. Ave. and halted in front of Stanton's office. The Captain had been wounded and with great difficulty he ascended the office step. Stanton at once recognized them and Franklin went forward to the window and explained in brief the peril of Pope's army, as it had been