

Civil War Soldiers Buried in Vale Cemetery

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1st Lt. Charles A. Ahreets

Born: 1844 in Massachusetts

Died: December 13, 1864 at Savannah, Georgia, of wounds received in battle

Buried: Section P, No. 4, Grave 4

Note: Brother of Marquis Ahreets, below.

134th NY Infantry

AHREETS, CHARLES A.—Age, 18 years. Enrolled, July 31, 1862, at Schenectady, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. A, August 1, 1862; promoted first sergeant, September 23, 1862; mustered in as second lieutenant, Co. G, April 1, 1863; as first lieutenant, Co. H, March 1, 1864; wounded, May 15, 1864, at Resaca, Ga.; killed in action, December 13, 1864, at Savannah, Ga.; also borne as Ahretts and Ahreetz. Commissioned second lieutenant, March, 12, 1863, with rank from February 25, 1863, vice P. Deyo resigned; first lieutenant, February 6, 1864, with rank from July 4, 1863, vice H. J. Palmer promoted; adjutant, not mustered, July 27, 1864, with rank from October 3, 1863, vice E. W. Bowen deserted.

Sgt. Marquis W. Ahreets (Carried on roster as Marcus Arretts)

Born: 1842

Died: November 7, 1928

Buried: Section P, No. 4, Grave 6

18th NY Infantry (“New York State Rifles”)

ARRETTTS, MARQUIS W. – Age 19 years. Enlisted May 2, 1861, at Schenectady. Mustered in as private, Co. E, May 17, 1861, to serve two years. Promoted corporal, October 11, 1861. Promoted sergeant, September 20, 1862. Mustered out with company, May 28, 1863, at Albany, N.Y., as Marquis W. Ahreets.

Note: Brother of Charles Ahreets, above.

Pvt. Franz Amend (Carried on roster as “Francis Amend”)

Born: October 13, 1831 (Note: stone indicates birth year as 1813) in Baden, Germany

Died: September 8, 1862 of Consumption

Buried: Section N, No. 11, Grave #3, GAR Plot

58th NY Infantry (“Morgan’s Rifles”)

AMEND, FRANCIS — Age, 30 years. Enlisted at New York City, to serve three years, and mustered in as private, Co. A, Morgan Rifles, October 11, 1861; transferred to Co. A, 58th NY Infantry regiment, November 23, 1861; discharged for disability, May 15, 1862, at Hunter's Chapel, Va.

Pvt. William Babcock

Born: 1830

Died: September 16, 1878 (Note: Interred May 12, 1897)

Buried: Section N, No. 11, Grave # 11, GAR Plot

134th NY Infantry

BABCOCK, WILLIAM.—Age, 23 years. Enlisted, August 1, 1862, at Schenectady, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. A, September 22, 1862; discharged for disability, April 16, 1863.

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Pvt. Andrew D. Barhydt

Born: 1841 in Schenectady

Died: September 27, 1887 in Schenectady

Buried: Section L, No. 48

18th NY Infantry (“New York State Rifles”)

BARHYDT, ANDREW D.—Age, 19 years. Enlisted, May 2, 1861, at Schenectady; mustered in as corporal, Co. E, May 17, 1861, to serve two years; reduced, date not stated; mustered out with company, May 28, 1863, at Albany, N.Y.

Pvt. George Dallas “Dal” Barhydt

Born: 1843 in Schenectady (Note: card in office and grave stone indicates birth year as 1846)

Died: June 15, 1879 in Green Island, NY from hemorrhage of the lungs and consumption

Buried: Section L-2, No. 217

18th NY Infantry (“New York State Rifles”)

BARHYDT, DALLAS—Age, 18 years. Enlisted; May 2, 1861, at Schenectady; mustered in as private, Co. E, May 17, 1861, to serve two years; mustered out, June 30, 1863, as Dallas G. Barhydt.

Pvt. Isaac Bauder (Carried on roster as “Isaac Bander”)

Born: 1837 (Note: stone indicates birth year as 1839)

Died: July 18, 1910

Buried: Section N, No. 11, Grave # 33, GAR Plot

43rd NY Infantry (“Albany Rifles”)

BANDER, ISAAC.—Age, 24 years. Enlisted, August 15, 1861, at Canajoharie, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. E, August 31, 1861; re-enlisted as a veteran, December 24, 1863; appointed wagoner, and returned to ranks, no dates; mustered out with company, June 27, 1865, at Washington, D.C.; also borne as Isaac Border.

1st Lt. Henry Yates Bradt

Born: 1835 (Note: stone indicates birth year as 1836)

Died: December 1, 1902 in Avon, NY

Buried: Section L, No. 4

134th NY Infantry

BRADT, HENRY Y.—Age, 27 years. Enrolled at Schoharie, to serve three years, and mustered in as first lieutenant, Co. A, August 11, 1862; discharged, February 27, 1863; also borne as Henry F. V. and S. Commissioned first lieutenant, October 1, 1862, with rank from August 11, 1862, original.

Lt. Col. Clinton Churchill Brown

Born: January 16, 1835 in Schenectady

Died: January 7, 1917

Buried: Section M, Plot 3, No. 30

134th NY Infantry

BROWN, CLINTON C.—Age, 27 years. Enrolled at Schoharie, to serve three years, and mustered in as second lieutenant, Co. F, August 30, 1862; as first lieutenant, Co. E, January 11, 1863; as captain, Co. K, June 1, 1863; transferred to Co. G, June 6, 1863; discharged, September 24, 1864. Commissioned second lieutenant, October 1, 1862, with rank from August 30, 1862, original; first lieutenant, February 5, 1863, with rank from January 11, 1863, vice J. H. Glenn promoted; captain, April 14, 1863, with rank from March 25, 1863, vice P. McMaster re-

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signed; lieutenant-colonel, not mustered, July 27, 1864, with rank from November 4, 1863, vice R. B. Heacock, not mustered; killed in action.

Clinton Churchill Brown was born on January 16, 1835 in Schenectady, New York to father Albert Brown and mother Jerusha Churchill. Albert Brown came to Schenectady in 1829 from Stockbridge, Massachusetts and started a furniture store named A. Brown and Son Company at 303 and 304 State Street. Clinton Brown enrolled in the military at Schoharie in 1861 and mustered in as a 2nd Lieutenant in Company F. Clinton Brown was eventually promoted to captain on June 6, 1863. He took command of the 134th NY Regiment on July 21, 1864 after Colonel Allan Jackson was wounded at the Battle of Peachtree Creek in Georgia on the previous day. Although he received a promotion to lieutenant colonel, he was not mustered in at that rank. Clinton Brown was honorably discharged in 1865 with a captain's commission. Brown then moved back to Schenectady and replaced his recently deceased brother, Theodore, as a partner in A. Brown and Son Company. After the Civil War, Brown remained active in local and state military affairs. He was a charter member of the Washington Continentals, which became the 36th and the 37th Company of the National Guard. He married Anna Ramsay on October 28, 1869 and had five children: Gertrude, Wayne, Albert, Theodore, and Horatio Brown. Clinton ran A. Brown and Son Company until 1902 when he turned the management of the store to his son, Albert Brown. Clinton C. Brown died on January 7, 1917 and was buried in Vale Cemetery in Schenectady, New York.

Col. James Seaman Casey

Born: January 28, 1833

Died: December 24, 1899 in St. Luke's Hospital, New York City

Buried: Section G, No. 13

7th NYS Militia; 5th US Infantry

Medal of Honor (post-Civil War)

7th NYS Militia:

CASEY, JAMES S. – Age 27 years. Enrolled April 17, 1861, at New York City, to serve one month. Mustered in as private, Company H, 7th New York State Militia, April 26, 1861. Mustered out with company, June 3, 1861 at New York City.

The 7th NYS Militia left New York City for Washington, D.C., on special call of President Lincoln April 19, 1861. Occupation of Annapolis Junction, Md., and opening communications with Washington April 24-25. In Capital Buildings at Washington April 25-May 2. Mustered into United States service April 26. Duty at Camp Cameron, Meridian Hill, May 2-23. Occupation of Arlington Heights, Va., May 24-26. Assist in building Fort Runyon. Return to Camp Cameron May 26. Mustered out at New York City June 3, 1861.

5th US Infantry

CASEY, JAMES S: - Lieutenant, 5th U.S. Infantry, August 5, 1861; 1st Lieutenant, September 25, 1861; Captain, December 1, 1863; brevet Major, U.S. Army, for gallant and meritorious service during the attack by the enemy on Ft. Stedman, Virginia, from March 25, 1865.

Casey was commissioned as a second lieutenant of the 5th US Infantry Regiment on August 26, 1861. The 5th US Infantry spent the remainder of the Civil War in the New Mexico Territory. On Sept. 25, 1861 Casey was promoted to 1st Lieutenant, and was promoted to Captain on December 1, 1863. He became Commissary of Musters under Maj. Gen. J. G. Parke, Commander of IX Corps, who, during the Battle of Ft. Stedman, became acting commander of the Army of the Potomac. On March 25, 1865 Casey was brevetted to Major for "*gallant and meritorious service during the attack by the enemy on Fort Steedman (sic), Virginia.*"

After the Civil War, the 5th US Infantry was headquartered in Fort Riley, Kansas. In the 1870's, under Col. Nelson Miles, the 5th US Infantry moved to Montana and built what would become Fort Keogh. Casey commanded Co. A from 1877-1884.

To avenge the massacre of George A. Custer and the 7th US Cavalry at the Battle of Little Big Horn on June 23, 1876, Colonel Nelson Miles' units tracked the Indians through Kansas, New Mexico and Colorado during 1876 and early 1877, when they met in Montana for a showdown. The men fought the hostile tribes of Cheyenne and Oglala Sioux under Crazy Horse, with other leaders such as Little Big Man, The Ice, and Big Crow, the chief medicine man.

On January 8, 1877, Colonel Nelson Miles' cavalry detachment engaged 600 Indians in a five-hour battle in a canyon in the Wolf Mountain range. At one point the Indian force surrounded the cavalry from bluffs above the

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canyon, but were dispersed by two Napoleon guns. One band of warriors, attired in battle dress and led by a Medicine Man named Big Crow, were poised in a strategic location on a high bluff to the left and above the column of soldiers. For several minutes Big Crow did a war dance before the astonished cavalymen who did not fire a shot, for several minutes, then missed repeatedly. Incited by the "magic" of their medicine man, the Indian warriors prepared to destroy the cavalry when a bullet pitched Big Crow into the snow. Captain James Casey, along with Captain Edmond Butler and First Lieutenant Robert McDonald, immediately and valiantly stormed the high bluff, leading their men in scattering the warriors. For this gallant charge, all three officers were awarded the Medal of Honor.

Casey's citation reads: "*The President of the United States of America, in the name of Congress, takes pleasure in presenting the Medal of Honor to Captain James Seaman Casey, United States Army, for extraordinary heroism on 8 January 1877, while serving with 5th U.S. Infantry, in action at Wolf Mountain, Montana. Captain Casey led his command in a successful charge against superior numbers of the enemy strongly posted.*"

In 1878, at Fort Keogh, Casey was found guilty of drunkenness on duty. Because of his record he was returned to duty by order of President Rutherford B. Hayes.

On June 27, 1884, Casey ended 23 years of service with the 5th US Infantry, when he was promoted to Major and transferred to the 17th US Infantry. He was promoted to Lt. Colonel of the 1st US Infantry on April 23, 1890, and promoted to full Colonel of the 22nd Infantry on January 21, 1895. He commanded the 22nd US Infantry until his retirement from the Army on his 64th birthday, January 28, 1897.

Casey was an Original Companion of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States (MOLLUS).

James Casey was married to the eldest daughter of BG William A. Thornton of Schenectady in 1866. They had four daughters. Casey died on December 24, 1899 in St. Luke's Hospital, New York City.

Pvt. William Childers

Born: 1841 in Tennessee

Died: August 25, 1890 (card on office shows August 29, 1891) in Schenectady of phthisis

Buried: Section F, No. 23

26th U.S. Colored Troops, Co. F

Note: From email, "Cora Schenectady" to "Marsha Mortimore (LABOR)", dated February 9, 2012:

In the early 1860's Childers resided in Ballston Spa and worked as a waiter. He enlisted December 19, 1863, mustered in as private, Co. F, 26th United States Colored Infantry Regiment. He served in action at Bloody Ridge, St. John's Island, South Carolina in July 1864. After the Civil War he moved to Schenectady where he worked as a coachman and hostler until his death in 1890. His name is included on the African American Civil War Memorial in Washington, D.C.

Pvt. Francis Christance

Born: 1834

Died: June 30, 1880

Buried: Section N, No. 26A (grave appears to be unmarked, cemetery cards show there once were gravestones)

18th NY Infantry ("New York State Rifles")

CHRISTANCE, FRANCIS.—Age, 27 years. Enlisted, May 2, 1861, at Schenectady; mustered in as corporal, Co. E, May 17, 1861, to serve two years; reduced, date not stated; mustered out with company, May 28, 1863, at Albany, N.Y.

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Sergeant Henry E. Christian

Born: 1841 on the Isle of Man, British Islands

Died: October 15, 1908 in Schenectady of chronic nephritis

Buried: Section I-2, No. 17

15th NY Engineers

CHRISTIAN, HENRY E. Age, — years. Enlisted, December 31, 1861, at Newtown; mustered in as second-class private, Co. F, December 31, 1861, to serve three years; transferred, June 15, 1863, to Co. C; re-enlisted, January 4, 1864, and promoted artificer; promoted corporal, February 1, 1864, and sergeant, March 10, 1864; mustered out with company, June 13, 1865, at Fort Barry, Va.

Note: From obituary, newspaper unknown (Schenectady newspaper):

“The death of Henry E. Christian at his home, 427 Van Voast street, Thursday, of last week, brought to a close the life of a well-known citizen and a veteran of the civil war who served his adopted country with notable fidelity during its time of need. Mr. Christian was born on the Isle of Man 67 years ago and came to this country when nearing his majority. At the time he arrived in New York enlistments were being taken for the civil war. He at once volunteered for three years and December 31, 1861, was assigned to Company F, Fifteenth New York Volunteer Engineers, under Col. John McLeod Murphy. June 15, 1863 he was transferred to Company C. At the end of his term of service he re-enlisted, January 4, 1864, and was successively promoted to the positions of artificer, corporal and sergeant. June 13, 1865, he was mustered out of service with his company, after serving throughout the entire period of the war and participating in many of the most severe engagements. He then returned to New York and in 1867 came to this city where he located and had since resided. By trade he was a carpenter, but had usually been engaged in cabinet making. For nearly 18 years he had been in poor health and was unable to follow any vocation. Throughout his long physical infirmities his general disposition never deserted him and his pleasant manner made him a great favorite with all the children in the neighborhood where he lived. Mr. Christian had served in the Thirty-sixth Separate Company, of Schenectady, and was a member of the Carpenters’ Union and Post Horsfall, G.A.R. He attended the Albany Street Methodist Church. The near surviving relatives are his wife, whose maiden name was Miss Elizabeth Sitterly; two daughters, Mrs. William Knight and Mrs. Robert Gleason, of Schenectady; three sons, Harry, of Scotia, and Arthur and Orra Christian, of Schenectady, and three grandchildren.

“The funeral was attended from the late home Saturday afternoon, Rev. Mr. Murdock, pastor of the Albany Street M. E. Church, conducting the services. Delegations from the Carpenters’ Union, Sons of Veterans and Post Horsfall, G.A.R., were present. Comrades of the G.A.R. acted as bearers and conducted the burial service at the grave in Vale Cemetery.”

Pvt. Lewis Cohen (Carried on roster as Louis Cohen)

Born: 1834 in Germany

Died: March 14, 1936 of arterio sclerosis

Buried: Section G, No. 72

8th NY Infantry (“First German Rifles”)

COHEN, LOUIS.—Age, 27 years. Enlisted, April 23, 1861, at New York City; mustered in as private, Co. H, April 23, 1861, to serve two years; captured, August 29, 1862, at Bull Run, Va.; paroled, September 3, 1862, at Centreville, Va.; mustered out with company, April 23, 1863.

Cpl. Norman Cook

Born: 1843 (Note: stone indicates birth year 1838)

Died: October 6, 1910

Buried: Section N, No. 11, Grave #32, GAR Plot

115th NY Infantry (“The Iron Hearted Regiment”)

COOK, NORMAN.—Age, 19 years. Enlisted, August 5, 1862, at Minden, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. B, August 13, 1862; captured in action, September 15, and paroled, September 16, 1862, at Harper's Ferry, Va.; wounded in action, February 20, 1864, at Olustee, Fla.; promoted corporal, March 1, 1865; mustered out with company, June 17, 1864, at Raleigh, N.C.

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Pvt. Robert D. Corl (cemetery card lists name as “Richard D. Corl”)

Born: January 26, 1845

Died: July 14, 1863 from wounds received in battle at Gettysburg, Pa.

Buried: Section A, No. 28

134th NY Infantry

CORL, ROBERT—Age, 18 years. Enlisted, August 25, 1862, at Schenectady, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. H, September 22, 1862; killed in action, July 1, 1863, at Gettysburg, Pa.; also borne as Robert C. and D. and Carl.

Note 1: Listed in the book “These Honored Dead” (John Busey, Longstreet House, 1988, pp. 156):

CORL, Robert C. (Pvt.) Co. “H”: Wounded in the right ankle and left shoulder 1 July; died 19 July; 18; Schenectady.

Note 2: From the Schenectady Evening Star and Times, Thursday, July 23, 1863:

“The bodies of **Robert D. Corl** and David S. Proper reached here this morning and are temporarily deposited in the dead house, from which they will be taken tomorrow afternoon at 2 o’clock to the Methodist Church under escort of the firemen of this city and returned Volunteers, where funeral services will be performed, and from there to the Cemetery for final interment. Late members of the one Hundred and Thirty fourth Regiment N.Y. Vol. who died of wounds received at Gettysburg.”

Note 3: From the Schenectady Evening Star and Times, Saturday, July 25, 1863:

“The remains of **Robert D. Corl** and David S. Proper, of the One Hundred and Thirty Fourth, who died of wounds received at Gettysburg, were consigned to their last resting place yesterday. The funeral was large and the exercises unusually interesting. A number of our returned volunteers of the 18th and 30th Regiments turned out in uniform, as did also numbers One and Four of the Fire Department. There was a large number of private carriages in the procession, which was led by the Drum Corps. The remains were interred in Vale Cemetery. Brave soldiers, they have yielded up their lives on the altar of their country. They could not have a nobler epitaph than the mere statement of fact.”

Note 4: From the Schenectady Evening Star and Times, Tuesday, July 28, 1863:

“Resolution of Deep Sorrow concerning the death of **Robert D. Corl** and David S. Proper, former members of Engine Company No. 4 – served at Gettysburg.

“At a special meeting of Neptune Engine Number Four held at their house on Friday Evening, July 23d the following resolutions were adopted:

“*Resolved*, that this company have learned with deep sorrow of the death of **Robert D. Corl** and David S. Proper, former members of this company and at the time of their deaths, members of the 134th Regiment;

“*Resolved*, that we tenderly cherish the memory of our late brothers who fell while so nobly fighting the battles of the Union;

“*Resolved*, that we tender to the families of the deceased our heartfelt sympathies and condolences, hoping that they may be cheered and sustained in this their hour of sore trial by Him who doth all things well;

“*Resolved*, that these resolutions be published in the Star and Times and that a copy go to the families of the deceased.

R. Barney, T. Kennedy, Jim Turnpas, Chas. Ellen, William Newman.

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Capt. Daniel Hennison Daley

Born: November 21, 1840

Died: October 16, 1866 in Schenectady

Buried: Section Q, No. 29

18th NY Infantry (“New York State Rifles”)

DALEY, DANIEL — Age, 21 years. Enrolled, April 22, 1861, at Schenectady; mustered in as first lieutenant, Co. A, May 17, 1861, to serve two years; promoted captain, December 9, 1862; resigned, February 26, 1863, on account of wounds; commissioned first lieutenant, July 4, 1861, with rank from April 22, 1861, original; captain, November 10, 1862, with rank from August 14, 1862, vice Gridley, promoted.

Jacob Deeby (Cemetery card also lists last name as “Deitz”)

Born: 1830

Died: June 8, 1899 in “County Home” of chronic nephritis

Buried: Section N, No. 11, Grave # unknown, GAR Plot

Regiment unknown. Cannot locate this name in the National Park Service Civil War Data Base.

Cpl. James De La Montanye (Cemetery card spelling: James D. La Montanye)

Born: 1819

Died: August 1863

Buried: Section N, No. 11, Grave # 13, GAR Plot

162nd NY Infantry

DE LA MONTAYNE, JAMES.—Age, 43 years. Enlisted, September 11, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. I, October 18, 1862; promoted corporal, no date; returned to ranks, May 24, 1863; deserted in July, 1863.

Sgt. William Dereamer

Born: Unknown

Died: April 30, 1917

Buried: Section U, No. 156

15th New Jersey Infantry, Co. H

Pvt. William Dollard

Born: 1842

Died: December 30, 1903 in Duanesburg of tuberculosis

Buried: Section N, No. 11, Grave # 37, GAR Plot

8th Michigan Cavalry

DOLLARD, WILLIAM – Enlisted in Company L, Eighth Cavalry, April 6, 1865, at Aurelius, for 1 year, age 21. Mustered in April 7, 1865. Joined regiment at Pulaski, Tennessee, April 21, 1865. Transferred to Company F, July 20, 1865. Mustered out at Nashville, Tennessee, Sept. 22, 1865.

Note: Aurelius no longer exists. It was located a few miles south of Lansing in Ingham County. The road leading to it, “Aurelius Road”, still exists and is an important road in the area.

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Bvt. Brig. General James C. Duane

Born: June 10, 1824 in Schenectady

Died: November 8, 1897 in New York City

Buried: Section M-3, No. 7

Union College graduate, Class of 1844

U.S. Army, Corps of Engineers

James Chatham Duane was born in Schenectady, NY, the son of James C. and Harriet Constable Duane. His grandfather James Duane was a member of the Continental Congress and mayor of New York City. Duane was a graduate of Union College in Schenectady, Class of 1844, where he was a founding member of Chi Psi fraternity.

Duane entered the United States Military Academy at West Point on July 1, 1844 and graduated July 1, 1848, ranking 3rd out of 37. He taught practical military engineering there from 1852–54 while Robert E. Lee was Superintendent of the Academy. He led the engineers on a 1,100-mile march on the Utah Expedition in 1858 and commanded select engineer troops to guard President Abraham Lincoln at his inauguration in 1861.

He served in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers during the American Civil War. During the Civil War he built the first military pontoon bridge over the Potomac River at the Battle of Harpers Ferry in 1862, served as Chief Engineer of the Army of the Potomac from 1863–65, and in seven hours in 1864 built the longest pontoon bridge of the Civil War (2,170 ft.) across the James River. Duane served as Captain from 1861-1863, as Major from 1863-1864, as Lieutenant Colonel in 1864, and as Colonel from 1864-1865. He attained the rank of Brevet Brigadier General on March 13, 1865 for gallant and meritorious services during the siege of Petersburg, Va. and in the Appomattox Campaign up to the surrender of Gen. Robert E. Lee's Army of Northern Virginia.

Gen. Duane served at various coastal fortifications after the Civil War and became Chief of Engineers in 1886. He retired from active service on June 30, 1888 at the age of 64.

Gen. Duane died Nov. 8, 1897 in New York City and was buried in Vale Cemetery, Schenectady.

One of the first Endicott Period concrete gun batteries, Battery Duane on Fort Wadsworth, was named for General Duane soon after his death.

Gen. Duane was married to Harriet Whitehorne Brewerton (1830-1914) at West Point on October 17, 1850. She was the daughter of Civil War Brevet Brigadier General Henry Brewerton, who was Superintendent of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point (1845-1852). They had three children, James, Charles and Alexander.

Chaplain Isaac Groot Duryea (Carried on roster as "Duryee")

Born: July 29, 1810 in Glenville

Died: February 8, 1866 in Schenectady of chronic diarrhea

Buried: Section P, No. 38, Grave 4

Union College graduate, Class of 1838

81st NY Infantry – "Mohawk Rangers"

DURYEE, ISAAC G.—Age, 51 years. Enrolled at Albany, to serve three years, and mustered in as chaplain, October 17, 1862; mustered out with regiment, August 31, 1865, at Fort Monroe, Va.

Isaac Groot Duryee was born at Glenville, Schenectady County, New York on July 29, 1810, the eldest son of William and Sarah (Groot) Duryee. His father served in the New York State Militia during the War of 1812 and within a few years moved to western New York and thence to Michigan Territory in search of land and a better life. Young Isaac remained with relatives in Schenectady to receive an education.

While working in the grocery business, Isaac Duryee was converted during the great religious revival of 1832. Feeling the call of the ministry, he began at once preparing himself for that work by attending school and graduating from Union College at Schenectady in 1838, Andover Theological Seminary in Andover, Massachusetts in 1841, and later from the New Haven Seminary in New Haven, Connecticut. Rev. Duryee was able to preach and converse in both English and Dutch. He was a man of strong abolitionist convictions and during his college days he built a church in Schenectady for African-Americans, in 1837, who were without a place to worship. The church, now known as the Duryee Memorial African Methodist Episcopal Church, is still in existence to this day.

Isaac was attending school at New Haven, when he was united in marriage to Miss Lydia Auger Budington on June 1, 1842. Rev. Duryee subsequently preached at Glenham, New York for about ten years, then returning to Schenectady as the pastor of the Second Reformed Dutch Church of America, he built a new edifice

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and stayed until the Civil War. In April 1854, Rev. Duryee was selected one of eight commissioners on the first Board of Education for the newly formed free school system in Schenectady.

In accordance with regulations, volunteer regiments during the Civil War were allowed to choose their own chaplains, upon the approval of the War Department. This being the case, on September 1, 1862 the officers of the 81st New York Infantry, including Capt. Augustus G. Bennett of Company B, solicited Gov. Edwin D. Morgan to appoint Rev. Isaac G. Duryee as their regimental chaplain. The unit had evidently been without religious guidance since the previous Chaplain resigned in June 1862. It is obvious that both Gov. Morgan and Rev. Duryee approved of his selection, for on October 17, 1862 he was mustered into the Field and Staff of the regiment at Albany, New York.

The 81st New York Infantry, which had been organized at Albany on February 18, 1862, had already seen its fair share of action by the time Rev. Duryee joined them in October at Yorktown, Virginia, where they had been encamped since August. The regiment was in camp near Richmond, Virginia, when the Confederate capital fell on April 3, 1865. The 81st New York was first infantry regiment to enter the city. The regiment was mustered out at Fortress Monroe, Virginia on August 31, 1865.

Rev. Isaac G. Duryee suffered from remittent fever for five weeks in August and September 1864 and subsequently contracted chronic diarrhea, being absent sick at the time of his discharge in August 1865. He never recovered from the illness and died at Schenectady, New York on February 8, 1866. He was fifty-five years old and was survived by his father, wife, four sons and four daughters. A daughter and a son preceded him in death. Rev. Duryee's widow Lydia received a pension from the U.S. Government until her death on May 19, 1910.

Pvt. Frederich F. Eisenmenger (Carried on 134th NY roster as "Ferdinand Eisenmenger") (Carried on 102nd NY roster as "Frederick Isemmangey")

Born: March 21, 1849 in Schenectady

Died: April 21, 1912

Buried: Section M-1, No. 238

Mayor of Schenectady, 1904-1905

134th NY Infantry; 102nd NY Infantry ("Van Buren Light Infantry")

134th NY Infantry:

EISENMENGER, FERDINAND—Age, 17 years. Enlisted, January 16, 1864, at Schenectady, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. K, January 25, 1864; appointed musician, no date; transferred to Co. F, One Hundred and Second Infantry, June 10, 1865, as Frederick Eisenmenger.

102nd NY Infantry:

ISENMANGEY, FREDERICK.—Private, Co. K, One Hundred and Thirty-fourth Infantry; transferred to Co. F, 102nd NY Infantry regiment, June 3, 1865; mustered out with company, July 21, 1865, at Alexandria, Va.; also borne as Freumangey.

Note: From obituary, Schenectady Gazette, Monday, April 22, 1912:

"Schenectady has lost one of its best known and most popular citizens by the death of Frederick F. Eisenmenger, a man whose life has been identified with the history of the city to an unusual degree.

"He had the unique distinction of having been one of the youngest members of the northern army during the Civil War, he having enlisted as a drummer boy when less than fourteen. In spite of his youth, however, he participated in several of the most important battles of the war, and his military record was one that may be envied by many another soldier of older years. The esteem in which he was held by his comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic is shown by the fact that he was for several years commander of the local post of the organization.

"In civil life he was several times honored by his fellow citizens by election to office. In 1882 he was appointed police justice, and so satisfactorily did he perform the duties of the position that he was four times re-elected. In 1904 he was chosen Mayor and in 1908 was elected county superintendent of the poor.

"Mr. Eisenmenger was a great hearted man, one to whom need and distress strongly appealed. Seldom has there been a more popular official here. He will be missed by the community for which he labored so long and so efficiently, and by the hosts of friends he had everywhere. The mourning for him is deep and sincere"

Note: the father of Frederich Eisenmenger, Ferdinand Eisenmenger, also served in the 134th NY Infantry regiment:

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EISENMENGER, FERDINAND—Age, 42 years. Enlisted, August 30, 1862, at Schenectady, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. K, September 27, 1862; wounded in action, May 15, 1864, at Resaca, Ga.; died of his wounds, June 16, 1864 at hospital, Nashville, Tenn.

Pvt. Louis Philip Ernst

Born: 1844

Died: April 1915

Buried: Section N, No. 11, Grave # 23, GAR Plot

134th NY Infantry

ERNEST, L. P.—Age, 18 years. Enlisted, August 6, 1862, at Schenectady, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. A, September 22, 1862; captured in action, July 20, 1864, at Peach Tree Creek, Ga.; paroled, no date; discharged, July 6, 1865, at Albany, N. Y.; also borne as Philip L.

Bvt. Brig. General Richard Hansen Franchot

Born: June 2, 1816 in Morris, Otsego County

Died: November 23, 1875 in Schenectady

Buried Section M, No. 92

Graduated from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy

121st NY Infantry:

FRANCHOT, RICHARD.—Age, 46 years. Enrolled, July 19, 1862, at Mohawk, to serve three years; mustered in as colonel, August 23, 1862; discharged, September 25, 1862. Commissioned colonel, August 30, 1862, with rank from August 23, 1862, original.

Note: In 1861, Franchot was elected as a Republican to the Thirty-seventh Congress, serving until 1863. During his term, he organized 121st New York Volunteer Infantry and was commissioned Colonel in command. He led the 121st New York in the battles of Crampton's Pass and Antietam before resigning to resume his seat in Congress in September 1862. For services in support of the Union, he was brevetted Brigadier General of US Volunteers in March 1865 for gallant and meritorious service during the war. After the war, he was associated with the Central Pacific Railroad Company

Col. Robert Furman

Born: 1826 in Franklin, Oneida County

Died: January 5, 1894 in Schenectady

Buried: Section M, No. 172

83rd NY Infantry - "Ninth Militia"

Note: Robert Furman's name does not appear in the History of the 83rd NY Infantry, nor on the roster of the 83rd NY Infantry. Below is copied from Find-a-Grave (Gregory Speciale) who posted it in 2005. It appears that this write-up is from an obituary)

Robert Furman, son of James and Olive (Earl) Furman, was born in Franklin, town of Kirkland, Oneida County, New York. His father was in easy circumstances and able to give him a good education in the Mohawk Academy and in Herkimer Academy. At the age of seventeen years he joined his brother Rensselaer, who was a merchant in Schenectady, and entered his brother's employ as a clerk. While there he attracted the attention of Myndert Van Guysling, a merchant of the town, who induced the lad to enter his employ. He later married his employer's daughter. He read law and was admitted to the bar, and practiced in the county, state and United States courts. He continued as a merchant, and had an established position among the energetic solid business men of the town, as well as a high professional standing at the bar. But it is not as either lawyer or merchant that gave him his enviable position in the estimation of his townspeople, but his unvarying public spirit and unceasing effort to ad-

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vance the interests of Schenectady; manufactories, railroads, parks and public buildings all owed to him their inception and successful development. He was a restless and irresistible promoter of new enterprises and public improvement. He was one of the organizers of the Schenectady and Ogdensburg railroad, and in connection with Colonel Campbell and Judge Potter paid for the survey. He was instrumental in having Thomas A. Edison locate his General Electric Works in Schenectady, which plant is employed upwards of fifteen thousand people in 1910.

He was an organizer of the Schenectady and Athens railroad. Crescent Park was made possible through his generosity, coupled with that of Judge Potter. He inspired the railroad promoter to come to Schenectady and built a street railroad. He was a trustee of the Young Men's Christian Association, and made a generous contribution to the building fund. In the legislature, to which he was elected, he secured an appropriation of \$30,000 for an armory at Schenectady, one of a like amount for a survey of a railroad to run north to Canada, one for \$100,000 for an observatory for Union College (vetoed by the governor), appropriations for the Old Ladies' Home and the Home of the Sisters of Charity. In season and out of season, he was always working for the good of Schenectady.

In 1863, at the request of his personal and political friend, Governor Horatio Seymour, he raised the 83rd NY Infantry regiment which went into the service, and was ordered to Buffalo to be equipped and sent to the front to check the northern advance of General Lee. But the great victory gained at Gettysburg rendered the regiment unnecessary, and they were not called into actual service. He was commissioned colonel of the regiment (Eighty-third New York Infantry), and would gladly have led them to the fields of action had his country called. In every department of life, Colonel Furman was eminent; a successful, thorough man of business; a lawyer of ability; a citizen, loyal and patriotic; a neighbor whose service and sympathy was always assured; a friend in whose fidelity one could always confide. He was most liberal and charitable, but his giving was unostentatious and always timely. He died January 5, 1894, at his home, corner Smith and Lafayette streets, Schenectady, aged sixty-eight years. He married, December 2, 1857, Catharine Ann Van Guysling, born October 12, 1837, daughter of Myndert and Eve (Visscher) Van Guysling.

Capt. George Grecheneck

Born: 1825 in Hungary

Died: May 17, 1862 from wounds received in battle at Williamsburg, Va.

Buried: Section N, No. 11, Grave #4, GAR Plot

72nd NY Infantry - "Third Regiment, Excelsior Brigade"

GRECHENECK, GEORGE.—Age, 36 years. Enrolled, May 22, 1861, at New York, to serve three years; mustered in as captain, Co. A, June 21 1861; wounded in action, May 5, 1862, and died of his wounds, May 17, 1862, at Williamsburg, Va. Commissioned captain, January 7, 1862, with rank from June 21, 1861, original.

From The Vasvary Collection Newsletter, 2005, "Some lesser known Hungarians of the American Civil War":

An engineer by education, *George Grecheneck* was a first lieutenant during the Hungarian War of Liberation. Following the victory of the Hapsburg and Czarist armies, he fled to the Ottoman Empire. Becoming a member of Kossuth's entourage, he shared the entire Turkish internment with the former Governor. On Sept. 10, 1851, Kossuth, Grecheneck, and some fifty other exiles boarded the *Mississippi*, a warship dispatched by the government of the United States to convey Kossuth and his companions to America. While Kossuth disembarked at Gibraltar to make a whirlwind tour of Great Britain, Grecheneck and the rest continued their voyage, reaching New York harbor on November 10. Kossuth arrived on December 5 and Grecheneck acted as one of his bodyguards during his visit to New England.

After Kossuth's return to Europe in July 1852, Grecheneck made his home in Boston. Like Zerdahelyi, he was one of the émigrés constituting George Luther Stearns's Hungarian circle.

A few years later, Grecheneck, accompanied by fellow exile Albert de Zeyk, moved to Webster City, a booming community in northwestern Iowa. Extolling the location, character, and business opportunities possessed by Webster City, the traveling correspondent of the *Dubuque Express and Herald* wrote in the paper's Dec. 15, 1857, issue: "No one can become acquainted with the inhabitants of Webster City and not be pleased with them and the town. [...] Extensive preparations are making for building during the coming spring. [...] A handsome and durable bridge is now being thrown across the Boone river near the center of the town, north and south, which connects the town with a beautiful addition on the east side recently laid out by Messrs. Grecheneck and de Zeyk, Land Agents, Civil Engineers and Surveyors, of Webster City. These gentlemen are Hungarians, and were with Kossuth

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during the memorable struggle of Hungary for freedom. They purchased largely in this place, and have done much by their activity and enterprise for the advancement of its interests."

Grecheneck enrolled in the 72nd New York Infantry Regiment on May 22, 1861, and was mustered in as captain of Company A, on June 21. Seriously wounded in the battle of Williamsburg, Virginia, on May 5, 1862, he succumbed to his injuries on May 17, 1862.

Pvt. Orville Gregory

Born: March 3, 1838 in Albany

Died: February 26, 1891 in Schenectady of a fractured spinal column

Buried: Section K, No. 23, Grave #12

18th NY Infantry ("New York State Rifles")

GREGORY, ORVILLE.—Age, 21 years. Enlisted, April 22, 1861, at Schenectady; mustered in as private, Co. A, May 17, 1861, to serve two years; wounded, June 27, 1862, at Gaines Mills, Va.; mustered out with company, May 28, 1863, at Albany, N.Y.; subsequent service in Sixteenth Artillery (not found on roster of 16th Artillery.)

Cpl. William Elliot Griffis

Born: September 17, 1843 in Philadelphia

Died: February 5, 1928 in Winter Park, Florida

Buried: Section I, No. 2

44th Pennsylvania Militia

GRIFFIS, WILLIAM E. – Age, 19 years. Enrolled July 6, 1863 at Philadelphia, Pa. Mustered in July 6, 1863 as corporal, at Philadelphia, Pa.

William Elliot Griffis was an American orientalist, Congregational minister, lecturer, and prolific author. He was born in Philadelphia September 17, 1843, fourth child of John Limeburner Griffis (1804-1879). His father was a coal trader, who made frequent trips to Europe, Africa, the Philippines, and China. His mother was Anna Maria (Hess) Griffis (1812-1872), a very pious woman who taught Sunday school in Philadelphia.

On April 6, 1850, when William was seven, his father took him to a pier on the Delaware to witness launching of the frigate, the U.S. *Susquehanna* (the ship which later became the flagship of Commodore Matthew C. Perry, who opened Japan in 1853).⁹ On June 9, 1860 in Philadelphia, he saw the first Japanese Embassy, sent to ratify the commercial treaty concluded by Townsend Harris in 1858. Later he was to describe the visitors: "From the first, I took the Japanese seriously. In many respects they were our equals, in others they seemed to be our superiors." For several months after he was graduated from Central High School in Philadelphia, in June, 1859, William worked as an apprentice in a jewelry firm. Meanwhile, he was attending church, prayer meetings, missionary societies, and Bible class at John Chambers' church. In 1863, however, he broke with Chambers over the slavery issue, and for a time was in military service as a corporal in the 44th Regiment of the Pennsylvania Militia after Robert E. Lee invaded Pennsylvania in 1863.

He was admitted to the seminary of the reformed Church in America (today the New Brunswick Theological Seminary) at Rutgers University on September 20, 1865. There is no doubt from the record that William Elliot Griffis was an outstanding student at Rutgers, graduating with AB (Bachelor of Arts degree) in the Class of 1869.

In September 1870 Griffis was invited to Japan by Matsudaira Shungaku, for the purpose of organizing schools along modern lines. In 1871, he was Superintendent of Education in the province of Echizen.[3] In recompense, he was provided with a salary of \$2,400, a house in Fukui and a horse.

Returning to the United States, Griffis attended Union Theological Seminary in Schenectad; and after finishing his studies in 1877, he was called to the ministry in a series of churches—at the First Reformed Church, Schenectady, New York (1877–1886); at the Shawmut Congregational Church, Boston, Massachusetts (1886–1893); and at the First Congregational Church, Ithaca, New York (1893–1903). Concurrently, at Union College in 1884, he earned a higher degree, Doctor of Divinity (D.D.). Rutgers awarded him an honorary degree, Doctor of Humane Letters (L.H.D.) in 1899. He was a prolific author of 50 published works between 1876 and 1926.

William Elliot Griffis died in Winter Park, Florida, February 5, 1928 at the age of 85.

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Corp. John Hall

Born: 1843

Died: April 9, 1888

Buried: Section N, No. 11, Grave # 20, GAR Plot

134th NY Infantry

HALL, JOHN M.—Age, 19 years. Enlisted, August 12, 1862, at Guilderland, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. B, August 18, 1862; promoted corporal, September 22, 1862; returned to ranks, no date; transferred to Veteran Reserve Corps, July 16, 1863; also borne as John B.

William Harris

Born: Unknown

Died: September 5, 1876

Buried: Colored Plot

“G.A.R.” engraved on headstone

Need more information to research. There are 1,215 men named William Harris listed on the National Park Service Civil War Soldier's Database under Union soldiers only (did not check Confederate soldiers.) Checking only the first five pages of the 61 page report, the name William Harris is listed on twelve different regiments of U.S. Colored Troops: 2nd, 11th, 12th, 18th, 33rd, 39th, 43rd, 56th, 61st, 63rd, 64th, and 77th. Further research will probably reveal more hits.

Pvt. John H. Haverley

Born: 1840

Died: June 9, 1918

Buried: Section N, No. 11, Grave # 26, GAR Plot

14th NY Heavy Artillery; 6th NY Heavy Artillery

14th NY Heavy Artillery:

HAVERLY, JOHN H.—Age, 23 years. Enlisted, January 8, 1864, at Rotterdam; mustered in as private, unassigned, January 15, 1864, to serve three years; transferred to Co. C, Sixth New York Artillery, May 10, 1864.

6th NY Heavy Artillery:

HAVERLY, JOHN H.—Age, 23 years. Enlisted, January 8, 1864, at Rotterdam; mustered in as private, Co. C, January 8, 1864, to serve three years; mustered out, June 28, 1865, at Balfour U. S. General Hospital, Portsmouth, Va., on individual muster-out roll.

1st Sgt. Garret Horsfall

Born: April 14, 1825 in Schenectady

Died: April 16, 1882 in Schenectady

Buried: Section M-3, No. 2

134th NY Infantry

HORSEFALL, GARRET—Age, 37 years. Enlisted, August 7, 1862, at Schenectady, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. A, August 8, 1862; promoted sergeant, September 22, 1862; first sergeant and returned to ranks, no dates; mustered out with company, June 10, 1865, near Bladensburg, Md.

Son of English immigrant William F. Horsfall and Sarah (VanVranken) Horsfall, Garrett was baptized on 17 Feb 1826, in the Dutch Reformed Church in Schenectady. It is unknown if/where he went to school, but he followed in his father's career as a painter. On 11 Aug 1849, he married Eveline Brumaghim in Saratoga Springs. She bore him 7 children, but only four made it to adulthood. During the Civil War, Garrett enlisted as a private with the 134th NY Volunteers, but he spent much of that time in hospital suffering from anemia. But he may have seen ac-

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tion during the Chattanooga & Rassville campaigns, Missionary Ridge, and the Atlanta Campaign. From a memorial in the Schenectady Reflector - "...He was of a retiring yet genial disposition, unassuming, but pronounced in his conviction, warm-hearted, and steadfast as a rock in his friendships, while friendship, with the many, is but a name; generous to prodigality and faithful in all his relations in life."

Note: Brother of QM 1st Lt. William Van Vranken Horsfall, below.

Capt. William "Billy" Horsfall

Born: April 7, 1816 in Schenectady

Died: September 14, 1862 of wounds received in Battle of Crampton's Gap, Burkittsville, Md.

Buried: Section T, No. 31, Grave 6

18th NY Infantry ("New York State Rifles")

HORSEFALL, WILLIAM.—Age, 45 years. Enrolled, May 2, 1861, at Schenectady; mustered in as first lieutenant, Co. E, May 17, 1861, to serve two years; captain, December 27, 1861; on seven day furlough, January 17, 1862, in Schenectady, N.Y.; returned to regiment, January 24, 1862; killed, September 14, 1862, at Crampton's Pass, Md.; commissioned first lieutenant, July 4, 1861, with rank from May 2, 1861, original ; captain, January 3, 1862, with rank from December 27, 1861, vice Truax, promoted.

Note: From minutes of meeting of common council, September 24, 1862:

"Resolution passed September 26, 1862 on the occasion of the death of Captain William Horsfall.

"*Whereas*, intelligence has reached this city, that in the battle of South Mountain, fought on Sunday, the 14th Inst. in the State of Maryland, Captain William Horsfall, commanding Company E. 18th Regiment, NYSV, was mortally wounded while leading his company in a gallant charge against the enemy, and expired on the field in the moment of victory, and

"*Whereas*, the highest estimation in which Capt. Horsfall was deservedly held as a citizen of the people by this, his native place, and as an officer and popular leader he was, appeals in a solemn manner to this Board to unite in some suitable expression of their feelings in view of the melancholy event. Therefore

"*Resolved*, that this Board has received with feelings of profound sadness, the intelligence that Captain William Horsfall was killed, on Sunday the 14th inst., in the State of Maryland, at the head of his company, while bravely leading them in a charge against the foe.

"*Resolved*, that, while we deeply sympathize with relatives of the deceased, in the deep affliction visited upon them by this melancholy occurrence, we find solace in consideration of the fact that he met his death in a manner most honorable that is possible for a soldier, and that he fills and honorable grave.

"*Resolved*, that in rendering this tribute to the memory of the deceased, we refer with pleasure to those elements conspicuous in his character, which combined to impress upon all with whom he became the least acquainted, the conviction that he was a noble hearted and honest man, entitled to their implicit confidence in high regard, and the death of such a man occurring at such a time under such circumstances, is a bereavement not confined to the domestic circle and the community in which he lived; the country has lost a patriot and a soldier, and unites to deplore the loss.

"*Resolved*, that these resolutions be published in the Schenectady and Albany papers, and a copy be sent to the relatives of the deceased.

"*Resolved*, that this Board attend the funeral of the deceased as a body.

The Board then attended the funeral being escorted by the Washington Continentals. After returning, on the motion of Ald. Green,

"*Resolved*, that the thanks of the Board are due and hereby tendered to Capt. Truax, Staff and members of the Schenectady Washington Continentals for escorting us during the ceremonies of the funeral of Capt. Horsfall.

"Adjourned, S.L.R. Buchanan, City Clerk"

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Quartermaster and 1st Lt. William Van Vranken Horsfall

Born: March 6, 1824 in Schenectady, NY

Died: August 20, 1868 in Buffalo, NY from overdose of laudanum and/or congestion of the brain

Buried: Section Q, No. 27 (headstone not located)

18th NY Infantry (New York State Rifles)

HORSFALL, WILLIAM V.—Age, 37 years. Enrolled, May 14, 1861, at Albany; mustered in as regimental quartermaster, May 17, 1861, to serve two years; resigned, September 18, 1861; commissioned quartermaster, July 4, 1861, with rank from May 14, 1861, original. Born on March 6, 1824, in Schenectady, N.Y. Died on August 20, 1868, in Buffalo, N.Y. from an overdose of laudanum, at age 45. Possibly no a headstone.

Note: Brother of 1st Sgt. Garret Horsfall, above.

Pvt. Frederick Ide (Carried on roster as Friedrich Ihde)

Born: 1813

Died: January 27, 1902 at "Country Home" (per cemetery card)

Buried: Section N, No. 11, Grave # 17, GAR Plot

58th NY Infantry ("Morgan Rifles")

IHDE, FRIEDRICH—Age, 35 years. Enlisted at New York City, to serve three years, and mustered in as private, Co. A, Morgan Rifles, October 11, 1861; transferred to Co. A, this regiment, November 23, 1861; re-enlisted as a veteran, January 1, 1864; mustered out with company, October 1, 1865, at Nashville, Tenn.

Col. Allen H. Jackson (Carried on cemetery card and both rosters as "Allan")

Born: January 24, 1835

Died: August 22, 1911 at 8 Front St. in the Stockade area of Schenectady of arterio sclerosis

Buried: Section M-3, No. 68

Union College graduate, Class of 1853

91st NY Infantry (Albany Regiment); 134th NY Infantry

91st NY Infantry:

JACKSON, ALLAN H.—Age, 26 years. Enrolled, October 1, 1861, at Schenectady, to serve three years; mustered in as captain, Co. G, December 10, 1861; discharged, February 23, 1863, by promotion to major, One Hundred and Thirty-fourth Infantry. Commissioned captain, December 20, 1861, with rank from October 1, 1861, original.

134th NY Infantry:

JACKSON, ALLAN H.—Captain, Co. G, Ninety-first Infantry; promoted major, this regiment, February 23, 1863; mustered in as lieutenant-colonel, March 10, 1863; wounded in action at Peach Tree Creek, Ga., July 20, 1864; mustered out with regiment, June 10, 1865, near Bladensburg, Md.; also borne as Allen H. Commissioned major, January 16, 1863, with rank from December 19, 1862, vice G. W. B. Seeley resigned; lieutenant-colonel, March 3, 1863, with rank from January 22, 1863, vice J. S. De Agreda resigned; colonel, not mustered, December 11, 1863, with rank from November 4, 1863, vice C. R. Coster resigned.

Battle of Gettysburg

Lieutenant Colonel Allen H. Jackson commanded the 400 men of the regiment while Colonel Coster took command of the brigade from Brigadier General Buschbeck. Originally held in reserve on Cemetery Hill on July 1, the regiment and its brigade were marched through town and formed on the north side of Gettysburg to help in the collapse of the rest of the 11th Corps. The 134th held the right flank of the brigade, losing over half its strength in a few minutes when assaulted by Hoke's and Hays' Confederate Brigades and forced to retreat through town back to Cemetery Hill. The regiment defended Cemetery Hill during the attack of the Louisiana Brigade on the evening of the 2nd and during the artillery barrage which preceded Pickett's Charge.

Lieutenants Henry Palmer and Lucius Mead and 57 enlisted men were killed or mortally wounded, Captains Otis Guffin and William Mickle and 130 enlisted men were wounded, and Lieutenant John Kennedy and 57 enlisted men captured. **Lt. Colonel Jackson** was captured during the retreat through town, but escaped and re-joined the regiment.

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Lt. Col. Jackson, 134th NY Infantry, writes to his friends on Sunday the July 5, 1863:

"My poor regiment was horribly cut to pieces on the 1st. Every officer in it was wounded except myself and four others. Young Palmer, acting Adjutant, was killed. Capt. Olcott is reported so likewise, and over fifty of the men. A much larger number were wounded and taken prisoners on the field. Out of four hundred whom I carried into the engagement I can now muster but one hundred; of the balance, many are stragglers. I never imagined such a rain of bullets."

After the Civil War, Jackson entered the regular army as 2nd Lieutenant of the 7th U.S. Cavalry. He retired with the rank of Colonel on October 29, 1898.

Pvt. Jacob Jackson

Born 1847

Died: August 15, 1913 in Schenectady of an intestinal obstruction

Buried: Section N, No. 11, Grave # 22, GAR Plot

26th Regiment, United States Colored Troops (Infantry) – Co. H

26th Regiment, United States Colored Infantry

OVERVIEW: Organized at Riker's Island, New York Harbor, February 27, 1864. Ordered to Dept. of the South April, 1864. Attached to District of Beaufort, S. C. Dept. of the South, to October, 1864. 2nd Separate Brigade, Dept. of the South, to January, 1865. 1st Separate Brigade, Dept. of the South, to February, 1865. 2nd Separate Brigade, Dept. of the South, to June, 1865. Dept. of the South to August, 1865.

SERVICE:-Reported at Beaufort, S. C., April 13, 1864, and post duty there till November 27. Expedition to Johns and James Islands July 2-10. Operations against Battery Pringle July 4-9. Actions on Johns Island July 5 and 7. Burden's Causeway July 9. Battle of Honey Hill November 30. Demonstration on Charleston & Savannah Railroad December 6-9. Action at Devaux's Neck December 6. Tillifinny Station December 9. McKay's Point December 22. Ordered to Beaufort, S. C., January 2, 1865, and duty there till August. Mustered out August 28, 1865.

CASUALTIES: Regiment lost during service 2 Officers and 28 Enlisted men killed and mortally wounded and 3 Officers and 112 Enlisted men by disease. Total 145.

Note: Brother of Jared Jackson, below.

Corp. Jared A. Jackson (Carried on Town Clerk Register of Civil War Soldiers as "Jerrod Jackson")

Born: May 20, 1840 in Bethlehem, NY

Died: November 21, 1888 of tuberculosis and chronic liver disease

Buried: Section F, No. 13

26th Regiment, United States Colored Troops (Infantry) – Co. H

JACKSON, JERROD-Age 23 years. Enlisted December 1863, at Albany, to serve three years; mustered in as private, December 17, 1863.

26th Regiment, United States Colored Infantry

OVERVIEW: Organized at Riker's Island, New York Harbor, February 27, 1864. Ordered to Dept. of the South April, 1864. Attached to District of Beaufort, S. C. Dept. of the South, to October, 1864. 2nd Separate Brigade, Dept. of the South, to January, 1865. 1st Separate Brigade, Dept. of the South, to February, 1865. 2nd Separate Brigade, Dept. of the South, to June, 1865. Dept. of the South to August, 1865.

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Note: From email, "Cora Schenectady" to "Marsha Mortimore (LABOR)", dated February 9, 2012:

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Jared Jackson grew up on a farm in Bethlehem, New York. Enlisted, December 14, 1863 and mustered in as private in Co. H, 26th United States Colored Infantry. Promoted to corporal in August 1864. After the Civil War he married his wife, Hannah, on October 25, 1886 by Rev. Day in Schenectady, where he was employed as a laborer. His residence was at 612 Union Street. He filed for a pension (Application No, 429551) on September 12, 1887 as an invalid. His name is included on the African American Civil War Memorial in Washington, D.C.

Note: Brother of Jacob Jackson, above.

Note: Stone grave marker shows 20th US Colored Infantry. Bronze grave marker & Town Clerk Register show 26th US Colored Infantry. Town Clerk data was chosen as correct as their records are quite reliable.)

Col. William Ayrault Jackson

Born: March 29, 1832 in Schenectady

Died: November 11, 1861 in Washington, D.C. of bilious and intermittent fever

Buried: Union College Plot

Union College graduate, Class of 1851

18th NY Infantry ("New York State Rifles")

JACKSON, WILLIAM A.—Age, 29 years. Enrolled, May 11, 1861, at Albany; mustered in as colonel, May 17, 1861, to serve two years; died, November 11, 1861, at Washington, D.C.; commissioned colonel, June 18, 1861, with rank from May 13, 1861, original.

Cause of death: hemorrhage of the bowels and the brain.

(Ref.: "The Heroes of Albany: A Memorial of the Patriot-Martyrs of the City and County of Albany," Clark, 1866, S.R. Gray, pp. 129-140)

Col. Jackson's father, Isaac W. Jackson, was professor of Mathematics at Union College. At the age of 15, Jackson entered Union in 1847, graduating in 1851. He attended Albany Law School and was admitted to the bar in 1853.

Major Gilbert D. Kennedy

Born: 1827 in Glasgow, Scotland

Died: August 3, 1863 in U.S. General Hospital in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania of dysentery

Buried: Section P, No. 40

134th NY Infantry

KENNEDY, GILBERT D.—Age, 35 years. Enrolled, August 28, 1862, at Schenectady, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. F, August 29, 1862; as captain, August 30, 1862; died of disease, September 22, 1863, at Philadelphia, Pa. Commissioned captain, October 1, 1862, with rank from August 30, 1862, original; major, not mustered, June 23, 1863, with rank from January 22, 1863, vice E. W. Groot declined.

Note: Widow's Pension Application listed his date of death as being August 3, 1863.

Note: From the Schenectady Evening Star and Times, August 7, 1863:

"The remains of Major G.D. Kennedy, of the One Hundred and Thirty-fourth, arrived in this city yesterday. He died quite suddenly at Philadelphia, we believe, of typhoid Fever. When it became known that his body had arrived flags throughout the city were paced at half-mast. His funeral takes place today."

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Pvt. Henry Kiess (No card in cemetery office)

Born:

Died: December 1894

Buried: Section N, No. 11, Grave #14, GAR Plot

6th Ohio Infantry Regiment.

OVERVIEW:

Organized at Camp Dennison, Ohio, June 18, 1861. Moved to Fetterman, West Virginia, June 29 - July 2. Attached to 1st Brigade, Army of Occupation, West Virginia, to September, 1861. Reynolds' Command, Cheat Mountain, W. Va., to November, 1861. 10th Brigade, Army Ohio, to December, 1861. 10th Brigade, 4th Division, Army Ohio, to September, 1862. 10th Brigade, 4th Division, 2nd Corps, Army Ohio, to November, 1862. 3rd Brigade, 2nd Division, Left Wing 14th Army Corps, Army of the Cumberland, to January, 1863. 3rd Brigade, 2nd Division, 21st Army Corps, Army of the Cumberland, to October, 1863. 2nd Brigade, 3rd Division, 4th Army Corps, to June, 1864.

SERVICE:

At Grafton, West Virginia, July 2, 1861. March to Philippi, July 4. West Virginia Campaign July 6-21. Laurel Hill July 8. Carrick's Ford July 13. Pursuit of Garnett's forces July 15-16. Duty at Beverly till August 6. Camp at Elkwater, foot of Cheat Mountain, August 6-November 19. Operations on Cheat Mountain against Lee September 11-17. Cheat Mountain Pass September 12. Reconnaissance up Tygart Valley September 26-29. Moved to Louisville November 19-30. Duty at Camp Buell till December 9, and at Camp Wickliffe, Ky., till February 14, 1862. Expedition down Ohio River to reinforce Gen. Grant at Fort Donelson, thence to Nashville, Tenn., February 14-25. Occupation of Nashville February 25, the first Regiment to enter city. Camp on Murfreesboro Pike till March 17. March to Savannah, Tenn., March 17-April 6. Battle of Shiloh, Tenn., April 6-7. Duty at Pittsburg Landing till May 24. Siege of Corinth, Miss., May 24-30. Occupation of Corinth May 30. Pursuit to Booneville May 30-July 12. Moved to Athens, Ala., and duty there till July 17. Ordered to Murfreesboro July 17, thence to McMinnville and duty there till August 17. March to Louisville, Ky., in pursuit of Bragg August 17-September 26. Pursuit of Bragg into Kentucky October 1-22. Battle of Perryville October 8. March to Nashville, Tenn., October 22-November 7, and duty there till December 26. Advance on Murfreesboro, Tenn., December 26-30. Battle of Stone's River December 30-31, 1862, and January 1-3, 1863. Duty at and near Murfreesboro till June. Actions at Woodbury, Tenn., January 24 and April 4. Middle Tennessee or Tullahoma Campaign June 23-July 7. At Manchester till August 16. Passage of Cumberland Mountains and Tennessee River, and Chickamauga (Ga.) Campaign August 16-September 22. Battle of Chickamauga September 19-20. Siege of Chattanooga, Tenn., September 24-November 23. Reopening Tennessee River October 26-29. Brown's Ferry October 27. Chattanooga-Ringgold Campaign November 23-27. Orchard Knob November 23-24. Mission Ridge November 25. March to relief of Knoxville, Tenn., November 28-December 8. Operations in East Tennessee till April, 1864. About Dandridge January 16-17. Garrison at Cleveland, Tenn., April 12-May 17, and at Resaca, Ga., guarding the railroad bridge over the Oostenaula River, till June 6. Ordered to the rear for muster out June 6. Mustered out at Camp Dennison, Ohio, June 23, 1864, expiration of term.

Regiment lost during service 4 Officers and 82 Enlisted men killed and mortally wounded and 2 Officers and 56 Enlisted men by disease. Total 144.

Maj. Charles Frederick Lewis

Born: June 14, 1844 in Manhattan, New York City

Died: March 6, 1905 in Schenectady of chronic nephritis

Buried: Union College Plot

Union College graduate, class of 1864

119th NY Infantry

LEWIS, CHARLES F.—Age, 18 years. Enrolled, July 25, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. A, August 8, 1862; as second lieutenant, August 23, 1862; as first lieutenant, January 1, 1863; discharged, February 23, 1863; again mustered in as first lieutenant, April 19, 1863; wounded in action, May 2, 1863, at Chancellorsville, Va.; mustered in as captain, Co. C, August 9, 1863; transferred to Co. A, no date; discharged for disability, July 30, 1864, at Chattanooga, Tenn. Commissioned second lieutenant, September 10, 1862, with rank from August 5, 1862, original; first lieutenant, February 7, 1863, with rank from December 6, 1862, vice

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A. Volkhausen promoted; again commissioned first lieutenant, April 10, 1863, with rank from February 21, 1863, vice C. Lewis resigned; captain, August 28, 1863, with rank from July 24, 1863, vice O. Trumpleman resigned; major, not mustered, July 21, 1864, with rank from May 15, 1864, vice I. P. Lockman promoted. (Ref. "Through the Darkest Hour" by Larry Hart, Schenectady City/County Historian, 1990)

Note: Charles F. Lewis, son of Union College Professor Tayler Lewis and brother-in-law of Prof. Elias Peissner, under whom he served in the 119th New York Volunteer Infantry, was severely wounded in the arm at Chancellorsville, the same battle that claimed Peissner's life. Lewis remained in the army another year before receiving a disability discharge.

Note: From the Sunday Gazette, April 12, 2015:

The Lewis diary, kept at the Efner History Center in Schenectady's City Hall and on loan to the historical society, is actually from 1879, when Lewis copied the entries from his original journal.

One April 14, 1865, he wrote, "It is near midnight, and I have just come I from seeing enacted a tragedy which will ring down through the ages 'Till time shall be no more,' the assassination at Ford's Theater of Abraham Lincoln, the president of the United States."

Pvt. Erastus R. Luffman

Born: September 7, 1840 in New York

Died: April 23, 1870 in Hudson, NY from disease of the bowels

Buried: Section M, No. 94

18th NY Infantry ("New York State Rifles"); 16th NY Heavy Artillery

18th NY Infantry:

LUFFMAN, ERASTUS—Age, 23 years. Enlisted, January 16, 1862, at Albany; mustered in as private, Co. E, same date, to serve unexpired term of two years; mustered out with company, May 28, 1863, at Albany, N.Y.

16th NY Heavy Artillery:

HUFFMAN, ERASTUS R.—Age, 23 years. Enlisted, November 16, 1863, at Albany; mustered in as private, Co. D, December 7, 1863, to serve three years; promoted corporal, April 25 1864; mustered out with company, August 21, 1865, at Washington, D.C.; veteran.

Pvt. George W. Marlette

Born: October 18, 1842 in Rotterdam, NY

Died: September 26, 1915 in Schenectady

Buried: Section D, No. 56

18th NY Infantry ("New York State Rifles")

MARLETT, GEORGE W.—Age, 19 years. Enlisted, August 22, 1861, at Albany; mustered in as private, Co. E, same date, to serve unexpired term of two years; mustered out with company, May 28, 1863, at Albany, N.Y.

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Pvt. Nelson McDonald (carried on roster of 18th NY Infantry as William McDonald)

Born: August 4, 1838

Died: December 14, 1881

Buried: Section N, No. 9

18th NY Infantry ("New York State Rifles"); 2nd NY Veteran Cavalry

18th NY Infantry:

McDONALD, WILLIAM—Age, 24 years. Enlisted, May 2, 1861, at Schenectady; mustered in as private, Co. E, May 17, 1861, to serve two years; wounded, September 14, 1862, at Crampton's Gap, Md.; deserted, April 8, 1863.

2nd NY Veteran Cavalry:

McDONALD, NELSON—Age, 25 years. Enlisted, July 10, 1863, at Schenectady; mustered in as private, Co. B, July 20, 1863, to serve three years; appointed saddler, date not stated; mustered out with company, November 8, 1865, at Talladega, Ala.; veteran.

Corp. Lyman E. Miller

Born: 1837

Died: November 6, 1912 of dilation of heart

Buried: Section N, No. 22

77th NY Infantry ("Bemis Heights Regiment")

MILLER, LYMAN E.—Age, 24 years. Enlisted, September 23, 1861, at Ballston Spa, to serve three years; mustered in as corporal, Co. B, October 12, 1861; discharged for disability, November 20, 1862, at Albany, N.Y.

Sgt. Robert J. Miller

Born: 1837

Died: January 14, 1914 at Ellis Hospital of chronic intestinal nephritis

Buried: Section N, No. 11, Grave # unknown, GAR Plot

18th NY Infantry

MILLER, ROBERT J.—Age, 24 years. Enlisted, April 22, 1861, at Schenectady; mustered in as private, Co. A, May 17, 1861, to serve two years; promoted sergeant, to date, May 17, 1861; mustered out with company, May 28, 1863, at Albany, N.Y.

Pvt. Charles E. Moore

Born: 1846

Died: June 26, 1902

Buried: Section N, No. 11, Grave #2, GAR Plot

30th NY Infantry (Troy Regiment"); 2nd NY Veteran Cavalry ("Empire Light Cavalry")

30th NY Infantry:

MOORE, CHARLES—Age, 18 years. Enlisted, May 14, 1861, at Kinderhook, to serve two years; mustered in as musician, Co. K, June 1, 1861; mustered out with company, June 18, 1863, at Albany, N.Y.; subsequent service in Co. I, Second New York Veteran Cavalry.

2nd NY Veteran Cavalry:

MOORE, CHARLES—Age, 19 years. Enlisted, July 8, 1863, at Valatie; mustered in as private, Co. F, November 10, 1863, to serve three years; mustered out with company, November 8, 1865, at Talladega, Ala.; prior service, Co. K, Thirtieth New York Volunteers.

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Pvt. Ezeikel P. Mulford (Carried as "Ezekiel" on NPS Civil War Database)

Born: 1824

Died: October 18, 1911 in Rotterdam of valvular disease of the heart

Buried: Section N, No. 11, Grave # 30, GAR Plot

4th Ohio Cavalry – Co. A

Note: Originally filed under Ezekiel P. Mulferd

4th Regiment, Ohio Cavalry:

OVERVIEW:

Organized at Cincinnati, Lima, St. Maryes and Camp Dennison, Ohio, August to November, 1861. Moved to Camp Dennison, Ohio, November 23, thence to Jeffersonville, Ind., December 5, and to Bacon Creek, Ky., December 27. Attached to 3rd Division, Army Ohio, to October, 1862. 2nd Brigade, Cavalry Division, Army Ohio, to November. 1862. 2nd Brigade, Cavalry Division, Army of the Cumberland, to January, 1863. 2nd Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division, Army of the Cumberland, to March, 1863. 2nd Brigade, 2nd Cavalry Division, Army of the Cumberland, to October, 1864. 2nd Brigade, 2nd Division, Cavalry Corps, Military Division Mississippi, to August, 1865.

SERVICE:

Action at Roan's Tan Yard, Silver Creek, Mo., January 8, 1862. Advance on Bowling Green, Ky., February 10-15, 1862. Occupation of Bowling Green, February 15. Occupation of Nashville, Tenn., February 23. Action near Nashville March 8-9. Camp Jackson March 24. Reconnaissance to Shelbyville, Tullahoma and McMinnville March 25-28. Capture of Huntsville, Ala., April 11. Bridgeport, Ala., April 23. West Bridge, near Bridgeport, April 29. Shelbyville Road April 24. Tuscumbia April 25. Bolivar April 28. Pulaski May 11. Watkins' Ferry May 2. Athens May 8. Fayetteville May 14. Elk River May 20. Fayetteville May 26. Whitesburg, Ala., May 29. Huntsville June 4-5. Winchester, Tenn., June 10. Battle Creek June 21. Huntsville July 2. Stevenson, Ala. July 28. Bridgeport August 27 (Detachment). Fort McCook, Battle Creek, August 27 (Detachment). March to Louisville in pursuit of Bragg August 28-September 26. Huntsville September 1. Tyree Springs September 13. Glasgow, Ky., September 18. Pursuit of Bragg into Kentucky October 1-10. Bardstown Pike, near Mt. Washington, October 1. Frankford October 9. Pursuit of Bragg from Perryville to Loudon October 10-22. Lexington October 17-18. Bardstown and Pittman's Cross Roads October 19. Lawrenceburg October 25. Sandersville, Tenn., November 6. Reconnaissance from Rural Hill December 20. Near Nashville, Tenn., December 24. Advance on Murfreesboro December 26-30. Franklin December 26. Wilkinson's Cross Roads December 29. Near Murfreesboro December 29-30. Battle of Stone's River December 30-31, 1862, and January 1-3, 1863. Overall's Creek December 31, 1862. Insane Asylum January 3, 1863. Shelbyville Pike January 5. Expedition to Auburn, Liberty and Alexandria February 3-5. Bradysville March 1. Expedition toward Columbia March 4-14. Rutherford Creek March 10-11. Expedition from Murfreesboro to Auburn Liberty, Snow Hill, etc., April 2-6. Smith's Ford April 2. Snow Hill, Woodbury and Liberty April 3. Franklin April 10. Expedition to McMinnville April 20-30. Reconnaissance to Lavergne May 12. Expedition to Middleton and skirmishes May 21-22. Near Murfreesboro June 3. Expedition to Smithville June 4-5. Snow Hill June 4. Smithville June 5. Middle Tennessee or Tullahoma Campaign June 23-July 7. Morris Ford, Elk River, July 2. Kelly's Ford July 2. Expedition to Huntsville July 13-22. Occupation of Middle Tennessee till August 16. Passage of Cumberland Mountains and Tennessee River, and Chickamauga (Ga.) Campaign August 16-September 22. Reconnaissance from Stevenson, Ala., to Trenton, Ga., August 28-31. Alpine, Ga., September 3 and 8. Reconnaissance from Alpine toward Lafayette September 10. Battle of Chickamauga, Ga., September 19-21. Operations against Wheeler and Roddy September 30-October 17. McMinnville October 4. Farmington October 7. Sim's Farm, near Shelbyville, October 7. Farmington October 9. Maysville, Ala., November 4. Winchester November 22. Chattanooga-Ringgold Campaign November 23-27. Raid on East Tennessee & Georgia Railroad November 24-27. Charleston November 26. Cleveland November 27. March to relief of Knoxville, Tenn., November 28-December 8. Charleston, Tenn., December 28 (Detachment). Expedition to Murphey, N. C., December 6-11. Expedition from Scottsboro, Ala., toward Rome, Ga., January 25-February 5, 1864. Ringgold, Ga., February 8. Demonstration on Dalton, Ga., February 22-27. Near Dalton February 23-24. Tunnel Hill, Buzzard's Roost Gap and Rocky Faced Ridge February 24-25. Scout to Dedmon's Trace April 10. Atlanta (Ga.) Campaign May 1-September 8, 1864. Courtland Road, Ala., May 26. Pond Springs, near Courtland, May 27. Moulton May 28-29. Operations about Marietta and against Kenesaw Mountain June 10-July 2. McAfee's Cross Roads June 11. Noonday Creek June 15-19 and 27. Near Marietta June 23. Assault on Kenesaw June 27. Nickajack Creek July 2-5. Rottenwood Creek July 4. Chattahoochie River July 5-17. Alpharetta July 10. Garrard's Raid to Covington July 22-24. Siege of

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Atlanta July 24-August 15. Garrard's Raid to South River July 27-31. Flat Rock Bridge and Lithonia July 28. Kilpatrick's Raid around Atlanta August 18-22. Red Oak and Flint River August 19. Jonesborough August 19. Lovejoy Station August 20. Operations at Chattahoochie River Bridge August 26-September 2. Sandtown September 1. Ordered to Nashville, Tenn., September 21, thence to Louisville November 8, and duty there till January, 1865. Moved to Gravelly Springs, Ala., January 12, and duty there till March. Wilson's Raid to Macon, Ga., March 22-April 24. Selma April 2. Montgomery April 12. Macon April 20. Duty at Macon till May 23, and at Nashville, Tenn., till July. Mustered out July 15, 1865.

Regiment lost during service 5 Officers and 50 Enlisted men killed and mortally wounded and 1 Officer and 169 Enlisted men by disease. Total 225.

Charles L. Murphy

Born: 1845

Died: April 16, 1912

Buried: Section N, No. 11, GAR Plot, Grave # unknown

Regiment unknown. Cannot locate determine regiment in the National Park Service Civil War Data Base due to the common name.

Corp. Marvin N. Partello (Carried on roster as "Purtello")

Born: 1842

Died: October 9, 1909

Buried: Section N, No. 11, Grave # 18, GAR Plot

18th NY Cavalry ("Corning Light Artillery")

PURTELLO, MARVIN N. — Age, 19 years. Enlisted, August 12, 1863, at New York; mustered in as private, Co. F, August 31, 1863, to serve three years; appointed corporal, September 23, 1864; reduced, June 12, 1865; reappointed corporal, April 20, 1866; mustered out with company, May 31, 1866, at Victoria, Texas.

Col. Elias Peissner

Born: 1827

Died: May 2, 1863

Buried: Union College Plot

Note: Member of the Schenectady Zouave Cadets; only member of the Union College faculty to be killed in action during the Civil War.

119th NY Infantry

PEISSNER, ELIAS — Age, 35 years. Enrolled at New York City, to serve three years, and mustered in as lieutenant colonel, August 9, 1862; as colonel, September 1, 1862; killed in action, May 2, 1863, at Chancellorsville, Va. Not commissioned lieutenant-colonel; commissioned colonel, September 1, 1862, with rank from same date, original.

Note: A Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) post was named for Col. Peissner in Rochester, NY.

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Pvt. Alexander Phillips

Born: c. 1841 at Orwell, Vermont

Died: October 26, 1901 of acute pulmonary tuberculosis

Buried: Section N, No. 11, Grave #16, GAR Plot

7th Vermont Infantry

PHILLIPS, ALEXANDER.--Age, 23 years. Enlisted, August 24, 1864 at Castleton; mustered in August 24, 1864, as private, Co. C; mustered out July 19, 1865.

Pvt. John H. Pollard

Born: 1843 in Schenectady

Died: February 18, 1899 in Jersey City, NJ of syncope from cardiac disease

Buried: Section M, No. 48, Grave 2

18th NY Infantry ("New York State Rifles")

POLLARD, JOHN H.—Age, 18 years. Enlisted, May 2, 1861, at Schenectady; mustered in as private, Co. E, May 17, 1861, to serve two years; mustered out with company, May 28, 1863, at Albany, N.Y.

Obituary from 'The Jersey Journal', Feb. 20, 1899:

"John H. Pollard dropped dead Saturday afternoon in the blacksmith shop on Washington Street near the Pennsylvania Railroad where he was employed by the company to attend to the various jobs arising in the yards. He was 56 years old and was born in Schenectady, N.Y. He was a veteran of the Civil War and served with distinction in Company E, Eighteenth New York Regiment of United States Volunteers, which was attached to Gen. Newton's Brigade of the Sixth Army Corps.

"Mr. Pollard was taken prisoner after the battle of Gaines Mills and was confined in Libby Prison and later at Belle Isle, spending about three months in captivity. Having been exchanged, he later rejoined his regiment and took part in many of the remaining battles of the war. He was a member of the G. Van Houten Post, No. 3, G.A.R. and held a position at High Service, but was dropped when a change in politics took place.

"Mr. Pollard had been for fourteen years foreman at the Erie Railroad local blacksmith shop and resided at 210 Sixth Street. He is survived by a widow and several children. The funeral services will be held this evening at his late residence and interment will be in the family plot at Schenectady, N.Y."

Pvt. David Springer Proper

Born: 1840 in Schenectady

Died: July 1, 1863 at Gettysburg, Pa. of wounds received in battle

Buried: Section D, No. 39

134th NY Infantry

PROPER, DAVID S.—Age, 22 years. Enlisted, August 26, 1862, at Schenectady, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. F, September 23, 1862; killed in action, July 1, 1863, at Gettysburg, Pa.; also borne as Proper.

Note 1: Listed in the book "These Honored Dead" (John Busey, Longstreet House, 1988, pp. 157):

PROPER, David S. (Pvt.) Co. "F": Killed 1 July and buried on the Almshouse farm; 22, Schenectady.

Note 2: From the Schenectady Evening Star and Times, Thursday, July 23, 1863:

"The bodies of Robert D. Corl and David S. Proper reached here this morning and are temporarily deposited in the dead house, from which they will be taken tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock to the Methodist Church under escort of the firemen of this city and returned Volunteers, where funeral services will be performed, and from there to the Cemetery for final interment. Late members of the one Hundred and Thirty fourth Regiment N.Y. Vol. who died of wounds received at Gettysburg."

Note 3: From the Schenectady Evening Star and Times, Saturday, July 25, 1863:

"The remains of Robert D. Corl and David S. Proper, of the One Hundred and Thirty Fourth, who died of wounds received at Gettysburg, were consigned to their last resting place yesterday. The funeral was large and the exercis-

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es unusually interesting. A number of our returned volunteers of the 18th and 30th Regiments turned out in uniform, as did also numbers One and Four of the Fire Department. There was a large number of private carriages in the procession, which was led by the Drum Corps. The remains were interred in Vale Cemetery. Brave soldiers, they have yielded up their lives on the altar of their country. They could not have a nobler epitaph than the mere statement of fact.”

Note 4: From the Schenectady Evening Star and Times, Tuesday, July 28, 1863:

“Resolution of Deep Sorrow concerning the death of Robert D. Corl and David S. Proper, former members of Engine Company No. 4 – served at Gettysburg.

“At a special meeting of Neptune Engine Number Four held at their house on Friday Evening, July 23d the following resolutions were adopted:

“*Resolved*, that this company have learned with deep sorrow of the death of Robert D. Corl and David S. proper, former members of this company and at the time of their deaths, members of the 134th Regiment;

“*Resolved*, that we tenderly cherish the memory of our late brothers who fell while so nobly fighting the battles of the Union;

“*Resolved*, that we tender to the families of the deceased our heartfelt sympathies and condolences, hoping that they may be cheered and sustained in this their hour of sore trial by Him who doth all things well;

“*Resolved*, that these resolutions be published in the Star and Times and that a copy go to the families of the deceased.

R. Barney, T. Kennedy, Jim Turnpas, Chas. Ellen, William Newman.

Note 5: From a letter written by Sergeant William Howe, Co. F, 134th NY Infantry:

“Send word to Bill Ostrom and tell him where he can get Dave Proper’s body. He was buried by a brickyard near the gas house. Any of the citizens can tell where they will find him. Our boys are all buried by one another. I pray God I may never see such a battlefield. There was at one time about 150 pieces of artillery firing all afternoon.”

Pvt. David Frederick Read (Listed on cemetery card as “Reed”)

Born: February 20, 1842

Died October 8, 1916 in Schenectady of throat cancer

Buried: Section I, No. 14

18th NY Infantry (“New York State Rifles”)

READ, DAVID F.—Age, 19 years. Enlisted, May 2, 1861, at Schenectady; mustered in as private, Co. E, May 17, 1861, to serve two years; mustered out with company, May 28, 1863, at Albany, N.Y., as David F. Reed.

Pvt. William Henry Reed

Born: December 15, 1834 in Schenectady

Died: March 26, 1900 in Schenectady from acute phthisis

Buried: Section I, No. 2, Grave 82

18th NY Infantry (“New York State Rifles”)

REED, WILLIAM H.—Age, 19 years. Enlisted, May 2, 1861, at Schenectady; mustered in as private, Co. E, May 17, 1861, to serve two years; mustered out with company, May 28, 1863, at Albany, N.Y.

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Pvt. Frank Reynolds

Born: 1845

Died: February 6, 1911 in Schenectady of apoplexy

Buried: Section N, No. 11, grave # 31, GAR Plot

4th NY Heavy Artillery

REYNOLDS, FRANK.—Age, 19 years. Enlisted, January 13, 1864, at Albany; mustered in as private, Co. E, January 13, 1864, to serve three years; mustered out, January 19, 1865, at Washington, D.C., at Emory U.S. Hospital.

Pvt. John Ryan

Born: 1839

Died: March 14, 1910

Buried: Section N, No. 11, Grave # 34, GAR Plot

91st NY Infantry (Albany Regiment)

RYAN, JOHN.—Age, 24 years. Enlisted at Schenectady, to serve three years, and mustered in as private, Co. G, December 16, 1861; wounded in action, June 14, 1863, before Port Hudson, La.; discharged for wounds, April 9, 1864, at New Orleans, La.

1st Lt. Eliphalet Nott Schermerhorn (carried on roster as “Ernott”)

Born: December 22, 1838 in Schenectady

Died: November 21, 1905 in Schenectady of interstitial nephritis

Buried: Section G, No. 18

Union College graduate, Class of 1860

18th NY Infantry (“New York State Rifles”)

SCHERMERHORN, ERNOTT.—Age, 23 years. Enlisted, May 2, 1861, at Schenectady; mustered in as first sergeant, Co. E, May 17, 1861, to serve two years; promoted sergeant-major, November 14, 1861; mustered in as second lieutenant, December 27, 1861; first lieutenant and adjutant, to date, August 2, 1862; mustered out with company, May 28, 1863, at Albany, N.Y.; commissioned second lieutenant, January 3, 1862, with rank from December 27, 1861, vice Vedder, promoted; adjutant, November 10, 1862, with rank from August 1, 1862, vice J.H. Russell, deceased.

Obituary:

E. Nott Schermerhorn. The funeral services of the late E. Nott Schermerhorn will take place on Saturday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock, at St. George's Church, of which the deceased was a member. Interment will be made in Vale Cemetery. The services will be public and will be conducted by the Rev. B. W. R. Taylor. The deceased was born in Schenectady County, where he passed his entire life, except when he fought in the Civil War, where he served with great distinction. He was born in 1838, on December 22. He was at one time a member of the Board of Education and served as Water Commissioner.

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Corp. Henry Schermerhorn

Born: October 11, 1836

Died: March 13, 1895 in Schenectady of pneumonia

Buried: Section H, No. 13

18th NY Infantry (“New York State Rifles”); 2nd Veteran Cavalry

18th NY Infantry:

SCHERMERHORN, HENRY—Age, 25 years. Enlisted, May 2, 1861, at Schenectady; mustered in as corporal, Co. E, May 17, 1861, to serve two years; reduced, date not stated; mustered out with company, May 28, 1863, at Albany, N.Y.; subsequent service in Co. B, Second NY Veteran Cavalry.

2nd NY Veteran Cavalry:

SCHERMERHORN, HENRY — Age, 28 years. Enlisted, August 13, 1863, at Schenectady; mustered in as private, Co. B, August 26, 1863, to serve three years; deserted, September 24, 1863, at Saratoga, N.Y.; prior service, Co. E, Eighteenth New York Volunteers.

Pvt. Abram Sharp (Carried on roster as “Abram Sharpe”)

Born: 1818

Died: December 16, 1881

Buried: Section N, No. 11, Grave # 19, GAR Plot

134th NY Infantry

SHARPE, ABRAM.—Age, 44 years. Enlisted, August 21, 1862, at Schenectady, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. H, September 22, 1862; transferred to Veteran Reserve Corps, no date; discharged, May 3, 1865, at Madison, Ind.

Corp. William H. Shepherd (cemetery card lists name as “Shepard”)

Born: 1841

Died: April 27, 1920

Buried: Section N, No. 11, Grave #1, GAR Plot

42nd Indiana Infantry Regiment, Co. D

42nd Regiment, Indiana Infantry:

OVERVIEW:

Organized at Evansville, Ind., and mustered in October 9, 1861. Ordered to Kentucky, and duty at Henderson, Calhoun and Owensboro, Ky., till February, 1862. Attached to 14th Brigade, Army of the Ohio, October to December, 1861. 14th Brigade, 5th Division, Army of the Ohio, to April, 1862. 17th Brigade, 3rd Division, Army of the Ohio, to September, 1862. 17th Brigade, 3rd Division, 1st Corps, Army of the Ohio, to November, 1862. 2nd Brigade, 1st Division, Center 14th Army Corps, Army of the Cumberland, to January, 1863. 2nd Brigade, 1st Division, 14th Army Corps, Army of the Cumberland, to April, 1863. 1st Brigade, 2nd Division, 14th Army Corps to October, 1863. 1st Brigade, 1st Division, 14th Army Corps, to July, 1865.

SERVICE:

Advance on Nashville, Tenn., February 10-25, 1862. Occupation of Shelbyville and Fayetteville and advance on Huntsville, Ala., March 28-April 11. Action at Wartrace April 11. Advance on and capture of Decatur, Ala., April 11-14. Action at West Bridge near Bridgeport, Ala., April 29. Duty at Huntsville, Ala., till August. March to Nashville, Tenn., thence to Louisville, Ky., in pursuit of Bragg, August 27-September 26. Pursuit of Bragg into Kentucky October 1-15. Battle of Perryville, Ky., October 8. March to Nashville, Tenn., October 16-November 7, and duty there till December 26. Advance on Murfreesboro December 26-30. Battle of Stone's River December 30-31, 1862, and January 1-3, 1863. Duty at Murfreesboro till June. Reconnaissance to Versailles March 9-14. Middle Tennessee or Tullahoma Campaign June 23-July 7. Elm River June 29. Occupation of Middle Tennessee till August 16. Passage of the Cumberland Mountains and Tennessee River and Chickamauga (Ga.) Campaign August 16-September 22. Davis Cross Roads or Dug Gap September 11. Battle of Chickamauga September 19-21. Rossville Gap September 21. Siege of Chattanooga, Tenn., September 24-November 23. Chattanooga-Ringgold Campaign November 23-27. Lookout Mountain November 23-24. Mission Ridge November 25. Pea

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Vine Creek and Graysville November 26. Ringgold Gap, Taylor's Ridge November 27. Regiment re-enlisted January 1, 1864. Atlanta (Ga.) Campaign May 1-September 8, 1864. Demonstrations on Rocky Faced Ridge May 8-11. Buzzard's Roost Gap May 8-9. Battle of Resaca May 14-15. Advance on Dallas May 18-25. Operations on Pumpkin Vine Creek and battles about Dallas, New Hope Church and Allatoona Hills May 25-June 5. Pickett's Mill May 27. Operations about Marietta and against Kenesaw Mountain June 10-July 2. Pine Hill June 11-14. Lost Mountain June 15-17. Assault on Kenesaw June 27. Ruff's Station, Smyrna Camp Ground, July 4. Chattahoochie River July 5-17. Buckhead, Nancy's Creek, July 18. Peach Tree Creek July 19-20. Siege of Atlanta July 22-August 25. Utoy Creek August 5-7. Flank movement on Jonesboro August 25-30. Near Red Oak August 29. Battle of Jonesboro August 31-September 1. Operations against Hood in North Georgia and North Alabama September 29-November 3. March to the sea November 15-December 10. Siege of Savannah December 10-21. Campaign of the Carolinas January to April, 1865. Averysboro, N. C., March 16. Battle of Bentonville March 19-21. Occupation of Goldsboro March 24. Advance on Raleigh April 10-14. Occupation of Raleigh April 14. Bennett's House April 26. Surrender of Johnston and his army. March to Washington, D. C., via Richmond, Va., April 29-May 19. Grand Review May 24. Moved to Louisville, Ky., June and there mustered out July 21, 1865.

Regiment lost during service 5 Officers and 108 Enlisted men killed and mortally wounded and 1 Officer and 196 Enlisted men by disease. Total 310.

Sgt. Albert Elliot Sholes

Born: September 8, 1843 at Valley Falls, Rhode Island

Died: July 29, 1931 in hospital on Rugby Rd., Schenectady

Buried: L-4, Plot II, Grave #21

1st Rhode Island Infantry; 4th Rhode Island Infantry

Note: From obituary, newspaper unknown (Schenectady newspaper):

ALBERT E. SHOLES, VET OF CIVIL WAR, EX-PUBLISHER, DIES
CLOSE FRIEND OF GEN. BURNSIDE SUCCOMBS AT 88 IN HOSPITAL HERE
HONORED BY G.A.R.
FORMER DEPUTY COMMANDER FROM VIRGINIA AND GEORGIA
WROTE POETRY, TOO

Albert E. Sholes, 88, whose last earthly journey was to be with his comrades of the Civil War at their Binghamton convention in June, died today in a private hospital on Rugby road. He had taken part in the Memorial Day parade and was active in encampment affairs at the state meeting. With these duties accomplished he failed rapidly.

Funeral Friday

His funeral will be held Friday at 2 p.m. at Timeson and Fronk's Chapel. Horsfall Post, G.A.G., of which he was a guest member, will conduct its ritual. Rev. Clayton J. Potter of First Reformed Church, will officiate. Burial will be with his wife, who died last March, in Vale Cemetery.

He was born September 8, 1843, at Valley Falls, Rhode Island. At 18 he enlisted in the 1st Rhode Island Regiment for three months, and then re-enlisted, choosing the 4th Rhode Island Infantry. He served until war ended. General Burnside was his commanding officer, and until his death Colonel Sholes – the title appears to have been honorary – was a great admirer of his commander, and they were close friends.

At the threshold of youth when he was honorably discharged, he began a career which embraced merchandising in varied forms and eventually ownership of a newspaper, the Flushing Daily Times, which he purchased in 1904 and continued to edit and manage until 1919, when he retired. Its columns and the pages of contemporary publications were brightened by many of his original poems, all dealing with the war in which he served with distinction.

One was written in 1908, and tomorrow will mark the anniversary of its appearance in print. Entitled "The Reason Why," it speaks of the comrades he now has joined:

We lived in an age when boys became men,
And patriots too, in an hour.
We fought for the flag and would again,
'Gainst any hostile power.
We've earned the right to the name we bear

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And the tie which binds us nothing can sever
We are comrades here – we'll be comrades there
Comrades now and comrades forever.

Another commemorating Memorial day, was published in 1910. It concludes:

Honor the men who rest 'neath the sod,
Who gave their all for their country and God;
Honor them, that today for you and for me,
One flag's over all, in this Land of the Free.
While memory is here
Give them, I pray
One day in the year,
Memorial Day.

His associates honored him with many positions in the G.A.R. He formerly was department commander of Virginia and Georgia, and was honorary department commander in New York State. He organized many posts throughout the south. His active connection was with Post 50 of Flushing, and he was its adjutant for many years. He was chairman of the joint Memorial Day committee of Queens county.

Last fall Colonel Sholes and his wife became residents of Quaker Street, this county, and remained there until her death in March when he came to Schenectady to live. They had no children.

Note: From article, newspaper and date not stated:

COL. SHOLES BURIED HERE TODAY WITH MILITARY HONORS

The funeral of Col. Albert E. Sholes was held this afternoon at the chapel of Timeson and Fronk. Military honors were paid to the veteran whose services covered the Civil War years, and who later formed G.A.R. posts throughout the south. In peace he contributed to the success of the Republican party by his vigorous defense of its principles in his newspaper, The Flushing Times, which he purchased in 1904 and operated until his retirement in 1919.

When he came here in winter he was made guest member of Horsfall Post, G.A.R., and his comrades attended his funeral today. Their years prevented their serving as bearers or in the firing squad 7, but their sons, members of Sons of Union Veterans, were selected. A Boy Scout sounded taps at the grave in Vale cemetery where the colonel was buried beside his wife.

Rev. Clayton J. Potter officiated at the religious service in the chapel.

Note: From article, newspaper and date not stated:

COL. SHOLES IS BURIED IN VALE CEMETERY PLOT

The body of Col. Albert E. Sholes, civil war veteran and noted figure in G.A.R circles, was laid at rest with full military honors in a plot in the Vale cemetery yesterday afternoon.

Age prevented comrades of the Horsfall Post, G.A.R. from acting on the firing squad but members of the Sons of Union Veterans were selected. A Boy Scout sounded taps at the grave. Representatives of women's auxiliaries and other patriotic organizations were present.

The funeral service was held in the undertaking parlors of Timeson and Fronk. Rev. Clayton J. Potter, pastor of the First Reformed Church, officiated.

Col. Sholes, 88 years of age, organized many G.A.R. posts in Georgia and Virginia after serving with distinction through the entire civil war in the Army of the Potomac. Between 1904 and 1919 he operated the Flushing (L.I.) Daily Times. He became noted as a poet of civil war events and served as department commander for the G.A.R. in Georgia and Virginia. In later years he was made honorary departmental commander for New York State. Last winter, after moving to Schenectady, he was made a guest member of the Horsfall Post. The body was placed beside that of his wife, who died last March.

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Corp. William Snowdon (Carried on roster as “William Snowden”)

Born: 1829 (Note: stone records birth at 1833)

Died: August 5, 1868

Buried: Section N, No. 11, Grave #5, GAR Plot

134th NY Infantry; 1st Veteran Reserve Corps

SNOWDEN, WILLIAM.—Age, 33 years. Enlisted, August 26, 1862, at Schenectady, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. F, September 23, 1862; transferred to Veteran Reserve Corps, May 10, 1864.

Henry Sperbeck

Born: 1836

Died: August 29, 1916

Buried: Section N, No. 11, Grave # unknown, GAR Plot

More information needed to find regiment and roster information.

Pvt. Harrison Stafford (Carried on roster as “Harrison Stanford”) (Listed on cemetery card as “Harris Stafford”)

Born: 1841 in Schenectady

Died: February 27, 1913 of pulmonary tuberculosis

Buried: Section N, No. 11, Grave # 29, GAR Plot

30th NY Infantry (Troy Regiment)

STANFORD, HARRISON.—Age, 19 years. Enlisted, April 26, 1861, at Schenectady, to serve two years; mustered in as private, Co. C, June 1, 1861; mustered out with company, June 18, 1863, at Albany, N.Y., as Stafford.

Pvt. Samuel Swales

Born: 1821

Died: July 9, 1863 from wounds received in battle at Gettysburg

Buried: Section I, No. 2

134th NY Infantry

SWALES, SAMUEL.—Age, 41 years. Enlisted, August 26, 1862, at Schenectady, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. F, September 23, 1862; wounded in action, July 3, 1863; died of his wounds, July 9, 1863, at hospital, Gettysburg, Pa.; also borne as Swait.

Note: Listed in the book “These Honored Dead” (John Busey, Longstreet House, 1988), pp. 157:

SWALES, Samuel (Pvt.) Co. “F”: Wounded in the back 3 July; died 9 July; 41, Schenectady

Note: From an article in The Evening Star and Times, July 13, 1863, quoted from a letter written by Sergeant William H. Howe, Co. F, 134th NY:

“When we got to Gettysburg we went right in the fight and through kind Providence, I was spared and came out safe, without a scratch. Our regiment and the 154th (NY) fought Stonewall Jackson’s brigade and the Louisiana Tigers, only our two regiments against these two Brigades, the best troops the Rebels have. They fired grape and shell at us and we let them get about sixty yards from us, and then we gave them a volley, but they drove us and when we fell back they killed a great many of our boys. We fought not over one hundred yards from the town. The first volley they fired they fought Jake Trask through the breast and he laid right over and died five minutes after. Poor Jake.

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Cpl. George W. Thompkins (cemetery card lists name as “Tompkins”)

Born: April 9, 1842 in Otisville, NY

Died: February 22, 1934 of chronic myocarditis

Buried: Section M-1, No. 59

124th NY Infantry ("Orange Blossoms") – Civil War MEDAL OF HONOR recipient

THOMPKINS, GEORGE W.—Age, 20 years. Enlisted, August 11, 1862, at Port Jervis, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. F, September 5, 1862; promoted corporal, March 1, 1865; mustered out with company, June 3, 1865, near Washington, D. C ; also borne as Tompkins; awarded Medal of Honor.

Note: Awarded the Medal of Honor for extreme heroism at Petersburg, Virginia on March 25, 1865. His citation reads "Capture of flag of 49th Alabama Infantry (C.S.A.) from an officer who, with colors in hand, was rallying his men". His Medal was awarded to him on April 6, 1865. He was one of five 124th New York soldiers to be awarded the Medal of Honor for their bravery during the Civil War.

The flag of the 59th Alabama Infantry was captured near Hatcher's Run, Virginia, on March 25, 1865, by **Private George W. Tompkins, Co. F, 124th New York Infantry**. The flag was being carried by Lt. Col. Daniel S. Troy, 60th Alabama Infantry, who was urging the men under this command forward when he was shot down by Private Tompkins. Tompkins was recommended for and received the Congressional Medal of Honor. The flag was forwarded to the U.S. War Department where it was assigned Capture Number 272. It was returned to the State of Alabama effective April 26, 1905.

Brevet Brig. General William Anderson Thornton

Born: Sept. 13, 1803 in Albany, NY

Died: April 6, 1866 at Governors Island, New York

Buried: Section G, No. 13

US Military Academy, Class of 1825; Commander, Watervliet Arsenal, 1861-1863

William A. Thornton was born in Albany, NY in 1803. He was a cadet at the US Military Academy at West Point from July 1, 1821 to July 1, 1825. Upon graduation he was promoted to Brevet 2nd Lieutenant of the 1st Artillery, then 2nd Lieutenant of the 4th US Artillery, July 1, 1825. He served garrison duty at Ft. Monroe, Virginia (Artillery School for Practice) from 1825-1826 and on survey of the Dismal Swamp Canal in 1826. From 1826-1829 he was Assistant Instructor of Infantry Tactics at the US Military Academy at West Point. He was on Ordnance Duty at Watertown Arsenal, Massachusetts, from 1829-1831, and back at Ft. Monroe, Virginia for Artillery School for Practice from 1831-1832. He was on the Black Hawk Expedition in 1832 but saw no action. He was in garrison in Charleston Harbor, South Carolina from 1832-1833, and on ordnance duty at Watervliet Arsenal from 1833-1836, where he was promoted to 1st Lieutenant of the 4th US Artillery.

He was sent to Florida during the Seminole War on Quartermaster duty from 1836-1837, and returned again to Watervliet Arsenal on Ordnance Duty from 1837-1838. He was Assistant Ordnance Officer on the Niagara Frontier in 1838, then promoted to Captain and put in command of Mt. Vernon Arsenal, Alabama. He was charged with putting on order the armament of the Gulf Defenses from 1838-1840, and the New York ordnance Depot from 1840-1848, during which time he also served as Inspector of Contract Arms from 1840-1854, and was in command of Watertown Arsenal, Massachusetts in 1842.

Thornton was promoted to Brevet Major for meritorious conduct in 1848, served during the Dorr Outbreak in Rhode Island from 1848-1851, and the New York ordnance Depot from 1851-1854. He was in command of St. Louis Arsenal, Missouri in 1855, and was Chief of Ordnance, Dept. of New Mexico, from 1855-1857. In

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1858 he was a member of the Ordnance Board for testing the strength of heavy guns and gun carriages at Watervliet Arsenal, and was placed in command of the New York ordnance Depot as Inspector of Contract Arms from 1858-1861.

Promoted to Major on May 28, 1861, Thornton was placed in command of Watervliet Arsenal until 1863, during which time he was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel and full Colonel. Once again Thornton became Inspector of Contract Arms from 1863-1866. During this time he received a promotion to Brevet Brigadier General for faithful and meritorious services in the Ordnance Department on March 13, 1865. He was also in command of the New York Arsenal from June 1865 until his death on April 6, 1866 at Governor's Island, NY. He was 63 years old.

(Ref: Brevet Brigadier Generals in Blue, 1990, Olde Soldier Books, Inc., Rev. 1997, Page 615; and Biographical Register of the Officers and Graduates of the U. S. Military Academy, from 1802 to 1867, Bvt. MG George W. Cullum, 1868, D. Van Norstrand)

Sgt. Jacob Trask

Born: 1834 in Windsor, Maine

Died: July 1, 1863 from wounds received in battle at Gettysburg, Pa.

Buried: Section I, No. 2

134th NY Infantry

TRASK, JACOB.—Age, 28 years. Enlisted, August 21, 1862, at Schenectady, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. F, August 22, 1862; promoted sergeant, September 23, 1862; killed in action, July 1, 1863, at Gettysburg, Pa.

Note 1: Listed in the book "These Honored Dead" (John Busey, Longstreet House, 1988), pp. 157:

TRASK, Jacob (Sgt.) Co. "F": Killed 1 July; 28, Schenectady

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Pvt. James Turnbull (Carried as Trumball of roster of 18th NY Infantry)

Born: March 28, 1826 in Princetown, NY

Died: December 14, 1906 in Schenectady, NY of cerebral hemorrhage

Buried: Section M, Grave 137

18th NY Infantry (“New York State Rifles”); 121st NY Infantry (Otsego & Herkimer Regiment)

18th NY Infantry:

TRUMBALL, JAMES—Age, 28 years. Enlisted, September 28, 1862, at Albany; mustered in as private, Co. E, same date, to serve two years; transferred, May 10, 1863, to One Hundred and Twenty-first Infantry.

121st NY Infantry:

TURNBULL, JAMES—Private, Co. E, Eighteenth Infantry; transferred to Co. E, this regiment, May 11, 1863; wounded in action, October 19, 1864, at Cedar Creek, Va.; promoted corporal, March 1, 1865; mustered out with company, June 25, 1865, near Hall’s Hill, Va., as Turnbull.

Funeral Notice:

In this city, Dec. 14, 1906, James Turnbull, in his 78th year. Funeral Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 o’clock from his late residence 107 Lafayette St. Relatives and friends are invited to attend. Post Horsfall, No. 190 G. A. R. invited to attend in a body. Please omit flowers.

Corp. Alonzo Van Arnum (Carried on roster as “Alonzo Van Arnam”)

Born: 1841

Died: July 1, 1863 from wounds received in battle at Gettysburg, Pa.

Buried: Section I, No. 2

134th NY Infantry

VAN ARNAM, ALONZO.—Age, 21 years. Enlisted, August 26, 1862, at Schenectady, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. F, September 23, 1862; promoted corporal, no date; killed in action, July 1, 1863, at Gettysburg, Pa; also borne as Vanerman and Van Arnem.

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VAN ARNAM, Alonzo (Cpl.) Co. “F”: Killed 1 July; 21, Schenectady

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Capt. John Vedder

Born: 1834

Died: April 16, 1881

Buried: Section K, No. 83

18th NY Infantry (“New York State Rifles”)

VEDDER, JOHN—Age, — years. Enrolled, May 2, 1861, at Schenectady; mustered in as second lieutenant, Co. E, May 17, 1861, to serve two years; first lieutenant, December 27, 1861; captain, September 20, 1862; mustered out with company, May 28, 1863, at Albany, N.Y.; commissioned second lieutenant, July 1, 1861, with rank from May 2, 1861, original; first lieutenant, January 3, 1862, with rank from December 27, 1861, vice Horsefall, promoted; captain, December 15, 1862, with rank from September 20, 1862, vice Horsefall, killed in action.

Capt. Albert G. Washburn

Born: February 6, 1839 at Gloucester, Massachusetts

Died: January 20, 1863 at Falmouth, Virginia of typhoid malaria

Buried: Section H, No. 20

Union College graduate, Class of 1860.

134th NY Infantry

WASHBURN, ALBERT, G.—Age, 23 years. Enrolled, August 11, 1862, at Schenectady, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. H, August 12, 1862, as first lieutenant, Co. I, September 12, 1862; as captain, Co. E, November 24, 1862; died of fever, January 26, 1863, in camp near Falmouth, Va.; also borne as Washburne. Commissioned first lieutenant, October 1, 1862, with rank from September 12, 1862, original; captain, November 7, 1862, with rank from October 24, 1862, vice J. B. Vroman discharged.

Pvt. James W. Webster

Born: 1847 (**Note:** stone records birth year as 1849)

Died: January 19, 1908 in Rotterdam of apoplexy

Buried: Section N, No. 11, Grave # unknown, GAR Plot

153rd NY Infantry

WEBSTER, JAMES—Age, 18 years. Enlisted at Greenfield, to serve three years, and mustered in as private, Co. A, March 27, 1865; mustered out with company, October 2, 1865, at Savannah, Ga.

1st Lt. Albert Westinghouse

Born: 1843

Died: December 10, 1864 at McLeod’s Mills, Louisiana from wounds received in battle

Buried: Section L-2, No. 41

6th NY Cavalry (“Second Ira Harris Guard”); 2nd NY Veteran Cavalry (“Empire Light Cavalry”)

6th NY Cavalry:

WESTINGHOUSE, ALBERT— Age, 19 years. Enlisted, August 15, 1862, at New York; mustered in as private, Co. I. August 21, 1862, to serve three years; captured at Spottsylvania Court House, Va., April 30, 1863; paroled, May 5, 1.863; discharged for promotion, September 7, 1863, Special Orders No. 401, par. 15, Adjutant General’s Office.

2nd NY Veteran Cavalry:

WESTINGHOUSE, ALBERT.—Age, 20 years. Enrolled, September 22, 1863, at Albany; mustered in as second lieutenant, Co. B, September 22, 1863, to serve three years; first lieutenant, December 19, 1863; killed in action, December 10, 1864, at McLeod’s Mills, La.; not commissioned second lieutenant; commissioned first lieutenant, December 14, 1863, with rank from December 5, 1863, original.

From: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Luman L. Cadwell](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Luman_L._Cadwell):

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On September 20, 1864, Luman L. Cadwell along with another soldier, Albert Westinghouse, swam across the 150 foot Alabama Bayou near New Orleans in order to retrieve a small boat which his company used to gain access to a Confederate camp stationed on an island in the middle of the Bayou and destroy buildings, supplies, artillery and capture Confederate forces. Cadwell was awarded the Medal of Honor.

From: www.davidsonsraid.com:

The Battle of McLeod's Mill occurred on December 10, 1864, and was part of the much larger Pascagoula Expedition or "Davidson's Raid", which traversed much of South Mississippi in early December 1864. The goal of the campaign was to destroy and sever the Mobile and Ohio Railroad, weaken the defenses of Mobile, and divert Confederate resources away from General John Bell Hood's army outside Nashville.

When the fight concluded, three soldiers from the 2nd New York were killed, including Company B's 1st Lt. Albert Westinghouse along with Sgt. Theodore Moss and James Woods of Company A.

Particularly noteworthy participants were 1st Lt. Albert Westinghouse who was the elder brother of future inventor and industrialist George Westinghouse, and Major Seth Remington, who was the father of renowned western painter Frederick Remington.

Bvt. Brig. Gen. Joseph Nelson Garland Whistler

Born: October 19, 1822 at Green Bay, Wisconsin

Died: April 20, 1899 at Ft. Wadsworth, Staten Island, New York

Buried: Section P, No. 37

Graduated U.S. Military Academy at West Point, Class of 1846

Mexican War:

8th U.S. Infantry: July 1, 1846; 2nd Lieutenant,

3rd U.S. Infantry: January 7, 1847, brevet 1st Lieutenant for gallant and meritorious service in the battles of Contreras and Churubusco; June 6, 1852 promoted Captain.

Civil War:

13th US Infantry: joined regiment as Captain, May 14, 1861; brevet Major, December 31, 1864 for gallant and meritorious service in the Battle of North Anna, Virginia, from May 24, 1864; brevet Lieutenant Colonel for gallant and meritorious service in front of Petersburg, Virginia, from June 19, 1864; brevet Colonel for gallant and meritorious service during the Civil War, from March 13, 1865.

2nd NY Heavy Artillery:

WHISTLER, JOSEPH N. G.—Age, — years. Enrolled, May 6, 1863, at Washington, D.C.; mustered in as colonel, May 6, 1863, to serve three years; mustered out with regiment, September 29, 1865, at Washington, D.C.; commissioned colonel, April 24, 1863, with rank from April 14, 1863, vice Coggswell, resigned.

Note: After graduating from West Point in the class of 1846, he served in the Mexican–American War where he fought in numerous battles. He later was stationed in the area of New Mexico for about a decade where he fought in skirmishes against the Apache and Navajo.

During the Civil War, he was severely wounded at the Siege of Petersburg. He received his appointment as brevet brigadier general dated to March 13, 1865, for gallant and meritorious conduct during the war.

General Whistler was an Original Companion of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States - a military society for Union officers who served in the American Civil War.

He was the grandson of John Whistler, an Irish-born soldier who served under General Burgoyne during the Revolutionary War and was captured at the Battle of Saratoga. His first cousin was the famous artist James Abbott McNeill Whistler.

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Capt. Henry Crary Williams

Born: 1834

Died: December 16, 1919

Buried: Section L, No. 3, grave 269

61st NY Infantry

WILLIAMS, HENRY C. – Age, 28 years. Enrolled, August 30, 1862, at Knox, to serve 3 years; mustered in as first sergeant, Co. I, September 19, 1862; as second lieutenant, February 14, 1863; as captain, Co. H, April 17, 1863; mustered out, June 5, 1865, near Alexandria, Va. Commissioned second lieutenant, March 17, 1863, with rank from February 13, 1863, vice J.B. Hallenbeck promoted; captain, January 16, 1864, with rank from April 17, 1863, vice Chas. F. Ripley, resigned.

Sgt. Charles L. Worden

Born: 1835 in Schenectady

Died: May 14, 1905 of dropsy

Buried: Section N, No. 11, Grave # 36, GAR Plot

9th NY Heavy Artillery

WORDEN, CHARLES L.—Age, 26 years. Enlisted, August 12, 1862, at Auburn; mustered in as corporal, Co. I, One Hundred and Thirty-eighth Infantry, August 16, 1862 (which became the Ninth Heavy Artillery, December 19, 1862), to- serve three years; promoted sergeant, January 9, 1861; mustered out with company, July 6, 1865, at Washington, D.C.

Maj. Austin Andrew Yates

Born: March 24, 1836 at Schenectady

Died: September 28, 1921

Buried: Section S, No. 9

Union College graduate, Class of 1854

134th NY Infantry; 14th Veteran Reserve Corps

134th NY Infantry:

YATES, AUSTIN A.—Age, 26 years. Enrolled at Schenectady, to serve three years, and mustered in as private, Co. H, August 30, 1862; as captain, September 3, 1862; discharged by medical board, June 10, 1863, due to injury to eyes caused by shell fire at Battle of Chancellorsville; subsequent service as captain, 14th Veteran Reserve Corps. Commissioned captain, October 1, 1862, with rank from September 3, 1862, original.

14th Veteran Reserve Corps:

The Veteran Reserve Corps (originally the Invalid Corps) was a military reserve organization created within the Union Army during the American Civil War to allow partially disabled or otherwise infirmed soldiers (or former soldiers) to perform light duty, freeing able-bodied soldiers to serve on the front lines. The men serving in the Veteran Reserve Corps were organized into two battalions; the First Battalion including those whose disabilities were comparatively slight and who were still able to handle a musket and do some marching, also to perform guard or provost duty. The Second Battalion was made up of men whose disabilities were more serious, who had perhaps lost limbs or suffered some other grave injury. These later were commonly employed as cooks, orderlies, nurses, or guards in public buildings. There were twenty-four regiments in the Corps. These regiments were organized into one division and three brigades. In the beginning, each regiment was made up of six companies of the First Battalion and four of the Second Battalion, but in the latter part of the war, this method of organization was not strictly adhered to. **Note:** Four members from Company F of the Fourteenth Veteran Reserve Corps conducted the execution of the four conspirators linked to the assassination of Abraham Lincoln on July 7, 1865 at Fort McNair in Washington, D.C. They knocked out the post that released the platform that hanged Mary Surratt, Lewis Powell, David Herold, and George Atzerodt.

Narrative:

Austin A. Yates was a captain in the Civil War and a major in the Spanish-American war. Many men from this locality were closely associated with him while in service. He enlisted in 1862 as a private, but was promoted

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to lieutenant and then to captain and commander of Company H, 134th New York Volunteers. He served with this organization until he was discharged by the medical board for injury to his eyesight by shell fire at the battle of Chancellorsville, Va. After recovery, he returned to this city and reenlisted being made a captain of Company F, 14th Veteran Reserve Corps. He was later active with the troops in the Pennsylvania region and aided in the suppression of riots and trouble in various parts of the Keystone state. He then returned to Washington where he and the troops were engaged in a number of actions repelling raids and resisting skirmishes nearby.

After the war he brevetted major and was appointed assistant to the judge advocate general. He was mustered out of service in 1866. In 1880 with Oscar Shannon, Judge Yates organized William Horsfall Post 90, GAR of Schenectady. Yates served as chairman of the legislative military committee in 1888. During 1888 and 1889 he was also president of the National Guard. For 18 years he served as captain in the 35th N.G. Regiment and upon retiring from that position on April 9, 1895, he was given a commission as major in the Second N.G. Regiment, for services during the Spanish-American War.

During his years of activity in politics, Yates was a leader in civic movements in this city. He was instrumental in securing the erection of the present Union station and in the erection of the old brick station which preceded it.

Col. John B. Yates

Born: October 19, 1834

Died: October 20, 1899 in Schenectady County

Buried: Section S, No. 10

Union College graduate, Class of 1852

Captain, 1st Michigan Engineers, 1861

Major, 1st Michigan Engineers, 1863

Colonel, 1st Michigan Engineers, 1865

Participated in Gen. William T. Sherman's "March to the Sea"

YATES, JOHN B. – Entered service in Company A, Engineers and Mechanics, at organization, as Captain, August 22, 1861, at Albion, for 3 years, age 28. Commissioned, September 12, 1861. Mustered in, October 29, 1861. Commissioned Major, May 28, 1863. Mustered June 16, 1863. Commissioned Colonel, November 3, 1864. Mustered January 8, 1865. Mustered out with his regiment at Nashville, Tennessee, September 22, 1865.

Note: Albion is located west of Jackson, Michigan, in Calhoun County.

Ref. *"My Brave Mechanics": The First Michigan Engineers and Their Civil War*, by Mark Hoffman, Wayne State University Press, Detroit, Michigan, 2007, pp. 12, 13.

Ref. Schenectady County Historical Society Newsletter, Vol. 54, No. 9-10, Sept-Oct 2011, by Frank Taormina

Testimony to the service of John B. Yates by General William Tecumseh Sherman upon the occasion of Yates' death in 1899: "I well remember the First Michigan Engineers and its Colonel, [John B.] Yates. That regiment not only had to make its marches with the army, but very often had to work breaking up railroads and building bridges all day and catch up at night. Its journal of operations during the campaign in Georgia and the Carolinas, would illustrate the absolute limit of man for physical labor. I have sometimes reproached myself for cruelty in imposing, or allowing to be imposed, on it such hard and constant labors, and now desire to endorse this paper with an emphasis that will show that I was conscious of the fact. I will be much pleased if Col. Yates can be suitably rewarded for his past most valuable services." WILLIAM T. SHERMAN, Commanding

Pvt. Addison M. Young

Born: December 26, 1838 in Schenectady

Died: 1902 in Schenectady

Buried: Section K, Plot 19

134th NY Infantry; 9th Regiment Veteran Reserve Corps

YOUNG, ADDISON M.—Age, 22 years. Enlisted, August 26, 1862, at Schenectady, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. F, September 23, 1862; transferred to Veteran Reserve Corps, September 26, 1863.

Note: Brother of Daniel, Deodatus and William G. Young.

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Sgt. Daniel D. Young

Born: 1842

Died: 1908

Buried: Section K, Plot 19

134th NY Infantry

YOUNG, DANIEL D.—Age, 21 years. Enlisted, August 7, 1862, at Schenectady, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. A, September 22, 1862; transferred to Co. K, October 4, 1862; promoted sergeant and returned to ranks, no dates; discharged, June 6, 1865, at Albany, N. Y.; also borne as Joung.

Note: Brother of Addison, Deodatus and William G. Young.

Pvt. Deodatus W. Young

Born: February 26, 1836

Died: February 2, 1917 in Schenectady

Buried: Section L2, Plot 79A

134th NY Infantry, 5th Regiment Veteran Reserve Corps

YOUNG, DEODATUS W.—Age, 25 years. Enlisted, August 29, 1862, at Schenectady, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. F, September 23, 1862; transferred to Co. I, Fifth Regiment, Veteran Reserve Corps, January 1, 1865; discharged with detachment, July 5, 1865, at Burnside Barracks, Indianapolis, Ind.

Note: Brother of Addison, Daniel, and William G. Young.

Pvt. William G. Young

Born: 1844

Died: 1900

Buried: Section K, Plot 19

134th NY Infantry

YOUNG, WILLIAM G.—Age, 19 years. Enlisted, August 19, 1862, at Schenectady, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. B, September 22, 1862; transferred to Veteran Reserve Corps, May 4, 1864.

Note: Brother of Addison, Daniel and Deodatus Young.

Col. William Henry Young

Born: April 22, 1824 in England

Died: October 31, No. 876 in Albany, NY after being thrown from horse

Buried: Section G, plot 17

18th NY Infantry ("New York State Rifles")

YOUNG, WILLIAM H.—Age, 37 years. Enrolled, May 11, 1861, at Albany; mustered in as lieutenant-colonel, May 17, 1861, to serve two years; colonel, November 11, 1861; resigned, August 14, 1862; commissioned lieutenant-colonel, June, 18, 1861, with rank from May 13, 1861, original; colonel, November 15, 1861, with rank from November 11, 1861, vice Jackson, deceased.

Note: on cemetery card, "Thrown from horse and died, October 31, 1876, in Albany, NY."

Note: Gravestone provided by fellow co-workers at Rathbone Stove Works.

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AUXILIARY SECTION

WITNESS TO THE LINCOLN ASSASSINATION

Robert M. Fuller, M.D.

Born: October 27, 1845 in Schenectady

Died: December 27, 1919

Buried: Section M, No. 128, Grave 2

Graduated Union College, class of 1863

Graduated from Albany Medical College, class of 1865

From: Jessica Watson, MSIS, Archivist, Albany Medical College, from a biography written in 2010:

“Eyewitness to President Lincoln’s assassination in 1865 and inventor of tablet triturates, Dr. Robert M. Fuller lived a long and accomplished life. Born in 1845 in Schenectady, NY, Robert Fuller spent much of his career in microscopy and pharmacology. After studying chemistry and pharmacy in New York City for several months following his high school graduation, Fuller entered Union College and graduated in 1863. Following his graduation from Union, he entered Albany Medical College and studied as an apprentice to Dr. James H. Armsby, graduating in 1865. While a student at AMC, Dr. Armsby sent him to Virginia in 1865 to retrieve a badly wounded Union soldier to be cared for at the Ira M. Harris Hospital in Albany. On his way to Virginia, Fuller stopped in Washington and decided to attend a play at Ford’s Theater, where he witnessed the assassination of President Lincoln. After this experience he continued his task of retrieving the Union soldier in Virginia only to learn the soldier was too injured to be moved. Also, while a student at AMC, Dr. Fuller moved to New York City [1866] and began a medical practice on 42nd Street that lasted forty years. In 1878 he was credited with inventing tablet triturates enabling a new way to prepare drugs resulting in better accuracy in dosage measurement and becoming known as “the Father of Tablet Triturates.”

From: *The Albany Medical College Alumni Association Archives, “Giving the Past a Future”*; Winter, 2013, pp. 17

“While a student at Albany Medical College, Robert Fuller was sent to Virginia by Dr. Armsby to retrieve a badly wounded Union soldier. Fuller was tasked with bringing the soldier to Albany to receive care at the Ira M. Harris Hospital. On his way to Virginia, Fuller stopped in Washington and decided to attend a play at Ford’s Theater, where he witnessed the assassination of President Lincoln. After this experience he continued his task of retrieving the Union soldier in Virginia only to learn the soldier was too injured to be moved.

“Also at the theater was Major Henry Rathbone (son of Jared L. Rathbone, Mayor of Albany, New York from 1838-1841) and his fiancée, Clara Harris, daughter of United States Senator from New York, Ira M. Harris.* Major Rathbone and Clara were seated in the Presidential Box at Ford’s Theater as Lincoln’s guests. Following the assassination, Major Rathbone was severely injured trying unsuccessfully to apprehend the shooter, John Wilkes Booth. Rathbone survived and he and Clara married, had three children, and moved to Germany, where Rathbone served as U.S. Consul to the Province of Hanover.

“While in Germany, tragedy occurred when Major Rathbone, having suffered from a decline in his mental condition for years after the assassination of the President, murdered his wife, attempted to harm his children, and tried to commit suicide. Their children survived and were sent to live with their uncle in the United States. Rathbone also survived, only to spend the rest of his life in an insane asylum in Germany.”

***Note:** Ira M. Harris is interred in Albany Rural Cemetery, Menands, NY

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CIVIL WAR NURSE

Margaret Ouderkirk Huffmire Stevens

Born: 1826 in Guilderland

Died: March 8, 1894 at 316 Hulett Street in Schenectady of pneumonia (asthma) – Interred April 10, 1894

Buried: Section L, No. 2, Grave 49

Civil War Nurse

From obituary, paper unknown, April 12, 1894:

The late Mrs. Margaret Ouderkirk Huffmire Stevens, of Schenectady.

Schenectady, April 12. – a gentle and lovable woman and one of the most devoted nurses who cared for the Union soldiers during the civil war passed from life Monday evening when Mrs. Margaret Ouderkirk Huffmire Stevens answered the death call at the home of her son, William H. Huffmire, 19 Thompson street. Mrs. Stevens was born in the town of Guilderland in 1826. Despite her 86 years, she continued remarkably vigorous and active until taken with her final illness, which was pneumonia. She was a descendent of the colonial settlers and her grandfather, John P. Ouderkirk, served as a soldier in the Revolution. It is recorded that this patriot made the journey from Bemis Heights to Schuylerville in his bare feet, while the ground was covered with snow, and that for a time he subsisted on peas which he picked from feed for the horses, leaving the oats for the animals.

While comparatively young, Mrs. Stevens was married to Henry Huffmire, who died a few years later leaving the mother with three sons to rear. In 1857, Mrs. Huffmire married George E. Stevens. When the One Hundred and Thirty-fourth Regiment, New York Volunteers, left Schoharie in 1862 Mrs. Stevens accompanied the soldiers to the front. She had not enlisted as a nurse and while with the regiment served without pay. With characteristic motherly thoughtfulness she took with her a large trunk filled with linens and delicacies to be used for her soldier boys when needed. In the camp, on the march, or in the field, Mrs. Stevens was always with the One Hundred and Thirty-fourth, caring for the sick and wounded, encouraging the faltering, and even cooking when she believed that the token of a woman's hand might do good. She was revered by the soldiers and the Confederates addressed her as Our Yankee Lady. Her gentleness and devotion to the soldiers were rewarded with their greatest considerations and on one occasion when she went to the home of a Confederate family to get some milk for her boys, she passed unharmed and unchallenged where it would have meant death for a Union soldier to have ventured. Since the war Mrs. Stevens had been nurse in several of the prominent families of Schenectady and was held in confidence and esteem by everyone who knew her.

The near surviving relatives are her three sons, William H., John A. and Aaron P. Huffmire, all of Schenectady, two sisters, Mrs. Susan Fryer of this city, and Mrs. Mary Brown of Newark, N.J., and several grandchildren, great grandchildren, and even great-great grandchildren. The funeral was held from the late home Wednesday afternoon and interment was in Vale Cemetery.

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CLUTE BROTHERS FOUNDRY & THE USS MONITOR

John B. Clute

Born: January 28, 1808
Died: April 6, 1892
Buried: Section O, Plot 2

Cadwallader Colden “C.C.” Clute

Born: October 18, 1814
Died: August 16, 1876
Buried: Section L, Plot 114, Grave 10

Jethro Wood Clute

Born: October 19, 1823
Died: January 21, 1903 in Schenectady
Buried: Section C, No. 2, Grave 7

There were nine major subcontractors on the *USS Monitor* project, all but one located in New York State. The primary work for iron plate, castings, and fittings was contracted out to three New York rolling mills. Holdane & Co. (NYC) produced 125 tons of plate, and the Albany Ironworks and Rensselaer Ironworks of Troy manufactured hundreds of additional tons of hull plate and castings. H. Abbott & Sons of Baltimore rolled the 1-inch-thick iron plates for the turret that was then shipped to Novelty Ironworks in New York for assembly. Delmater Ironworks (NYC) and Niagara Steam Forge of Buffalo made the Turret’s port stoppers and flaps for the cannon’s firing openings on the turret. The **Clute Brothers Foundry** in Schenectady constructed the auxiliary steam engines for the *Monitor*, which controlled the turret and blowers, gun carriages, anchor mechanism and ventilation gratings. The Clute brothers firm became known to inventor John Ericsson because the foundry had previously built caloric engines of his design.

Ref. 1, pamphlet: “Troy, New York, and the Building of the USS Monitor”, by Stephen H. Muller and Jennifer A. Taylor, 2009, Hudson Mohawk Industrial Gateway.

Ref. 2, article: “An Ironclad Victory For Schenectady: Clute Brothers Foundry Helped Turn the Civil War in Favor of the North”, by Don Rittner, date unknown.

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