THE Mc ELWAIN FAMILY OF HASTINGS, MICHIGAN

Contributed by Charles O. Harthy - Hastings, Michigan

1 JAMES McELWAIN came from Ireland to America before 1727. He settled at Palmer, Massachusetts where he d. in 1730. He brought two sons, James and Timothy, from Ireland, with him. Children:

i James McElwain never married and returned to Ireland.
2 ii Timothy McElwain m. Anna Spear

2 TIMOTHY-2-McELWAIN (James-1) was b. in 1709; d. Sept. 7, 1790; m. Aug. 24, 1738, Anna Spear (1718-1746). Timothy bought a lot on the west side of Swift River, in Palmer, when he was 18 years old, and when he was 28 he m. Anna Spear. Children:

i Sarah McElwain b. 1739; m 1761, Timothy Ferrill
ii Betty McElwain b. 1741; m. 1764, John King
iii John A. McElwain b. 1743; m. 1779, Miriam Spear (2) Hannah Melvin
iv Timothy McElwain b. 1746; m. Jane Brown
v Samuel McElwain b. 1751; m. 1776, Sarah Ferrill
vi Anna McElwain b. 1753; m. 1778, Adonijah Jones
vii Elizabeth McElwain b. 1755; m. 17--, Israel Jones
viii Eleanor McElwain b. 1757
3 ix Roger McElwain b. 1759; m. 1790, Delina Hill

3 ROGER-3-McELWAIN (Timothy-2; James-1) was b. in 1759; m. Nov. 25, 1790, Delina Hill. Children:

i Miriam McElwain b. 1791
ii Ralph McElwain b. 1793
iii Timothy McElwain b. 1795
iv Sally McElwain b. 1797
v Arrila McElwain b. 1799
4 vi Lorenzo McElwain b 1801; m. Louisa Moore

4 LORENZO-4-McELWAIN (Roger-3; Timothy-2; James-1) b. 1801; m. Louisa Moore: residence, Centerline, Erie Co., New York. Children:

5 i Roger Delos McElwain b. 1828; m. Emily Jane Evans
ii William Dana McElwain; m Mrs. Axtel; one child, Ida
iii Delina McElwain died young
iv Lucina Elmira McElwain m. William Delos Lewis; res. Pekin, NY.
v Charlotte P. McElwain m. _____ Hamilton of East Aurora, N.Y.
vi Mary D. McElwain m. Irving Hiram Lewis of Buffalo, N. Y. Child, Columbia Pearl Lewis.

5 ROGER DELOS-5-McELWAIN (Lorenzo-4; Roger-3; Timothy-2; James-1) was b. Jan. 12, 1828, Erie Co., N. Y.; d. 1906, Hastings, Michigan; m. Feb. 17, 1857, at Penfield, Emily Jane Evans b. June 1, 1836, Cattaraugus Co., N. Y.; d. Sept. 10, 1902. Children:

6 i John McElwain b. April 14, 1858; m. Jennie Clark
7 ii Arthur McElwain b. Sept. 10, 1860; m. Celinda Barnes
iii Willis McElwain b. Sept. 10, 1862; d. May 1, 1863
iv Willard McElwain b. Sept. 10, 1862 (twin of Willis) d. April 28, 1863

BRISTOW	Father	1839-1915
	Mother	1849-1916
BROCKWAY	George H.	1886-1954
	Ethel M.	1895-1955 wife of George H.
	Floyd E.	Michigan, Pvt., 50th Base Hq., A B Sq AAF, World War II May 21, 1898 - Nov. 9, 1966
BROOKS	Matilda	d. April 27, 1879 ae 42-3-0, wife of Frank
BROWN	Orson R.	1858-1932
	Ena L.	1869-19

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A MISSING LINK

Contributed by Alexis A. Praus -- Kalamazoo, Michigan

This item was published in The Norwich Packet /Connecticut/, printed by John Trumbull, near the Meeting-House, Thursday, February 21, 1793, and copied from the Albany Gazette, which had published the following letter, dated January 26, 1793:

Mess Webster:

In giving the following a place in your paper, you will greatly oblige a forlorn and returned captive, who subscribes herself your very humble servant,

POLLY SMITH

I was unfortunately taken by the Mohawk Indians, about 18 or 19 years ago, and being at that time a child, I have no knowledge of my parentage or part of the country they belonged to except what I received from two young women who had also been captured, and with whom I fortunately fell in company, the evening after I was taken. They informed me that they were acquainted with my parents, and as we were kept together for five years, I became capable of retaining their information; which to the best of my present recollection was that my name was Polly Cooley, my father's Gideon Cooley, my mother's maiden name Betsey Stanley, and that my brothers names were Jacob, Gideon, and Calvin. I do not recollect that they ever informed me I had any sisters, or of the town, county or state I came from. The Christian names of these two young women were Betsey and Hannah, but their maiden names I do not remember. After five years captivity, they were most inhumanly murdered for Betsey's refusing to marry an Indian. After their death I still lived with the Indians about six years when I was sold by my Indian father and mother to a German, at Detroit. I lived with him very nearly six years, in which time I married John Smith of New England, and by him had two children.

In May last, my husband and eldest child were unfortunately drowned. I have since been travelling, seeking as yet in vain, for my parents or relations. I have some inclination of going up the Mohawk River, supposing I was taken from the counties of Albany, Montgomery, or Saratoga, but as the Indians would never give me any information on the subject, it is only supposition. I have therefore thought fit to publish these lines, hoping they will be copied into the different papers in this country, and that if I have any relations living, they may from the above narrative get information thereof, and should any claim me as a child, sister or relation, they can see or hear from me at Mr. Alexander Bryants, at the Saratoga Springs, about 36 miles north of Albany, in the county of Saratoga, where I shall remain till spring, when if not enquired for, I shall return to Niagara.

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v Dwight McElwain b. June 24, 1865; d. Sept. 10, 1867
8 vi Jason McElwain b. April 13, 1870; m. Lois Marshall
9 vii Mary McElwain b. September 28, 1873

6 JOHN-6-McELWAIN (Roger Delos-5; Lorenzo-4; Roger-3; Timothy-2; James-1) was b. April 14, 1858; d. April 7, 1923; m. Jennie Clark in 1885. She was b. 1862, dau. of George and Mary Clark; she d. 1941. John McElwain was honest and frank in his opinions, even to a point of seeming harshness, but no one could have a friend more true. He loved his boys and their friends and was a great favorite with the younger generation. He worked in the Auditor-general's office in Lansing for many years, and then went into a soft drink bottling business with a Mr. Sullivan. He lived at 1 Savoy Court. John and Jennie are both buried in Hastings. Children:

i Clement McElwain b. April 1, 1886; d. Sept. 31, 1931; m. Fay Martin; he was an advertising man; had one child which d. y.
ii Millard McElwain b. Dec. 16, 1889; d. April 3, 1917, in the flu epidemic; he was unmarried.

7 ARTHUR-6-McELWAIN (Roger Delos-5; Lorenzo-4; Roger-3; Timothy-2; James-1) was b. Sept. 10, 1860; d. Jan. 25, 1902; m. Celinda (called "Tin") Barnes. Arthur was a tall, well-built, handsome man with a charming personality, full of fun and life, and an unusually good dancer. Everyone liked "Kit" as he was called. He was electrocuted while working on a telephone line at Hastings, in 1902. Children:

i Gladden McElwain was a general in the Ordnance Department of the U. S. Army.
ii Blanch McElwain m. Charles Potts; one daughter, Virginia.

8 JASON-6-McELWAIN (Roger Delos-5; Lorenzo-4; Roger-3; Timothy-2; James-1) was b. April 13, 1870; d. May 20, 1938; m. Sept. 11, 1902, Lois Marshall of Nashville, Michigan. Jason was b. at Hastings and graduated from the Hastings High School and the Grand Rapids Business College. He was a member of the Hastings Masonic and K P Lodges, the State Grange, the Commercial and Rotary Clubs. He owned the homestead and farm of his father, where he had a fine dairy herd; he took many prizes at flower shows with his choice roses, iris, peonies, gladioli and tulips. Lois Marshall was b, in 1874; she studied at the University of Michigan, Kalamazoo College and Ferris Institute at Big Rapids. She taught at Hastings and Otsego and has been Vice-regent of the DAR. She was chairman of the Barry County Red Cross in World War I, and was, for three years, on the University of Michigan Scholarship Committee, and has always been interested in civic and church work. She d. May 14, 1966. Jason was manager of the Citizen's Telephone Company at Hastings for many years. Child:

i Emily Julia McElwain b. Feb. 3, 1903, Hastings; d. Jan. 12, 1965. She had an AB degree from the University of Michigan and a Master's degree from Northwestern. She taught in Royal Oak Senior High School for 7 years and in Hastings High School for more than 34 years.

9 MARY-6-McELWAIN (Roger Delos-5; Lorenzo-4; Roger-3; Timothy-2; James-1) was b. Sept. 28, 1873; unmarried; a talented singer, had a fine contralto voice; She retired from the Citizen's Telephone Co., after 42 years of service; resides in Hastings and compiled the material for this family history. Mary is a member of Hastings Chapter, O. E. S., the Methodist Church, and a life member of the Telephone Pioneers of America.

BIOGRAPHIES OF MONTCALM COUNTY CIVIL WAR VETERANS

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HENRY H. ARNTZ was b. Jan. 8, 1842, in Stark Co., Ohio, son of John and Betsey E. (Rice) Arntz, neither of whom were living in 1894. Settling in Montcalm County, Michigan, in the fall of 1853, he married at North Plains, March 4, 1866, Kate Kervin, b. Sept. 10, 1847, at Portland, Mich., dau. of William and Katherine (Matthews) Kervin, both dead before 1894. To this marriage were born the following children: Byron, Nettie, Levern, Estella, Willie, Lena, and Glen H.

Sept. 28, 1864, at the age of 22, a farmer in Montcalm Co., he enlisted from Grand Rapids, as a private in Co. F., 3rd Michigan V. I., 3rd Brigade, 3rd Division, 4th A. C. April 1865 he was sent to the hospital at Nashville, Tennessee, with a broken arm, and from there to Louisville, Kentucky, to Bull's Gap, in the next June; on the 12th of the same month he was honorably discharged at Louisville.

He fought at Decatur and Murfreesboro. His father was a soldier in the War of 1812. His grandfather served in the Revolution. Mr. Arntz was commissioner of Bushnell Township, and in 1894 was a veterinary surgeon, belonged to the T. J. Barrett Post No. 103 GAR, pensioned and postoffice address was Vickeryville, Michigan.

GEORGE N. BALL entered the service from Ionia Co., Michigan, a sawyer, 37 years old, enlisting Sept. 1, 1864, as a private in Co. D., 21st Michigan V. I., 2nd. Brigade, 1st. Division, 14th A. C. February 1865 his company was detailed for the capture of General Morgan; he fought at Bentonville and was given an honorable discharge at Washington, D. C., June 8, 1865.

Three brothers of Mrs. Ball, Charles W., Luther J., and David J. Bennett, were in the service; her step-father, John Zimmerman, and brother Charles were out in Co. H, 8th Michigan V. I., Luther in Co. L, 1st Michigan Sharpshooters.

Mr. Ball was b. May 2, 1827, in Schoharie Co., NY son of John and Margaret (Winegard) Ball, both dead before 1894. George N. Ball came to Montcalm County in the fall of 1863, marrying, Jan. 22, 1871, at Stanton, Louisa J. Bennett b. Nov. 18, 1839, in Cayuga Co., N. Y., dau. of Robert H. and Laura N. (Jackson) Bennett; her father was living but her mother was deceased in 1894. To George and Louisa were born the following children: John L., b. Sept. 14, 1871; and Laura E. b. Oct. 14, 1875. By his first marriage to Charlotte Dow, Mr. Ball had a dau. Adaline E., who was deceased in 1894. By a second marriage to Ruby Randall, he had a son, Charles H. Mrs. Ball also had one child by a previous marriage, Frederick A. Bennett, married (1894) and living in Washtenaw County.

In 1894 Mr. Ball was a member of Tom Custer Post No. 168 GAR, totally disabled, he was pensioned, and his postoffice address was Box 6, McBride, Michigan.

HIRAM BELCHER, a native of Jefferson County, N. Y., was b. July 4, 1824, son of Calvin B. and Sallie (Price) Belcher, both dead before 1894. He settled in Montcalm Co., Mich., in the spring of 1876, having previously married, July 4, 1855, in St. Clair County, Mary A. Blair, b. Aug. 8, 1825, at Pickering, Canada, dau. of Joel T. and Fenny (Henry) Blair, both dead before 1894. To them were born four children: Josephine M., William E., Philinda and Loring.

Mr. Belcher's soldier life began Feb. 16, 1862, when a farmer at Port Huron, Michigan, he enlisted at 36 years of age in Co. H., 10th Michigan Volunteer Infantry 1st. Brig., 2nd Division, 14th A. C. as a private, though soon promoted to corporal, then to sergeant and designated as color bearer to his regiment. He participat-

ed in all the battles in which his regiment was engaged, and was wounded at Waynesboro, through the foot, and in the head at Buzzard's Roost. May 20, 1862 he was sent to the hospital for two weeks, blind from the effects of poison. He was discharged from first enlistment Feb. 6, 1864, near Rossville, Georgia, re-enlisting the same day in his old command. He was furloughed for 30 days and rejoined his regiment at Detroit, the same year. After the Battle of Atlanta, Georgia, he was detailed for six days on special service, tearing up railroads, and received his final honorable discharge July 19, 1865, at Detroit, Michigan.

Two brothers were also in the service, Andrew Belcher in the 27th Michigan V. I. was killed at the Battle of Knoxville, Tennessee, and William in Co. H., 10th Michigan Volunteer Infantry. David Blair, a brother of Mrs. Belcher, served in the 7th. Michigan Cavalry, but his fate is unknown. Hiram Belcher also served all through the Mexican War with credit, and by 1894 was disabled from his various army service. He was then working as a gardener, a member of J. T. Barrett No. 172 GAR Post, pensioned, and postoffice address was Vestaburg, Michigan.

MOSES BENNETT was 30 years old, and a farmer, August 7, 1864 when he enlisted from Fair Plains, Montcalm Co., as a private in Co. A. 1st Michigan Engineers and Mechanics, 14th A. C., afterwards changed to 20th A. C. In April 1865, he was detailed at Moorhead City, N. C. unloading boats, cutting timber, and building commissary storehouses: previous to this, January of the same year, he was injured in the shoulder at the Battle of Savannah, and was in the hospital for three months. June 25, 1865, he received an honorable discharge at Washington, D. C.

Mr. Bennet was b. Oct. 10, 1830, in Scioto Co., Ohio, son of Noah and Rebecca (Wood) Bennet, both deceased before 1894. He came to Montcalm Co., Michigan in 1854, and married there two years later, Dec. 20, 1356, Susannah Sole, a native of New York, and dau. of Joel and Dorcas (Conklin) Sole, the former living, the latter deceased in 1894. To them were born these children: Adella, Ij, Joel S., and Omar L. December 1, 1874, Mr. Bennett m. (2) Lydia Dalrymple, widow of John Dalrymple.

Three brothers were in the service: Ira Bennett, in Co. B., 9th Wisconsin V. I. was killed at Perrysville, Kentucky; Harrison and Noah were both in Co. B, 21st. Michigan Volunteer Infantry, and were both living in 1894. Moses Bennett belonged to the Home Guards in Missouri, in 1862. Before 1894 hold held the offices of town clerk and school inspector, and in 1894 was Justice of the Peace for Home Township, a member of J. T. Barrett Post No. 130 GAR, unable to work, pensioned and post office address was Cedar Lake, Michigan.

CHARLES M. MOON was b. July 23, 1840 in Oneida Co., N. Y., but was living at Assyria, Barry Co., Michigan, engaged in farming, at the age of 21 years, when he enlisted Sept. 2, 1861, at Battle Creek, Michigan, as a private in Co. I, Merrill's Horse Regt. Cav., being promoted to Corporal. He took part in the battles of Memphis, Missouri, where July 18, 1862, he received a gunshot wound in the right arm. For this he was treated by a private physician at Benton Port, Iowa, but never went to a hospital. He saw service at Marion, Va., Saltville, Henry C. H., Abbot Creek and High Creek. He was honorably discharged from the first enlistment Oct. 12, 1362, at Sturgess, Mo. He reenlisted at Greenville, Michigan, August 19, 1864, in Co. E., 10th Michigan Cavalry. Dec. 9 or 10, 1864, he, with a comrade, was detailed to carry dispatches from Bean Station to Clay Springs at Stoneman's Headquarters, then went with Gen. Stoneman back to Knoxville, rejoining his regiment after three weeks. He was finally honorably discharged June 23, 1865, at Knoxville, Tenn.

His father served in the War of 1812, and was also corporal in the 184th Regt. 49th Brigade, 12th Division of Infantry of New York Militia, receiving his commission April 10, 1823. The following brothers served in the late war: George W. served in a New York regiment and died after the close of the war from effects of army

exposure. Martin Van Buren served in a New York regiment and was living in 1894. Two brothers of Mrs. Moon also served in the war, Granville Austin in Co. I, Sixth Michigan Cavalry, was taken prisoner at Gettysburg and taken to Belle Isle, Andersonville and kept for nine months; he died at Annapolis, Maryland shortly after being exchanged. Benjamin Austin served in Co. H., Merrill's Horse Cavalry.

Charles M. Moon was a son of George W. and Polly (Eddy) Moon, both dead before 1894. He married April 19, 1863, in Barry Co., Michigan, Minerva J., dau. of Calvin and Charlotte (Cobb) Austin, both dead before 1894. Minerva was b. Dec. 9, 1844 in Barry County. In 1894 Mr. Moon was a farmer, pensioned, a member of the Andrew Macomber Post No. 141, GAR and postoffice address was Lakeview, Michigan.

JACOB E. REAGAN, proprietor of the Montcalm House, Howard City, Michigan, was b. in Maumee Co., Ohio, July 10, 1837, but was living in Marion Co., Mo., at the breaking out of the Civil War. He enlisted from Quincy, Illinois, May 21, 1861, when 22 years of age, in Co. G., 16th Inninois Volunteer Infantry, as a private soldier, and was promoted to Duty Sergeant. May 1863 at Vicksburg, Miss. he was captured by a lieutenant of the Second Mississippi Infantry, while working for a comrade on the battle field, but made his escape the same night. He was honorably discharged Dec. 2, 1862, at St. Joseph, Missouri. He reenlisted Aug. 3, 1863 at Indianapolis, Indiana, in Co. D. 83rd Indiana Volunteer Infantry. He took active part in the battles of Monroe Station, Palmyra, Springfield, Lexington, Harris Bluff, Arkansas Post, Grand Gulf, Fort Gibson, Jackson, Champion Hill, Vicksburg, and received his final honorable discharge August 8, 1864, at Black River, Mississippi.

Mr. Reagan had two half-brothers in the war, Thomas Reagan and Enoch Jones. The latter served in the 34th Indiana Infantry and was wounded at Champion Hill; both were dead before 1894. His paternal and maternal ancestors were natives of Ireland. His father, Zatlock Reagan and his mother Susan (Emery) Reagan both died before 1894. Jacob was married in Cass Co., Indiana, Jan. 16, 1857, to Catherine Hyman who was b. Aug. 2, 1838, in Carroll Co., Indiana, dau. of Valentine Hyman. Both her parents were deceased before 1894.

Jacob and Catherine (Hyman) Reagan had the following children: Edwin E., b. June 4, 1866; Jesse C. b May 23, 1868; John E., b. Feb. 13, 1871; Ada R. b. Sept. 5, 1875: and Daniel A., b. Dec. 6, 1879. Their only daughter m. Fred Ensley. Mrs. Reagan was with him in the field during the term of his first enlistment and served as nurse in the field hospitals during all that time, about 19 months. Mr. Reagan was a member of the J. T. Jones Post, No. 252, was pensioned, and postoffice address was Box 308, Howard City, Michigan.

JOSEPH HANCHETT entered the service from Montcalm Co., Michigan where he settled in 1854, and engaged in farming. He was 27 years of age when he enlisted from Detroit, August 15, 1861, as a private in Co. D, 9th Michigan Volunteer Infantry. In the following December he was sent to the hospital at West Point, Kentucky, with typhoid fever, remaining two or three weeks.

Discharged from his first enlistment at Chattanooga Tenn., December 1863, he immediately reenlisted in his old command, receiving a veteran's furlough of 30 days, from which he rejoined his command in the following January at Coldwater, Mich., and was finally discharged at Nashville, Tennessee, September 15, 1865. He fought at Stone River, Chickamauga and in the Atlanta campaign. Three brothers were in the service. Alexander was in the same command; Grimes went out in the 17th N. Y. Volunteer Infantry, and in the 2nd. N. Y. Cavalry, and was killed in front of Petersburg; Enos J. served in the 2nd N. Y. Cavalry. Two brothers of Mrs. Hanchett were also in the army, George Husker in the 9th., Michigan V. I., died at West Point, Ky.; Harvey Husker enlisted but before he could be assigned to duty he was taken sick and died before he left the state.

Joseph Hanchett was b. May 16, 1834, in Onondaga Co., N. Y., son of Isaac P. and Lucina (Grimes) Hanchett, both deceased before 1894. He m. in Bushnell Township March 4, 1857, Angeline Husker, b. Sept. 23, 1839, in Lenawee County, Michigan, dau. of William and Mabelle (Walling) Husker, both of whom were dead by 1894. Mr. and Mrs. Hanchett had two children: Irving died before 1894, and Corrinna. In 1894 Mr. Hanchett was a farmer, pensioned, a member of Bacon Post No. 305, GAR, and his postoffice address was Sheridan, Michigan.

FRANKLIN J. SHAW was b. Feb. 8, 1845, in Lorain Co., Ohio, and came to Montcalm County, Michigan in March 1865. In 1894, his father, Winslow Shaw, was deceased, but his mother, Maritta (Hitchcock) Shaw was living. He was twice married. His first wife, Mary Thomas, to whom he was married Oct. 6, 1869, died, leaving one child, Lula B., b. Dec. 20, 1872. Aug. 12, 1883, he m., in Lakeview, Montcalm Co., Emma Martin who was b. in Allegany, N. Y., March 18, 1851, dau. of Melvin and Lydia C. (Pond) Martin, both living in 1894. They had one child, Earl W. Shaw, b. Nov. 16, 1889.

Franklin J. Shaw was a farmer when he enlisted Oct. 23, 1863, at Grand Rapids, Michigan, at the age of 19 years, in Co. E, 1st Engineers & Mechanics, as a private and was promoted to corporal. He had pneumonia and was treated in the hospital at Bridgeport, Alabama, March 1, 1864, for about three weeks. July 5, 1865, he was detailed to guard General Tower (Chief Eng. Mil. Div. Tenn.) Headquarters, Nashville, Tenn, until he received his honorable discharge, Sept. 22, 1865, at Nashville. He took active part in the battles of Averysboro and Bentonville, N. C.

His first wife had two brothers in the war. George Thomas served in the 69th Ohio V. I., and was mustered out with his regiment, and Bule Thomas served in an Ohio regiment and was killed in front of Petersburg. His second wife also had two brothers in the war, Alvin A., and Simeon Martin, the former in Co. D., 53rd Penna. V. I., was wounded and taken prisoner at the Battle of the Wilderness, was taken to Libby prison and never heard from afterward; the latter served in a Wisconsin Regt., was mustered out and was living in 1894. His grandfather, Samuel Hitchcock served in the War of 1812; and his great grandfather served in the American Revolution under General Washington, and was a personal friend of General Lafayette. Mrs. Shaw's great grandfather, Phineas Pond, also served in the Revolution under General Washington.

In 1894, Mr. Shew had been Justice of the Peace for four years, in Winfield Twp., received a pension, and was engaged in farming at Amble, Michigan, his postoffice address.

GILMAN J. WRIGHT entered the service from Elyria, Lorain Co., Ohio where he was farming when he enlisted at the age of 18, Jan. 3, 1862, as a private and musician in Co. B., 128th Ohio V. I. During all its term of service his regiment was engaged in guard and garrison duty at Johnson's Island. He was in the hospital there four weeks with mumps and cold, in the summer of 1863, and was given an honorable discharge at the same place, Feb. 28, 1865.

A brother, Charles H. Wright, went out in Co. I, same Regiment, and was living in 1894. Mrs. Wright's father, Erasmus D. Park, and her three brothers, Leroy, Jerome and Melvin, all served in the same command with her husband; Jerome died in the service; the others were living in 1894. Gilman J. Wright, a native of Lorain Co., Ohio, was b. May 1, 1844, son of Jonathan and Miranda (Cochran) Wright, both of whom were deceased before 1894. At Sandusky, Ohio, Aug. 4, 1864, he married Lois L. Park, b. Sept. 17, 1837, at Preston, Chenango Co., N. Y., dau. of Erasmus D. and Hannah (Crum) Park, the former living, the latter deceased in 1894 They had

the following children: Minnie E., b. April 14, 1865; Willard J., b. Jan. 30, 1869: and Charles G., b. Jan. 29, 1878. In 1894 Mr. Wright was Justice of the Peace, and had held all the township offices except treasurer. He was Commander of the J. T. Barrett Post, No. L30, GAR, pensioned, was a wagon-maker, and his postoffice address was Edmore, Michigan.

FLIXTON LUDDINGTON was b. Oct. 1, 1841 in Tompkins Co., N. Y., son of Stephen and Amy (Staton) Luddington, both deceased before 1894. He came to Montcalm Co. in March 1863, and married there, Nov. 4, 1871, Hannah S. Phillips, a native of Wyoming Co., N. Y., born June 24, 1837, dau of John B., and Sally (Pike) Phillips, both of whom were deceased before 1894. Two children were born to this union, Amy B., b. Aug. 26, 1872, and Lula L., b. July 16, 1874.

Flixton Luddington exchanged a farmer's life for a soldier's at the age of 21, enlisting from Tompkins Co., N. Y., Aug. 8, 1862, as a private in Co. F., 109th NY V. I., 1st Brigade, 3rd Division, 9th. A. C. He fought at the Wilderness and Spotsylvania, in which latter battle he was wounded by a gunshot in the right leg, May 12, 1864, and sent the next day to Army Square Hospital at Washington, D. C., where he remained until April 15. He received a furlough the following June for thirty days, extended to ten days additional to go home, and was finally discharged June 4, 1865. One brother went out in the 36th N. Y. V. I., was wounded and discharged for disability.

Mrs. Luddington had two brothers in the army: Wilber Phillips, 136th NY V. I., served through the entire war; and Joseph L. Phillips, 8th Michigan Cavalry, who was mustered out with his regiment. In 1894 Mr. Luddington had served as town treasurer for two terms, was a farmer, pensioned, and postoffice address was Amble, Michigan.

GEORGE L. PACKARD, a native of Wayne Co., N. Y., was b. May 24, 1844, son of James and Jane (Burt) Packard, the former living, the latter deceased in 1894. He came to Montcalm Co., Michigan, Oct. 11, 1870, having married, Dec. 24, 1869, Dorinda Morse, b. Jan. 2, 1849, in Genesee Co., Mich., dau. of George H. and Paulina T. (Ensign) Morse, the former living, the latter deceased in 1894. To this marriage were born these children: Rose b. Feb. 21, 1871; Louise S. b. Feb. 4, 1873; Jennie B April 26, 1875; Lena M. b. April 9, 1877; Ida E. b. Dec. 23, 1883; Percy A., b? Sept. 7, 1883; and Lewis R. b. Dec. 21, 1890.

George L. Packard, then a railroad employee of 18, enlisted in Wayne Co., Mich, in Co. D., 24th Michigan V. I., First Brigade, 3rd Division, 5th A. C., beginning as a private but was soon promoted to corporal. He fought at Fredericksburg, Port Royal, Chancellorsville, Fitzhugh's Crossing, Gettysburg, Weldon R. R., Beverly Church and Hatcher's Run. He was wounded at Alexandria, Va., by a gunshot in the leg; was sent to Baptist Church hospital at Alexandria, July 13th with chronic diarrhea and bleeding at the lungs, remaining until November 13, and receiving a furlough then from which he returned to his command Feb. 8, 1864. He was honorably discharged June 30, 1865. A grandfather on the maternal side served in the War of 1812. In 1894, Mr. Packard, a resident of Pine Township, Montcalm Co., was pensioned, and his postoffice address was Langston, Michigan.

ALBERT VINING was engaged in farming at the time of his enlistment, Aug. 4, 1862, from Mason City, Michigan, at 21 years of age, as a private in Co. A., 20th Michigan V. I., 2nd Brigade, 1st. Division, 8th A. C. In August 1863, on the march to Knoxville, Tennessee, while foraging, he was captured by guerrillas, but soon after made his escape before being taken to prison. He participated in the battles of Horseshoe Bend, Fredericksburg, Weldon R. R., Spottsylvania C. H., Cold Harbor, Petersburg, Siege of Knoxville, Vicksburg, Jackson, Miss., and the surrender of Lee

at Appomattox (an attack of sickness while on the march prevented Mr. Vining from participating in the battles of the Wilderness). He received his honorable discharge May 13, 1865 at Delaney House, D. C. He had three brothers in the war: Calvin S. served in Co. D, 27th Michigan Infantry, was wounded in front of Petersburg, and was living in 1894. Leander and Gustavus S. served in the 25th Michigan Infantry. The former died in service, and the latter after his return from service, from the effects of army life. His wife's grandfather, Peter Wood, served under General Washington in the Revolutionary War. Her father served in Co. D., 27th Michigan Infantry, and died August 1, 1864, from effects of service. Two brothers, Sylvester H. and Egleston Wetmore served in the war and died in service.

Mr. Vining was b. in Cattaraugus Co., N. Y., April 15, 1841, and settled in Montcalm Co., Michigan, in Sept. 1867. His parents, Jared and Ursula (Bryant) Vining, died before 1894. Dec. 25, 1866, in Lansing, Michigan, he married Mary A. Wetmore who was b. in Oneida Co., N. Y., March 24, 1849. Her father, Ambrose E. Wetmore d. before 1894 but her mother, Rachael (Wood) Wetmore was living in 1894. They had two children: Jay M. Vining b. March 17, 1869; and Ida M. Vining b. April 3, 1879. In 1894 Mr. Vining was a member of Andrew Macomber Post No. 141, GAR, engaged in farming, pensioned, and postoffice address was Lakeview, Michigan.

JOSEPH CHAPIN was b. Feb. 2, 1837, in Mohawk, Montgomery Co., N. Y., son of Levi and Eliza (Vroman) Chapin, the former deceased, the latter yet living in 1894. December 5, 1868, he m. at Fultonville, N. Y., Alzada Bentley, born March 8, 1840, at Slatersville, R. I., dau. of Gardner B. and Martha (Jenkins) Bentley, both of whom died before 1894. To this marriage one child was born, Mabel M. Chapin, b. Mar. 19, 1870, and in 1894, the wife of William Evans.

Joseph Chapin was a farmer in St. Lawrence Co., N. Y., 23 years old, when he enlisted Sept. 15, 1861, at Ogdensburg, N. Y., as a private, soon promoted to corporal, in Co. K, 60th N. Y. V. I., 3rd Brigade, 2nd Division, 12th A. C. He was detailed to the Ambulance Corps in the Shenandoah Valley, for three months, from May 1862. He was wounded at Gettysburg, July 2, 1863, and sent to the hospital at Bedloe's Island, N. Y., July 11th, and transferred to Fort Schuyler, David's Island, remaining eight months; but in the fall he was given a short furlough of 14 days to vote, rejoining his command at the end of that time at Stephenson, Alabama. March 28, 1864 he was discharged from his first enlistment, and reenlisted immediately in his old command. He was honorably discharged July 17, 1865, at Ogdensburg, N. Y. He fought at Harpers Ferry, Chantilly, Antietam, Chancellorsville, Gettysburg, Buzzard's Roost, Resaca, Dallas, Cassville, Bethesda Church, Kenesaw Mountain, Chattahoochie River, Peach Tree Creek, Atlanta, and Nashville, A brother, Enos, went out in Co. I, 102nd N. Y. V. I. and died in the Soldier's Home at Dayton, Ohio, from the effects of his army life. Albert Bentley, a brother of Mrs. Chapin, was conscripted into the Confederate army and died in the service from yellow fever; her grandfather, Benjamin Jenkins, was a soldier in the Revolution. In 1894 Mr. Chapin was totally disabled, a member of Cole Post No. 81, GAR, was pensioned, and his postoffice address was Westville, Michigan.

WILLIAM A. MARSH was b. Oct. 31, 1839 in Sandusky county, Ohio, and married, July 2, 1883, at Crystal, Montcalm Co., Michigan, Emma L. Green who was b. Dec. 27, 1867, in Gratiot County, dau. of Thomas and Amanda R. (Brown) Green, the latter of whom only is living in 1894. The parents of Mr. Marsh, James B. and Caroline R. (Barnes) Marsh, both died before 1894. Eight children have been born to this marriage: Martin J., William A., John G., Edgar C., Stella R., Thomas N., Ralger, and Anna A.

At the time of his enlistment Nov. 5, 1861, as a private in Co. E, 14th Michigan V. I., 1st. Brigade, 2nd Division, 14th A. C., Mr. Marsh was working as a farmer at

Bath, Clinton Co., Michigan. He was promoted to corporal and participated in the following battles: Farmington, Corinth, Lavergne, Stone River, Wayne's Spring, Lawrenceburg, Nashville, Brentwood, Kenesaw Mountain, Chattahoochie River and Atlanta, Georgia. He was in the hospital three months as Evansville, Indiana with typhoid fever, and at Jeffersonville, Indiana because of wounds in ankle received at Atlanta Georgia, August 7, 1864. He was furloughed in October 1862, for sixty days, rejoining his command at College Hill, Tennessee, in January 1863. Discharged from first enlistment, Jan. 4, 1864, at Columbia, Tenn., he reenlisted the same day in old command, and received his final honorable discharge May 5, 1865 at Camp Dennison, Ohio.

From the effect of sunstroke at Chattanooga while in service, Mr. Marsh lost the sight of one eye, and was otherwise badly crippled. His brother, Ezra R. Marsh, served in the 11th Michigan Cavalry and was killed at the Salt Works in Kentucky; his father was in the 1st Michigan V. I., Co. H, and was reported missing. His wife's father served in the 13th Michigan V. I. Co. C and was living in 1894. Mr. Marsh was a member of J. T. Barrett Post, No. 173, pensioned, and his address was Riverdale, Gratiot County, Michigan.

SOLOMON S. SHERWOOD was born August 21, 1827, in Niagara Co., N. Y., the son of Jesse and Lucy (Mead) Sherwood, both deceased before 1894. Montcalm County, Michigan became his home in 1857, and he married in Ronald Township, Ionia Co., Feb. 22, 1876, Betsey A. Baxter (maiden name Faulkner), also a native of New York, born in Chautauqua County, April 28, 1832, dau. of Welber and Elvira E. (Robinson) Faulkner, both of whom were living in 1894.

By an earlier marriage to Christianna C. Comstock, sister to W. H. Comstock, Mr. Sherwood had these children: Ellen M., Edward J., Charles F., Lucy B., Mary D., and Harry A. He was 38 years old, engaged in farming in Montcalm County, when he enlisted from Grand Rapids, Michigan, Sept. 8, 1864, as a private in Co. D., 12th Michigan V. I. He received an honorable discharge at Little Rock, Arkansas, Oct. 13, 1865. Four brothers of the first Mrs. Sherwood were in the service, Elijah and William Comstock went out in the 1st, Michigan Engineers; Roland and Benjamin Comstock in the 15th Michigan V. I. She had an older brother, Edwin, in the Mexican War. Mr. Sherwood's first wife was b. Sept. 18, 1825, married to him Oct. 11, 1849, at Jackson, Michigan, and died Feb. 15, 1874. In 1894, Mr. Sherwood was a farmer, was pensioned and his postoffice address was Palo, Ionia Co., Michigan.

JOHN VAN NORTWICK, was born in Fulton Co., Ohio, July 31, 1846, son of John and Sarah C. (Sweden) Van Nortwick, the former deceased the latter living in 1894. He m. July 4, 1868, at Morenci, Lenawee Co., Mich, Catherine S. Ely, b. Nov. 29, 1849, in the same county as her husband, dau. of William R. and Susannah (Carr) Ely, both deceased 1894. They settled in Montcalm County in the spring of 1888. They had the following children: Clarence L., b. May 3, 1869; Elbert O., b. June 30, 1873; Susan E. b. June 24, 1875; and Kearney E., b. August 5, 1883.

At 18 years of age, a farmer employed in Fulton Co., Ohio, Mr. Van Nortwick enlisted Feb. 4, 1865, as a private in Co. A, 189th O. V. I., Middle Division, 23rd A. C.. March 31, he was sent to the hospital at Baltimore, with chronic diarrhea and typhoid fever, remaining 10 weeks, and was finally discharged from the Summit House Hospital at Philadelphia, May 26, 1865. One brother, Abram S., went out in the 111th Ohio V. I., Company A, and was living in 1894.

Mr. Van Nortwick was a member of Captain Wilson Post No. 146, GAR, was pensioned, a farmer, his postoffice address was Six Lakes, Michigan.

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