

VETERANS BURIED IN OAKWOOD CEMETERY

Revolutionary War 1775-1783

William Gregory

(Information from Kathy Huff, his 4th great-granddaughter)

William Gregory was baptized 8 July 1764 in Trumbull, Fairfield County, Connecticut, the seventh child of Samuel and Naomi Barritt Gregory. He married Mary Sherwood, daughter of John Sherwood of Weston, Fairfield Co., CT, on 11 January 1787 in Weston. William served in the Revolution from August 24 to December 13, 1781, as a Private in Capt. Botsford's Co., 5th CT Regiment, as well as in Capt. Comstock's Co., Col. Sherman's Regiment, receiving an annual pension of \$20.00. After 1806, he moved to Perinton, Monroe Co., NY with his wife and their children: Eunice born 2 April 1788, William Sherwood born 9 February 1790, David born 24 October 1796, and Polly born 8 September 1798. Mary died in Perinton 13 May 1829 and is buried there with three of David's children. Prior to Mary's death, daughter Eunice had married Dr. Daniel Arms in Ontario Co., NY in 1809, David had married and these two children of William and Mary moved to Plymouth, Wayne Co., MI. In turn, William moved there in 1830 to be by his children and died there 4 October 1835.

War of 1812, 1812-1815

Joseph Allen

(Information from Debbie Blaske, Judy Hull & Judy Quinn)

Joseph Allen was born circa 1789 in Connecticut and was living in New York during the War of 1812. His wife's name was Hannah G. (maiden name unknown.) Their daughter Sarah W. was born in Ohio in 1827 and by 1850 they were living in Michigan. Joseph, while living in Northville, filed a military equipment claim with the State of New York for \$70.50 for reimbursement for clothing and other items he supplied himself during the war. Hannah died 20 Mar 1855 and is buried in Oakwood Cemetery. Joseph worked as a butcher while living in Michigan and died sometime after 1860, as that is the last record of him. He is buried here, but has no headstone.

Avery Downer

(Information from Debbie Blaske, Judy Hull & Judy Quinn)

Avery Downer was born 30 July 1799 in Connecticut to Elijah Downer and his wife Lucretia Hines. Avery served as a Private in Capt. McCarthy's Co. and Capt. Gad Ackley's Co. of the New York Militia in the War of 1812. He was awarded a pension for his service in 1871, at the rate of \$8 per month. Avery married Hannah Allen in Menden, Monroe Co., New York. They had three children, William Elijah, Alphonso Brock, and Delenya H. They moved to Michigan between 1836 and 1840 where Avery served the Plymouth area as a physician. Hannah died in 1871 and was buried in Oakwood Cemetery. Avery died 17 January 1875 and is buried here also, although he has no tombstone.

William Dunlap

(Information from Oakwood Cemetery Walk)

William Dunlap was of Scotch-Irish descent. His father, Andrew, had immigrated from Pennsylvania to Ovid, Seneca County, New York, near the end of the 1700s, purchasing land near Seneca Lake where he lived until his death at over 90 years. William apparently was born there in 1796. William enlisted in the War of 1812 before he was of age, serving at Sacketts Harbor and along the border, and was at Buffalo at the time it was burned. He received a land warrant for his service and a pension of \$8 per month. He married Sarah Nevius, daughter of John P. Nevius, in Ovid in December of 1819 and they had at least nine children. William first visited the territory of Michigan in 1825, where he considered buying the Cass farm in Detroit, land in Pontiac, Farmington, and the present site of Northville before returning home to NY. By 1831 he had sold his land in Ovid, however, and with his family and neighbors moved to Michigan, soon purchasing 160 acres on "section three, town one south, range eight east", almost the identical spot he had visited six years before, and moved his family into an old log house near the old mill. The Village of Northville was located on his farm. William rebuilt and operated the Northville Mills which he ran with generous consideration of the poor. He died 10 April 1878 in Wayne in his 83rd year.

Caleb Harrington

(Information from Debbie Blaske, Judy Hull & Judy Quinn)

Caleb Harrington was born in New York in 1783. His wife's name was Elizabeth Fulham. Caleb served as a Captain in the 2nd Regiment, under Col. Peter Allen, in the New York Militia during the War of 1812. His wife Elizabeth was granted 160 acres of bounty land based on her husband's service. Caleb and Elizabeth had at least five children. The youngest, Harry, was born in 1833 in Michigan. Caleb died on 30 Mar 1849 and Elizabeth on 12 Feb 1868. They are buried together at Oakwood Cemetery.

Robert Purdy

(Information from Debbie Blaske, Judy Hull & Judy Quinn)

Robert Purdy was born in New York in 1783. He served as Quartermaster Sergeant in Col. Bloom's 1st Regiment in the New York Militia during the War of 1812. He married Hannah Pratt and they had at least six children. Robert and his family came to Lyon Township in 1830 from Seneca County, New York. Robert and Hannah's son, William T. Purdy, owned and operated the St. Charles Hotel at the corner of Jefferson Ave. and Randolph St. in Detroit. Most of the family was living and working in the hotel in 1850. Robert, while living in Detroit, filed a military equipment claim with the State of New York for \$40.50 for reimbursement for clothing and other items he supplied himself during the war. Robert died in 1856 and his wife died in 1858.

Reverend Anson Sha, pronounced "Shaw"

(Information from Debbie Blaske, Judy Hull & Judy Quinn)

Reverend Anson Sha was born circa 1768 in Massachusetts. He served as a private in the 1st Regiment of Hopkins New York Militia. He first married Hannah Canfield and they had four children, Asa, Lester, Polly and Esther. Anson was a Baptist minister in Ontario County, New York, where his first wife died at an early age. He married 2nd, in 1826, Lucy Church. Anson died 15 May 1840.

Asa Sha, pronounced "Shaw"

(Information from Oakwood Cemetery Walk)

Asa Sha was born in 1791 in Hopewell Township, Ontario County, New York, to Reverend Anson Sha and his wife. In 1812, at the age of 21 years, he enlisted as a Private in Hopkins Regiment of the 1st NY Militia, serving under Captains Mower and Pullen, guarding the Canadian frontier from British invasion. He returned healthy to marry Betsey Post in 1815 and they had three children, Emeline, Cynthia and Lester, who survived to adulthood. After Betsey's death in 1827, he married Rebecca Carpenter Hawkins on 27 June 1828. Their daughter, Elizabeth whom they called Betsy, became one of Northville's early school teachers. Asa brought his family to Novi Township in the late 1830s where he first purchased land in Lyon Township, later moving to a farm closer to Northville, settling there before 1840, building a carding and cloth dressing mill on the river. Asa had a stroke in 1869, never recovered from another in 1870, and passed away 20 January 1870. His widow was awarded his War of 1812 pension in early 1878.

Asa Sloan

(Information from Debbie Blaske, Judy Hull & Judy Quinn)

Asa Sloan was born in Providence, Rhode Island in 1791. He married Charlotte Atwood and they settled in New York. Asa served as a Private in Capt. Harrington's Co., Hopkins' 52nd Regiment of the New York Militia during the War of 1812. Asa and Charlotte had at least five children, Oliver, Horace, Eliza Ann, Loretta and Phoebe. They had settled in Michigan by 1839, as their daughter Eliza was born there then. Asa lived a long life, dying on 24 September 1880 at the age of 89.

Oliver Whitaker

(Information from Debbie Blaske, Judy Hull & Judy Quinn)

Oliver was born about 1774 in Massachusetts. He married Lydia Robinson on 31 December 1802 in Attleboro, Bristol Co., Massachusetts. They had one child, Edward Oliver, born in 1820 in New York. While living in Northville, Oliver filed a claim with the state of New York for reimbursement of expenses in the amount of \$21 for items that he had supplied himself during the War of 1812. The 1850 census shows that he was a farmer. Oliver died on 17 February 1859.

Civil War 1861-1865

(All Civil War veteran information from TillieVanSickle)

Sylvester Babcock

Sylvester Babcock was 29 years old when he enlisted as a Private at Vernon, Shiawassee County, Michigan on 20 December 1864 in Company I, 30th Michigan Infantry. His discharge date was 24 June 1865. He was a stone mason in Northville, married and had five children. When he had an extremely painful, badly diseased hand that was lanced and treated with a poultice, Sylvester died of an opium overdose on 5 March 1878. Rumors started about the doctor using opium on his hand and "also encouraged him to take it internally which the doctor vehemently denied."

Alfred Beal

Alfred Beal was a resident of Wayne County, Michigan, when he enlisted as a private in Company K, 2nd Michigan Infantry Regiment in Kalamazoo 25 May 1861 at 20 years of age. He received a disability discharge at Fort Monroe, Virginia, 30 November 1862, and died 11 May 1863 when he was 22 years old. Prior to enlisting, he attended Michigan Normal College in Ypsilanti.

William J. Clarke

William J. Clarke was born 24 July 1842 in Ireland. He was a 2nd Lieutenant in Company C, 30th Michigan Infantry, enlisting at age 22. The Secretary of War authorized the Governor of Michigan to raise a regiment in Detroit to protect our border along Canada from Confederate sympathizers and rebel refugees who were becoming more outspoken, and it was feared they may raid our border towns. It was to be for a period of one year and William was mustered out 30 June 1865. The first election in the Village of Northville took place in March of 1867 and William was elected Clerk and re-elected the next year. He was active in the community. When the first baseball club was formed in 1867, he served as secretary, was on the 4th of July Committee in 1868, and was a bookkeeper, moving to Detroit where he spent the rest of his life. William died a single man at the age of 34 of consumption (tuberculosis.)

Eugene C. Clarkson

Eugene C. Clarkson lived in the family home at 34 Wing Street in Northville when he enlisted on 29 November 1862 at the age of 16 years in Company G, 14th Michigan Infantry volunteers. His unit was mustered 13 February 1862 at Ypsilanti and soon joined Grant's army at Pittsburgh Landing, Tennessee. The 14th participated in the siege of Corinth, Mississippi, later forming a part of General Buell's army. Eugene contracted malaria in July 1862 while his unit was at Camp Big Springs and he was hospitalized twice that year for malaria and liver disease. He was honorably discharged as a Sergeant in January 1865. After the war, Eugene opened a wallpaper and painting business in downtown Northville. His health was generally poor as a result of the disease he suffered during the war but he married and had five children. He died 13 December 1919 at the age of 74. After his death, his wife moved to California to live with their daughter.

William E. Downer

William E. Downer was born in 1833 in New York and lived in Plymouth, Wayne County, Michigan. His father, Avery, was a veteran of the War of 1812. William was a teacher when he enlisted in December 1863 as a Private in the newly formed Company L, 1st Engineers and Mechanics Regiment of Michigan Volunteers. At that time his Regiment was engaged in the construction of the Nashville and Northwestern Railroad from Nashville to Chattanooga, Tennessee, and in building storehouses and ordnance buildings at Bridgeport and Chattanooga. William was married to Gertrude and their children were William, Julia A., and Avery. In the late 1860s, the family lived in Wisconsin where he taught

school. They returned to Northville in 1872. William suffered from paralysis and, when his wife could no longer care for him in 1887, he went to live in the soldier's home in Grand Rapids. William died 15 June 1897, having spent the last ten years of his life there. He was sent home to Northville for burial in Oakwood Cemetery.

Leander W. Ferguson

Leander W. Ferguson was born in 1829 in New York. He lived in Wyandotte, was 32 years old, a farmer, and married with children when he enlisted in Northville as a Sergeant in Company D, Michigan 5th Cavalry in Au-

gust, 1862. He received several promotions during his service and was promoted to Full Captain on 13 April 1865. He mustered out of service on 2 June 1865 at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. Leander died of consumption on 11 April 1878 in Wyandotte at 48 years of age.

Harvey B. Goodell

Harvey B. Goodell was a painter. He was 25 years old when he enlisted in Jackson as a Private on 3 December 1863 in Company I, 22nd Michigan Infantry, joining the regiment in Chattanooga, Tennessee on 18 February 1864. He was reported as being sick at Jeffersonville, Indiana, and no further record has been found.

Alexander Hamilton

Alexander Hamilton was working as a hired man for a wealthy farmer when he enlisted for two years in Company M, 1st US Cavalry on 15 December 1862. He was discharged 12 February 1864 in Mitchell, Virginia, as a Private. He enlisted for three years the same day at Mitchell's Station, Virginia, his second enlistment in Co. M, 1st US Cavalry and discharged at Cavalry Corps Hospital in Winchester, Virginia, due to disease. He died in Depot Field Hospital there on 10 March 1865.

James Hamilton

James Hamilton, brother to Alexander, was born in Redford, Michigan. He was 18 when he enlisted in Company D, 6th Michigan Infantry, on 31 March 1864, serving with the heavy artillery unit. He was honorably discharged from the service in August of 1865 and moved to Northville where he had an oil wagon and was a peddler. James remained single and lived on Rogers Street. He suffered from rheumatism and chronic diarrhea as a result of his military service. He was 70 years old when he died in Northville on 9 March 1916.

Allen M. Harmon

Allen M. Harmon enlisted in Company D, 5th Michigan Cavalry as First Sergeant on 14 August 1862 at Northville for three years, at age 19 years, and mustered out 27 August 1862. He was discharged as First Sergeant to accept promotion in December 1862 and reported as Second Lieutenant, Company B, in January 1863. His death, now of Co. B, on 20 April 1863, occurred when he was killed near Fairfax Courthouse when "He was shot by accidental discharge of a rifle just as he rode up. The rifle lay on the shed and as Private William Perry of Co. B took it down it caught the hammer of the other one and it went off. The ball passing through the Lt's head. He never spoke." (From Lt. White's writings.) The Northville GAR Post 318 was named after Allen.

William H. Hastings

William H. Hastings enlisted in Detroit on 7 October 1858 in Company I, 1st US Infantry at age 21 and was discharged 7 October 1863 at the end of service at Vicksburg, Mississippi. He worked as a moulder. He was married when he died in Northville of apoplexy (stroke) at age 39 on 27 October 1876.

Edward S. Horton

Edward S. Horton was born in Massachusetts in 1844 and came to Northville in 1856. At 18 he enlisted in Company D, 5th Michigan Cavalry where he served until he was crippled by his horse falling on him when fording the river at Brandywine Station in Virginia in 1864 while carrying dispatches. He was a blacksmith before the war but was unable to perform that work after his injuries. Edward was Northville's postmaster for twenty-three years, as well as township supervisor and treasurer. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church and a Mason of high rank. He platted a large part of Cabbagetown and Horton Avenue is named for him. Edward's pension was granted 7 September 1865.

John Hughston

John Hughston was born in Oakland County, Michigan in 1845. He lived with his family and worked on their farm. He was 18 when he enlisted as a Private in Company H, Michigan 22nd Infantry on 14 August 1862. A comrade in his unit, James D. Hood, Jr., wrote a letter to his brother in June of 1863 from Nashville, Tennessee, in which he referenced John with "George and John have gone to Murfreesboro today to guard the cars their and back. We have to furnish for their and Franklin every day. We get all of the riding on the cars that we want. We have to ride on top of the freight cars. It makes it mighty bad when it rains." John was wounded on 20 Septem-

ber 1863 at Chickamauga, Georgia, and died of wounds on 9 October 1863 in the hospital at Stevenson, Alabama. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Northville. He is buried with his brother and grandparents, Andrew and Eleanor Van Sickle. His parents, Michael and Elizabeth Hughston are also buried in Oakwood Cemetery.

Achmed Lawson

Achmed Lawson was born on his father's farm near Plymouth in 1844. At 18 he enlisted at Northville in Company D, 5th Michigan Cavalry 1 August 1862 for three years. He was honorably discharged for disability at Washington, D.C. on 22 March 1863. Achmed was a farmer. After his return to Michigan, he married Sarah "Alice" Dean on 25 June 1868 at Northville and they had two sons. By the 1880 census, Achmed was listed as a retired farmer (age 36) and he died 30 October 1881 in Northville. He was 37 years old and was buried with his young son, Charles.

William J. Little

William J. Little was born in 1845 in Canada, the family coming to Northville in 1850. Toward the end of the Civil War, southern refugees in Canada were perceived as a threat to raid points along the border, so Secretary of State Stanton gave the Michigan Governor the authority to raise a regiment for home duty. Thus, in November of 1864, the 30th Michigan Infantry was created and, at age 19, William enlisted in Company C which was stationed in Detroit. William was a member of Northville's baseball team called "Eclipse," a member of the community band, and for a number of years he operated the opera house built by his brother, Sam. William owned property on Dunlap Street "between Center and Atwater" and for a period of time lived in the small yellow mustard mansard house located on Center Street. The home was razed in 1969 following a winter fire.

Hiram Lount

Hiram Lount was 18 years old when he enlisted in Company D, 5th Michigan Cavalry on 10 November 1862 in Detroit. He signed up for three years and was honorably discharged when his term was up 12 November 1865. Hiram was in the battles of Gettysburg, Wilderness, Spotsylvania and Cold Harbor as well as other lesser known battles. His regiment was the first regiment to use Spencer Rifles, a repeating rifle. Other regiments did not get them until the following year. Hiram's brother, Joseph, was also in this regiment. Joseph was 44 years old when he enlisted and also was the first man to be lost in the regiment. Joseph was taken sick and went to the regimental hospital where he died. He was buried in a coffin with military honors and a funeral service, a rare occurrence at that time. Hiram was a carpenter by trade. He was 76 years old when he died, his wife and two children preceding him in death.

Lester Clinton Lyke

Lester Clinton Lyke was farming when he enlisted in Company C, 30th Michigan Infantry on 27 November 1864. He was mustered out in June of 1865 when the regiment was disbanded. Lester married Sarah Luella Dodge and they had five children. When Sarah died, he married her sister, Nellie, and they had another six children. She, too, passed away before he did. Lester's home burned one night when everyone was sleeping. Although everyone made it out safely, they lost everything. The GAR, friends and neighbors helped them recover. Lester died 12 January 1918 at his home near the village of Northville, at the age of 75. He was a comrade of the local Post GAR and a member of the Northville Baptist Church. His pension was granted 14 July 1890.

Daniel H. Palmer

Daniel H. Palmer was one of nine children born to James Palmer and Rebecca Anne Clark Palmer. He had a twin sister, Elizabeth. The Palmer family farm was at the southeast corner of Nine Mile and Beck Roads in Novi. Daniel lived his young life on the farm, working the land as he got older. He belonged to the Baptist Church in Northville. Daniel was a single man of 26 when he enlisted for three years in Company D, 5th Michigan Cavalry on 14 August 1862 in Northville. He mustered in at Detroit on 27 August 1862. Daniel was taken prisoner at James City, Virginia, 10 October 1863 and sent to Andersonville Prison where he died of starvation on 16 August 1864. He is buried in the National Cemetery at Andersonville, Georgia, Grave Number 5852. The family put a tombstone there to honor him. Daniel's brother, Mortimer, also served in the war where he was wounded but did make it home.

Elias Perrigo

Elias Perrigo was born in New York in 1826. He was 33 years old, a painter who owned his own home, and married with children when he enlisted to serve three years on 14 October 1861 at Genoa, Cayuga County, New York. He mustered into Company D, 75th New York Infantry, 26 November 1861 as a Private. He transferred to Company K, 14th Cavalry on 10 February 1864. Elias

was a bugler. He was discharged, for disability, 7 July 1864 at Marine United States Army General Hospital, New Orleans, Louisiana. Elias moved to Northville after the war and worked as an ornamental painter and wall-paper hanger. He was in the Northville Band on tenor drum and started a dance school in Elliott Hall. Elias' pension was granted 29 September 1879.

Eli K. Simonds

Eli K. Simonds was born in 1828 in New Hampshire, making his way to Northville in 1855. He had a successful carriage business when the Civil War began. The town decided to raise Company D for the First Mounted Rifles, the 5th Michigan Cavalry, thus in August 1862, he raised a regiment of 100 men and was commissioned as their Captain. The citizens gathered at Buchner's Hill (site of the old high school) to bid the men Godspeed and a safe return. Captain Simonds mustered out on 27 July 1863. He married twice and had one daughter. He was greatly involved in the community as Village President for two years, trustee at different times and Vice President of the old Globe Furniture Company. He was successfully engaged in the insurance business after the war and was a valuable member of the GAR (Grand Army of the Republic) for many years.

William Slater

William Slater was born in England in 1831. He was 33 when he enlisted in Company F, 1st Michigan Engineers Regiment on 11 January 1864 and was discharged after the war on 3 July 1865 at Louisville, Kentucky. He returned to Northville where he worked as a wheelwright then later as a carpenter. William was married with three children. In September 1879, he attended the State Fair in Detroit with his son. They were staying at the Perkins Hotel when he disappeared and was found days later in the river in Wyandotte. His death was determined to be a suicide.

Eugene K. Starkweather

Eugene K. Starkweather was born in Northville in 1842. He was 19 years of age when he enlisted on 14 August 1862 as the wagoner for the Regiment. This was an important position as he was responsible for taking care of the team, properly loading the wagon with supplies, driving the wagon and making sure it got safely to its destination. Thrown from his horse, Eugene received injuries to his side for which he mustered out 25 June 1865 at Leavenworth, Kansas. He did receive a pension. Eugene suffered from rheumatism all his life. "King," as they called him, was a successful farmer, living on Seven Mile Road west of the Village. He married after the war and had four children. Two of his young daughters died of diphtheria within days of each other. When Eugene grew older, he moved into town, settling on Main Street. He was a member of the Soldier's Relief Commission and active in the GAR. He passed away in 1922 at the age of 79 years.

Perrin Wight

Perrin Wight enlisted 13 February 1862 in Company G, 14th Michigan Infantry. He was promoted to Full Sergeant mustering out 1 July 1865. He was a farm laborer and member of the Methodist Church in Northville. Perrin married Ellen Hatchin (previously married to Alexander Hamilton who died of disease during the Civil War) who had been widowed twice before marrying Perrin. He died at 39 years of age leaving his wife and three children. His pension lists daughter Vena as recipient.

Lester R. Withee

Lester R. Withee enlisted at Atlas, Genoa County, in Company K, Michigan 23rd Infantry Regiment on 11 September 1862. He was married with a child when he went off to fight in the war. The Regiment fought most of its battles in Tennessee and Georgia but ended up in North Carolina where he mustered out 28 June 1865 at Salisbury, NC. Lester was a blacksmith by trade and lived most of his life in Atlas. He had two more children after the war. He spent the last years of his life in Northville where he died in April of 1884 at 51 years of age.

Spanish American War 1898

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Frank A. Lewis

Frank A. Lewis was born 14 October 1875 in Northville to Orville M. Lewis and Mary J. Richards Lewis and died 28 August 1933 in Flint, Genesee County, Michigan. He spent his boyhood and early youth in the village, graduating from the high school in the class of '94. When the United States took up war with Spain, Frank enlisted in the Army. In active encounters in the Philippines, he barely escaped alive receiving a severe bullet wound in the leg which had to be amputated. At the close of the war, he entered the University of Michigan. His first year of law practice was in Northville and later he practiced in Flint, making his home with his brother, J. Clyde Lewis.



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