List of Chesaning Soldiers, by O. W. Damon.

Mr. Chairman, Fellow Pioneers, Ladies and Gentlemen: --Thirty five years ago on the ninth day of this present month the first company of boys that enlisted from the township of Chesaning, Mich., were formed in line in front of the old Chesaning Hotel -- where now stands the Central House -- preparatory to taking their departure for the seat of war to do battle for the cause of liberty and freedom, and the preservation of the Union. There were sixteen in this Company, most of whom had not yet arrived at the age of their majority, but who were full of patriotism and were anxious to go. A considerable number of citizens had assembled to witness the scene. Relatives and immediate friends were there with numerous mementos in the shape of needle-cases, pin-cushions, bouquets, etc., etc. Tears were seen profusely trickling down the saddened cheeks of mothers, sisters and --others, not because they were going to war, but for fear they might never return. The word of command "forward march" was finally given and the boys started toward St. Charles, thence by a small steamer down the Bad river to Saginaw amid the cheers, the waving of handkerchiefs, and shouts of "God bless you boys" of citizens on the one hand, and the tears and sorrow and saddened feelings of relatives and friends on the other, which made a scene never to be forgotten by all who were then present.

Subsequently at different times other boys enlisted as also did some men of families, some going into the infantry and some into the cavalry service, until we find that upward of fifty were accredited to the quota of Chesaning during the war. And be it known, and I say it to the credit of the citizenship of the township of Chesaning that every man was a volunteer. Some of those boys never returned. Some were killed in battle, some were accidentally killed, some starved to death in Libby prison, some died of disease before they reached the stage of action, others were discharged for disability, returning to their homes soon to die of disease contracted in the line of duty, while yet others who served out their term of enlistment and were honorably discharged, have since died, whose remains in several instances lie buried in Wildwood cemetery. And we now find by actual count that less than one half that number are now living. I have been asked by your committee to make out a list of all enlistments, together with a brief history of service, year of enlistment and discharge, present address of the living, etc. And your committee desire that this list shall be completed by corrections. Additions or otherwise by anyone present to be filed away among the archives of the township for future reference. The list alphabetically arranged is as follows:


Badgley, B S. Enlisted, 1861; Company E; Regiment, 14th Mich. Inf.; Discharged, 1865. Resides in Chesaning, Mich.


Curliss, Heman. Enlisted, 1861; Company E; Regiment, 14th Mich. Inf.; Discharged, 1865. Now living in Dakota.


Dupaw, Frank.

Fisher, J. L. Enlisted, 1861; Company E; Regiment, 14th Mich. Inf.; Discharged, 1861. Died in the west.

Gaylord, O. C. Enlisted 1861; Company G; Regiment, 3d Mich. Cav.; Died in St. Louis, Mo., 1862.


Goodale, Chas. Enlisted, 1861; Company E; Regiment, 14th Mich. Inf.; Discharged, 1863. Served as 1st Lieut. Died in Chesaning, Mich., 1868.


Hinkley, Andrew.
Hinkley, Seth. Enlisted, 1862; Company G; Regiment, 6th Mich. Cav. Said to have starved to death in Libby prison, Va.

Homer, L. L. Enlisted, 1864; Company C; Regiment, 29th Mich. Inf.; Discharged, 1865. Resides in Chesaning, Mich.


Jackson, Andrew D. Enlisted, 1862; Company G; Regiment, 6th Mich. Cav.; Discharged, 1865.


Miller, James. Enlisted, 1861; Company D; Regiment, 15th Mich. Inf.; Discharged, 1862.


Niver, George. Enlisted, 1861; Company D; Regiment, 16th Mich. Inf. Discharged for disability and died in Chesaning, 1862.


Patterson, E. J. Enlisted 1861; company D; Regiment, 16th Mich. Inf.; Discharged, 1864. Now in Insane Asylum, Pontiac, Mich.

Patterson, Ransom. Enlisted, 1861; Company G; Regiment, 3d Mich. Cav.; Discharged, 1866. Resides at Deer Creek, Mich.


Rose, John. Enlisted, 1861; Company D; Regiment, 16th Mich. Inf.; Discharged, 1864. Went west in 1868. Reported to be dead.


Schnazel, Geo. Enlisted, 1861; Company E; Regiment, 14th Mich. Inf. Killed near Atlanta, Ga., 1863.


Soules, Llewellyn. Enlisted, 1861; Company d; Regiment, 16th Mich. Inf. Killed in battle in 1863.


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