

# COOPER

## SOLDIERS AND SAILORS OF THE CIVIL WAR

### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES

On April 12, 1861 Fort Sumter in Charleston, South Carolina harbor came under fire. This rotation of fire marked the culmination of centuries of two cultures diversifying and six decades of congress's inability to overcome the political malfunctions that resulted from unequal economic strengths and conflicting views of humanity within our nation. Those shots were the ultimate expression of states rights aimed at a symbol of federalism.

We hope that we'll list every man from each town who was in the Civil War. Our research found no women. The list is to be inclusive, including men born here, or lived here before or after the War, or were connected by official records to our towns. Note: place of birth may be what each soldier gave when he entered the service, unless we have better evidence. We hope to tell about each before those shots were fired, where they were born, where they lived, and what work they did.

We will give information about their military service based on sources listed below. Occasionally this information is confusing, especially when several people with the same name appear in the records. I hope I've chosen the correct information for this paper.

Finally, what happened to each? Did they die while at war? Did they return home? Did they go west?

Civil War soldiers listed here where in the infantry unless so stated. Some were in the Light or Mounted Artillery; both terms are used in the records. All men served as privates unless otherwise stated. Place names are in Maine unless otherwise noted. Most men volunteered, but a few were drafted or conscripted. Most were single farmers or laborers: I listed only other occupations and noted those who were married. I used either the enlistment date or the mustered-in date. The discharge date may be date of order or date of actual discharge. Not all transfers are recorded.

These sketches were part of Special Issue 17 of the A-CHS Newsletter. That also included soldiers and sailors of Alexander, Crawford, Big Lake Township, Princeton, Baileyville, Baring and Meddybemps. Errors here are mine and I apologize for them. We ask for additions and corrections. John Dudley at A-CHS, 216 Pokey Road, Alexander ME 04694, did the research and writing.

Sources: Maine in the War for the Union, the Special Schedule Census of Surviving Soldiers, Sailors, Marines and Widows for 1890; Alexander Vitals compiled by Sharon Howland; The Maine Adjutant General's Reports; No Rich Men's Sons by James H. Mundy; The Civil War Almanac; census records; area cemetery grave stones; records at the Maine State Archives, records collected by Pliney Eugene Frost (1920 - 1997) and other A-CHS files; Early Princeton by Bruce Belmore; A History of Baring by Clifford Chase; Maine in the War for the Union by Wm. Whitman & Chas. True; The Story of the Maine Fifteenth by H. A. Storey; History of the 13<sup>th</sup> Maine Regiment (1898) by Ed Lufkin of Weld. Ken Ross shared his work Washington County Maine in the Civil War. It was of great assistance in this project. It is available on the web. The text connects Washington County to important events of the

War; it tells who from here was where! He also has a list of over 4000 names of men from Washington County who served. This is a valuable resource and interesting reading.

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Township 16 BPPED was incorporated as Cooper in 1822. Its population in 1860 was 468. An asterisk \* is found in front each who died while at war or as a direct result of the war.

**GEORGE B. ASHLEY** volunteered for a three-year term in the US Navy on November 17, 1864 NFI

\***ARIEL W. AVERILL** was born in Cooper ca 1830, a resident of Cooper and living in the house of Joseph and Dolly Averill; Also in the house was 17 year old Eliza Gardner, a domestic. The 1850 census lists a Ward W. Averill of appropriate age. Were these two names for the same person? Ariel was newly married when he enlisted on September 16, 1861. He served in Company H, 9<sup>th</sup> Regiment Infantry, Maine Volunteers. He was killed in action on July 18, 1863 at Fort Wagner SC.

\***STEPHEN W. AVERILL** was born ca 1835, son of Jeremiah and Mary Averill who lived on the Racetrack at the top of West Ridge in Cooper. He enlisted on June 14, 1861 in Company F 6<sup>th</sup> Regiment Infantry, Maine Volunteers (Pembroke Company). He was Discharged for Disability on November 19, 1862 and died April 16, 1864.

**THEODORE D. AYERS** was born on June 20, 1838 in Cooper a son of Simeon and Mary (Scott) Ayers. He was a half brother of John Munson listed in Alexander. Theodore lived in Alexander with his parents in 1860. On May 5, 1864 he mustered into Company I, 32 Regiment Infantry, Maine Volunteers, later he transferred to Company I, 31<sup>st</sup> Maine. He deserted on January 3, 1865.

**AUGUSTINE HAVERTY BABCOCK** was born in Alexander on July 17, 1840, son of Stephen and Betsey (Flood) Babcock. In 1860 he was living with the Hiram Munson family in Cooper. He enlisted on July 15, 1861 in Company F, 6<sup>th</sup> Regiment Infantry, Maine Volunteers. He was wounded at the Battle of the Wilderness and was discharged for disability in 1862. He re-enlisted on August 9, 1863 in Company F, 19<sup>th</sup> Maine, promoted to Corporal, and was honorably discharged on September 11, 1865 from Company F, 1<sup>st</sup> Regiment Heavy Artillery, Maine Volunteers. Augustine was a farmer with a wife Louisa in Cooper at the time of the 1870 census. He owned a place near James Niles house and the John Sprague place on Breakneck in Cooper. This was near where he had grown up on that same road. His Uncle Wesley Flood acquired the place from him in December 1879 and the Babcock family was gone by 1880..

\***WILLIAM HENRY BABCOCK** was born in Alexander on June 9, 1842 a brother of Augustine. In 1860 he was living in Cooper with the Paul Munson family. He volunteered at age 19 and served in Company F, 6<sup>th</sup> Regiment Infantry, Maine Volunteers. He died at Camp Griffin February 14, 1862.

**JAMES BAMFORD**, born ca 1837 a son of James and Mary Bamford who lived on Arbuckle Hill. He was a farmer when conscripted into Company B, 11<sup>th</sup> Regiment Infantry, Maine Volunteers on October 3, 1864. He was discharged by Order #77. Maine Adjutants General Report gives his name as Bradford.

**GEORGE W. BLACK, JR** was born in Penobscot and was married with at least one child when he enlisted at age 26 on August 11, 1862 into Company K (Eastport Company), 6<sup>th</sup> Regiment Infantry, Maine Volunteers. He transferred to Company D of 1<sup>st</sup> Maine Veteran Volunteers, was wounded on May 5, 1864 and promoted to Corporal on June 30, 1864. He was discharged on June 16, 1865. He lived either on the Connick Road or on the East Ridge Road.

\***THOMAS D. BRISLEY** was born in Lubec the son of Benjamin and Mary Brisley. The family moved to the North Union Road. In July 1862 at age 28 he enlisted in Company K, 6<sup>th</sup> Regiment Infantry, Maine Volunteers. He was wounded in elbow on May 3, 1863 at Marye's Height and killed in action on November 7, 1863 at Rappahannock Station. That was a deadly battle for the Confederates who lost 2033 dead and captured.

**HENRY J. BURBANK** was the son of Thomas and Harriet Burbank who lived on the East Ridge Road where he was born ca 1837. The 1860 census listed him as a tin peddler. He enlisted in Company F of 22<sup>nd</sup> Regiment Infantry, Maine Volunteers on September 10, 1862 for a 9-month term. He was discharged honorably on August 14, 1863.

**HIRAM F. CAREY** was born ca 1842 a son of Luther and Eliza Carey, long time residents of West Ridge. He entered the service on August 12, 1862 and served with his brother Martin in Company C, 1<sup>st</sup> Rhode Island Cavalry. He was wounded at Middlebury VA and served in the Ambulance Corps in 1862-3. He was promoted to Corporal before being discharged on June 6, 1865.

**MARTIN L. CAREY**, older brother of Hiram, was born ca 1836. He enlisted on October 11, 1861 in Company C, 1<sup>st</sup> Rhode Island Cavalry. He lost his arm at Rapidan Station VA and was discharged on December 24, 1863; he was a Sergeant. We find neither Carey brother in Cooper on the 1860 census or thereafter.

\***CHARLES L. CLARK** was a Charlotte born 21 year old farmer, resident of Cooper, when he enlisted on June 17, 1861 in Company F, 6<sup>th</sup> Regiment Infantry, Maine Volunteers. He was wounded at Yorktown and died on May 2, 1862.

**JASON L. DOTEN**, son of Ammi and Mary Doten, was born ca 1840 and lived on the Vining Road. He enlisted on November 6, 1861 and served in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Battery, Maine Light or Mounted Artillery. He re-enlisted on December 21, 1863 in the Maine Veteran Volunteers, was promoted to Corporal on July 18, 1864 and to sergeant in Maine Mounted Artillery. He was honorably discharged on June 17, 1865. Jason returned to Cooper. In 1870 he was married to Sarah and had two children and lived near Doten Brook on Route 191, Cooper Highway. He died on November 17, 1911 and is buried in a marked grave at West Ridge Cemetery.

\***JOHN W. DOTEN** was a younger brother of Jason. He was conscripted into Company G, 20<sup>th</sup> Regiment Infantry, Maine Volunteers on October 3, 1864. He died of disease on June 8, 1865

**WILLIAM B. DOTEN** was another brother of Jason. He was 19 and married when he volunteered. He served in Company A, 9<sup>th</sup> Regiment Infantry, Maine Volunteers and gave his residence as Baring. He re-enlisted on January 1, 1864 and was on detached duty after that. William came back to Cooper and in 1870 was living with his parents, his wife Elizabeth and their two children. William died on February 28, 1890 and is buried at the West Ridge Cemetery.

**HENRY H ELLIS** was born ca 1846 in Calais and was a resident of Calais when he entered Company A, 9<sup>th</sup> Regiment Infantry, Maine Volunteers on February 19, 1864. He was honorably discharged on July 13, 1865. Henry appears on but two Cooper census records, 1860 living with his parents Thomas and Rosanna, and again in 1900 with a 13 year old daughter and his parents with him. He had married Ida Bean of Calais on May 11, 1872; she may have been the mother of that girl born in 1887. He married Martha Libby on July 11, 1914. He died in 1918 and is buried at the West Ridge Cemetery.

**LEVI FLOOD** was 30 and single when he volunteered in the army on June 21, 1861. He mustered into Company K, 6<sup>th</sup> Regiment Infantry, Maine Volunteers on July 15, 1861. His two Babcock nephews also served in the 6<sup>th</sup> Maine, but in Company F. By 1862 he was a Corporal, later 1<sup>st</sup> Sergeant and was wounded at Rappahannock Station. He received an honorable discharge on August 15, 1864. He re-enlisted in Company H, 1<sup>st</sup> Veteran Volunteers on February 28, 1865 and was discharged on August 3, 1866. Levi and Mary Webber of St. Stephen were married on October 30, 1883; they lived in Cooper on the Green Hill Road. Levi died in 1891 and is buried in the Flood Family Cemetery on the Cooper Road..

**THOMAS L. FOSTER** joined the Navy in 1862.

**JEREMIAH FROST JR**, actually Jeremiah the 4<sup>th</sup>, was born in Meddybemps and a laborer. He was drafted on November 12, 1864 for 1 year and served in Company H, 11<sup>th</sup> Maine. He was a single, 21 year-old farmer at the time. He contracted typhoid fever. His term expired and he mustered out on November 11, 1865. He returned to Cooper where his family had moved when he was young. He married Mary Ann Bonney, they had no children but raised Freeman Purdy as a son. He died on February 7, 1914 in Cooper

\***STEPHEN J. GETCHELL** was 39, lived on the Racetrack, married with at least 3 young children when conscripted into Company B, 11<sup>th</sup> Regiment Infantry, Maine Volunteers on October 4, 1864. He drowned in the Appomattox River on March 19, 1865. In 1870, his widow Delia and son Waldo were in Cooper.

\***CHARLES E. HAYWARD** was the son of Henry and Azubah, residents of North Union Road. He was born in Cooper ca 1844. He enlisted in Company F of 22<sup>nd</sup> Regiment Infantry, Maine Volunteers on October 10, 1862. He died of disease on July 2, 1863.

\***WILLIAM H. HAYWARD**, older brother of Charles, enlisted in Co D 1<sup>st</sup> Regiment, Maine Cavalry on October 10, 1861. He died of heart disease on October 14, 1862 and is buried at the Military Asylum Cemetery in Washington, DC. Listed in Meddybemps Historical Newsletter issue #33.

**BENJAMIN HENDERSON** was born ca 1832 in Cooper a son of Benjamin and Mary Henderson and lived on East Ridge Road. He enlisted in Company F of 22<sup>nd</sup> Regiment Infantry, Maine Volunteers on October 10, 1862 for a nine-month term. His brother Levi volunteered the same day. Benjamin was discharged honorably on August 14, 1863.

**ISAAC N. HENDERSON** was a brother of Benjamin and Levi. He was about 35 when conscripted on October 4, 1864 into Company G, 20<sup>th</sup> Regiment Infantry, Maine Volunteers. Isaac was discharged by Order 77 on July 16, 1865 and returned to Cooper. He and Alma had 4 children by 1870. He died on July 24, 1900 and is buried at Evergreen Cemetery

**LEVI HENDERSON** was 21 when he enlisted in Company F of 22<sup>nd</sup> Regiment Infantry, Maine Volunteers on September 10, 1862 for a nine-month term. He was discharged on August 14, 1863. Later Levi was in Cooper with a wife Diantha and two children. The family moved to Tyler's' Corner in Alexander where five more children were born. Levi drove the Airline Stage was a blacksmith and farmer. The 1890 census reported that he suffered from fever, ague and rheumatism He is buried in the Alexander Cemetery.

**JAMES HICKEY** of Machias was a substitute for Paul Munson Jr of Cooper. Munson, a forty-year-old lumberman, was the widowed father of two when conscripted into Company B, 11<sup>th</sup> Regiment Infantry, Maine Volunteers on October 4, 1864. He paid the commutation fee and Hickey served in his place. William H. Babcock had lived with Munson before the war.

**JAMES R. HIGGINS** was a son of Nathan and Lydia Higgins of the Connick Road. He was 18 when he enlisted in Company F, 6<sup>th</sup> Regiment Infantry, Maine Volunteers on June 14, 1861. He was discharged for disability September 16, 1863. A stone stands in the East Ridge Cemetery for 'J. R. Higgins, Co. F, 6<sup>th</sup> Me. Infantry.

\***NATHAN HIGGINS, JR** was 44 and married with seven children when he entered the Army on January 4, 1864. He served in Company M, 1<sup>st</sup> Regiment Heavy Artillery, Maine Volunteers and died at Petersburg on October 1, 1864. His widow Lydia and children were not in Cooper by 1870.

**ELLIS L. HITCHINGS**, a son of Deacon Hiram and Mary Hitchings, lived on the East Ridge Road. He was a 20 when in July 1861 he enlisted in Company C, 6<sup>th</sup> Regiment Infantry, Maine Volunteers (Machias Company). He was honorably discharged on August 15, 1864.

\***HIRAM HITCHINGS** was a younger brother of Ellis. He enlisted in Company F, 22<sup>nd</sup> Regiment Infantry, Maine Volunteers on October 10, 1862. He died on April 21, 1863 at Baton Rouge LA. His name is listed on his parents' gravestone at Evergreen Cemetery. How many Cooper men served with him?

**DAVID HOWE** had gray hair when he enlisted on January 15, 1864. He had been born in 1821, was married to Charlotte Brown and had fathered seven children when he mustered in Company M, 1<sup>st</sup> Regiment Heavy Artillery, Maine Volunteers. His official record states he was killed in action on April 1, 1864. Actually he was seriously wounded, hospitalized until January 11, 1865 and discharged on September 11, 1865. He returned to Middle Ridge Cooper where he died on March 21, 1907.

\***EDWIN IRELAND** was 16, but the record states 18 when he entered the Army on October 27, 1864. He was a son of Abram Ireland who had lost his wife in 1859 (childbirth?). Edwin was in Company A, 1<sup>st</sup> Maine Sharp Shooters. He died at Augusta on November 6, 1864. Roll of Honor does not give his burial place in Augusta.

**REUBEN KEEN** was born in Alexander on August 1, 1833 to the widow Mary Bean. He married in 1855 Mary Bridges and they lived in Alexander. He was drafted into the 20<sup>th</sup> Regiment Infantry, Maine Volunteers on October 3, 1864. He actually served in Company A, 13<sup>th</sup> Regiment Infantry, Maine Volunteers. He was honorably discharged on July 16, 1865. By 1880 he, his second wife Susan (Bagley), nine children and two grandchildren were living at Keen's Corner, Cooper. Reuben died in 1914 and is buried at West Ridge Cemetery

**FRANCIS P. LANE** was born in Cooper on November 8, 1842 the son of Daniel and Temperance (Pettigrew) Lane of the North Union Road. He was almost 20 when he enlisted in Company F, 22<sup>nd</sup> Regiment Infantry, Maine Volunteers on September 10, 1862 for a nine-month term. He was honorably discharged on August 14, 1863. After his return he built a home at 324 North Union Road which stands today. On June 10, 1865 he married Eliza Strout. He died on February 17, 1904 and is buried in the family lot at the Evergreen Cemetery, Cooper.

\***JOHN MUNSON** was born in Cooper on October 27, 1836. By 1860 he was living on the South Princeton Road in Alexander with his mother Elizabeth, her numerous children and his stepfather Simeon Ayres. He enlisted on September 10, 1862 in Company F, 22<sup>nd</sup> Regiment Infantry, Maine Volunteers. He died of disease on April 29, 1863 at Baton Rouge LA..

**HENRY W. PALMETER** was the son of James and Lovina Palmeter of Cooper. He was born ca 1841, the oldest child. On August 25, 1861 he enlisted in Company G, 18<sup>th</sup> Massachusetts Regiment. He died of wounds on September 20, 1862 at Shepherdstown WV.

\***RUFUS D. PHIPPS** lived with his parents on the North Union Road; they were William and Eliza. He was born ca 1839 in Township #14. He enlisted in Company F, 6<sup>th</sup> Regiment Infantry, Maine Volunteers on June 14, 1861. He was discharged for disability October 16, 1862. He re-enlisted on March 16, 1864 in Company A, 9<sup>th</sup> Regiment Infantry, Maine Volunteers and died of disease on April 14, 1865.

**STEPHEN E. PHIPPS** was born ca 1841, a brother of Rufus. He was of Calais when he enlisted on March 16, 1864 in Company A, 9<sup>th</sup> Regiment Infantry, Maine Volunteers. We note that Stephen and Rufus enlisted at that time. Enlistments in the same company and regiment by siblings were discouraged by the Army, as were enlistments by neighbors. A single battle could devastate a family or community. Stephen was wounded at the Battle of the Crater near Petersburg VA and discharged for disability on March 1, 1865.

**THOMAS H. PHIPPS**, 22 a third brother, was of St. Stephen when he enlisted on September 21, 1861 in Company H, 9<sup>th</sup> Regiment Infantry, Maine Volunteers. He was discharged for disability on September 21, 1862.

**JOSEPH L. REED** was born in New Brunswick ca 1844. A resident of Cooper, he enlisted on August 1, 1862 in Company I, 6<sup>th</sup> Regiment Infantry, Maine Volunteers. He later transferred to Company C, 1<sup>st</sup> Maine Veteran Volunteers. He was discharged on June 16, 1865 and went to Port Orchard WA.

**HUGH ROBB, JR** volunteered and was enrolled in Company F, 6<sup>th</sup> Regiment Infantry, Maine Volunteers. He was born in Ireland ca 1832, enlisted in Cooper, but was a resident of Alexander. He was wounded at Rappahannock Station, hit in the left thigh, which fractured his femur. This happened on November 7, 1863. He was discharged for disability on May 5, 1864. He returned to marry and live at the north end of the Robb Hill Road, on the Baileyville side, where he died March 17, 1905.

**THOMAS J. SADLER** was born ca 1831 a son of Samuel and Eliza Sadler. He grew up on the East Ridge Road. He was married to Alice when he enlisted on June 26, 1861 in Company K, 6<sup>th</sup> Regiment Infantry, Maine Volunteers. His place of enlistment was Alexander. He was honorably discharged on August 15, 1864. After the war the family lived on the North Union Road where the Phipps family had lived. He moved to Calais and died there at age 72 and is buried at the Calais Cemetery.

**JAMES C. SMITH** was a son of Haskal and Deborah Smith of the Haskal Smith Road. He was 25 when he enlisted on December 28, 1863 in Company M, 1<sup>st</sup> Regiment Heavy Artillery, Maine Volunteers. He transferred to Company K, 3<sup>rd</sup> Battery Maine Light or Mounted Artillery. He was promoted to corporal. He was discharged on July 15, 1865.

\***JOHN H. SMITH** was James Smith's younger brother. He was conscripted into Company I, 20<sup>th</sup> Regiment Infantry, Maine Volunteers on October 4, 1864. He died of disease on July 10, 1865 at 21 years, 11 months according to a gravestone at the East Ridge Cemetery. That stone gives '12<sup>th</sup> Maine'.

**THOMAS M. SPRAGUE** was a son of John and Eleanor Sprague who lived on the Breakneck Road, but was born in Baring. He was 21 when he enlisted on August 1, 1862 into Company I, 6th Regiment Infantry, Maine Volunteers. He was taken prisoner at Fredericksburg. Upon his exchange, he re-enlisted and transferred to Company C, 1<sup>st</sup> Maine Veteran Volunteers. He was wounded and hospitalized in 1864. He was discharged by Special Order on June 16, 1865.

**WILLIAM T. SPRAGUE** was a younger brother of Thomas. He was drafted on October 3, 1864 and served in Company I, 20<sup>th</sup> Regiment Infantry, Maine Volunteers. He was honorably discharged on July 16, 1865.

**JOHN O. TUELL** born ca 1839, was a son of Aliather and Electa Tuel of Plantation 14, living next to the Cooper line. He was a lumberman. He enlisted on July 16, 1861 in Company F, 6<sup>th</sup> Regiment Infantry, Maine Volunteers. He was promoted to Corporal in 1862 and discharged for disability on October 21, 1862. Apparently he re-enlisted on November 1, 1864 in Company C, 1<sup>st</sup> Sharp Shooters and was discharged from the 20<sup>th</sup> Maine on June 21, 1865.

**CHARLES C. WATERHOUSE**, a son of Enoch and Eliza Waterhouse who lived near and ran the mills on Mill Stream (Grange Hall Corner) Charles was born in Cooper ca 1843. He mustered on December 29, 1864 into Company I, 20<sup>th</sup> Regiment Infantry, Maine Volunteers. He was discharged on July 16, 1865.

**WILLIAM HENRY HARRISON WATERHOUSE** was born ca 1842 a brother of Charles. He enlisted on September 10, 1862 in Company F, 22<sup>nd</sup> Regiment Infantry, Maine Volunteers; he was discharged honorably on August 31, 1863. The Waterehouse family disappeared from Cooper before 1870.

**CHARLES WATSON** was found according to the 1860 census at the home of Jeremiah Shackford. He was 17 years old and a farm laborer. He enlisted in Company I, 2<sup>nd</sup> Regiment Infantry, Maine

Volunteers on December 12, 1861. He was discharged for disability on March 4, 1862. He is not found on Cooper census records for 1870 or 1880.

**GEORGE H. WATSON** was born in Perry and a resident of that town. He enlisted in the Coast Guard on October 30, 1861 then was assigned to 1<sup>st</sup> Battery of the Mounted Artillery. He was wounded on September 9, 1864 and was honorably discharged on July 15, 1865. He first appears in Cooper on the 1870 census. His wife was Catherine and they had two children. They resided on North Union Road, about across from the school and in 1880 with his Aunt Mary Brisley (Thomas Brisley's mother). George is described as a disabled farmer. He died in 1921 and is buried at Evergreen Cemetery.