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purposes was \$17,017, besides \$3,592.10 voluntarily contributed by individuals, in all, \$20,609.10. The sum of \$4,514.71 was expended in aid of soldiers' families."

Provincetown had the first special town meeting May 2, 1861, at which strong resolutions were passed and ample provisions made for the enlistment of troops. Several meetings were held during the war; the contributions of the citizens for filling quotas were reimbursed, and the town sent to the service fifty-seven men more than were called. Three were commissioned officers in the service. The number reported by the selectmen was 247; but the number much exceeded that. The whole amount of money raised was \$37,452, and for state aid, which was reimbursed, \$7,368.24. It is also a fact that Provincetown paid to the families of volunteers double the amount reimbursed. The ladies of the town organized, in 1862, a Soldiers' Aid Society, which contributed \$2,291.65 in money and clothing. The exposure of this extreme portion of the Cape induced the government to erect earthworks, which were garrisoned by a company of volunteers.

Barnstable commenced raising troops early, and held its first special town meeting May 10, 1861. At this meeting liberal bounties were offered, promises were made for the support of soldiers' families, and money was placed at the disposal of the governor for the assistance of the troops of the state. On the 21st of July, 1862, still stronger resolutions of patriotism and aid were passed, and the bounties were increased. The work of the selectmen and clerk was most arduous, but was cheerfully accomplished. The number of men reported as sent was 272—thirty-five over and above all demands. The acting adjutant general of the state reported that Barnstable had underrated the number sent. Three of these men were commissioned officers. The sum appropriated was \$38,574.15, besides \$19,652.93 for state aid, which was refunded. The work of the Barnstable ladies was important. Three aid societies were organized—one each in its three largest villages—which contributed the sum of \$1,283, and many thousand articles of clothing, bandages and luxuries.

Harwich showed the same earnest determination by calling a town meeting May 10, 1861, at which resolutions were passed to place a coast guard of one hundred men, and raise money to pay bounties for the enlisting of troops. Several meetings were held during 1862 and the bounties were increased; committees were appointed to recruit men and assist the selectmen; and a very liberal appropriation of money was made. In the meeting of November 7, 1865, the town voted "that the selectmen treat all widows in town whose husbands have fallen in the war, with especial benevolence, and, if they have no house, see that they have a home outside of the almshouse." This was very commendable. The town furnished 341 men—a surplus of

## REBELLION OF 1861--1865.

When the first call was made for men to put down the rebellion, some of the Provincetown boys were the first to enlist and quite a number enrolled as nine months' men. All through those dark days they could be found at their posts, never shirking duty, and bravely, whenever called upon to act, proudly defended their country's flag. There was hardly a battle fought, but old Cape Cod, if not Provincetown in particular, was represented. In the navy, also, were some of the best volunteer officers, who had been reared on board her fishing fleets, and Commodore Farragut, in an official report, makes special mention of a Provincetown boy.

In that memorable battle, at the mouth of the James River, off Newport News, between the Rebel ram Merrimac and the Union fleet, when the Comberland sank, a Provincetown boy went down in her, fighting his gun manfully to the last. His name was Josiah C. Freeman and to his memory Post G. A. R. have named their Post for him.

The first one who went from this town was Edward Clark, but whose commission as master's mate bears

date May 14th, 1861. He was ordered to the brig Bainbridge, then on the South American Station. The first to go in the army was George E. Crocker, who was mustered into service in the 29th Regiment, Massachusetts Volunteers, May 18th, 1861. He was taken sick in the service and died in 1863; his body was brought here and now lies beneath the shadow of the monument.

This town furnished for the war three hundred men, which was fifty-seven men more than her quota and expended in money \$37,452.

The names of those that were killed or died from disease in the line of duty, are as follows:

### ARMY.

Thomas J. Gibbons, George Lockwood, Henry A. Smith, George E. Crocker, Jeremiah Bennett, Elkanah Smith, Taylor Small, Jr., John C. Lurten, John W. Hobbins, John R. Smith, Solomon R. Higgins, Joseph King.

### NAVY.

Josiah C. Freeman, Samuel T. Paine, William E. Tupper, John W. Small, William C. Chipman, Asa A. Franzen.

There had been an Army and Navy Association here for some time, but a charter was obtained and the J. C. Freeman Post 55, G. A. R., was organized with twenty charter members on September 23d,

1884. Since its organization up to January 1st, 1890, it has lost but three members, one by death, one by removal to another state, and one that had formerly been in the navy was discharged.

The Post has a well-furnished room in the Freeman Library building, and holds weekly meetings. The present officers of the Post are:

Commander	Joshua Cook,
S. V. C.	J. Harvey Dearborn
J. V. C.	Freeman A. Smith
Quarter Master	Seth Smith
Adjutant	George W. Holbrook
Officer of the Day	Charles W. Burkett
Chaplain	Byley Lyford
Surgeon	Samuel Knowles
Officer of the Guard	Thomas Lowe
Q. M. Sergeant	Paron C. Young
Sergeant Major	David Cook
Delegate to Dep. Con.	H. P. Hughes
Alternate	George W. Holbrook

The Post now numbers fifty members, whose record as copied from their roster is as follows:

George H. Nickerson was born in Centerville, Massachusetts, 1835; enlisted as private in Company E., forty-third Reg. Mass. Voluntary Infantry, was promoted to a Lieutenancy. Discharged at the expiration of service, July 30th, 1863. Present Resi-

dence, Provincetown; occupation, photographer.

George Allen was born in Provincetown, 1844. entered the service in Company I. third Mass. Cavalry, rose to the rank of Sergeant was discharged; September 28th, 1865; at the expiration of service; present residence, Provincetown; occupation, lumber dealer.

Joshua Cook born in Provincetown, 1843; entered the United States Navy as master mate promoted to Acting Ensign. Discharged at his own request. Residence, Provincetown; occupation, ship carpenter.

Freeman A. Smith born in Provincetown, 1833; enlisted as private in Company H. fifty-fifth Mass. Infantry. Discharged July 14th, 1865; at the expiration of service. Residence, Provincetown; occupation, janitor.

Alexander Gayland born in Bath, North Carolina, August 17th, 1828; enlisted as private in Company I. forty-seventh Mass. Infantry. Discharged September 1st, 1863; at the expiration of service. Residence, Provincetown; occupation, machanic and contractor.

J. Harvey Dearborn born in South Ware, N. H., March 15th, 1831; enlisted as private in Company G. 16th N. H. Infantry. Discharged August 20th, 1863; at the expiration of service. Residence

Provincetown; occupation, paper hanger and dealer in periodicals.

Seth Smith born in Baldwin, Maine, March 20th, 1837; entered the service as private March 11th, 1864; in the sixteenth Mass. St. Art. attached to the twenty-second Army Corps, was at the defence of Washington during the three days' fight with the Rebel General Early in his attack upon the forts. Discharged as Corporal June 27th, 1865; at the expiration of service. Residence, Provincetown; occupation, town clerk and treasurer.

Raymond Ellington born in Lexington, Kentucky, 1841; enlisted as private in Company A. thirty-third Mass. Infantry, August 5th, 1862; was transferred to the third Mass. Cavalry, promoted to Adjutant; resigned February 5th, 1865. Residence, Provincetown; occupation, depot master, Old Colony Railroad.

William H. Hammond born in Busselton, Pennsylvania, 1821; enlisted as private in Company H. fifty-sixth Mass. Infantry. Discharged January 30th, 1865; for disability. Residence, Provincetown; occupation, landscape gardener, and is a pensioner.

Paron C. Young born in Provincetown, 1838; entered service as private in Company I, 3d Mass. Cavalry June 4th, 1864. Was present during the "Wilderness" fight, and was shot through the throat by a minie-ball, at the battle of Cedar Creek, Virginia;

was discharged on account of wound, July 2nd, 1865, Residence, Provincetown; occupation, postmaster, and is a pensioner.

Nathan S. Hudson born in Provincetown, 1837; entered the service as private in Company H., fifty-sixth Mass. Infantry, June 4th, 1864. Discharged May 18th, 1865, for disability. Residence, Provincetown; occupation, laborer, and is a pensioner.

Charles W. Burkett born in Provincetown, 1844; enlisted as private in Company H. fifty-sixth Mass. Infantry. Discharged on surgeon's certificate of disability, June 15th, 1865. Residence, Provincetown; occupation, mechanic and dealer in pumps.

John Connelly born in Galway, Ireland, 1820; enlisted in the army, was assigned to Company C, twenty-second Mass. Infantry; was transferred to the Navy, and discharged for disability September 1st, 1865; is an invalid pensioner. Residence, Provincetown.

David Cook born in Provincetown, 1837; enlisted as private in Company E, forty-third Mass. Infantry, September 26th, 1862; re-enlisted in Company A. third Mass. Cavalry, was discharged September 28th, 1865, at the expiration of service. Residence, Provincetown; occupation, book agent.

Joseph P. Bickers born in Nova Scotia, 1835; enlisted September 8th, 1862; Company K. fiftieth Reg. Mass. Infantry. Discharged at expiration of

service, August 24th, 1863. Time of service, nine months. Residence, Provincetown; occupation, ship joiner.

Michael A. Parker born in Provincetown; entered the service as private in Company H, fifty-sixth Reg. Mass. Infantry, January 4th, 1864. Discharged May 24th, 1865, at expiration of service. Residence, Provincetown; occupation, wood sawyer, and is a pensioner.

Manuel Williams born in Pico, Azor Islands, 1821, entered the service as private in Company H, fifty-sixth Reg. Mass. Infantry, was promoted to corporal. Discharged at the expiration of service. Residence, Provincetown; occupation, fisherman.

George W. Holbrook born in East Boston, April; 23d, 1844; enlisted as private in Company C, twenty-fifth Reg. Mass. Infantry, October 30, 1861; promoted to corporal. Discharged December 16th, 1863; re-enlisted December 17th, 1863, in Company A. Veterans, promoted to sergeant, was mustered out at the close of the war July 30th, 1865. Residence, Provincetown; occupation, passenger conductor Old Colony Railroad.

Charles C. Wyman born in Manchester, N. H., 1857; entered service as drummer boy of Company K, sixth N. H. Infantry. Discharged July 15th, 1865, at the close of the war. Residence, Provincetown; occupation, section boss Old Colony Railroad.

James R. Atwood born in Provincetown, 1846; entered the Navy as landsman April 29th, 1861; was on board the Frigate Congress in the fight with the Rebel Ram Merrimac, off Newport News, when the Congress was sunk. Discharged February 18th, 1863. Residence, Provincetown; occupation, master mariner.

Nathaniel W. Freeman born in Provincetown, 1842; entered the navy February 12th, 1864; as master's mate, served till May 17th, 1865 and resigned. Residence Provincetown; occupation, mariner.

Charles H. Marston born in Barnstable, 1842; entered the service as private in Company A, third Mass. Cavalry, January 4th, 1864. Discharged September 28th, 1865, at expiration of service. Residence, Provincetown; occupation, master mariner; employed in the whaling business.

Reuben W. Rich born in Provincetown, 1832; entered the service as private in Company H, fifty-sixth Mass. Infantry, February 17th, 1864. Discharged July 21st, 1865; expiration of service. Residence, Provincetown; occupation, mariner.

Samuel Knowles born in Truro, February 26th, 1831; mustered into service July 27th, 1862, in Company A, thirty-third Reg. Mass. Infantry. Discharged May 24th, 1863, for disability. Residence, Provincetown; occupation, dealer in flour and grain, and keeper of livery.

John P. Grozier born in Truro, 1840 ; entered the service September 20th, 1862, as private in Company E, forty-third Reg. Mass. Infantry. Discharged at expiration of service July 30th, 1863. Residence, Truro ; occupation, farmer.

William W. Smith born in Barnstable, 1826 ; entered the service as private in Company I, forty-seventh Reg. Mass. Infantry ; promoted to corporal. Discharged September 1st, 1863, at expiration of service. Residence, Provincetown ; occupation, boat builder.

Byley Lyford born in Dover, Me., August 1st, 1832 ; enlisted as private in Company K, thirty-fifth Reg. Mass. Infantry August 1st, 1862 ; was at the battle of South Mountain, September 14th, 1862 ; at Anitetam September 17th, 1862 ; and in that battle was wounded in the arm by a bullet. Discharged by reason of the wound December 7th, 1862. Residence, Provincetown ; occupation, house carpenter.

Philip Freeman born in Fayal, Azorean Islands, 1846 ; entered the service as private in Company I, fifty-sixth Reg. Mass. Infantry. Discharged at expiration of service, May 29th, 1865. Residence, Provincetown ; occupation, seaman.

Levi B. Kelley born in South Yarmouth, 1827 ; entered service as pilot in the United States Navy November 20th, 1864 ; promoted to Acting Ensign. Discharged September 16th, 1865, at expiration of ser-

vice. Residence, Provincetown ; occupation, seaman.

James Cashman born in Liverpool, England, 1825 ; enlisted as private in Company I, third Mass. Cavalry January 5th, 1862. Discharged at expiration of service September 28th, 1865. Residence, Provincetown ; was keeper of Race Point Light for fifteen years, but now retired. Received a gun-shot wound at the battle of Winchester, Va., and receives a pension.

John Rosenthal born in Alsace, under the French government in 1833 ; came to this country in 1853 ; enlisted in the United States Army, in Baltimore, in October 26, 1854 ; was assigned to the 5th Reg. Regular Infantry, was sent to Texas against the Comanche and Lepreau Indians ; in 1857 was with General Harney, in Florida, engaged against the Seminoles, under Chief Billy Bowlegs. In the fall was ordered to Utah, against Brigham Young and the Mormons. In 1859, with General Canby, was in New Mexico where he served two years against the Navajo Indians. At the breaking out of the Rebellion was in Texas under General Sibley ; was promoted to Sergeant Major of the Regiment ; In 1864 appointed by the Secretary of War, Ordnance Sergeant in the United States Army, and placed in charge of the batteries at Long Point, Provincetown Harbor. He remained in charge of the batteries twelve years, when he was ordered to Fort Selden, New Mexico,

where he was stationed for two years. He was then sent to Standing Rock Agency, Dakota, and served there until 1885, when he was ordered to Fort Preble, Me.; here he served for three months, when for long and faithful service in the United States Army, he was placed on the retired list of the Army; when in Dakota, he helped organize the first G. A. R. Post in the territory, the George A. Custer Post, No. 1, was Inspector General of the department, and aid de Camp to the Department Commander. Residence, Provincetown; occupation, secretary of the Nickerson Oil Works Co., at Herring Cove.

Thomas Lorne born in Charlestown, Mass., 1830; entered the service as private in Company A, thirty-third Reg. Mass. Infantry, July 20th, 1862, was transferred to Company I, third Mass. Cavalry; promoted to sergeant. Discharged at the close of the war as quarter-master sergeant May 20th, 1865. Residence, Provincetown; occupation, keeper of Wood End Lighthouse.

Hezekiah P. Hughes born in North Truro, 1838; entered the service as private July 28th, 1862; was assigned to Company A, thirty-third Reg. Mass. Infantry; was transferred to Company I, third Cavalry; promoted to second Lieutenant. Discharged at expiration of service June 13th, 1865. Residence, Provincetown; occupation, dry goods merchant.

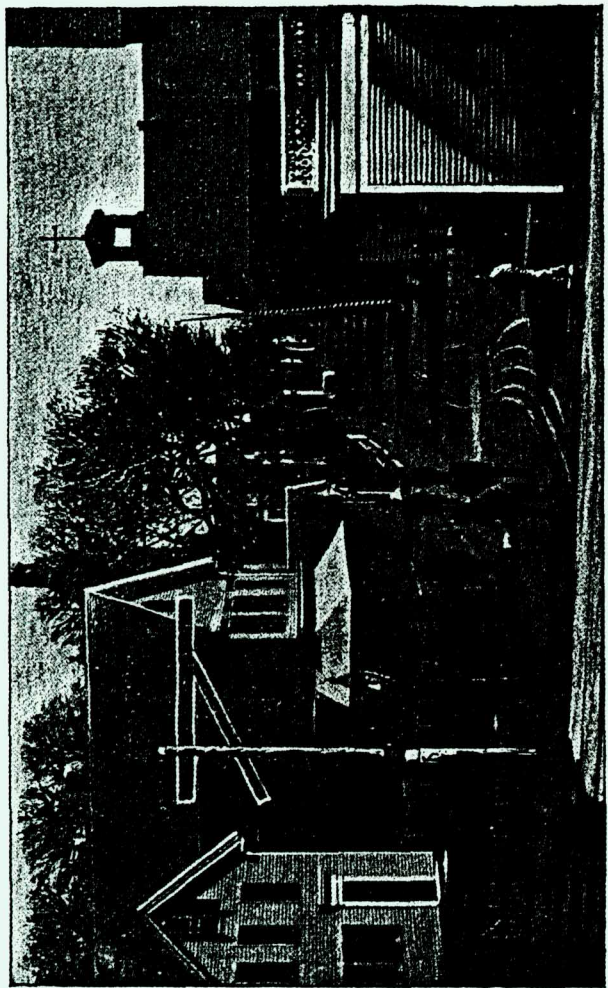
James A. Small born in Truro, February 14th,

1840; enlisted from Truro August 5th, 1862, as private, assigned to Company A, thirty-third Reg. Mass. Infantry; transferred to the forty-first Reg. Infantry; which was reorganized as third Cavalry; promoted to sergeant major of Company I; mustered out of service at Falls Church, Va., May 22nd, 1865. Residence, Provincetown; occupation, grocer and ship chandler, and one of the board of selectmen.

George O. Brown born in New Hampshire, 1846; enlisted as private in Company E, thirty-first Maine, Vol., September 19th, 1863. Discharged at expiration of service, September 20th, 1865. Residence, New Bedford, Mass.; occupation, employe Old Colony Railroad.

N. Frank Lane born in Wellfleet, 1842; enlisted as private and was assigned to Company D, Frontier Cavalry, December, 1864. Discharged July 16th, 1865, by the disbandment of Company. Residence, Charlestown, Mass.; occupation, employed in the Navy Yard in the sail-making department.

Daniel McCrillis born in Boston August 9th 1845; enlisted in 1863 for three years, or during the war, as private; was assigned to first Mass. Veteran Cavalry Company B. Discharged at the close of the war; was in active service at the "Wilderness" fight and in the Shenandoah Valley under Gen. Sheridan till the surrender of Gen. Lee, and the close of the war. Residence, Wellfleet; occupation, mariner.



Railroad Crossing, looking East. A. F. Small's Dwelling and Store.

Post Office Building.

Albert Taylor born in Yarmouth, Mass., 1842; entered the service February 23d, 1864, in Company G, twenty-fourth Reg. Mass. Infantry, as private; was wounded in the right arm, at Petersburg, Va. Discharged September 16th, 1865. Residence, Yarmouth; occupation, laborer, and is a pensioner.

Joseph W. Tuck born in Boston, September 8th, 1824; entered the United States Navy as sailing master, commission dated August 14th, 1861; was assigned to the Colorado, afterwards transferred to the Commodore McDonahue as executive officer and subsequently placed in charge; was present at both bombardments of Fort Sumter and at Stone Inlet; assisted at the capture of the blockade-runner John C. Calhoun, alias Cuba, off South Pass, Mississippi River, and was put on board as Prize Master, brought the prize safely in; was appointed Harbor Master, at Port Royal, S. C., which position he held until the close of the war. Discharged Dec. 15th, 1865. Residence, Provincetown; occupation, retired.

William F. Peirce born in Sandwich, 1841; entered the service as seaman in the United States Navy August 17th, 1864. Discharged August 22d, 1865, by orders from Washington. Residence, Buzzards Bay; occupation, employe Old Colony Railroad.

Sumner Bragdon born in Boston, January 8th, 1839; mustered in as private July 20th, 1862, promoted to sergeant. Discharged as sergeant of Com-



pany I, third Mass. Cavalry, at the close of the war, May 20th, 1865. Residence, Provincetown; occupation, mechanic.

C. E. Stinchfield born in Brunswick, Me., 1841; mustered into service in Company I, eighth Me. Vol. September 7th, 1861; mustered out at the expiration of service March 27th, 1866. Residence, Wellfleet; occupation, shoe-maker.

Isaiah Snow born in Truro, 1838; entered the service as private September 2nd, 1862; was assigned to Company E, forty-third Mass. Infantry. Discharged at expiration of service July 30th, 1863. Residence, Truro; occupation, travelling salesman.

Daniel Cole born in Wellfleet, Mass., March 26th, 1844; enlisted at Quincy, Illinois, November 1st, 1864, as private; was assigned to the twelfth Reg. Ill. Infantry, Company K, fourth division, fifteenth Army Corps; was discharged at Louisville, Kentucky, July 10th, 1865. Took an active part in the campaign in Tennessee, under General Thomas; was sent to Morehead City, N. C., actively engaged at the battle of Kingston, had gun shot out of his hand and equipments shot away, but not wounded. Sent to Gouldsboro, N. C., March 23d, 1865; remained with regiment until discharged; was present at the general review of troops at the close of the war at Washington, D. C. Residence, Wellfleet; occupation, keeper of Cahoon's Hollow United

States Life Saving Station.

E. C. Peck born in Groton, Vermont, May 29th, 1840; entered the service as private in Company K, third Vermont Infantry, June 20th, 1861; was promoted to a first Lieutenancy, thence to Captain of the Company. Discharged for disability brought on in the line of duty January 19th, 1862. Residence, Provincetown; occupation, physician and surgeon.

Charles G. Thompson born in Waternich, Sweden, 1829; entered the service December 24th, 1863, in Company H, fifty-sixth Reg. Mass. Infantry. Discharged at expiration of service June 9th, 1865. Residence, Portland, Me.; occupation, seaman.

John Connelly born in Castle, Bellingham County, South Ireland, 1836; enlisted from this town and was mustered into service January 5th, 1864; assigned to Company B, third Mass. Cavalry; promoted to corporal, and was mustered out at expiration of service September 26th, 1865. Died November 23d, 1887, from lung disease, contracted while in the line of duty from exposure. Aged fifty-one years, leaving a widow, two sons and a daughter.

Thomas V. Mullins born in Halifax, N. S., August 11th, 1835, came here a mere lad and apprenticed himself to the blacksmith's trade; enlisted Decem-

ber 25th, 1863, in Company H, fifty-sixth Reg. Mass. Vol. Infantry, as private. Discharged as corporal July 1, 1865; at expiration of service, was with the Army of the Potomac until the surrender of Lee. Present residence, Race Point, and keeper of the Light at that place.

NOTE.—The Thirty-third Mass. Infantry was the regiment to which quite a number of Provincetown boys were assigned upon enlistment; this regiment was made the Forty-first Infantry, and later on in the service was organized into the Third Cavalry.

NOTE.—Since the manuscript has been finished up for the printer, past Commander of the Post, Lieutenant George H. Nickerson has passed away to join his comrades. He died April 11th, 1890, of heart disease, leaving a widow and a little adopted daughter. The Post, in his death, also lose one that had done much for the success of that organization.

#### RECORD OF PROVINCETOWN BOYS NOT MEMBERS OF THIS POST.

Parron C. Paine enlisted in April, 1861, in the 1st Reg. Mass. Vols.; commissioned May 22d, 1861; mustered into service June 15th, 1861. It was the first three years Volunteer Regiment that reached Washington after passing through Baltimore on the ever memorable 17th of June, when the attack on the Northern troops was made, the anniversary of the battle of Bunker Hill. It was mustered out of service, May 26th, 1864. Mr. Paine's residence is in Boston, and he holds a position in the Post Office Department.

John E. Smith enlisted in Provincetown January 2nd, 1864; was assigned to Company H, fifty-sixth Mass. Vol. Reg., Col. Charles E. Griswold. Discharged at Readville, Mass., July 22d, 1865. This Regiment took an active part in the hard-fought battles of the "Wilderness" from May 6th, to June 17th. In August he was taken sick and sent to the hospital, at City Point, Va., from thence to New York. When he got well he returned to his Regiment at Fort Hayes, in front of Petersburg, Va. At the opening of the spring campaign April 2d, 1865, he followed up Lee's army until the surrender on the 9th, after which, he was detailed as Clerk, at Regimental Head Quarters. There is certainly a mistake in the State Records of Mass. Vol. Soldiers, for the records say that he died of wounds, in a Philadelphia Hospital; when at present, he is alive and well at Bordentown, N. J.; engaged in the photograph business.

Rawlins T. Atkins born in Provincetown; he enlisted as private at the breaking out of the war, was assigned to the Mass. first Reg. Vol., was discharged as sergeant. He received a commission as second Lieutenant November 21st, 1863, and recruited a company here which was attached to the fifty-sixth Reg. Mass. Vol.; was promoted to first Lieutenant January 21st, 1864, and discharged February 17th, 1865, for disability. He at present is in the Soldiers' Home, at Togus, Maine.