

**United Spanish War Veterans  
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**State Commander Biographies**

Several veterans' organizations came out of the 1898 conflict known as the Spanish American War and in 1904 the groups united into one fraternal organization, the United Spanish War Veterans, or USWV. As their first few years past, two more groups merged with them. Referred to as comrades, membership came open to officers and soldiers and sailors of the Army, Navy, or Marine Corps of the United States, and others under temporary control of the War Department, that actively and honorably served between April 21, 1898 and July 4, 1902. The time period also included the Philippine Insurrection and the China Campaign. Certain veterans of previous wars could also join as honorary members, the honorary members could attend meetings but not become involved in camp business.

The organization broke itself into smaller subdivisions, including local memberships in a group referred to as a "camp." The camps in a particular state, territory, district, or possession could unite as a "department" or as a "provisional division." All camps and departments reported to the national organization or "National Encampment."

The national by-laws specified a roster of officers for a department. They included a Department Commander, a Senior Vice Department Commander, a Junior Vice Department Commander, a Department Chief of Staff, a Department Adjutant, a Department Quartermaster, a Department Inspector, a Department Judge Advocate, a Department Surgeon, a Department Chaplain, a Department Patriotic Instructor, a Department Marshal, and a Department Historian. The three commander positions were elected by the department encampment, installed in office immediately, and served for one year. The newly elected commander appointed the members to fill other camp positions as needed. These appointed positions did not have a limited timeframe, the individual serve until replaced by another commander. The exception was the aide-de-camp, the commander appointed him and he serves only during the term of the commander who made the appointment.

There are 33 individuals that can be identified as commanders of the Vermont Department of the United Spanish War Veterans, at least two of them served twice in that capacity. Most of the names here come from miscellaneous documents in the collection and a few from outside sources. There are correspondence records for 13 of the commanders in this collection and they cover various timeframes between 1904 and 1950. The USWV came into existence in 1904, the correspondence file for department commander Edward H. Prouty begins in 1904, he probably served as commander again in 1947. Below is a partial list of Department of Vermont commanders, those with documents in this collection in bold, along with the years they served as commander. Their wartime service information came from the Vermont Adjutant General's Roster for the Spanish American war, other information from obituaries and other newspaper articles.

The state commanders lived and worked in their communities around Vermont and included businessmen, a druggist, museum director, a member of the US House of Representatives, a customs inspector, an architect/contractor, an undertaker, a state senator, and a secretary of the Vermont Historical Society.

**STATE COMMANDER BIOGRAPHIES:****1904 – 1905 and 1947 – 1948**

-- **PROUTY, EDWARD H.**, Lieutenant, Company M

04 Jan 1871 – 26 Jan 1966. Resided: Burlington. Born: Underhill. Commissioned: Apr. 17, 1897. Age 27. Remarks: On special duty as detail on General Court Martial, Aug. 3 to Aug. 10, 1898, Special Order No. 59, 1st Div., 3rd Corps, Aug. 2, 1898.

- Prouty spent 10 years with the Vermont National Guard from 1894 to 1904, served as lieutenant of Company M during the Spanish American War, and attained the rank of captain of the company. He worked in the hardware business for 50 years including the organizing and operation of the Capital Hardware Company in Montpelier. Prouty worked for over eight years as a receptionist at the National Life Insurance Company until his retirement. He is buried at the Pleasant View Cemetery, Jericho, Vermont.

**1905 – 1906**

-- **DYER, HORACE EDWARD**, Company "A"

16 Apr 1870 – 26 Jul 1948. Captain, mustered into U. S. Service May 16, 1898, mustered out of U. S. Service Nov. 3, 1898. Resided: Rutland. Born: Rutland. Commissioned: Apr. 19, 1894. Age 28. Remarks: In command of Provisional Battalion, acting as Provost Guard, at Scott's Spa., Ga., June 20 to June 24, 1898, Special Order 19. Appointed to serve on a General Court Martial of the 1st Div., 3d Army Corps, June 3 to July 9, 1898, Special Order No. 9. Absent with leave Aug. 16 to Aug. 30, 1898, and Sept. 4 to Sept. 26, 1898. Reported for duty at Camp Olympia, Sept. 26 to Sept. 28, 1898. Absent with leave Sept. 29 to Oct. 4, 1898.

- His family requested a grave marker for him and Robert Stickney, adjutant of Camp Harold S. Foyles of the USWV accepted the responsibility for his government bronze marker. He is buried in the Evergreen Cemetery in Rutland, VT.

**1906 – 1908**

-- **GREENE, FRANK L.**, Capt. Company B

10 Feb 1870 – 17 Dec 1930, died from complications during surgery. Resided: St. Albans. Born: St. Albans. Commissioned: Jan. 31, 1895. Age 28. Remarks: Detailed to Brigade Hdqrs., as Acting Adjutant General, G. O. 3, May 30, 1898, 3rd Army Corps. Returned to command of Company; G. O. 5, 3rd Army Corps, June 15, 1898. Taken sick with typho-malarial fever and taken to St. Albans Aug. 28, 1898. Sick in St. Albans on muster out of Company.

- Greene, Frank Lester, Vermont National Guard, 1888 – 1900, private to captain, Spanish American War, mustered out, commissioned as colonel on Governor's staff, US House 1912 – 1923, and US Senate 1923 until death in office, 1930. Worked at Central Vermont Railway, served as editor of the St. Albans Messenger. [Letterhead in collection.] Suffered gunshot wound to the head in 1924 as a bystander during a prohibition shootout between bootleggers and authorities, mostly recovered but partially paralyzed. Member of the USWV in Vermont.

**1908 – 1909**

-- **BASHAW, CHARLES**

7 May 1875 – 30 August 1947. Enlisted US Army. Residence: Forestdale. Enlisted: Feb. 17, 1897. Mustered in: Feb. 17, 1897. Organization: Troop C, 3d U. S. Cav. Served: Fort Ethan Allen,

Chickamauga Park, Ga., and Santiago de Cuba. Grade: Corporal. Muster out: Continued in U. S. service, Regular Army.

- Member of the Flynn Camp and a Dept. of Vt. Commander. Born in Brandon, VT, served as a private in Company C of the Vermont National Guard and as a corporal in Troop C, 3rd US Cavalry with active service in the Cuban and Philippine campaigns of the Spanish American War. In the USWV, Bashaw served as state commander. He died in St. Petersburg, Florida and is buried in St. Joseph's Cemetery in Burlington.

### 1909 – 1910

#### -- FENNELL, LUTHER W.

Resided: Burlington. Born: Winooski. Enlisted: May 4, 1898. Age 23. Remarks: Sick in hospital June 9 to June 14, 1898. Sick Aug. 3 to Aug. 4, 1898; Aug. 14 to Aug. 25, 1898, in line of duty. Sick at Burlington, Vt., Aug. 25, 1898, to muster out with malarial fever.

- He became the Department of VT commander within the veterans' group, he worked for the Treasury Department, US Customs Service, Office of the Collector, Port of Burlington, VT as seen in his use of their stationary. He also served as a National Aide-de-camp for the USWV.

### 1910 – 1912

#### -- RIPLEY, NED D., Corporal, Company D

22 Sep 1866 – 11 Aug 1938. Resided: St. Johnsbury. Born: St. Johnsbury. Enlisted: May 6, 1898. Age 31. Remarks: Sick in quarters in line of duty Aug. 12 to Aug. 22, 1898.

- Ripley died at the Vermont Soldiers' Home in Bennington, Vermont and is buried in the cemetery there.

### 1912 – 1913

#### -- COTTRELL, HERBERT W. (not in VT roster)

1880 – 02 Oct 1914. Originally from Maryland, Cottrell enlisted in 1897 at age 17 and served with Troop A of the 2nd US Cavalry until 1903. His regiment fought at Santiago, Cuba, and he remained in the country for more than three years after peace had been declared. He also spent time in the Philippines and received his honorable discharge while stationed at Fort Ethan Allen. Cottrell worked for the Swift Beef Company in Brattleboro and served as the department commander for the Spanish War Veterans.

### 1913 – 1915

#### -- HAMILTON, JAMES M., 1st Lieutenant, and Assistant. Surgeon

19 Jun 1868 – 9 Sep 1939. Resided: Rutland. Born: Richford. Commissioned: Jan. 14, 1895. Age 29. Remarks: Re-mustered as Capt. and Asst. Surg. June 1, 1898. Mustered as Major and Surg. (Maj. Lee appointed Brigade Surgeon) Sept. 1, 1898 to take effect from Aug. 17, 1898 from which time he has performed the duties as such, as certified to by his Commanding Officer. Is entitled to pay as Assistant Surgeon from July 3 to Aug. 16, 1898 and as Surgeon, from Aug. 17, to Nov. 7, 1898. Absent with leave from June 21 to July 12, 1898. Absent on sick leave from Aug. 7 to Aug. 20, 1898. Commander, Department of Vermont. [buried Glendale, CA]

- World War I Vermont Roster: Hamilton, James Madison, age 50, Resided at Rutland, born at Richford. Called into active service June 29, 1918, served with medical corps until discharge. Principal station at Fort Williams, Maine. Grades: Captain Medical Corps, Jun 29, 1918. Discharged: Jan 22, 1919 at Fort Williams.

**1915 – 1916**

-- **MILLER, EDGAR N.**, Lieutenant, Company C

01 Aug 1864 – 09 Jan 1919. Resided: Brandon. Born: St. Albans. Commissioned: Jan. 5, 1897. Age 33. Remarks: Detailed as Regimental Commissary June 5, 1898, Regimental. Special Order 45, June 5, 1898.

- Born in St. Albans, he moved to Brandon as a young man and went to work in a dry good store. Later he entered the furniture and undertaking business and became one of the top undertakers in Vermont. After his service with the guard during the Spanish American War, Miller continued his service with the National Guard and was elected captain of Company C, a position he held for many years. He is buried at the Pine Hill Cemetery in Brandon.

**1916 – 1917**

-- **HYDE, EMILUS B.**

06 Nov 1867 – 28 May 1944. Born: Salisbury. Enlisted: May 16, 1898. Age 30. Organization: Co. H, 1st Vt. Vol. Inf. Served: United States and Cuba. Mustered out: Oct. 9, 1899, at Governors Island, N. Y. Remarks: Trans. to U. S. Army Hosp. Corps in June.

- In his business career, Hyde worked as a druggist and operated drug stores in Brandon and Bennington, as well as traveling for the Eli Lilly Company. During the Spanish American War, Hyde served with the medical department of the 43rd Division in the Philippines where he oversaw the hospital there. Hyde received his discharge at West Point in 1903. His service as Vermont Department commander of the USWV is also referenced in his obituary. He is buried in West Salisbury, Vermont.

**1917 – 1918**

-- **HOLDEN, EDWARD H.**, Company K, Corporal

07 Apr 1872 – 21 Dec 1942. Resided: Arlington. Born: Manchester. Enlisted: May 9, 1898. Age 26. Remarks: Went to Arlington, Vt., on 4 days' pass from Commanding Officer, 1st Inf., Vt. Vols., Aug. 25, 1898. Taken sick with typhoid fever contracted in line of duty, and unable to return at expiration of pass.

- [politicalgraveyard.com](http://politicalgraveyard.com): Holden, Edward Henry (1872-1942) — also known as Edward H. Holden — of Bennington, Bennington County, Vt. Born in Manchester, Bennington County, Vt., April 7, 1872. Republican. Served in the U.S. Army during the Spanish-American War; lawyer; municipal judge in Vermont, 1908-18; member of Vermont state house of representatives, 1925; member of Vermont state senate from Bennington County, 1927. Episcopalian. Died, from mediastina carcinoma, in Bennington, Bennington County, Vt., December 21, 1942 (age 70 years, 258 days). Burial in Park Lawn Cemetery, Bennington.

**1918 – 1919**

-- **FILLMORE, HENRY D.**, 1st REGIMENT FIELD AND STAFF, Major

07 Jan 1863 – 03 Jul 1935. Resided: Bennington. Born: Bennington. Commissioned: Jan. 11, 1897. Age 35. Remarks: Sick in line of duty Aug. 16, 1898. In Fanny Allen Hospital, Burlington, with typhoid, Aug. 21, 1898.

**1919 – 1928**

The department disbanded until 1929.

**1929 – 1930**

-- **HOWES, PHIL S.**, Corporal, Company F

28 July 1875 – 21 August 1941. Resided: Northfield. Born: Northfield. Enlisted: May 10, 1898. Age 23. Remarks: Sick in Division Hospital July 8, 1898 to July 24, 1898. Sick in quarters Aug. 2, 1898. Granted 10 days' leave, Aug. 2, sickness in line of duty.

- Born in Northfield, Howes graduated from Norwich University in 1898 and served in the Northfield Company of the 1st Regiment, Vermont National Guard, accompanying them to Chickamauga. He moved to Montpelier in 1901 and worked for thirty years at the National Life Insurance Company. [He used their stationery in his correspondence and that of the Vermont Historical Society where he served as secretary.] Howes' obituary said he belonged to the Spanish American War Veterans for 25 years. He is buried in the Mount Hope Cemetery in Northfield.

**1930 – 1931**

-- **STICKNEY, BERT H.** Corporal, Company A

21 Dec 1876 – 19 Jun 1954. Resided: Rutland. Born: Tyson. Enlisted: May 11, 1898. Age 21. Remarks: Sick in quarters June 3 to June 7, 1898, Aug. 13 to Aug. 16, 1898. On furlough Sept. 4 to Oct. 4, 1898. No further information recovered; Stickney is buried at the Evergreen Cemetery in Rutland.

**1931 – 1932**

--**CASWELL, CHARLES H.**, Private, Troop G, 3rd Regiment Cavalry

27 Feb 1876 – 22 Mar 1946. Residence: Essex Center. Enlisted: Jan. 6, 1898. Mustered in: Jan. 6, 1898. Organization: Tr. G, 3d U. S. Cav., 1st Brig. Cav. Div., 5th Army Corps. Served: Ft. Ethan Allen, Vt.; Chickamauga Park, Ga.; Tampa, Fla., Port Tampa, Fla.; Cuba; Montauk, L. I., N. Y.; Plattsburg Barracks, N. Y., Jefferson Barracks, Mo. Grade: Private. Mustered out: July 12, 1899, Jefferson Barracks, Mo. Decorations: Two service medals. Battles: San Juan, July 1-3, 1898 Capitulation of Santiago de Cuba.

Caswell is buried in the Mountain View Cemetery in Essex Center.

**1932 – 1933**

-- **DAVIS, CARROLL A.**, Private, Company A

Resided: Glover. Born: Glover. Enlisted: May 11, 1898. Age 24. Remarks: Sick in Division Hospital July 30 to Aug. 11, 1898 (in line of duty). On furlough Aug. 17 to Sept. 16, 1898. Furlough extended Sept. 17 to Oct. 4, 1898. Furlough extended Sept. 17 to Oct. 4, 1898.

- Born in Glover, he graduated from Dartmouth College in 1895. He worked for US Customs and opened his own customs brokerage house. During the war, he served as a private in Company A and later served as captain of Company M. Davis also worked as a member of the state liquor control board. Davis died in a car crash on 20 November 1942 while on his way to a liquor control board meeting. His car skidded on the slippery road and hit a tree.

**1933 – 1934**

-- **TOWN, WILLIAM L.**, Private, Company A

22 Nov 1864 – 09 Dec 1938. Resided at Poultney, born at Granville, N.Y. Enlisted 13 May 1898. Age 33. Remarks: sick in quarters, Aug 11 to 12, 1898.

- Town's death index card identified him as an architect, builder, and contractor.

**1934 – 1935**

-- **LOWELL, OLIVER R.**, Private, Company C

01 Mar 1872 – 16 Oct 1962. Resided: Brandon. Born: North Cornwall. Enlisted: May 10, 1898. Age 27. Remarks: Sick in quarters in line of duty Aug. 31 to Sept. 4, 1898.

- According to the application for his gravestone, Lowell served in the 1st Vermont Infantry, Company C, he is buried at Lake View Cemetery in Burlington. On the other hand, the findagrave.com website has a photo of the stone and identifies the location as the New Mount Calvary Cemetery in Burlington, a location that agrees with his obituary.

- Lowell's obituary stated he served as department commander of the Spanish American War Veterans of Vermont at the time of his death at age 91. He worked as a real estate dealer for more than 30 years.

**1935 – 1936**

-- **DOCHERTY, JOHN H.**, Corporal, Company H

08 Oct 1868 – 05 Nov 1949. R: Berlin. B: Paisley, Scotland. E: May 7, 1898. Age 30. Remarks: Sick in Div. Hosp. Aug. 2 to Aug. 6, 1898, in line of duty.

- Born in Scotland, Docherty worked various jobs in Vermont including streetcar conductor and a custodian at the National Life Insurance building. He also worked in the stone cutting business at the time he enlisted in the army. Docherty died in Bennington.

**1936 – 1938**

-- **GATES, ELBERT E.**

Born 10 October 1866 at Keene, New Hampshire, Gates first enlisted on 24 September 1889 at Fort Warren in Massachusetts and re-enlisted on 1 March 1898. His second enlistment ended with his discharge on 3 August 1899. During his career, Gates worked as an inspector at the General Electric Works. Gates passed away on 1 December 1947 in Lynn, Massachusetts and is buried at the Pine Grove Cemetery there. He served as a sergeant during the Spanish American War in Troop F, 3rd US Cavalry.

**1938 – 1939**

-- **MITCHELL, JAMES EDWARD**

7 Jan 1875 – 12 Mar 1963. 1st Sergeant, Company M, 3rd Regiment. (Connecticut Servicemen data base.) Born in Rhode Island, his death certificate showed he served between 20 Jun 1898 and 20 Mar 1899. Mitchell also belonged to the USWV, he is buried in Barre Town, Vermont.

**1939 – 1940**

-- **MEAD, GEORGE W.**, Private, Company A

22 Oct 1865 – 06 Mar 1951. Resided at Pittsford, Vt., enlisted Aug 15, 1898. Joined and enrolled after mustering in of the company, by Lt. Landon and Maj. Davis at Camp George H. Thomas, Ga. On furlough Sept. 28 to Oct 4, 1898.

- During his life, Mead worked as a postal clerk at the Middlebury Post Office. He also served on the board of directors of the Henry Sheldon Museum and named an honorary president for life. He rescued the mummy of an infant from the museum's collection from a trip to the landfill, had the remains cremated, and after a combination Egyptian and Christian service, had the ashes buried in his own family's lot. Mead is buried in the Middlebury's Old West Cemetery. Note: George's younger brother Robert Mead enlisted for service during the Spanish American War the same day George did.

**1940 – 1941**

-- WAGER, WILLIAM S., 1st Sergeant, Company M

02 Apr 1874 – 02 Jan 1947. Resided: Burlington. Born: Burlington. Enlisted: May 4, 1898. Age 24.

- In civilian life, Wager worked in the linen department of various stores and opened his own shop which he operated for ten years. His obituary mentioned he had been state commander of the SWV (sic), he is buried at Lake View Cemetery.

**1941 – 1943**

-- BOEMER FERDINAND

12 Sep 1881 – 28 Oct 1965. Enlisted Feb 13, 1901 in Los Angeles, California for three years. Born in Alleghany, PA, age 21, a teamster, blue eyes, light brown hair, fair complexion, 5'-9-1/2". Served in the 15th Cavalry, Troop A, discharged 12 February 1904 at Fort Ethan Allen in Vermont.

- A charter member of the Col. Liscum Camp No. 12, he became commander of that camp. At the time of his death, he was a retired US government employee and is buried in the Lakeview Cemetery in Burlington.

**1943 – 1944**

-- MEAKER, HARLEY P., Corporal, Company E

03 Aug 1877 – 08 Aug 1959. Resided: Barre. Born: Barre. Enlisted: May 7, 1898. Age 21. Remarks: Sick with typhoid fever while on furlough.

- His obituary stated Meaker to be the last surviving member of the Spencer Rifle Company E, First Vermont National Guard, a past department commander of the Vermont Spanish American War Veterans.

**1944 – 1945**

-- GOWETTE, JOSEPH

20 Sep 1881 – 06 Jan 1960. His gravestone application stated he served as a private in Company D of the 43rd Regiment, US Volunteer Infantry. He served from 18 Sep 1899 to 23 Dec 1899 when he received his honorable discharge. He is buried in the Lakeview Cemetery in Burlington.

**1945 – 1946**

Unknown.

**1946 – 1947**

Unknown. Charles Lillie is mentioned as commander in newspaper 17 May 1946.

**1947 – 1948**

Unknown. John Diekman identified in a photo caption in the Burlington Free Press, 17 May 1947, but Edward H. Prouty is mentioned in a BFP article, 17 May 1948.)

**1948 – 1949**

-- LILLIE, CHARLES D. [not in the Vermont roster.]

1881 – 1973. Elected State Department Commander on 17 May 1948 and served one year. Born in Iowa, served in the US Volunteers, 35th Infantry as a private from Minneapolis. His obituary stated he had served in the Spanish American War and was a retired army captain. His wife, Ella Fillmore Lillie, became a famous artist. Both died in Florida.

**1949 – 1950**

-- **ELLIS, HENRY W.** Captain, Company D

05 May 1869 – 13 Jul 1958. Resided: St. Johnsbury. Born: St. Johnsbury. Commissioned: Feb. 9, 1898. Age 29.

- According to his death certificate, Ellis worked as a mail carrier. He is buried at the Mount Pleasant Cemetery in St. Johnsbury, VT.

**1950 – 1951**

-- **BRAY, GEORGE C.**

1874 – 1964. One source showed Bray served in Company H of the Maine Infantry during the Spanish American War. The Maine Adjutant General's Annual Report for the year ending 1898 has three entries concerning George C. Bray. Page 96 shows Bray a resident of Skowhegan. On Page 141: Bray, George C., 23, Skowhegan, single, May 10, May 11, place of residence given on muster-out roll, Salem, Mass. The alphabetical index on Page 186 contains the following: Bray, George C., Private, Company H, 1st Battalion, Infantry.

**1951 – 1952**

-- **ALBRAND, LOUIS H.** [not in the Vermont roster.]

13 Aug 1884 – 28 Aug 1952. Albrand joined the military in New York on 6 Feb 1899 and retired in April of 1923. He had recently been elected as the commander of the Vermont Department and died while attending a convention in Kentucky. He is buried at the Hebrew Holy Society Cemetery in South Burlington.

**1953 – 1954**

-- **KREWET, LOUIS M.** [not in the Vermont roster.]

06 Jul 1878 – 12 Jun 1956. Krewet, of Mt. Vernon, New York, enlisted on 27 Sep 1899 and served as a private in Company H of the 41st US Volunteer Infantry.

At one point, Krewet served as a musician, he received his discharge on 28 Apr 1901 as a corporal, his services no longer required by the government. In civilian life, Krewet worked as a bricklayer. He is buried at the Pleasant View Cemetery in Jericho, Vermont.

**1954 – 1955**

-- **SARGENT, ERNEST A.** [not in the Vermont roster.]

Nothing further found concerning Sargent.

**1955 – 1956**

-- **BLANCHET, ALEXANDER A.**, [not in the Vermont roster.]

13 Jun 1876 – 30 Sep 1957. Blanchet's gravestone application showed he enlisted on 27 Jan 1900 and served as a corporal in Troop D, 2nd Cavalry. He received his honorable discharge on 26 Jan 1903. He is buried at the St. Joseph's Cemetery in Burlington.

**1956 – 1957**

-- **FISHER, ARTHUR W.**, Private, Company L

02 Oct 1879 – 04 Apr 1957. Resided: Derby. Born: So. Troy. Enlisted: May 12, 1898. Age 18. Remarks: Sick July 20 to Aug. 11, 1898, in line of duty.

During his professional life, he worked as a railway conductor, Fisher is buried at the Pine Grove Cemetery in Newport.

**1957 – 1958**

-- REED, CLINTON, Private, Company F

13 Dec 1873 – 18 Feb 1972. Resided: Bethel. Born: Bethel. Enlisted May 13, 1898. Age 24. Remarks: Sick in qtrs. June 2 to June 9, 1898. Lived in Lebanon, NH when commander.

**1958 – 1959 (see 1934 – 1935)**

-- LOWELL, OLIVER R., Private, Company C

**1959 – 1960 (see 1934 – 1935)**

-- LOWELL, OLIVER R., Private, Company C

Other officers in the organization had correspondence in the collection:

**DEPARTMENT ADJUTANT BIOGRAPHIES:**

-- LAUGHTON, JAMES W. [department adjutant]

17 Mar 1881 – 02 Dec 1938. According to the application for his gravestone, Laughton served as a private in the casual detachment and then Company D of the 21st Regiment of Infantry. He enlisted at Plattsburgh, New York on 6 February 1899 and served until 5 March 1902. He is buried at the Pine Knoll Cemetery in Hanover, New Hampshire. Laughton lived in Burlington, Vermont for many years and worked at the Wright Syndicate Clothing Company.

-- BOYCE, CLAYTON B., 1st Sergt. [Department Adjutant]

27 Aug 1876 – 1 March 1949. Resided: Montpelier. Born: Fayston. Enlisted: May 7, 1898. Age 21. Remarks: Sick in Division Hospital, July 15 to 17, 1898, in line of duty.

- In civilian life, worked at C. H. Cross Fine Confectionaries, as shown by his use of their letterhead. Many considered him the premier expert on the Spanish American War in Vermont. Born in Fayston, educated in Montpelier, he enlisted in 1898 and mustered into the service on May 16 as the first sergeant of Company H of the 1st Vermont Regiment. He was stationed with the regiment in Chickamauga, Georgia. He spent his life in the Montpelier area working at the Cross Baking Company for 39 years and is buried in the Green Mount Cemetery in Montpelier.

**-- HEALD, CLAIR**

02 June 1876 – 05 May 1955. Born and raised in Maine, Heald eventually came to Montpelier, Vermont where he worked as a portrait photographer at the Houston Studio. Eventually, Heald purchased and operated the studio. His obituary stated he had served during the Spanish American War but offered no details. The obituary did mention served as the assistant general of the National Organization of Spanish American War Veterans. He is buried in Lewiston, Maine.

- Pay records for Maine volunteers show Clair V. Heald a private in Company K, 1st Infantry, Maine Volunteers. A record showed Heald, Clair V., 22, of Waterville, enlisted 20 June as a recruit and assigned to a company on 29 June, 1898. Another record showed he resided in Waterville and received his honorable discharge on 3 July 1903.

**MISCELLANEOUS BIOGRAPHIES:****-- BRUSH, ROY A.**

1 January 1880 – 1921. Company 'B'. Private, Resided: St. Albans. Born: Fairfax. Enlisted: May 12, 1898. Age 18. Remarks: Sick in quarters. in line of duty June 12 to June 15, 1898. Sick in Division Hospital Aug. 18 to Aug. 24, 1898.

- Mustered into U. S. Service May 16, 1898. Mustered out of U. S. Service Nov. 5, 1898. Not much information was found concerning Brush, he is buried in the Greenwood Cemetery in St. Albans, VT.

**-- CHURCHILL, JOSEPH R.**

25 May 1874 – 27 Feb 1965. Lieutenant, Company C. Born: Brandon. Commissioned: May 16, 1898. Age 24. Remarks: Discharged May 23, 1898, Special Order 120, War Dept., Adj. Gen. Office. Discharged to accept appointment as 2nd Lieutenant. Mustered as 2nd Lieutenant to date from May 16, 1898 on Oct. 7, 1898 per order of Secretary of War.

- The son of Royal M and Abbie Johnson Churchill. Naturalization documents for Joseph Royal Churchill, age 47 years, can be found with a date of 4 June 1921. The document states he was born in Brandon, VT and became a subject of Great Britain in 1911. The form renounced his ties to Britain and George V, King of Great Britain and Ireland. He emigrated from Canada aboard the Central Vermont Railway and lived in Castleton VT. He is buried in the Pine Hill Cemetery in Brandon, VT.

**-- FROST, WILLIAM E.,** 1st Sergeant, Company K

Mustered into U. S. Service May 16, 1898. Mustered out of U. S. service Nov. 2, 1898. Resided: Bennington, Born: N. Yarmouth, Me. Enlisted: May 9, 1898, Age 34. Remarks: Sick in quarters July 30 to Sept. 1, 1898.

- Died 18 May 1932 in Erie, Pennsylvania, his body brought to Bennington, VT for interment on 20 May 1932.

**-- SWIFT, FREDERIC I.,** Chief Musician, 1st Regiment Band

26 April 1867 – 12 April 1911. Resided: Brattleboro. Born: Wilmington. Enlisted: May 11, 1898. Age 31. Remarks: Sick from July 26 to Aug. 4, 1898 in line of duty.

- Swift accompanied the band and the 1st Vermont Regiment to Chickamauga during the Spanish American War and remained with the band for many years. Before the deployment, he served as bugler for Company I. Swift also participated in many fund raisers for the 1st Regiment band. In his professional career, Swift worked at the Estey organ factory. As a photographer and sold many of his photos as souvenirs. Note: Major Jacob Gray Estey served on the staff of the 1st Vermont Regiment and Julius H. Estey as a lieutenant in Company I, Swift's company. As both Esteyes came from Brattleboro, they undoubtedly are connected to the organ company Swift worked at.

**-- TOSSING, WILLIAM R.,** 1st Sergeant, Company A

16 May 1871 – 17 May 1960. Resided: Rutland. Born: Rutland. Enlisted: May 11, 1898. Age 26. Remarks: Furlough Sept. 4 to Oct. 4, 1898.

- Tossing worked for 50 years for the H.A. Sawyer Paper Company, his funeral took place at the Tossing Funeral Home, owned and operated by his brother. He is buried at the Evergreen Cemetery in Rutland, VT.

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