

NAME BAXTER, FRANCIS A		LAST KNOWN <i>Avon, Ma</i>
RESIDENCE BRIDGEWATER, N, MA		
TOWN CREDITED	BIRTHPLACE	
OCCUPATION BOOTMAKER	DOB	
MARITAL STATUS	AGE ENLISTED 35	
5TH ON ROLLS 64/09/07 to 65/06/12 5TH DATE ENLISTED 64/09/07 5TH DATE MUSTERED 64/09/07 1YRS 5TH MUSTERED RANK PRIVATE 5TH PROMOTIONS 5TH REENLISTED 5TH BOUNTY 184.00 5TH MUSTERED OUT 65/06/12 • 5TH M.O. TYPE • 5TH M.O. LOCATION 5TH DUTIES		SERVICE RECORD NOTES
5TH KILLED IN ACTION		PLACE
5TH WOUNDED IN ACTION		PLACE
DEATH BY DISEASE		
5TH M.B.A.		GAR POST AFF. RELATIVES _____
ARTIFACTS _____		
PHOTO IMAGE NO 12/94		
DOD	WHERE	BURIEL LOCATION
CAUSE OF DEATH		
PAGE REF. 5TH HIST.	NONE	
NARRATIVE NO 12/94 <i>Not from Bridgewater</i>		RESEARCHER CPT DATE

BAXTER, FRANCIS A.

(MR)

(MSSMCW) Vol. V, page 400-5th Mass. Light Artillery

Priv., Residence-North Bridgewater; bootmaker; 35; enl. and must. September 7, 1864, for one year; must. out June 12, 1865, Camp Meigs, Readville, MA @

@ (HDS).

DOB 1829 +/- (MV) & (HDS)
1831 (NA)

POB Ireland (NA)

OC Bootmaker (MR) & (HDS)

WN Bridget (lynch) d. 1878 Avon, MA (NA)

CN Michael b. 1859
Patrick b. 1861
William b. 1872
Cornelius b. 1875 (NA)

BO \$ 184.00 (MV)

PR Baxter, Francis A.

	<u>Application #</u>	<u>Certificate #</u>	<u>State Filed</u>
(inv) 1890 July 21	870 247	763 060	MA

(att) F.J. Dewitt

DoDH September 29, 1904 (NA)

PoDH Soldiers Home, Togus, ME (NA)

RoDH Heart Disorder (NA)

PoBU unknown

NOTE: North Bridgewater is now **BROCKTON.MA.**

HDS Historical Data Systems

MR Military Records, National Archives, Washington, DC

BAXTER, FRANCIS A.

(MR)

August 20, 1999

I drove to Saint Michaels Cemetery, Avon, Mass. hoping to find the grave of Bridget (Lynch) Baxter. Why Avon ? Frank A. Baxter's pension stated that his wife Bridget was buried in Avon in 1878. At that time Avon was part of Stoughton, MA. (East Stoughton) When I checked the files at the Avon Town Hall they didn't have any records. I then drove to Stoughton 's Town Hall and checked the 1878 records. No Lynch. When I came home I realized that I should have checked the name BAXTER.

The pension records claim that Frank Baxter had passed away at the Soldiers Home, Togus, ME, September 24, 1904. After corresponding with them they have no record where he is buried. Was he brought home to be buried with his wife ?

At a later time I will return to the Stoughton, Town Hall and check the 1878 and the 1904 records. Frank has to be buried some place some where.

The enclosed, I found at the Avon Public Library. There was no name of Frank Baxter and the 5th Mass. Light Artillery.

November 19, 1999

Today I visited the Stoughton, Town Hall. There was no Lynch or Baxter names listed in the deaths during 1878 or 1904. I then drove to the Avon Town Hall. Again, there was no name of Frank Baxter listed under 1904. Where was Bridget buried ? Where is Frank Baxter buried ? Now you can realize why genealogy becomes interesting.

Fifth Battery Light Artillery, M. V.—(Three Years.)—Continued.

NAME AND RANK.	Age.	Bounty.	Residence or Place credited to.	Date of Muster.	Termination of Service and cause thereof.
Wilson, Edward T., 2d, Sergt.,	24	-	New Bedford,	Sept. 27, '61,	Dec. 24, 1863, re-enlistment.
Wilson, Edward T., 2d, Sergt.,	24	\$400 66	New Bedford,	Dec. 25, '63,	June 12, 1865, expiration of service.
Agan, John, Corp.,	26	-	New Bedford,	Sept. 25, '61,	Transferred Nov. 23, '63, to V. R. C.
Allen, Christopher C., Corp.,	24	-	New Bedford,	Oct. 1, '61,	Oct. 23, 1862, disability.
Allen, Elisha, Corp.,	30	†	Charlestown,	Dec. 24, '63,	June 12, 1865, expiration of service.
Almy, Andrew W., Corp.,	18	-	Fairhaven,	Sept. 25, '61,	Oct. 3, 1864, do do
Atkins, Nathaniel H., Corp.,	22	325 00	Marblehead,	Feb. 18, '64,	June 12, 1865, do do
Baxter, William H., Corp.,	19	-	Quincy,	Sept. 13, '61,	Oct. 3, 1864, do do
Campbell, Rodney S., Corp.,	24	325 00	Somerset,	Apr. 11, '64,	June 12, 1865, do do
Chase, Thomas E., Corp.,	24	-	Boston,	Sept. 23, '61,	Dec. 14, 1864, do do
Clark, Charles A., Corp.,	39	-	New Bedford,	26, '61,	Nov. 8, 1862, disability.
Cox, Albert T., Corp.,	24	-	Malden,	11, '61,	Deserted Aug. 21, 1862.
Ferris, Anson E., Corp.,	34	-	New Bedford,	23, '61,	Oct. 3, 1864, expiration of service.
Follett, Charles A., Corp.,	22	†	Quincy,	Dec. 24, '63,	June 12, 1865, do do
Gibbs, Elisha J., Corp.,	27	-	New Bedford,	Sept. 26, '61,	Dec. 11, 1863, re-enlistment.
Graham, Benjamin, Corp.,	20	-	New Bedford,	26, '61,	Feb. 1, 1864, re-enlistment.
Graham, Benjamin, Corp.,	22	316 66	Norton,	Feb. 2, '64,	Sept. 14, 1864, disability.
Haskins, Alpheus, Corp.,	30	-	Marion,	Sept. 30, '61,	Oct. 3, 1864, expiration of service.
Johnston, Leonard F., Corp.,	25	†	Groton,	Dec. 9, '63,	June 12, 1865, do do
Macomber, Charles H., Corp.,	21	-	Fall River,	Sept. 23, '61,	Deserted Aug. 21, 1862.
Martins, Brooks B., Corp.,	19	†	Boston,	Dec. 23, '63,	June 12, 1865, expiration of service.
Matthews, David A., Corp.,	21	†	Boston,	Oct. 24, '63,	12, 1865, do do
Mathews, Robert F., Corp.,	19	-	Boston,	Dec. 8, '63,	12, 1865, do do
Milliken, Albert F., Corp.,	22	-	New Bedford,	Sept. 23, '61,	Killed June 27, 1862, Gaines' Mills, Va.
Newton, George L., Corp.,	20	-	Charlestown,	Oct. 1, '61,	Oct. 3, 1864, expiration of service.
Nichols, William H., Corp.,	31	†	Boston,	Dec. 23, '63,	June 12, 1865, as absent wounded.
Parsons, Henry C., Corp.,	29	-	Malden,	Sept. 12, '61,	Died June 14, 1862, Gaines' Mills, Va.
Platts, Edward M., Corp.,	18	-	Boston,	29, '61,	Died of w'ds Dec. 14, '62, Fredericksburg, Va.
Poole, George W., Corp.,	24	410 00	Malden,	Dec. 12, '63,	June 12, 1865, expiration of service.
Proctor, George O., Corp.,	21	-	Boston,	Oct. 1, '61,	Oct. 3, 1864, do do
Shackley, Jonas, Corp.,	31	-	Quincy,	Aug. 15, '62,	Sept. 19, 1864, 2d Lieut. 4th II. Art'y.
Trumbull, George B., Corp.,	30	378 00	Boston,	Jan. 30, '64,	June 12, 1865, expiration of service.
Warren, William G., Corp.,	23	-	Boston,	Sept. 23, '61,	Died Oct. 11, 1862, Baltimore, Md.
Johnson, George H., Wagoner,	32	-	Boston,	25, '61,	Aug. 26, 1864, order War Dept.
Gifford, Henry M., Bugler,	21	325 00	Dartmouth,	Jan. 5, '64,	June 12, 1865, expiration of service.
Tucker, John C., Bugler,	25	-	W. Amesbury,	Oct. 30, '61,	Oct. 31, 1864, do do
Winters, James, Bugler,	43	-	New Bedford,	Sept. 25, '61,	Dec. 11, 1863, re-enlistment.
Winters, James, Bugler,	45	410 00	New Bedford,	Dec. 12, '63,	June 12, 1865, expiration of service.
Barnard, Charles D., Artificer,	22	-	New Bedford,	Oct. 11, '61,	Nov. 15, 1862, disability.
Gilbert, Jacob A., Artificer,	32	-	New Bedford,	Sept. 23, '61,	Dec. 12, 1863, re-enlistment.
Gilbert, Jacob A., Artificer,	35	409 33	New Bedford,	Dec. 13, '63,	June 12, 1865, expiration of service.
Hewitt, Michael, Artificer,	27	-	New Bedford,	Oct. 1, '61,	Dec. 25, 1863, re-enlistment.
Hewitt, Michael, Artificer,	29	400 66	Fairhaven,	Dec. 26, '63,	June 12, 1865, expiration of service.
Stantial, Thomas B., Artificer,	26	-	Melrose,	Sept. 28, '61,	July 25, 1862, disability.
Tripp, Christopher H., Artificer,	21	-	New Bedford,	Oct. 3, '61,	26, 1862, disability.
Wood, James A., Artificer,	23	-	New Bedford,	1, '61,	25, 1862, disability.
Alden, Frederick D.,	22	-	Fall River,	Sept. 23, '61,	Killed June 2, 1864, Coal Harbor, Va.
Allen, James D.,	22	-	New Bedford,	Oct. 1, '61,	Oct. 3, 1864, expiration of service.
Alton, John H.,	27	-	Freetown,	3, '61,	3, 1864, do do
Alton, Joseph B.,	19	-	Sandwich,	3, '61,	Dec. 24, 1863, re-enlistment.
Alton, Joseph B.,	21	400 66	Sandwich,	Dec. 25, '63,	June 12, 1865, expiration of service.
Atkins, Thomas P.,	21	325 00	Marblehead,	Feb. 18, '64,	Died Aug. 23, '64, Portsmouth Grove, R. I.
Atwood, Alexander A.,	34	325 00	Marion,	Dec. 31, '63,	June 12, 1865, expiration of service.
Austin, Isaac C.,	24	-	South Danvers,	July 2, '64,	Aug. 8, 1864, rejected recruit.
Aymer, Frank,	25	†	Charlestown,	Dec. 29, '63,	June 12, 1865, expiration of service.
Baker, Harry M.,	21	325 00	Swampscott,	June 25, '64,	12, 1865, do do
Baldwin, James W.,	40	-	New Bedford,	Oct. 3, '61,	Sept. 26, 1862, disability.
Balfie, Thomas,	21	325 00	Salem,	Aug. 9, '64,	-
Ball, Volney,	20	†	Birmingham, Pa.,	Jan. 4, '64,	June 12, 1865, expiration of service.
Barry, William,	35	-	Boston,	Oct. 1, '61,	Oct. 3, 1864, do do
Baur, Ignaz,	29	325 00	Salem,	July 14, '64,	June 12, 1865, do do
Baxter, Francis A.,	35	184 00	N. Bridgewater,	Sept. 7, '64,	12, 1865, do do
Blanchard, Amos,	27	-	Boston,	25, '61,	Dec. 11, 1863, re-enlistment.
Blanchard, Amos,	29	410 00	Boston,	Dec. 12, '63,	June 12, 1865, expiration of service.
Bliss, Cornelius E.,	29	-	Freetown,	Aug. 12, '62,	Transferred Mar. 11, 1864, to V. R. C.
Boutwell, William G.,	21	†	Montague,	Dec. 28, '63,	Died Nov. 10, 1864, Washington, D. C.
Bowman, Benedict,	28	†	West Roxbury,	Feb. 16, '64,	June 12, 1865, expiration of service.
Boynton, John W.,	21	325 00	South Danvers,	24, '64,	Died of w'ds May 12, '64, Spottsylvania, Va.
Brady, Philo L.,	19	-	Freetown,	Oct. 1, '61,	Died Mar. 13, '64, Rappahan'k Sta'n, Va.
Brand, Robert,	22	-	Freetown,	Aug. 12, '62,	Dec. 14, 1864, expiration of service.
Brizze, William A., Jr.,	18	†	Montague,	Dec. 29, '63,	June 12, 1865, do do
Broom, George,	19	†	Lanesborough,	May 30, '64,	12, 1865, do do
Brown, Edward A.,	19	-	Quincy,	Dec. 15, '61,	Dec. 25, 1863, re-enlistment.
Brown, Edward A.,	21	400 66	Quincy,	26, '63,	June 12, 1865, expiration of service.
Brock, John H.,	18	†	Malden,	Nov. 7, '63,	12, 1865, do do
Brownell, Lorenzo D.,	42	-	New Bedford,	Sept. 28, '61,	Feb. 1, 1864, re-enlistment.
Brownell, Lorenzo D.,	44	375 33	New Bedford,	Feb. 2, '64,	June 12, 1865, expiration of service.
Brown, Warren W.,	25	-	Lynnfield,	Oct. 1, '61,	July 14, 1862, disability.
Bryson, Peter,	25	†	Charlestown,	Dec. 14, '63,	June 12, 1865, expiration of service.

† See Third Battery.

VOLUNTEER ENLISTMENT.

STATE OF

TOWN OF

Massachusetts



North Brimingham

I, Francis A Baxter, born in Lathrum Co
in the State of Indiana, aged Thirty years,
and by occupation a Boot Maker, Do HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGE to have
volunteered this Seventh day of September, 1864,
to serve as a **Soldier** in the Army of the United States of America, for
the period of ~~THREE~~ YEARS, unless sooner discharged by proper authority:
Do also agree to accept such bounty, pay, rations, and clothing, as are, or may be,
established by law for volunteers. And I, Francis A Baxter, do
solemnly swear, that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the United States
of America, and that I will serve them honestly and faithfully against all
their enemies or opposers whomsoever; and that I will observe and obey the
orders of the President of the United States, and the orders of the officers
appointed over me, according to the Rules and Articles of War.

Sworn and subscribed to, at Princeton
this Seventh day of September, 1864,
BEFORE M D Hall Mark
Capt. & Pro Mar 2^d Dis Regt

I CERTIFY, ON HONOR, That I have carefully examined the above-named Volunteer, agreeably
to the General Regulations of the Army, and that, in my opinion, he is free from all bodily defects and
mental infirmity, which would in any way disqualify him from performing the duties of a soldier.

W B Hubbard

EXAMINING SURGEON.

I CERTIFY, ON HONOR, That I have minutely inspected the Volunteer Baxter
previously to his enlistment, and that he was entirely sober when enlisted; that, to the best of my
judgment and belief, he is of lawful age; and that, in accepting him as duly qualified to perform the
duties of an able-bodied soldier, I have strictly observed the Regulations which govern the recruiting
service. This soldier has hazel eyes, black hair, medium complexion, in height
feet two 3/4 inches high.

M D Hall
Capt. & Pro Mar 2^d Dis Regt
Regiment of Volunteers

(A. G. O. No. 74 & 76.)

RECRUITING OFFICER.

REPRODUCED AT THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES

Mustered into the service of the United States, for three years or during the war, from date of enlistment, in Company 11th
Regiment of Artillery, on the 7th day of September, 1864, at Princeton, Mass
Capt. & Pro Mar 2^d Dis Regt
M D Hall
Capt. & Pro Mar 2^d Dis Regt

Enlisted to Bounty

Handwritten initials

ACT OF JUNE 27, 1890.

(FORM NO. 31.)

EASTERN BRANCH, NATIONAL HOME FOR D. V. S,

APRIL. 25th 1891

TO THE HON. COMMISSIONER OF PENSIONS,

WASHINGTON, D. C.

SIR:

I have the honor to report that *James A. Baxter*
late *5* Co., *24th* Regiment, *Mass. B. Art.*
Pensioner, Certificate No. *768.060*, was *admitted*
this Branch on the *24th* day of *APRIL*, 189*1*

and request that the name of Pensioner be transferred from the

Boston Agency to the Rolls of the Pension Agency
at Washington, D. C.

Very respectfully,

JOHN D. ANDERSON
Treasurer.

AUGUSTA, ME.

3-402.

ACT. JUNE 27, 1890.

Certificate No. 763.060

Name, Francis A. Porter

Department of the Interior,

BUREAU OF PENSIONS,

Washington, D. C., January 15, 1898.

SIR:

In forwarding to the pension agent the executed voucher for your next quarterly payment please favor me by returning this circular to him with replies to the questions enumerated below.

Very respectfully,

McKay Brand

Commissioner.

First. Are you married? If so, please state your wife's full name and her maiden name.

Answer. *No*

Second. When, where, and by whom were you married?

Answer.

Third. What record of marriage exists?

Answer.

Fourth. Were you previously married? If so, please state the name of your former wife and the date and place of her death or divorce.

Answer. *Yes* *Budget Lynche* *Arvon Mass 1898*

Fifth. Have you any children living? If so, please state their names and the dates of their birth.

Answer. *4* *Michael* *39* *Patrick* *37* *23*
William *26* *Cornelius*

Witness *Sticks*

Date of reply, *Mch 23*, 189*8*

Francis A. Porter

(Signature)

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ACT OF JUNE 27, 1890.



BUREAU OF PENSIONS

It is hereby certified That, in conformity with the laws
of the United States, Francis A. Baxter, who
was a Private 5 Battery Massachusetts Volunteer
Light Artillery

is entitled to a pension under the provisions of the

Act of June 26, 1890.

at the rate of Twelve dollars per month

to commence on the Sixth day of January

one thousand nine hundred and two

This pension being for "Inability to earn a support by
manual labor"

Given at the Department of the Interior this

Twenty eighth day of May
one thousand nine hundred and two

and of the Independence of the United States
of America the one hundred and twenty eighth

Ethan A. Hitchcock.

Secretary of the Interior.

Countersigned

J. L. Sawyer

REPRODUCED AT THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES
Bureau of Pensions.

Former payments covering any portion of the same time to be deducted.

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CERTIFICATE DIVISION.

3-646.
(Old No. 3-165 bb.)

Act of June 27, 1890.

NOTICE OF ISSUE AND FEES.

Department of the Interior,

BUREAU OF PENSIONS.

Washington, D. C., May 18, 1902

Sir;

Herewith is transmitted a certificate, No. 763,000, for McClase pension, issued this day in your favor, accompanied by a voucher for the amount now due and payable thereon.

You should execute the voucher in accordance with the printed instructions, and return it to the pension agent at Augusta who will then send directly to your address, a check for the pension due.

Your recognized attorney, Wm. L. Howard of Togus, Me., whose fee is 2 dollars, which is payable by the pension agent.

Very respectfully,

Francis A. Baxter,
Togus, Me.

J. L. Sawin
Acting Commissioner.

(3-230.)

INVALID. (Series.)

Cert. No. **763060**Name, *Francis A. Baxter*Rank, *1st Lt.*; Service, *5th Battery, Mass. Vol. Lt. Art.*Original Roll: *1st*Agency. *Transf'd April 29, 1893, to*Executive Order of August 10, 1893, to *Aug.*Issued *May 7, 1892*Mailed *May 14, 1892*Rate and Period, \$ *6*, from *July 21, 1890*.

Deductions:

Disability: *Rheumatism and res. dis. of heart.*Issued *June 29, 1900*Mailed *July 7, 1900*Rate and Period, \$ *6*, from *Nov 18, 1899*

Deductions:

Issued, *May 28, 1902*Mailed *June 7, 1902*Rate and Period, \$ *12*, from *Jan. 10, 1902*

Deductions:

Disability *Inability to earn a cup*
*partly manual labor.*Issued *18*Mailed *18*Rate and Period, \$ *10*, from *18*

Deductions:

Disability:

INDORSEMENTS.

DROPPED*Oct 3, 1904**Death and adv*
Corporal 1899
Refused

REPRODUCED AT THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES

3-405.
ACT. JUNE 27, 1890.
PENSIONER DROPPED.

U. S. Pension Agency,

AUGUSTA, ME.

~~SEPT. 06~~ 3, 1904.

Certificate No. 763,060,

Class *INVALIDS.*

Pensioner *Francis A. Barker,*

Soldier

Service *Pvt. 5th Batty. Mass. L.A.*

Hon. Commissioner of Pensions:

SIR: I have the honor to report that the
above-named pensioner who was last paid
at \$12., to 4 Sep., 1904
has been dropped because of death

Sep. 29, 1904 in
Soldiers' Home,

Date *Togus, Me.*

Very respectfully,

Edwin Connor
Pension Agent.

NOTE—Every name dropped to be thus reported at once,
and when cause of dropping is death, state date of death
when known.

Special Schedule.—Surviving Soldiers, Sailors and Marines, and Widows, etc.

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S. D.: *Mass*

E. D.: *695*

Minor Civil Division:

Daniel E. Bonnoth

From Schedule No. 1

House No.
Family No.

NAMES OF SURVIVING SOLDIERS, SAILORS, AND MARINES, AND WIDOWS.

Rank.

Company

Name of Regiment or Vessel.

Date of Enlistment

Date of Discharge.

Length of Service.

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13	63 100	Griffin John	Private	G. 71st Mass	Infantry	June 15 1861	June 15 1864	3	13	
14	200 307	Donfer Francis H.	Private	E. 5th Mass	Battery	Sept 4 1864	June 12 1865	9 5	14	
15	108 161	J. H. Francis H.	Private	9th Mass	Battery	1863	July 1865	15	15	
16	71 112	Rash William C.	Private	U. S. S. Sencinto	16th Mass	Libat	Feb 20 1864	June 1865	1 3	16
17	146 227	Paady John M.	Private	E. 1st California		1861	1863	2	17	
18	147 129	Emell John	Private	L. 1st Mass	California	Aug 1864	Nov 2 1865	1	18	
19	165 253	Trapp John Charles H.	Private	9th Mass	California	1863	July 1865	10 12	19	
20		Reault James	Private	M. V. M.		May 2 1864	Aug 11 1864	101	20	
21	261 391	Davis Charles H.	Private	H. Mass	Battery	Dec 29 1863	June 16 1865	1 5	18	21
22	264 377	Lowell Robert E.	Private	U. S. Navy	1st Mass	Aug 15 1863	1	4	22	
23		Dec. Enlistment	Private	3rd Mass	Vol 2	Feb 1864	Sept 28 1865	1 7	4	23
24	162 172	Littlefield Daniel B.	Private	B. 47th Mass	Vol 1	Sept 19 1862	Sept 1 1863	11 11	24	
25	363 541	Topham Nathaniel D.	Private	A. 48th Mass	Vol 1	Aug 23 1863	Sept 4 1863	1	74	25
26	359 535	Allen H. Ray	Private	Regt Col	California	1864	Feb 1 1866	1 4	26	

Post-office Address.

Disability Incurred.

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CHAPTER VII

"We will fight side by side"

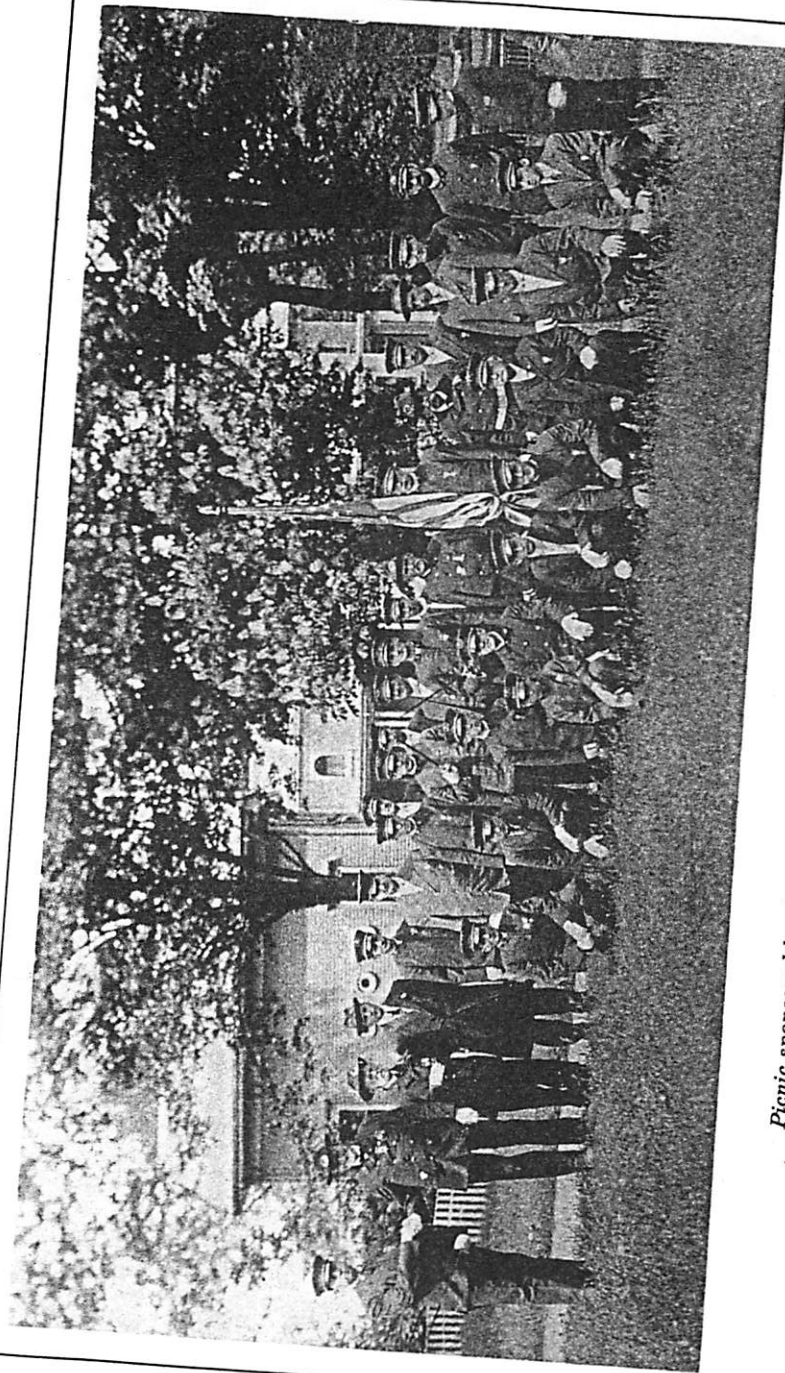
IN THE AVON Historical Society collection at the Blanchard House Museum, there is a picture of a group of old men in uniform, standing ramrod straight in the light of the afternoon sun. The occasion of the photograph was a 1915 reunion of local Civil War veterans. The fading image is all that is left of them now, and it brings a little sadness to think of them as they must have looked as young men marching off to war.

The great issue of the middle third of the nineteenth century was slavery — or rather the *extension* of slavery into the vast territory won from Mexico in the war of 1846-1848. Southerners claimed the right to bring their "peculiar institution" into these new lands. Northerners, infused with the notion of "Free soil, free labor, free men," resisted. Extremists on both sides created many of the problems which led to the Civil War. No one, whether he lived in Boston or Charleston or even East Stoughton could have foreseen the bloodbath this contest produced.

There was never any doubt about where the people of East Stoughton stood on the matter. Friendly to the Republican party since its inception in 1854, they gave Abraham Lincoln a victory of more than two-to-one in the election of 1860.¹ They stood ready to defend the Union when the call to arms was broadcast.

There was a good deal of excitement in the village even before the outbreak of war. The temperance movement had gained new momentum throughout that final summer and fall of peace. Economic times weren't good, and the boot and shoe industry was suffering. On March 18, 1861, which was just two weeks after President Lincoln had taken office, a meeting described as "pretty full" was called to organize a strike among the bootmakers. "We have been making boots for five dollars a case that we had ten and twelve for in 1859-60," complained their correspondent to a local newspaper. "We think we have paid the bosses for the privilege of breathing long enough, and now we think of tacking and go[ing] to the poor-house, or raise our wages."

Three weeks later, and just three days before the Confederates opened fire on Fort Sumter, the unhappy workers announced the formation of the Boot and Shoemakers' Loan and Fund Association. Membership dues of \$10 were payable in installments.² This agitation would fade quickly enough, however, for the workers would not have to complain about the lack of work for very long.



Picnic sponsored by the Avon G.A.R. Post 193 and Sons of Union Veterans, 1915.

On April 12, 1861, Fort Sumter was bombarded by the shore batteries that rimmed the harbor at Charleston, South Carolina. Under-supplied and badly out-gunned, the garrison surrendered the next day. Lincoln's call for 75,000 men to put down the rebellion was answered quickly as volunteers, young and old, pledged themselves to the defense of the Union. In East Stoughton, as elsewhere, feeling ran high. "War, war, war is the constant cry," reported the village correspondent to the *North Bridgewater Gazette*.³

Approximately ninety-five of the 530 soldiers sent by Stoughton for service in the Union army came from East Stoughton, and that was a remarkable turnout for a village whose total population was only about 600.⁴ These local men served in more than twenty different regiments, as well as in the U.S. Navy. When the war was over the toll in dead and wounded was found to be a heavy one: eighteen villagers had been discharged on account of sickness or injury. Some returned home to die soon after, suffering from the diseases they had contracted in the swamps of Virginia or Louisiana. Others were permanently disfigured by the loss of their sight or limbs. Sixteen of East Stoughton's finest young men never returned at all. Ten had fallen in battle, while the rest had succumbed to accident or illness.

In that tumultuous spring and summer of 1861, East Stoughton men enlisted for service in several regiments about to leave for the seat of the war. This was the last conflict in which village men could march together, knowing that their groups would remain intact until their discharge.

The largest contingent of villagers joined Company K of the 9th Massachusetts Regiment of Volunteer Infantry. This was one of the two Bay State regiments consisting almost entirely of men of Irish birth. Twelve East Stoughton men left Boston on June 25, 1861 for Virginia. Carrying not only the national and state colors, the 9th Mass. also carried an Irish flag into battle.

The men of the 9th saw no combat for almost a year after leaving home, but they more than made up for it during General George B. McClellan's Peninsula Campaign in the summer of 1862. The East Stoughton boys saw heavy fighting at Hanover Court House, Mechanicsville, Gaines' Mill and Malvern Hill. In the final two battles the regiment saw 111 of its members killed, including its organizer, Colonel Thomas Cass, of Boston. At the end of the campaign, Richmond remained in Confederate hands thanks to McClellan's retreat.

So severely did the 9th Mass. suffer on the Peninsula that it was held in reserve at Second Bull Run, Antietam and Fredericksburg. It spent the winter of 1862-1863 in camp at Falmouth, Virginia, and was present at both Chancellorsville and Gettysburg, but suffered no serious losses. Winter, 1863-1864, was spent at Bealton Station, Virginia.

The 9th Mass. was back in action in the spring of 1864 and suffered heavy losses at the Wilderness and Spotsylvania. Seventy-eight men were killed in these two engagements, which were fought in the Virginia countryside amidst the beauty of May flowers. Later the men of the 9th Mass. fought at the North Anna River and at Cold Harbor, and on June 10, 1864

the regiment was withdrawn from the front lines and sent home, its period of enlistment having expired.

The troopship which sailed into Boston Harbor on June 15 carried a very happy contingent of East Stoughton men. Remarkably, none of them had been killed, though at least four had received disability discharges and two others had deserted.⁵

East Stoughton had two representatives in the state's other Irish regiment, the 28th Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry. Daniel Connery enlisted as a sergeant in Company C on December 13, 1861. He was wounded in action on June 16, 1862, but recovered in time to rejoin his regiment in front of Fredericksburg, Virginia. In one of the worst slaughters in American military history, Sergeant Connery was shot dead on the slopes of Marye's Heights. He died on the first anniversary of his muster into the service.

Another member of the 28th Mass. Regiment was William Currivan, a 30 year-old East Stoughton bootmaker who enlisted in Company C with his friend Connery. Severely wounded at Second Bull Run in August 1862, he was given a disability discharge in January 1863. In February 1864, Currivan re-enlisted in Company I of the 56th Mass. Regiment and was killed in action at the Wilderness on May 5, 1864.⁶

In June 1861, another group of villagers enlisted in Company K of the 11th Massachusetts Regiment, and these men saw almost continuous fighting throughout the war. The 11th Mass. was one of the three Bay State regiments present at First Bull Run in July 1861, and it fought the following year at Williamsburg and Fair Oaks on the Peninsula, as well as at Second Bull Run, where it sustained heavy casualties. These men were in the thick of the fight at Chancellorsville, and at Gettysburg they lost heavily trying to defend the Union III Corps' line along the Emmitsburg Road on the afternoon of July 2, 1863.

In 1864 the regiment continued its bloody record, sacrificing many soldiers at Spotsylvania and the Wilderness, and later at Cold Harbor and Petersburg. In 1865 the 11th Mass., with the East Stoughton men still in the ranks, joined with other Union forces in closing off Lee's escape route to the west. The regiment was near Appomattox on that fateful April day in 1865 when the hopes of the Confederacy faded forever.⁷

When the 11th Mass. Regiment returned home in the summer of 1865, two of its members were absent from the celebration. John Decoster had died of disease in 1862, and William B. Foster, a member of Company D, had drowned when his transport ship sank in the Potomac River. Poor Foster, a bootmaker by trade, had been a prisoner of war and had just been exchanged and sent on his way home. He died on April 23, 1865, two weeks after Lee's surrender.⁸

In June and July 1861, five East Stoughton men enlisted in Company F of the 12th Massachusetts Regiment, known as the "Webster Regiment" because it had been recruited by Fletcher Webster, son of statesman Daniel Webster. Five companies were raised in Boston, and one each from Abington, Stoughton, North Bridgewater, Weymouth and Gloucester. The

regiment fought first at Cedar Mountain and then at Second Bull Run, where Colonel Webster and twenty-four of his men were killed. At Antietam on September 17, 1862 the regiment fought in the famous Bloody Cornfield, where it suffered a staggering 224 casualties, including seventy-four killed.

At the Battle of Fredericksburg, on December 13, 1862, the 12th Mass. took part in the assault on the right end of the Confederate line, where it lost heavily. Among the dead was Jerome K. Hodge of East Stoughton.

The regiment was present at Chancellorsville in May 1863, and also at Gettysburg, where it took many casualties on the right of the Union line. In 1864 the 12th Mass. was engaged at the Wilderness, where it lost Sergeant Frank M. Stoddard, an East Stoughton man who had answered his country's call when he was only 19 years-old.

The Webster Regiment finished its service in action at the North Anna, Cold Harbor, and in front of Petersburg. On June 25, 1864 its members finally left the battlefields of Virginia, having fulfilled their three-year commitment. They arrived home on July 1, 1864.⁹

Other East Stoughton men also enlisted in the Union Army during the spring and summer of 1861. Caught up in the great surge of patriotism which swept the North after the fall of Sumter, two village men were mustered into the service with the 20th Mass. Regiment, and four others joined the ranks of the 29th Mass. Regiment. Most of these men were out of the service before the end of the war.

Back on the homefront, that summer saw a great deal of activity as the people of Stoughton and its village to the east made ready to support the war effort. At that point no one expected a long war, but citizens were ready to do what needed to be done in any case. On April 22, 1861 a town meeting was held at which it was resolved: *That it is the sense of this meeting that we pledge ourselves as a town to see that all families of such persons as shall be accepted as volunteers in the present struggle to execute our National laws shall receive all proper support, and that a committee of two from each school district be appointed to see that all such families shall be supplied previous to Saturday next, and that they report at that time what measures are necessary to be taken for the future.*

Two weeks later the town voted to pay \$12 a month to the wife of each married volunteer, and an additional \$2 for each dependent child under age fifteen. If the volunteer died while in the service his wife and children would continue to receive these benefits until the end of the war.

The town appointed a committee to distribute this money, and an additional \$1,000 was set aside for cases not provided for under the foregoing arrangements. From 1861 to 1865 the town of Stoughton spent almost \$40,000 for aid to soldiers' families.¹⁰

Not all of the news from East Stoughton that summer pertained to the war, nor was all of it a source of pride to the village. On July 9, 1861 the *North Bridgewater Gazette* reported that a crowd of men and boys had attacked the Baptist church. Using ladders belonging to the fire department, the vandals broke forty windows and did considerable damage to the shutters. Decrying this "mobocratic spirit," the newspaper also reported

that on the same night buildings belonging to a black family had been torched. The paper did not say whether there was any suspected connection between the two incidents.¹¹

The war, of course, stimulated the boot and shoe industry. Soldiers needed shoes, and the village of East Stoughton prospered as a result. By the end of September 1861, one correspondent told a newspaper that "Nearly all of our mechanics who ever made a boot, are busy in making Government shoes. Old men who forty years ago made 'sewed work,' are now drawing the thread as lively as the young men. This, together with our boot manufacturers, gives ample employment to the great mass." It was also reported that one East Stoughton manufacturer had been offered a contract to make several thousand pairs of cavalry boots. After the war it was said that the Littlefield factory alone had produced more than 6,000 pairs of shoes for the Union army.¹²

The women of East Stoughton also played a significant part in the war effort. Throughout the conflict they sent articles in large bundles to the Sanitary Commission, the nineteenth century counterpart of today's Red Cross. These packages included bandages, knitted articles, food, paper, pencils, etc. The women also participated in several Sanitary Fairs, bazaars that sold homemade items and donated the proceeds to the care of sick and wounded soldiers.

During the war East Stoughton, like most communities, sponsored a Home Guard to protect against Confederate invasion or infiltration. Its first commander was Charles M. Packard, and before entering the army himself, he led a group of about forty townsmen. They drilled occasionally, and their ranks were often filled by men either just leaving for, or just returning from, the army.

After making sure that the East Stoughton Home Guard was well organized, young Packard entered the Union army as a cavalryman. He served as a sergeant in the First Massachusetts Cavalry, and in 1864 was transferred to the Fourth Massachusetts, where he saw a good deal of fighting and was taken prisoner of war by the Confederates. While in the enemy's hands he was robbed of his clothes and subjected to some harsh treatment, but he survived the war and returned home to the village in the summer of 1865.

Back in East Stoughton young Packard was made a village constable, usually a ticket to a long life with little professional inconvenience. Shortly after his appointment, however, Constable Packard was sent to arrest a fugitive named Moran, who was reportedly holed up in a house on Pratt Street. Packard had just announced himself at the door when Moran drew a gun and began shooting, and Charles M. Packard fell dead. Twenty-three years later his friends in the village were organizing a chapter of the Grand Army of the Republic, and Post No. 193 was named for the young veteran.¹³

The town of Stoughton held regular "war meetings," at which recruitment matters were discussed. In early August 1862, the town was concerned about meeting its quota of enlistees, and it voted to pay a bounty of \$150 to any man who joined the ranks. To make the offer more attractive,

another \$50 was promised to anyone who enlisted before August 20. It was soon after agreed to permanently raise the bounty for enlistment to \$200 per man.¹⁴

In order to raise the money necessary to pay bounties, all of Stoughton's legal voters were divided up into teams, consisting of from fifteen to twenty men each. Team members were responsible for raising money from among local businesses and professional men, and each team was required to sponsor one soldier during each recruitment cycle.

At one of these war meetings in the summer of 1862, Oramel B. Scofield, a 44 year-old East Stoughton carpenter, stepped forward to speak. *I am but a humble individual, he said, but my life perhaps is as sweet to me as yours is to you. I take it in my hand. I go to fight for the stars and stripes. I love them. I have only one son; he, too, will go. We will fight side by side. If we fall, be assured we fall like men. Will others do likewise?*

Oramel Scofield, with 18 year-old Lucien by his side, enlisted in Company F of the 40th Massachusetts Regiment. With at least ten other East Stoughton men, they were mustered into Federal service on September 3, 1862 and sent to Washington, D.C. The company saw its first combat in front of Fort Wagner, South Carolina, and it remained in the Charleston area from August through November 1863.

After duty in Florida in the winter of 1864, the 40th Mass. returned to Virginia in time to participate in the battle of Drury's Bluff on May 16. Here the regiment lost ten killed, forty-two wounded and twenty-two missing. The Union advance and subsequent withdrawal were so fast that the dead and most of the wounded were left behind.

It was at Drury's Bluff that Thomas Cosgrove, an East Stoughton private in Company F, earned the Congressional Medal of Honor. His citation notes that he "Individually demanded and received the surrender of seven armed Confederates concealed in a cellar, disarming them and marching them in as prisoners of war."¹⁵

The 40th Massachusetts remained in Virginia and saw spirited combat at both Cold Harbor and Petersburg. In March 1865 it was positioned along the Richmond front and was one of the first Union regiments to enter the city after the Confederate evacuation. The 40th was in camp near Richmond when the war ended. Its members were mustered out of the service on June 17 and arrived home on June 30, 1865.¹⁶

Sergeant Oramel Scofield was about 47 years-old when he returned to the village, the oldest East Stoughton resident to serve in the Civil War. Homecomings, especially from war, are happy occasions, but for him this must have held little joy. Sergeant Scofield came home alone; Lucien, his only son, had died in South Carolina in October 1863, his body wracked by disease.¹⁷

There was at least one other instance where a father and son left East Stoughton in the same outfit. In September 1862, Samuel L. Crane, a 41 year-old merchant, enlisted in Company K of the 43rd Massachusetts Regiment. Beside him marched his son, S. Minot Crane, a 16 year-old who had enlisted as a drummer boy. Theirs was only a nine months' regiment, and both returned home safely in July 1863.¹⁸

Not only was S. Minot Crane the youngest village resident to enlist in the Union Army, he was the last of the original East Stoughton recruits to die. After returning from the army he lived a long and productive life as a member of the Avon school committee and deacon of the Avon Baptist Church. He was one of the charter members of the Stoughton post of the Grand Army of the Republic, and he also helped found the C.M. Packard Post 193 in Avon. He was 85 years-old when he died in February 1931.¹⁹

East Stoughton also had at least four men who served in the U.S. Navy during the Civil War. James A. Thompson was 30 years-old when he enlisted in July 1861. He was assigned as a crew member aboard the sloop *Cumberland* and was killed off Hampton Roads, Virginia when his ship engaged the C.S.S. *Virginia* (better known as the Merrimac) in a prelude to that vessel's battle with the Union ironclad *Monitor*.

William F. Lynch also served in the Navy, aboard the steamer *Rhode Island*. He died at Norfolk, Virginia on December 6, 1864, at the age of 23 years.²⁰

In addition to Thompson and Lynch, two other East Stoughton men joined the navy, but only after they had seen combat in the Union Army. James O'Sullivan and John T. Lynch had both served with the 9th Massachusetts Regiment earlier in the war. O'Sullivan, in fact, had been severely wounded at Malvern Hill, on the Peninsula. Discharged on account of disability, he enlisted in the Navy in July 1864 and served aboard the steamers *Ohio* and *Rhode Island* before being discharged at the end of the war.²¹

The final large contingent of East Stoughton men left the village for war in September 1862, when the members of the 4th Massachusetts Regiment departed. Another of the nine months' regiments, the 4th Mass. saw duty at the siege of Port Hudson, as well as at Fort Bisland and at Big Bethel. Only nine of the villagers returned home in August 1863. Charles F. Packard, a private in Company D, had died of disease at the general hospital in Baton Rouge, Louisiana five months earlier.²²

After 1862 the East Stoughton recruits left in two's and three's, and their enlistments were generally for shorter periods of time. Seven villagers enlisted in four different outfits from July to September 1864, and all of them were spared from harm.

One of them was Orin Whitten, an 18 year-old who joined Company I of the 42nd Massachusetts Regiment, a 100 days' outfit that saw service in Louisiana during the summer and fall of 1864. Little did young Whitten know that one day he would serve as a sad reminder of how times change. On July 10, 1910 — exactly forty-six years after enlisting in the Civil War — Whitten was struck and killed by a truck as he alighted from a streetcar in Mattapan Square.²³

By the spring of 1865 the Confederates had suffered and lost all that they had to lose. When General Robert E. Lee surrendered his Army of Northern Virginia at Appomattox Courthouse on the ninth of April, a tremendous cheer, followed by a long sigh of relief, swept across the Northern states. This meant that the boys were coming home at last.

The Civil War scarred America like no war before or since. More than 500,000 of her best young men lay beneath the soil at Antietam, Frederickburg, Gettysburg, the Wilderness and dozens of lesser known places. The once rich, verdant countryside of the South was devastated, as were many of its cities. A new generation of American heroes was born, and some of the social problems which came of the war are with us still.

Stoughton and its village to the east had good reason to be proud of the part they played in defending the Union. The town had expended almost \$80,000 to prosecute the war and had never once failed to meet its quota of men for the service. Stoughton, including East Stoughton, sent at least 530 men to the Union Army and Navy, fifteen as commissioned officers. Seventy-five of them never returned.²⁴

When word of Jefferson Davis' capture reached East Stoughton on May 20, 1865, the village celebrated mightily. That evening the employees of E.D. Littlefield's shoe factory assembled in present-day Goeres Square and blew up a keg of gun powder. By the light of a burning tar barrel a straw dummy identified as Jeff Davis was left hanging in the breeze as the villagers walked quietly toward their homes after the festivities.²⁵

This must have been a welcome diversion for the small village, but what lingered was the great sense of loss. Abraham Lincoln, much beloved in East Stoughton, had been dead just over a month, and the great jubilation over the war's end had been replaced by the realization that neither the President nor the sixteen village men who had died would be there to enjoy the peace.

On July 1, 1865 William H. Wood, editor of the *Stoughton Sentinel*, eloquently summed up the feelings of his fellow townsmen when he wrote: *Oh, how great has been the sacrifice! We can scarcely comprehend it. We read the figures, with comparatively little astonishment at their large number, but as we look around among friends, and see here one, and another's place vacant, and asking the cause we hear in reply "he died in the service of his country," in many, many families in our own town, and in every town throughout the land, then do we begin to realize the horror and devastation of cruel war. These may not come back, but their memories will live in the hearts of all who knew them . . .*²⁶

NOTES

1. *Taunton Daily Gazette*, November 8, 1860. The vote in Stoughton was 485 votes for Lincoln, 215 for Douglas, 8 votes for Breckenridge, and 57 for Bell. Lincoln carried Norfolk County with 8,864 votes, 2,065 more than the combined total of his opponents. The same held true in the election of 1864.

2. *North Bridgewater Gazette*, March 18, 1861; April 11, 1861.

3. *North Bridgewater Gazette*, April 30, 1861.

4. The Stoughton figure comes from *Personal War Sketches*, A. St. John Chambre Post No. 72, *Grand Army of the Republic, Stoughton, Mass.*, now in the collection of the Stoughton Historical Society. The East Stoughton information comes from *Personal War Sketches*, Charles M. Packard Post No. 193, *Grand Army of the Republic, Avon, Mass.*, now in the collection of the Avon Historical Society; hereinafter cited as *Personal War Sketches*.

5. Adjutant General of Massachusetts, *Massachusetts Soldiers, Sailors, and Marines in the Civil War* (Norwood, Mass.: The Norwood Press, 1932), IV, 616; hereinafter cited as *Mass. Soldiers, Sailors and Marines*. The individual service records of the East Stoughton men can be found in these eight volumes as well as in Avon, Massachusetts, *Twelfth Annual Report of the Receipts and Expenditures of the Town of Avon, for the Year Ending December 31, 1899* (Randolph, Mass.: Randolph Register and Holbrook News, Daniel Huxford, Publisher, 1900), pp. 102-15; hereinafter cited as *Avon Twelfth Annual Report*.

6. *Mass. Soldiers, Sailors, and Marines*, III, 209, 210; IV, 805.

7. *Mass. Soldiers, Sailors, and Marines*, I, 735-36.

8. *Mass. Soldiers, Sailors, and Marines*, I, 810, 791; *Avon Twelfth Annual Report*, pp. 108, 112.

9. *Mass. Soldiers, Sailors, and Marines*, II, 1-2; *Avon Twelfth Annual Report*, p. 108.

10. William Schouler, *A History of Massachusetts in the Civil War* (Boston: By the Author, 1871), II, 522-24.

11. *North Bridgewater Gazette*, July 9, 1861.

12. *North Bridgewater Gazette*, Sept. 25, 1861; Lorch Scrapbooks, Avon Historical Society.

13. *Personal War Sketches*, Avon Post No. 193; Lorch Scrapbooks, Avon Historical Society.

14. Schouler, II, 523; *North Bridgewater Gazette*, August 6, 1862.

15. *Personal War Sketches*, Avon Post No. 193, p. 44. Cosgrove, a 42 year-old farmer, had been born in Ireland. His Medal of Honor was not awarded until November 7, 1896, when he would have been 76 years-old. Little is known of him either before or after the war, and he is apparently not buried in Avon.

16. *Mass. Soldiers, Sailors, and Marines*, IV, 106-07.

17. *Mass. Soldiers, Sailors, and Marines*, IV, 133.

18. *Mass. Soldiers, Sailors, and Marines*, IV, 266; *Avon Twelfth Annual Report*, p. 105.

19. *The Stoughton News-Sentinel*, February 26, 1931.

20. *Mass. Soldiers, Sailors, and Marines*, VIII, 332; *Avon Twelfth Annual Report*, p. 112.

21. *Avon Twelfth Annual Report*, p. 107.

22. *Mass. Soldiers, Sailors, and Marines*, I, 224.

23. *Personal War Sketches*, Avon Post No. 193.

24. Schouler, II, 523; *Personal War Sketches*, Stoughton Post No. 72, p. 260.

25. *Stoughton Sentinel*, May 20, 1865.

26. *Stoughton Sentinel*, July 1, 1865.

1880 United States Census

Census Place: Stoughton, Norfolk, Massachusetts

Source: FHL Film 1254549 National Archives Film T9-0549 Page 276A

	Relation	Sex	Marr	Race	Age	Birthplace
Francis A. BAXTER	Self	M	M	W	45	IRE
Bridget E. BAXTER	Wife	F	M	W	43	MA
Michael F. BAXTER	Son	M	S	W	22	MA
Patrick BAXTER	Son	M	S	W	20	MA
John A. BAXTER	Son	M	S	W	14	MA
William H. BAXTER	Son	M	S	W	11	MA
Cornelius BAXTER	Son	M	S	W	5	MA

1864.]

The Old Church, Quincy, Mass.

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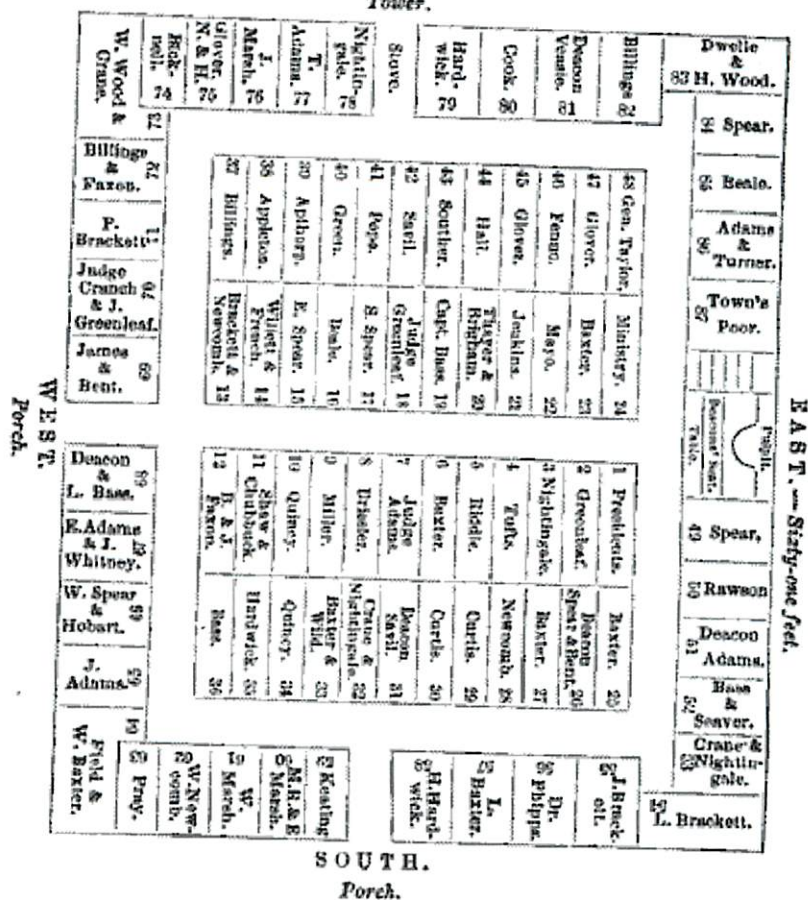
front of the gallery for the choir of singers is a handsome clock, presented to the society by two ladies; Madam Abigail Adams, wife of President Adams, Sen., and Madam Esther Black, widow of the late Moses Black, Esq."

The subjoined diagram, abridged from the original, represents the division of the ground floor after the alterations of the building in 1805, and when it was taken down in 1828. Square pews, as has been said,

Ground Plan of Church.

NORTH.—Fifty-six feet.

Tower.



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were retained around the walls. As the dimensions, when the church was taken down, were sixty one feet by fifty-six, and, as fifteen feet were added in the width, in 1805, the original size was sixty-one by forty-one. At first the galleries were reached by stairs in the west corners of the church as customary in early times, and all the pews were

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Soldier History

Francis A. Baxter

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Residence North Bridgewater MA; a 35 year-old Bootmaker.

Enlisted on 9/7/64 as a Private.

On 9/7/64 he mustered into MA 5th Light Artillery
He was Mustered Out on 6/12/65 at Camp Meigs, Readville, MA

Sources:

- Massachusetts Soldiers, Sailors and Marines in the Civil War

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Town Data

North Bridgewater, MA
Plymouth County

Home



Population in 1860: 6,584

Soldiers by In Method

Soldiers by Out Method

Enlisted/Commissioned:

585

Killed or Mortally Wounded:

39

Drafted:

5

Died as POW:

10

Died of Disease:

21

Total Men:

590

Disabled:

83

Deserted:

26

Discharged:

41

Mustered Out:

336

Note: Most state Adjutant General Reports did not provide Residence information.

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BAXTER, FRANCIS A.

HISTORY DATA, COUNTIES in MASSACHUSETTS

BROCKTON, Plymouth County

North Bridgewater established as a town by State 1812

Brockton incorporated as a city by State 1881, c. 192

1821	June	15	North Bridgewater established as a town, from part of Bridgewater
1825	Jan.	26	Bounds between North Bridgewater and West Bridgewater established.
1874	Mar.	28	Act to authorize the town of North Bridgewater to change its name.
1874	May	5	Name of Brockton adopted by North Bridgewater, under Act of Mar. 28, 1874.
1875	Apr.	24	Part annexed to South Abington and parts of East Bridgewater and South Abington annexed.
1881	Apr.	9	Incorporated as a city.
1881	May	23	Act of Apr. 9, 1881, accepted by the town.
1893	May	8	Part of West Bridgewater annexed, if the act is accepted by Brockton.
1894	Mar.	1	Act of May 8, 1893, took effect.

Archaic Names of the Municipality:

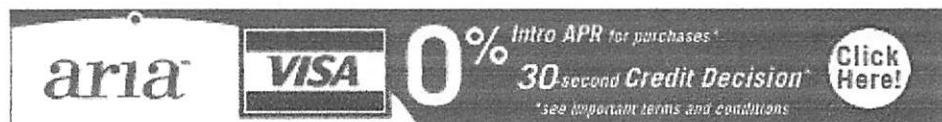
North Bridgewater

Section/Village Names

Bellevue Park, Brockton Heights, Bumpus Corner, Bush, Campello, Cary Hill, Centreville, Clifton Heights, Douglas Park, Ellis Park, Elmhurst, Factory Village, Happy Hollow, Highland Terrace, Hoverden Park, Intervale Park, Leyden Park, Marshall's Corner, Menlo Park, Montello, Morse's Corner, Oak Hill, Pleasant Park, Pleasantville, Prospect Hill, Prospect Park, Porter's Pass, Rangeley Park, Ridge Hill, Salisbury Heights, Sawtelleville, Shaw's Corner, Sunnyside, Sylvester Corner, Thomaston Park, Tower Hill, Walnut Bottom, Wheeler Park, Winchester Park, Winter's Corner


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Surname	Given Name	Middle Initial	Company	Unit	Rank - Induction	Rank - Discharge	Notes	Allegiance
Baxter	Francis			Unassigned Veteran Reserve Corps.	Private	Private	8 Mo. Inf. & 4 V. R. C.	Union
Baxter	Francis		B	4 Veteran Res. Corps.	Private	Private	8 Mo. Inf.	Union
Baxter	Francis		C	7 Batt'n D. C. Mil. Inf. (3 Months, 1861.)	Private	Private		Union
Baxter	Francis	A.	C	125 N. Y. Infantry.	Private	Private		Union
Baxter	Francis	A.	D	1 Missouri S. M. Inf.	Private	Private	14 Mo. Cav.	Union
Baxter	Francis	A.	A	14 Missouri Cavalry.	Private	Private	1 Inf. Mo. S. M.	Union
Baxter	Francis	A.		5 Indpt. Batt'y, Massachusetts Light Art'y.	Private	Private		Union
Baxter	Francis	H.	F	2 Dist. of Columbia Inf.	Private	1 Sergeant		Union
Baxter	Francis	J.	A	3 Indiana Cavalry.	Private	Private	Baxter Francis W Or H. W.	Union
				38 Georgia				

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To the Treasurer of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Please forward the amount of my pay at
\$ 20 per month, until other orders
to Mrs. Bridget Baxter of East
Stoughton, Mass

his
signed Francis X Baxter
mark
Co. 5th Light Battery

approved by

Lt. 26th Mass ts

B. | 5 Indpt. Batt'y. | Mass.

Francis A. Baxter

Appears with rank of _____ on _____

Muster and Descriptive Roll of a Detachment of U. S. Vols. forwarded

for the 5 Indpt. Batt'y, Mass. L. Art'y. Roll dated

Taunton Mass Sept 7, 1864.

Where born Litchman Co Ireland

Age 35 yrs; occupation Bootmaker

When enlisted Sept 7, 1864.

Where enlisted Taunton Mass

For what period enlisted 1 year

Eyes Hazel; hair Black

Complexion Medium; height 5 ft 2 1/4 in.

When mustered in Sept 7, 1864.

Muster-in to date _____, 1864.

Where mustered in Taunton

Bounty paid \$33 33/100; due \$66 67/100

Where credited 100 Bridge Water 2d Dist

Battery to which assigned _____

Valuation of horse, \$100

Valuation of horse equipments, \$100

Remarks: Entitled to Bounty

Book mark: _____

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Battery Muster Roll

for _____, 1864.

Present or absent Present

Stoppage, \$100 for _____

Due Gov't, \$100 for _____

Valuation of horse, \$100

Valuation of horse equipments, \$100

Remarks: Recruit Reported to Batt'y Oct 21/64

Book mark: _____

B. | 5 Indpt. Batt'y. | Mass.

Francis A. Baxter

Appears on _____, Batt'y E (5 Indpt.), Mass. L. Art'y.

Battery Muster-out Roll

dated _____, 1864.

Muster-out to date June 12, 1865.

Last paid to Dec 31, 1864.

Clothing account: _____

Last settled _____, 1864; drawn since \$50 01/100

Due soldier \$100; due U. S. \$100

Am't for cloth'g in kind or money adv'd \$100

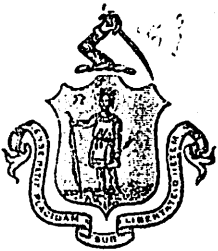
Due U. S. for arms, equipments, &c., \$100

Bounty paid \$33 33/100; due \$33 33/100

Valuation of horse, \$100

Valuation of horse equipments, \$100

Remarks: _____



Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

PENSION DEPARTMENT.

NO. 29 PEMBERTON SQUARE, BOSTON.

B DECLARATION FOR INCREASE OF INVALID PENSION, B

Under Act of June 27, 1890.

STATE OF MASSACHUSETTS:

COUNTY OF

Plymouth

ss.

On this 27th day of January, A.D. one thousand eight hundred and ninety-three personally appeared before me, a Justice of the Peace within and for the County and State aforesaid, Francis A. Baxter, aged 62 years, who, being duly sworn according to law, declares that he is a pensioner of the United States, duly enrolled at the Boston Pension Agency at the rate of six dollars per month, by Certificate No. 763060, on account of disability from "Rheumatism and resulting disease of heart" (Here state the disability for which pensioned.) that he served as a private in 5th Battery Mass. Vol. Light Artillery. (Here state rank, company and regiment, if in army; rank and vessel, if in navy.)

He further declares that he believes himself to be entitled to an increase of pension for the following reasons, to wit: that the above-mentioned disabilities have increased; and that he is also suffering from the following additional disabilities: that said disabilities have increased to the extent (Here state reasons for applying for increase; whether disability has increased or present rate is considered inadequate, or otherwise.)

that he is able to do but little work; his left hand is now so much disabled from rheumatism that he cannot use it; he also suffers from chronic diarrhea.

that said additional disabilities are not due to vicious habits, and are to the best of his knowledge and belief permanent; that he appoints J. B. PARSONS, PENSION AGENT OF MASSACHUSETTS, No. 29 Pemberton Square, Boston, his true and lawful attorney to prosecute his claim WITHOUT FEE; that his residence is No. 45, in Bay Street, in Brockton, County of Plymouth, and State of Massachusetts; that his post-office address is at street and number before named

Francis A. Baxter
(Claimant's signature.)

(If claimant signs by mark, two persons who can write sign here.)

Also personally appeared William O'Donnell residing at said Brockton and Thomas P. Leysden residing at Brockton aforesaid, persons whom I certify to be respectable and entitled to credit, and who, being by me duly sworn, say that they were present and saw Francis A. Baxter, the claimant, sign his name (or make his mark) to the foregoing declaration; that they have every reason to believe, from the appearance of said claimant and their acquaintance with him, that he is the identical person he represents himself to be; and that they have no interest in the prosecution of this claim.

William O'Donnell
Thomas P. Leysden
(Signatures of witnesses.)

(If either witness signs by mark, two persons who can write sign here.)

Sworn to and subscribed before me this twenty-seventh day of January, A.D. 1893, and I hereby certify that the contents of the above declaration, etc., were fully made known and explained to the claimant and witnesses before swearing, including the words

[SEAL.]

erased, and the words added; and that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim.

De Witt Leckard Justice of the Peace
and Clerk of the City of Brockton, Mass.
(Magistrate's Signature.)

Jan 13/93



Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

PENSION DEPARTMENT,
BOSTON.

AFFIDAVIT.

State of *Maine*
~~Massachusetts~~,
County of *Hancock*

ss.

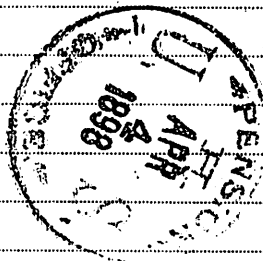
In the matter of the claim for *Increase of Pension* *Off # 743060*
of *Francis A. Baxter*

of Company *5th Battery* Regiment *Mass Light Art.* Vols.:

Personally came before me, a *Notary Public* in and for
aforesaid County and State, *Mr. Clannish*

a resident of *Ordsb. Maine* *and*
in the County of _____, State of *Maine*, who being
duly sworn, declare in relation to aforesaid claim, as follows:—

That he filed a claim for increase of pension
January 27 1893. Through the State Pension Agent.
I was living at that time a resident of Brunswick
Maine. That he received an Order to report for
examination at West Pelham Maine from Colonel
Parsons the 12th Maine Art. June 12 1893. That
he could not report for various reasons until said
Order had expired he now respectfully requests that
an Order for his examination at Augusta Maine
be made. (he being a resident of Mr. Ordsb. Maine at
Ordsb. Maine) and promises to report at
once on issuance of the same.



further declare that _____ no interest in said claim, and _____ not concerned
in its prosecution.

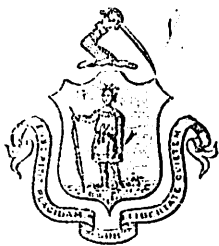
Affiant's Signature, _____

P. O. Address, _____

Attest — when any affiant signs BY MARK two persons sign here.

Affiant's Signature, _____

P. O. Address, _____



Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

PENSION DEPARTMENT,
STATE HOUSE, BOSTON.

AFFIDAVIT.

State of Massachusetts,

County of Suffolk } ss.

Act of June 27th 1890.

In the matter of the claim for Increase Pension, Act # 763060
of Francis M. Bapten

of Company 5 Battery Regiment Mass L Co Vols. :

Personally came before me, a Notary Public in and for
aforesaid County and State, Francis M. Bapten and

, resident of Aaron
in the County of Norfolk, State of Mass., who being

duly sworn, declare in relation to aforesaid claim, as follows:—

I did not serve in the army or navy of
the U. S. prior to September 7, 1864
That I reside in Aaron Mass., and would
respectfully request that an order for my exp-
atriation be issued, and I will attend to
it within the specified time

~~further declare that~~ ~~no interest in said claim, and~~ ~~not concerned~~
in its prosecution.

Louisa C. Evans
Eva B. Colbrook

Attest—when any affiant signs BY MARK two persons sign here.

his
Affiant's Signature, Francis M. Bapten
P. O. Address, Central St. Aaron Mass.

Affiant's Signature, _____
P. O. Address, _____

Declaration for Increase of Pension.

Under the Acts of June 27, 1890, and May 9, 1900.

To be executed before some officer authorized to administer oaths for general purposes. The official character and signature of any such officer not required by law to use a seal must be certified by the clerk of the proper court, giving dates of beginning and close of official term. If certificate on file, so state.

State of Maine, County of Kennebec, ss:

ON THIS 14th day of May, A. D. nineteen hundred and one

personally appeared before me, a Notary Public within and for the County

and State aforesaid, Francis A. Baxter aged 74 years, late a member

of Co. E, 5th Regiment, Med Battery L. C.

a resident of the Res. of Logus County of Kennebec

State of Maine who, being duly sworn according to law, declares that he is a pensioner

of the United States under the Act of June 27, 1890, enrolled at the Augusta, Me

Pension Agency, at the rate of Eight dollars per month, by reason of partial

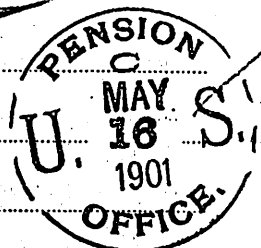
inability to earn a support by manual labor, his Pension Certificate being numbered 763.060

That he believes himself to be entitled to an increase of pension on account of the DISABILITIES HERETOFORE ALLEGED, namely:

Rheumatism & Heart Disease

Also on account of increased Rheumatism & Heart disease. Lung & Kidney trouble. Asthma. Bronchitis. partial deafness. Impaired Vision. Senility of Age. Genl Disability. Partial paralysis right side.

Caused By natural causes



That none of said disabilities are due to vicious habits, and that they are, to the best of his knowledge and belief, of a permanent character

That he appoints, with full power of substitution and revocation, W. M. L. HOWARD,
TOGUS, ME.
of _____ County of _____

State of _____ his true and lawful attorney, to prosecute his claim.

His post-office address is Logus County of Kennebec

State of Maine
Attest Patrick J. Kennedy Claimant's signature Francis A. Baxter
James H. Glone mark

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SURGEON'S CERTIFICATE.

Insert character
and number of
claim.

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Pension Claim No. 763 060

Name of claimant.

Francis A. Baxter

Address
of
Board.

Augusta

P. O.

Company O. 2nd Mass. Vol. A.

State.

Claimant's post-
office address.

Fogus, Ga.

Jan. 10th

1902

Cause of disa-
bility.

Rheumatism and heart disease for which was furnished also increased disability on same and lesions of lungs kidney trouble - as there - bronchitis - prostatic dysfunction - vision - sensitivity - general disability and prostatic prostatic from natural causes. He receives a pension of 7 dollars per month.

Here give the
claimant's
statement (as
briefly and as
compactly as
possible) in re-
gard to the date
of origin and
cause of disa-
bilities and
the manner in
which they
affect him.

He makes the following statement in regard to the origin of his disabilities and date when first discovered by him: Rheumatism and heart disease since 1863 or 4 disease of lungs &c a few years. latter now - kidney trouble several years.

The outlines of the human skeleton and figure upon the back of this certificate should be used to indicate precisely the location of a disease or injury, the entrance and exit of a missile, an amputation, etc.

Birthplace, Ireland; age, 73 years; height, 5-3 1/2; weight, 122 pounds; complexion, light; color of eyes, brown; color of hair, white; occupation, shoemaker; permanent marks and scars other than those described below, none.

We hereby certify that upon examination we find the following objective conditions:

Pulse rate, 86-88-100; respiration, 17-17-19; temperature, 98 1/2.

[Sitting, standing, after exercise.]

[Sitting, standing, after exercise.]

Here give a full
description of
the disabilities,
in accordance
with Book of
Instructions.

Facts within the
knowledge of
the Board, or
any member
thereof, rela-
tive to the
cause of any
disability
found should
be stated.

Whenever a disa-
bility is shown
or is believed
to be due to or
aggravated by
vicious habits
the opinion of
the board must
be stated.
When not due
to such habits
this fact must
be stated.

Rheumatism - slight roughness on the knees and both shoulders - The proximal joints - both thumbs both index finger & both little fingers enlarged about 1/16 limited same - All other joints, muscles & tendons free no limitation of motion or enlargement Heart - Apical beat heard only 5 spaces 1/4 inch right nipple line - Area dulness 4 to 6 ribs - Extremities to 1/2 inch left nipple line - Action regular good volume - no murmurs, cyanosis, or edema or hypoxia - Disease of lungs - asthma & bronchitis - Muscles rather soft well nourished - form erect contour of chest full - expansion 31 to 33 1/2 inches Auscultation and percussion normal - Kidney urine clear - light yellow - acid - Sp. gr. 1.021 - no albumen or sugar - Postural deafness, impaired vision sensitivity from age - General disability and prostatic prostatic from natural causes - - Hours ordinary time 6 1/2 per day time 3 per day with either or both eyes - Has 12 teeth on upper jaw - 14 on lower all fairly good - pupils alike responsive - smile, etc. well marked - rods 20/70-2/20 and order with 16/20 - 14 inches with either or both eyes - no physical or other signs of prostatic prostatic - No other disability found -

When rates are
recommended
solely on sub-
jective evi-
dence the
strongest rea-
sons must be
given therefor.

We find the aggregate permanent disability for working a support by manual labor is due to rheumatism heart disease & sensitivity - not due to vicious habits and warrants a rate of 10

F. C. Thayer Pres. W. M. Bill, Sec'y. L. W. Lugg, Treas.

N. B.—Do not use backs of certificates for any purpose other than indicated by printed matter thereon. When additional space is needed to complete report of examination use blank certificate (old No. 3-156, 111, g.) properly numbered, and attach it to this sheet. Marginal entries must never be made.