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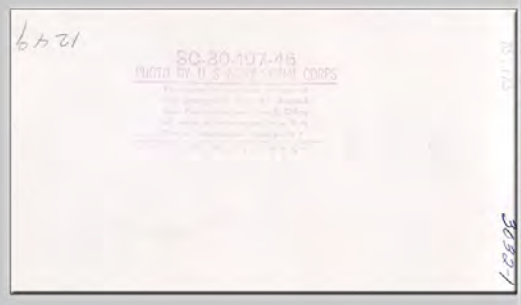

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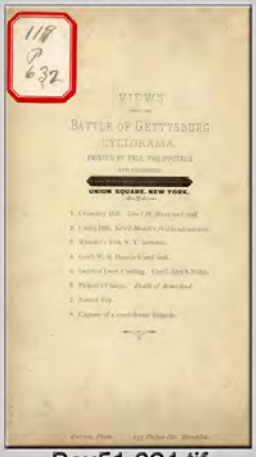

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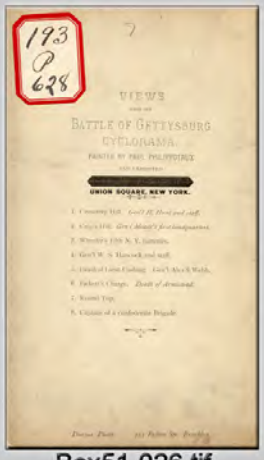

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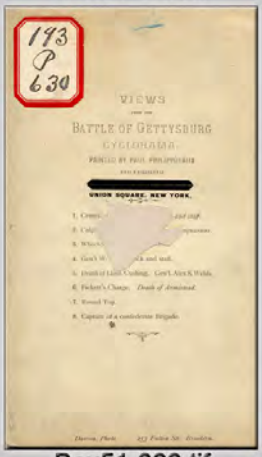

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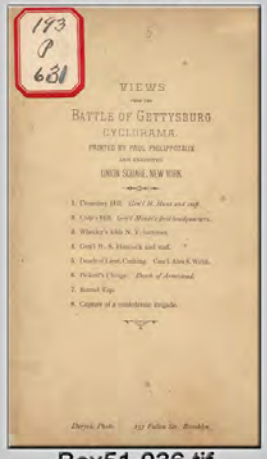

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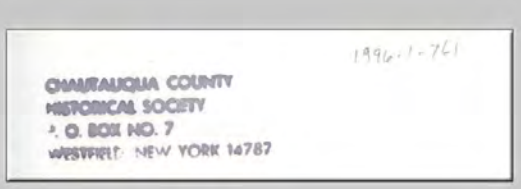

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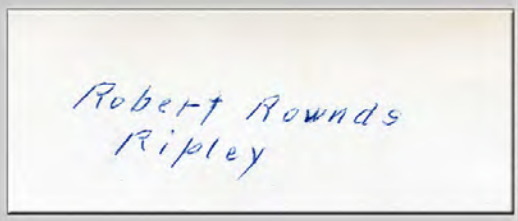

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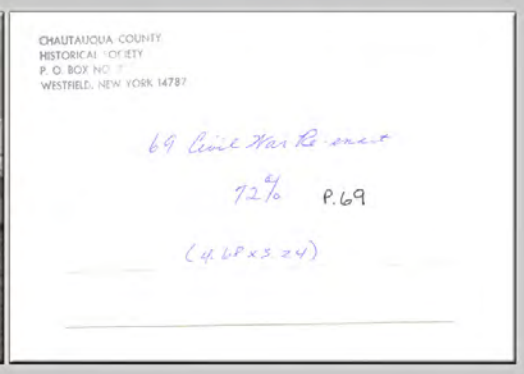

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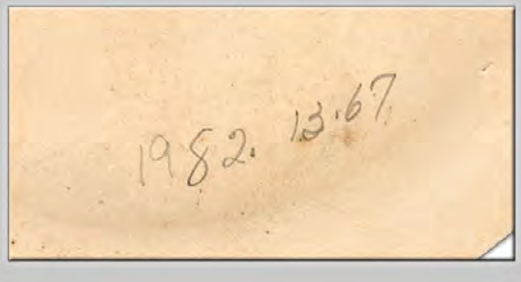

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CIVIL WAR OFFICERS FROM CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY

This group photograph depicts five Civil War officers who were mustered in at Westfield, NY, from 1861 to 1862, and were all casualties of the war. They are from left to right:

Captain Harmon J. Bliss, 1831 - 1863
The eldest son of Elam C. and Mary Harmon Bliss, Captain Bliss was in command of Company G, 72nd Regiment of the New York Infantry. He died of typhoid fever and from wounds received in the battles of Chancellorsville, Virginia. He left a wife, Mary E. Plumb Bliss, aged 30, and a five-year old son, Harmon, Jr.

Colonel Jeremiah C. Drake, 1824 - 1864
The son of Jeremiah Drake, the Colonel was a Baptist minister in Westfield. He was recruited in August, 1861, and commissioned Captain of Company G, 49th Regiment of the New York Infantry. In September, 1862, he was appointed colonel of the 112th Regiment, New York Infantry. He died 2 June 1864 from wounds received at the battle of Cold Harbor, Virginia. He left a wife, Clara Utley Drake, aged 33, and three children, Clinton M., Jennie C., and Charles K.

Colonel Henry A. Prendergast, 1821 - 1862
Henry Prendergast was the son of Stephen and Alvira Abell Prendergast and was a paymaster in the Army of the Cumberland. He was taken sick with camp diarrhea in Tennessee, and died at his home in Ripley, New York on 3 March 1863. He left a wife, Mary S. Sexton Prendergast, aged 39, and two teenaged children.

Sergeant Hiram Vorce, 1832 - 1864
The eldest son of William and Caroline Leet Vorce, Hiram Vorce enlisted 12 September 1862 in the 112th Regiment, New York Infantry. He was killed at the Battle of Petersburg, Virginia, on 28 January 1864. He left a wife, Mary Ann McGinness Vorce, aged 28.

Captain Harmon J. Cowden, 1826 - 1862
Cowden enrolled on 10 September 1861 and was mustered in as Captain of Company I, 9th New York Cavalry. He died of diarrhea on 22 May 1862 on the hospital steamer, Elm City, near White House, Virginia. He left a wife and two young children.

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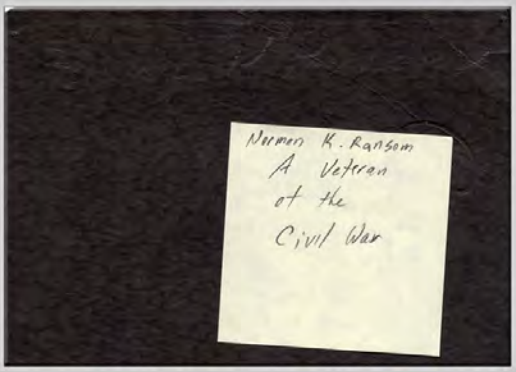

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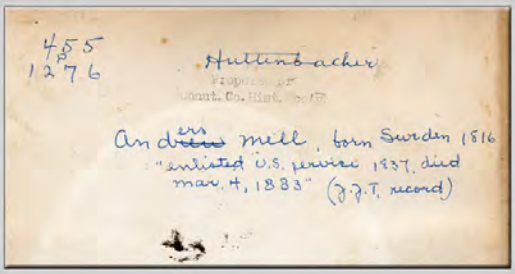

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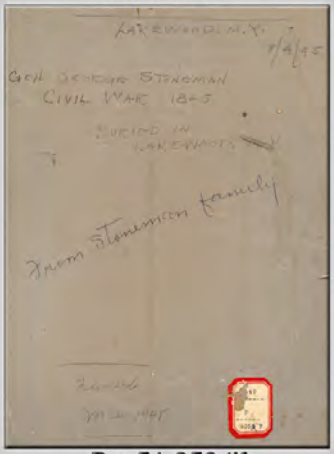

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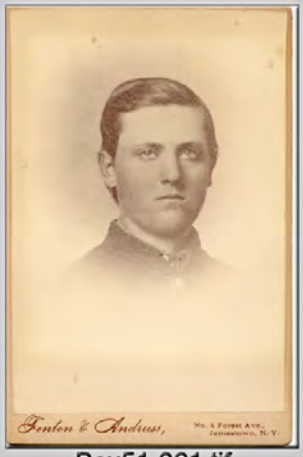

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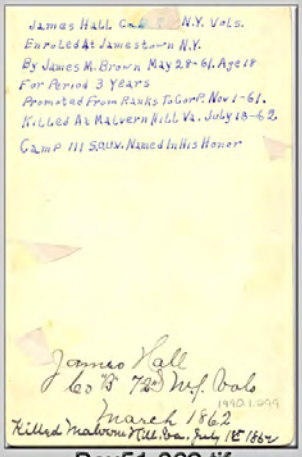

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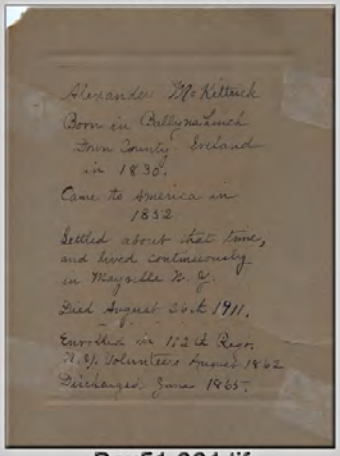

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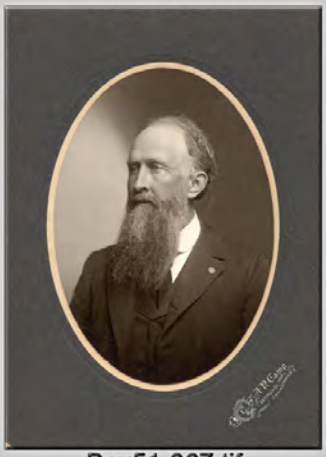

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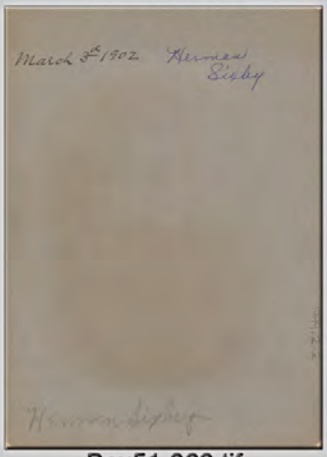

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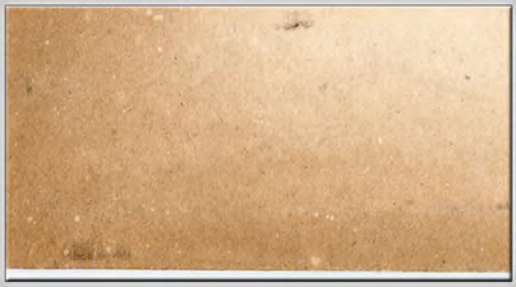

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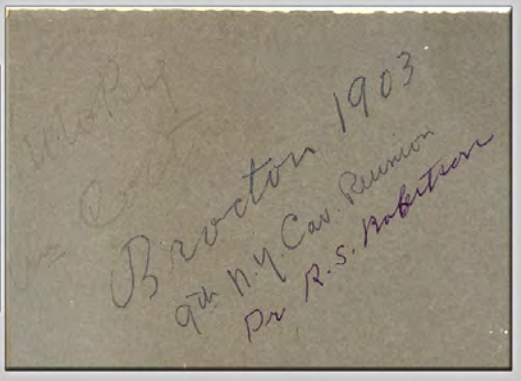

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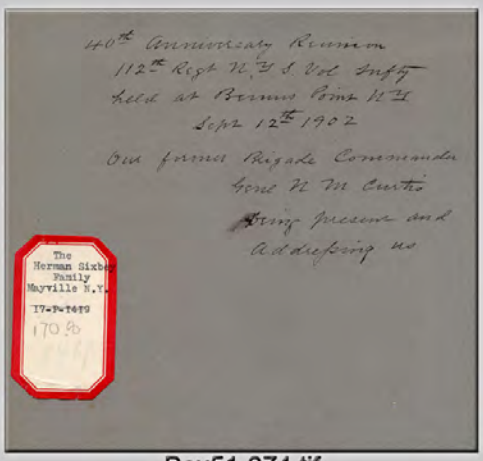

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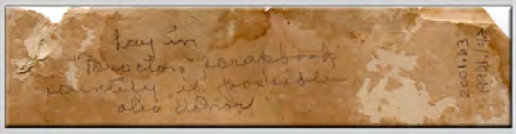

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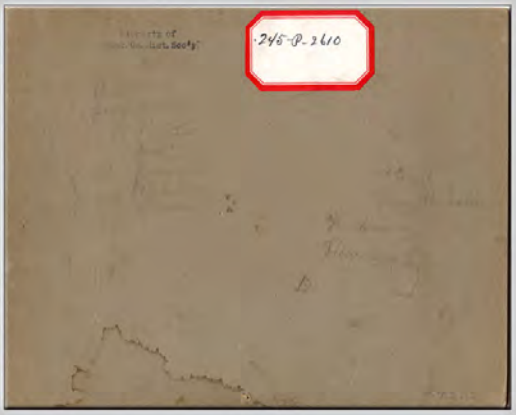

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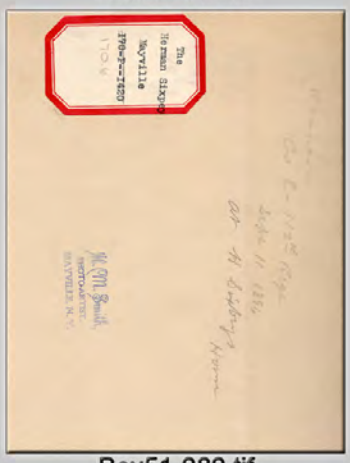

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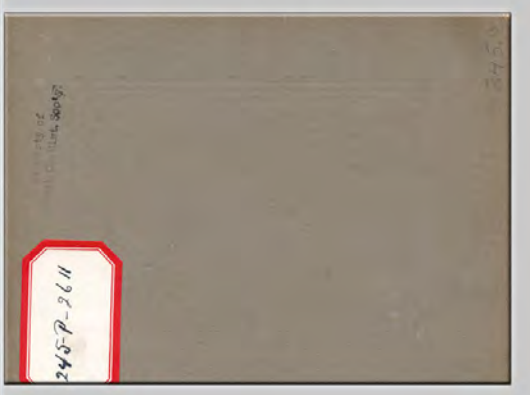

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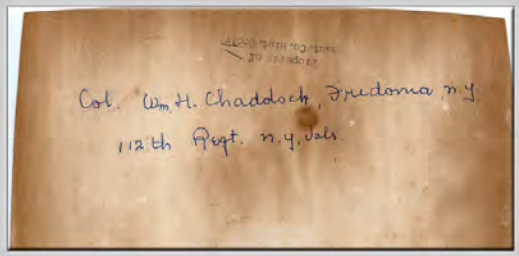

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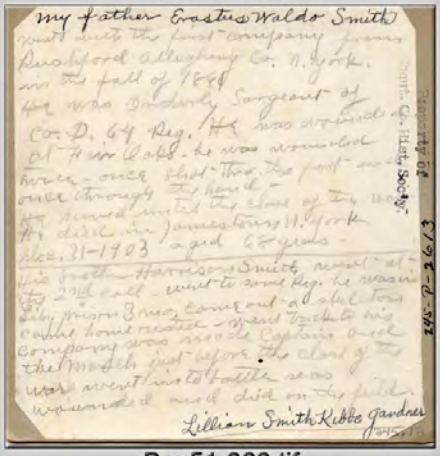

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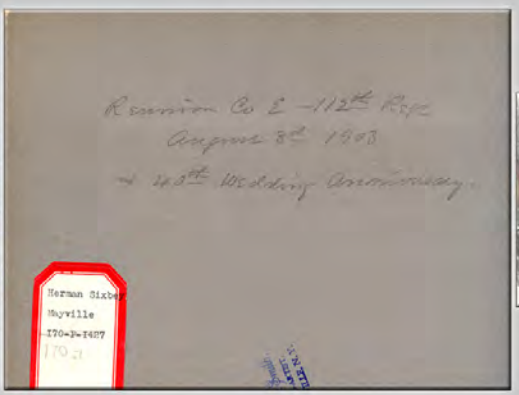

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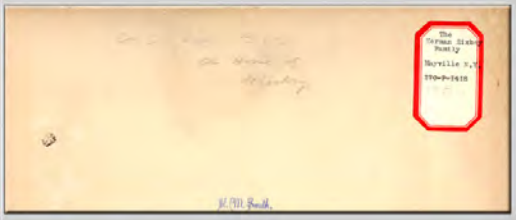

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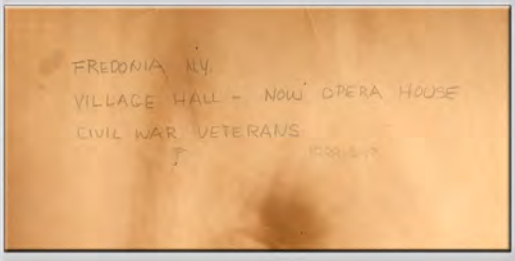

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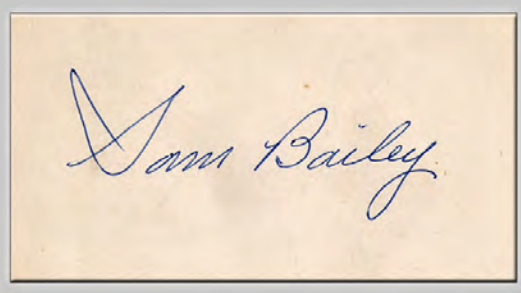

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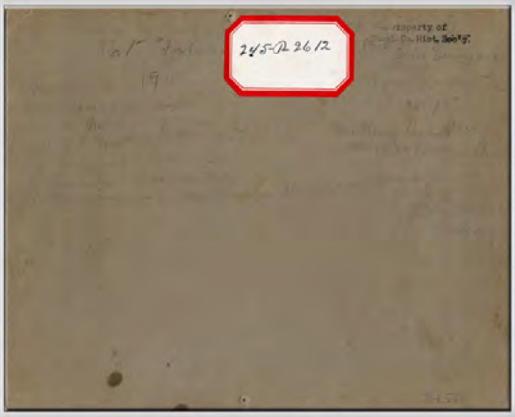

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