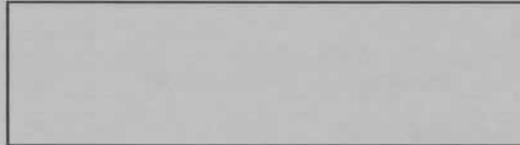


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Civil War Veterans Resting At Old Village Cemetery (Part 6)

With the beginning of the Civil War in 1861, and the possible dissolution of the Union, many men from Livingston County volunteered to serve. That spring, Capt. John Gilluly recruited so many men from Livingston County, the Michigan 5th Infantry Regiment became known as the *Livingston Company*.

George W. Rose was among those from the Brighton area. He had come to Brighton Village and had a business as a tailor and draper. George, born 1828, and wife Orzilla Paddock, born 1829, were both area immigrants from New York. The 1860 Census records them with two boys, George L. (born 1848 and noted as being deaf) and Henry Benjamin (born 1855), both born in Michigan. This indicates George and Orzilla were in Michigan by 1848. Orzilla's family moved to Michigan around 1836. She died in 1861.

1st Sgt. George W. Rose of Co. I, Michigan 5th, was promoted to 2nd Lt. of Co. I on May 28, 1862, and later to 1st Lt., Co. B July 22, 1862. He was Captain of Co. B when he was mortally wounded at the Battle of the Wilderness. He died in Washington, D.C. in May 1864. This left his two boys as orphans at seven and sixteen years of age.

Orzilla's older sister Jane (born 1822) married Alanson P. Dickinson (born 1815), both from New York. Dickinson was a farmer in Brighton Township by 1837. He enlisted August 14, 1861, as 2nd Lt., commissioned into Co. I, Michigan 9th Infantry Regiment. The 9th left Detroit October 25, 1861, to join the Western Departments. Two days later, they "...reached Jeffersonville, Indiana, and the following day moved by steamboat to Salt River, KY" to winter quarters in Muldraugh's Hill.

There were 400 men sick with measles, etc., at one time. Nashville, Tennessee, was the next encampment. From April to July the regiment was in Murfreesboro, Tennessee. There, on July 13, 1862, Confederate Nathan Bedford Forrest, with 3500 cav-

alry, took Dickinson and many others prisoner. About six weeks later on August 27, 1862, he was exchanged for Edmund Pendleton of the Louisiana 25th Regiment.

He resigned from the service January 16, 1863. He and Jane had assumed responsibility for sister Orzilla and George Rose's two boys. The cemetery marker indicates Alanson died on August 27, 1878, aged 64. Jane also died in 1878 at 58 years.

Henry Benjamin Rose, one of George and Orzilla's sons, was serving as one of the first Brighton Village Marshalls in 1869. He was also on the Board of Trustees for the First Wesleyan Methodist Church at the time the church was built in 1874. Around 1878, Henry bought the Lanning Hotel built by Richard Lanning in 1873 (a block north of the Western house near the railroad) from Arthur Lanning, Richard's son. Arthur was Henry's brother-in-law. Where Henry, his brother George, or other family members are buried, has not been determined.

Compiled by Marieanna Bair from: census records; "From Settlement to City" by Carol McMacken; 1880 History of Livingston County; Old Village Cemetery transcriptions by John and Janice Field and also by Bill Pless; research by George Allen. Corrections/additions requested. (810) 229-6402

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Area Organization Events (Continued from Page 2)

Saline Area Historical Society

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Oct 2: 11am-4pm

Harvestime at Rentschler Farm Museum

Oct 9: 2pm

Presentation: The Model T Connection with Vern Campbell