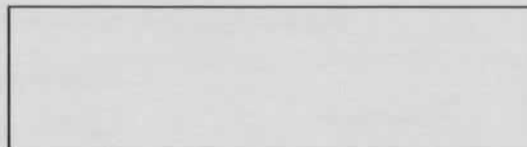


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Civil War Veterans Resting At Old Village Cemetery (Part 19)

From his obituary, November 27, 1901, issue of the Brighton Argus, it is learned "**James M. Logan** who died at his home, 939 4th Avenue, Detroit, Monday November 18, 1901, was born at Machias, New York in 1837 in which state he spent his boyhood. At the outbreak of the Civil War he enlisted in the 9th Michigan Infantry." (Co. K.) He was one of the 92 Livingston County men in the 9th Michigan. He had moved to Michigan shortly before. His enlistment period was for one year, October 7, 1861 / October 8, 1862 at which time he was honorably discharged.

He returned to New York and enlisted as corporal in the 11th New York cavalry October 7, 1863 / September 20, 1865, serving a total of almost three years.

At the close of the war he married Martha Brink of New York, where daughter Lotta was born in 1870.

At some point James, Martha and Lotta moved back to Brighton where son, Roy, was born September, 1879. The 1880 census records show James, Martha, Lotta and Roy living in Brighton Village. James' occupation is as a saloon keeper. An April 1880 newspaper ad notes J. M. Logan, Proprietor of the Grand River Street Restaurant. Pure wines and liquors, tobacco and cigars were offered,. He is also a member of the Maccabees Lodge, the Masonic Lodge and Brighton GAR. Martha died at 45. Mrs. Mary S. Kidd married James in 1888; she had four children. The obituary continues..."during his residence here held many positions of trust with credit to himself and the satisfaction of the residents of the Village."

James died November 18, 1901. Martha died February 9, 1887 and Mary died in 1944; all are interred in the old Village Cemetery.

Lotta died in Buffalo, New York, May 12, 1911 of T. B. Son Roy lived in Detroit when his wife died January 1, 1916, leaving three daughters, eight, four and three years old.

Altho' **John G. Spencer**, born 1805, New York, and was in the County by 1850 census of Brighton Village as a merchant, he appears to be living in a boarding house. He is a near neighbor to Charles born in 1802, New York, and also a merchant, who it is surmised, was a brother. John and Charles are both noted in an 1859 business directory of the Village.

Just when John married Lucy born 1810, New York, is not clear either; however, they are together in 1860 with no children listed.

Lucy taught in Brighton schools in 1856 and 1857. One may reason they were married in 1858. No record is found that John served in a Livingston County unit during the Civil War. However it is noted he died in 1864 while serving.

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