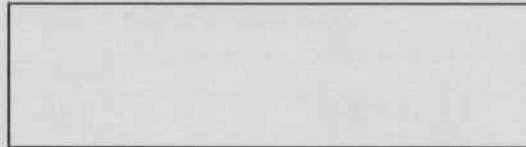


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Civil War Veterans Resting At Old Village Cemetery (Part 15)

In the 1880 History of Livingston County (p114) it is recorded that Nathan Allison of Brighton, enlisted August 29, 1864, in Company I Third Michigan Regiment. When the Third reorganized October 15, 1864 he was transferred to Company F.

The reorganized Third left the rendezvous at Grand Rapids, Michigan, October 20, 1864, and proceeded to Nashville, Tennessee. Its battles and skirmishes are recorded as Decatur, Alabama, October 28, 29 and 30, 1864, and Murfreesboro, Tennessee, November 30 to December 20, 1864. Nathan was discharged on surgeon's certificate from Company F, November 1, 1865. He died in 1868 at 38 years old.

Just when the Allison's settled in Livingston County has not been determined. Census records find Allison's settled in Putnam and Marion Townships by the 1850s and 60s, from New York, but Nathaniel's presence in Brighton is only recorded as the site from which he enlisted on Company I.

Private Allison, his wife Charlotte, daughter Cordelia and son Thomas are all buried in the Old Village Cemetery. Research suggests Nathaniel arrived in Michigan following the birth of two sons: Frank b. 1855 and Fred b.1857, both in New York. There was a second daughter, Rosa, who moved from the area and married. Nathan's occupation and the cause of his early death have not been ascertained. June 1, 1890, widowed Charlotte applied for veteran widow's pension.

The Butler name appears in early county census records. Peter Butler is first noted in the 1860 record living at Robert Bigham's tavern, the "Call & C", on the west side of Grand River Road at Challis Road. Peter and his wife, Isabella, had previously owned and sold 40 acres in Genoa Township, at the corner of Hacker and McClements roads.

In October, 1861, at the age of 47, Peter felt strongly that the Union should be preserved and enlisted as a Private in the Ninth Michigan Infantry. "On July 13, 1862, in the battle at Murfreesboro, where the Ninth Michigan was outnumbered, he was taken prisoner." His strong patriotic convictions (although not subject to the draft and having experienced a Southern prison, showed his courage by enlisting again; this time in the Tenth Cavalry, Company B., September 5, 1863. He was mustered out November 11, 1865.

At home wife Isabella dealt with the death of first born Sarah Jane, at four years in 1849 and third daughter, Clara, 1862, at ten years. Peter died October 10, 1884, and Isabella, died 1906. Sarah Jane and Clara are interred in the Old Village Cemetery. Daughter Isabella married Samuel P. Moon of Hamburg, June 20, 1869, and had five children.

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