Freeport’s Civil War Dead
1861-1865

Greenfield Cemetery Monument,
Uniondale, NY

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4th Regiment, New York Heavy Artillery was organized at the New York November 1861 to February 1862. It served duty in the defenses of Washington, DC until March 1864. The Regiment lost 8 officers, 108 enlisted men were killed or mortally wounded, and 4 officers and 334 enlisted men died of disease. Total loss: 454 men.

119th Regiment was organized in New York City in 1862. They were mustered in on September 4, 1862 and mustered out on June 7, 1865. Company K was recruited in New York City and Company H in Hempstead, Long Island. In July 1863, this Regiment served in the Battle of Gettysburg, PA. During its service throughout the war, the Regiment lost 4 officers and 418 enlisted men. 2 officers and 23 enlisted men died of wounds received in action. 2 officers and 92 enlisted men died of disease. 14 of 171 enlisted men died as POWs.

139th Regiment was organized in Brooklyn, NY and mustered in September 9, 1862. The men of Company A were recruited mostly from Brooklyn, Brookhaven, Flatbush, Hempstead, and Jamaica. It was mustered out in Richmond, VA on June 19, 1865. 5 officers and 48 enlisted men were killed in action. 22 enlisted men died of wounds they received in action. 8 of 155 men died as POWs.
Civil War 1861 to 1865

Treadwell Bedell

BORN: circa 1843

DIED: June 16, 1864

CAUSE OF DEATH: Killed in Action

WHERE: Pine Knob, GA

BRANCH: Union Infantry

RANK: Private, enlisted August 19, 1862 (19 years old)

OUTFIT OR UNIT: Company H, 119th Regiment, 20th Army Corps, Army of the Cumberland

CEMETERY OR MEMORIAL: Greenfield Cemetery, Uniondale, NY (Moved from Freeport Cemetery in the 1920s)

LAST RESIDENCE: Freeport, LI

RELIGION:

OCCUPATION: Farmer

ATTENDED FREEPORT SCHOOLS:

NAME APPEARS ON LIBRARY MEMORIAL PLAQUE: Yes

NAME APPEARS ON AMERICAN LEGION MONUMENT: Yes

NOTES:
**Sources:**


New York State Archives, Cultural Education Center, Albany, New York; New York Civil War Muster Roll Abstracts, 1861-1900; Archive Collection #:13775-83; Box #:495; Roll #:150.

*U.S. Civil War Soldier Records and Profiles* (Ancestry.com)
John Combs

BORN: December 1822

DIED: May 2, 1863

CAUSE OF DEATH: Killed in Action

WHERE: Chancellorsville, VA

BRANCH: Union Infantry

RANK: Private, enlisted August 18, 1862 (41 years old)

OUTFIT OR UNIT: Company H, 119th Regiment, 20th Army Corps, Army of the Cumberland

CEMETERY OR MEMORIAL: Interred somewhere in Chancellorsville, VA.

LAST RESIDENCE: Bayview Avenue (Coe’s Neck), Freeport, NY

RELIGION: Methodist

OCCUPATION: Farmer and Fisherman

ATTENDED FREEPORT SCHOOLS:

NAME APPEARS ON LIBRARY MEMORIAL PLAQUE: Yes

NAME APPEARS ON AMERICAN LEGION MONUMENT: Yes

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New York State Archives, Cultural Education Center, Albany, New York; New York Civil War Muster Roll Abstracts, 1861-1900; Archive Collection #: 13775-83; Box #: 495; Roll #: 150.

*U.S. Civil War Soldier Records and Profiles* (Ancestry.com)
Civil War 1861 to 1865

William T. Golder

BORN: 1829
DIED: May 19, 1863
CAUSE OF DEATH: Disease (typhoid pneumonia)
WHERE: In hospital at Fort Ethan Allen, VA (now Arlington, VA)
BRANCH: Union Artillery
RANK: Private, enlisted August 27, 1862 (32 years old)
OUTFIT OR UNIT: Company H, 4th Regiment, New York Heavy Artillery
CEMETERY OR MEMORIAL: Greenfield Cemetery, Uniondale, NY
(Moved from Freeport Cemetery in the 1920s) Section 35, Site 12423, Lot 102, Grave 5
LAST RESIDENCE: Merrick Road and Church Street, Freeport, LI
RELIGION: Methodist
OCCUPATION: Harness Maker
ATTENDED FREEPORT SCHOOLS:
NAME APPEARS ON LIBRARY MEMORIAL PLAQUE: Yes
NAME APPEARS ON AMERICAN LEGION MONUMENT: Yes
NOTES: Golder’s body was brought back to for funeral and burial by his widow and brother. His wife received a pension of $8 per month until her death on July 22, 1918. Fort Ethan Allen was constructed during the Civil War to provide some defense for Washington, DC. It is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Photographs
Sources:


Excerpts from *William E. Golder’s Simple Biography* (son of William T. Golder)

My father William J. Golder was a harness maker by trade in 1862 he enlisted in the Civil War in the 4th New York Heavy Artillery went south and was located at Fort Marcy VA contracted an illness on Picket duty and died of typhoid pneumonia in the Army Hospital in May 1863 age 33. My mother and Uncle Charles went south and had my father’s body brought back to Freeport and buried. A religious and Masonic order ritual service.

My father enlisted in the Civil War, well, do I remember him showing mother his enlistment papers, mother cried making it a sad supper hour. The Sunday before his to war went with him to the Presbyterian Church with other men that had enlisted for them was a special service for the soldiers going to war. The next morning father kissed mother, sister and I, bade us good bye taking the stage waiting at the gateway. Then we moved to my Aunt Ann’s home on lower Main Street and Mother rented out the house on Merrick Road which we had vacated. May 1863 father died. The body was brought to my Aunt Ann’s home, remember looking at my father in the casket but didn’t go to the funeral at the Presbyterian Church.

Some time later a trunk was left at the house containing father’s clothes and various articles. Mother gave me the pocket knife which I used until I lost it.
John Hutchinson

BORN: circa 1853

DIED: NA

CAUSE OF DEATH: Unknown

WHERE: Unknown

BRANCH: Union Infantry

RANK: Private, enlisted August 25, 1862

OUTFIT OR UNIT: Company C, 158th Regiment, 1st Empire Brigade, New York Infantry

CEMETERY OR MEMORIAL: Unknown

LAST RESIDENCE:

RELIGION:

OCCUPATION: Wheelwright (maker of wheels)

ATTENDED FREEPORT SCHOOLS:

NAME APPEARS ON LIBRARY MEMORIAL PLAQUE: Yes

NAME APPEARS ON AMERICAN LEGION MONUMENT: Yes

NOTES:

Photographs
Sources:

New York State Archives; Albany, New York; *Town Clerks´ Registers of Men Who Served in the Civil War, ca 1861-1865*; Collection Number: (N-Ar)13774; Box Number: 48; Roll Number: 26.

*U.S. Civil War Soldier Records and Profiles* (Ancestry.com)
Benjamin Franklin Losee

BORN: circa 1843

DIED: December 5, 1864

CAUSE OF DEATH: Disease (non battle)

WHERE: Point of Rocks, VA (on the Potomac River)

BRANCH: Union Infantry

RANK: Private, enlisted August 16, 1862 (19 years old)

OUTFIT OR UNIT: Company A, 139th Regiment, New York Infantry

CEMETERY OR MEMORIAL: City Point National Cemetery, Hopewell, VA
Section A, Site 858 (Name on tombstone: “Losa”)

LAST RESIDENCE: Stevens Street, Greenwich Point (Roosevelt, NY)

RELIGION: Methodist

OCCUPATION: Fisherman

ATTENDED FREEPORT SCHOOLS:

NAME APPEARS ON LIBRARY MEMORIAL PLAQUE: Yes

NAME APPEARS ON AMERICAN LEGION MONUMENT: Yes

NOTES:

Photographs

[Image of Benjamin Franklin Losee's gravestone]
Sources:

Losee Family


*U.S. Civil War Soldier Records and Profiles* (Ancestry.com)
BORN: circa 1841

DIED: May 19, 1864

CAUSE OF DEATH: Killed in Action

WHERE: Spotsylvania Court House, VA

BRANCH: Union Artillery

RANK: Private, enlisted August 22, 1862 (21 years old)

OUTFIT OR UNIT: Company H, 4th Regiment, New York Heavy Artillery

Cemetery OR MEMORIAL: Unknown

LAST RESIDENCE:

RELIGION:

OCCUPATION: Fisherman

ATTENDED FREEPORT SCHOOLS:

NAME APPEARS ON LIBRARY MEMORIAL PLAQUE: Yes

NAME APPEARS ON AMERICAN LEGION MONUMENT: Yes

NOTES: The Battle of Spotsylvania Court House, VA took place between May 8 and 21. The Union commanders were Ulysses S. Grant and George E. Meade. Robert E. Lee was the commander. Casualties included 100,000 Union troops and 52,000 Confederate troops.

Photographs
Sources:

U.S. Civil War Soldier Records and Profiles (Ancestry.com)
Dandridge Beverly Pitts Mott

BORN: circa March 22, 1847
DIED: June 16, 1864

CAUSE OF DEATH: Killed in Action (struck by bullet, died instantly)
WHERE: Pine Mountain, GA under the command of General Hooker

BRANCH: Union Infantry
RANK: Private, Drummer, enlisted August 22, 1862 (15 years old)
OUTFIT OR UNIT: Company H, 119th Regiment, 20th Army Corps, Army of the Cumberland

CEMETERY OR MEMORIAL: Location of body unknown. Memorial for D. Mott and his brother Joseph Mott, located at the Freeport Historical Society, 350 S. Main Street, Freeport, NY
LAST RESIDENCE:
RELIGION: Methodist
OCCUPATION: Farmer
ATTENDED FREEPORT SCHOOLS:
NAME APPEARS ON LIBRARY MEMORIAL PLAQUE: Yes
NAME APPEARS ON AMERICAN LEGION MONUMENT: Yes
Sources:

Delorme, John F. Pictorial History of Early Freeport. 1955

“Discovers Grave of Prominent Civil War Veterans” Nassau County Review. 20 June 1919, p. 7.


New York State Archives, Cultural Education Center, Albany, New York; New York Civil War Muster Roll Abstracts, 1861-1900; Archive Collection #:13775-83; Box #:497; Roll #:152-153.

U.S. Civil War Soldier Records and Profiles (Ancestry.com)
Dandridge Beverly Pitts Mott continued

NOTES: The Mott Monument has moved several times. Its original location was in the Freeport Cemetery. After the cemetery was condemned, the monument was moved to Brooklyn Avenue and Grove Street. It was moved to Stanton Park and then to Village Hall Park. The monument was relocated to the corner of Brooklyn Avenue and Ocean Avenue. After being hit by a car, it was placed into storage. In 1992, the Freeport Landmarks and Preservation Commission asked the Freeport Memorial Library to house the monument inside the Library. The Library turned this request down and the Monument finally found a home at the Freeport Historical Society.

The Post for Freeport’s Grand Army of the Republic (G.A.R) was named for Dandridge B. P. Mott.

Photographs
Civil War 1861 to 1865

Joseph Mott

BORN: April 8, 1845

DIED: October 16, 1864

CAUSE OF DEATH: Died as a POW of starvation and exposure

WHERE: Salisbury, NC

BRANCH: Union Artillery

RANK: Corporal, enlisted August 25, 1862 (17 years old)

OUTFIT OR UNIT: Company H, 4th Regiment, Heavy Artillery, New York Volunteers

CEMETERY OR MEMORIAL: Unknown. Monument for the Dandridge and Joseph Mott. Located at the Freeport Historical Society, 350 S. Main St., Freeport, NY

LAST RESIDENCE:

RELIGION: Methodist

OCCUPATION: Bayman

ATTENDED FREEPORT SCHOOLS:

NAME APPEARS ON LIBRARY MEMORIAL PLAQUE: Yes

NAME APPEARS ON AMERICAN LEGION MONUMENT: Yes

NOTES: See Dandridge B.P. Mott

Salisbury Prison was the only prison located in North Carolina. It was established in 1861 on 16 acres that included a three-story abandoned cotton factory made of brick and several smaller buildings. A wooded stockade was erected around the area. When it opened in December 1861, it held 120 men. By the following year the prison population jumped to 1,400. Early on in the war, prisoners were able to play baseball on the grounds. However, conditions deteriorated in August 1864 when the Union stopped prisoner exchanges. Large numbers of prisoners were transferred to Salisbury Prison resulting in severe overcrowding. The resulting Union blockade made it difficult to get medical supplies to the POWs. Eventually, all the buildings were taken over for hospital use. Able-bodied POWs were forced to spend the winter in overcrowded tents and burrows. By October 1864, as the death rate rose from 2% to 28%, the dead began being buried in mass graves. The bodies of dead soldiers were collected each day, counted, and buried in an abandoned cornfield. It is estimated that 11,000 soldiers perished at Salisbury Prison. In 1876, a monument honoring those that died, was erected near the prison’s burial site.
Photographs

Sources:

Freeport Memorial Library (www.freeportlihistory.blogspot.com)

U.S. Civil War Soldier Records and Profiles (Ancestry.com)
Civil War 1861 to 1865

Enoch E. Mulliner

BORN: circa 1826
DIED: January 20, 1867
CAUSE OF DEATH: 
WHERE: Unknown
BRANCH: Union Navy
RANK: Captain
OUTFIT OR UNIT: Company H, 119th Regiment, 20th Army Corps, Army of the Cumberland

CEMETERY OR MEMORIAL: Greenfield Cemetery, Uniondale, NY (Moved from Freeport Cemetery in the 1920s). Section 35, Site 13000, Lot 100. Needs new headstone
LAST RESIDENCE:
RELIGION:
OCCUPATION: Fisherman / Pilot
ATTENDED FREEPORT SCHOOLS:

NAME APPEARS ON LIBRARY MEMORIAL PLAQUE: Yes
NAME APPEARS ON AMERICAN LEGION MONUMENT: Yes
NOTES: Mulliner enlisted in June 1863 at the age of 40. His headstone is broken.

Photographs
Sources:

Freeport Memorial Library. *Dedication of the Freeport Memorial Library*, 1924

Greenfield Cemetery Records

National Archives and Records Administration (NARA); Washington, D.C.; Consolidated Lists of Civil War Draft Registration Records (Provost Marshal General's Bureau; Consolidated Enrollment Lists, 1863-1865); Record Group Number: 110; Title: Records of the Provost Marshal General's Bureau (Civil War); Consolidated Enrollment Lists, 1863-1865 (Civil War Union Draft Records); ARC Identifies: 4213514; Archive Volume Number: 3 of 3.
Elijah K. Raynor

BORN: circa 1843

DIED: June 10, 1864

CAUSE OF DEATH: Died of wounds sustained on June 2, 1864

WHERE: White House, VA, wounded at Cold Harbor, VA

BRANCH: Union Infantry

RANK: Private, enlisted August 18, 1862 (18 years old) in Hempstead

OUTFIT OR UNIT: Company A, 139th Regiment, 1st Brigade, 1st Division, 18th Army Corp, Army of the James

CEMETERY OR MEMORIAL: Greenfield Cemetery, Uniondale, NY
(Moved from Freeport Cemetery in the 1920s) Written on headstone: “Died a Faithful Soldier”

LAST RESIDENCE:

RELIGION:

OCCUPATION: Farmer

ATTENDED FREEPORT SCHOOLS:

NAME APPEARS ON LIBRARY MEMORIAL PLAQUE: Yes

NAME APPEARS ON AMERICAN LEGION MONUMENT: Yes

NOTES: The 1913 Presbyterian Cemetery list has Elijah Raynor’s middle initial as H. The report of the Adjutant-General, State of NY recorded Raynor killed in action on June 2, 1864 at Cold Harbor. He died a the age of 21 years and 6 months.

Photographs
Sources:

*American Civil War Soldiers* (Ancestry.com)

New York State Archives; Albany, New York; *Town Clerks´ Registers of Men Who Served in the Civil War, ca 1861-1865*; Collection Number: (N-A)r13774; Box Number: 48; Roll Number: 26.
Civil War 1861 to 1865

William H. Seaman

BORN: circa 1842

DIED: October 15, 1864

CAUSE OF DEATH: Disease (non-battle)

WHERE: Washington, DC

BRANCH: Union Infantry

RANK: Corporal, enlisted August 20, 1862 (20 years old)

OUTFIT OR UNIT: Company H, 119th Regiment, 20th Army Corps, Army of the Cumberland

CEMETERY OR MEMORIAL: Unknown

LAST RESIDENCE:

RELIGION:

OCCUPATION: Laborer

ATTENDED FREEPORT SCHOOLS:

NAME APPEARS ON LIBRARY MEMORIAL PLAQUE: Yes

NAME APPEARS ON AMERICAN LEGION MONUMENT: Yes

NOTES: Seaman enlisted as a private. Later, he was promoted to Corporal, then Sergeant, then 1st Sergeant. He was promoted to 1st Lieutenant on January 10, 1865. His wife Mary F. applied for a widow’s pension. She died in 1901 in Freeport.
Photographs

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Service:
- enrolment: 1865
- discharge: 1865

Date of Death: 1865

Remarks:
- Enrolled as Private, discharged as Private.
- Born in Ireland, served in Irish Brigade.
- Married to Mary Lanagan.

Explanations:
- Left the organization on 1865-04-01 due to promotion to 3rd Lt.
Sources:


*U.S. Civil War Soldier Records and Profiles* (Ancestry.com)
Cornell L. Simonson

BORN: circa 1843

DIED: November 14, 1862

CAUSE OF DEATH: Disease

WHERE: Fort Monroe, VA

BRANCH: Union Infantry

RANK: Private, enlisted August 18, 1862 (19 years old)

OUTFIT OR UNIT: Company A, 139th Regiment, 1st Brigade, 1st Division, 18th Army Corp, Army of the James

CEMETERY OR MEMORIAL: Unknown

LAST RESIDENCE:

RELIGION:

OCCUPATION: Bayman

ATTENDED FREEPORT SCHOOLS:

NAME APPEARS ON LIBRARY MEMORIAL PLAQUE: Yes

NAME APPEARS ON AMERICAN LEGION MONUMENT: Yes

NOTES:
Photographs

Sources:
New York State Archives, Cultural Education Center, Albany, New York; New York Civil War Muster Roll Abstracts, 1861-1900; Archive Collection #:13775-83; Box #:551; Roll #:207.

U.S. Civil War Soldier Records and Profiles (Ancestry.com)
Asa Smith

BORN: circa 1839

DIED: November 14, 1862

CAUSE OF DEATH: Unknown

WHERE: Petersburg, VA

BRANCH: Union Artillery

RANK: Private, enlisted August 24, 1862 (23 years old)

OUTFIT OR UNIT: Company A, 139th Regiment, Heavy Artillery, New York Volunteers

CEMETERY OR MEMORIAL: City Point National Cemetery, Hopewell, VA
Section D, Site 2273

LAST RESIDENCE:

RELIGION:

OCCUPATION: Farmer

ATTENDED FREEPORT SCHOOLS:

NAME APPEARS ON LIBRARY MEMORIAL PLAQUE: Yes

NAME APPEARS ON AMERICAN LEGION MONUMENT: Yes

NOTES: Smith’s younger brother Vanderveer also died in the Civil War.

Photographs
Sources:


*U.S. Civil War Soldier Records and Profiles* (Ancestry.com)
Vanderveer Smith
aka: Vandirvier or Vanderwier

BORN: circa: 1843

DIED: June 25, 1864

CAUSE OF DEATH: Killed in Action; died on picket during the Bermuda Hundred Campaign before the battle at Petersburg, VA

WHERE: Unknown

BRANCH: Union Infantry

RANK: Corporal, enlisted August 12, 1862 (19 years old)

OUTFIT OR UNIT: Company A, 139th Regiment, 1st Brigade, 1st Division, 18th Army Corp, Army of the James

CEMETERY OR MEMORIAL: Greenfield Cemetery, Uniondale, NY (Moved from Freeport Cemetery before 1920s)

LAST RESIDENCE:

RELIGION:

OCCUPATION: Bayman / Fisherman

ATTENDED FREEPORT SCHOOLS:

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NOTES: Vanderveer’s older brother Asa also died in the Civil War. The Bermuda Hundred is a peninsula which held strategic importance because it was a lifeline to the Confederacy since the Richmond and Petersburg Railroad ran through it. Union General Benjamin Butler landed and marched west. After threatening Richmond briefly, he retired to the safety of the peninsula where his army stayed for the rest of the year.
Photographs

Sources:


U.S. Civil War Soldier Records and Profiles (Ancestry.com)
About the Soldiers’ Project, Regina G. Feeney

In 2005, the Freeport Memorial Library received a grant to digitize its historical collection of local newspapers. This $23,000 gift made electronically accessible and fully searchable six newspapers dating from 1895 to 1921. One of the first questions this project helped answer was, “Who was Henry Theodore Mohr?” A stone and bronze plaque bearing his name has rested on the lawn of the Library for more than 70 years. The newspaper project uncovered the story of a Freeport volunteer fireman who was the first Freeporter to die in combat during WWI and who became the namesake of the local VFW. Articles from the early 1920s chronicle the fundraising efforts to construct the Library and a WWI memorial. A movement to combine these two initiatives began to emerge. Some members of the American Legion and family members of those who died during The Great War were very much against the combination library and war memorial. The father of another fallen soldier Theodore deKruijff wrote a letter to the Nassau County Review in which he said, “In a few years the so-called memorial will simply be a ‘public library’ and will not be known by any other name.” I began to wonder if there was something to Mr. deKruijff’s prediction. Did Freeporters know that the Library was the first War Memorial Library in New York State? Did we know anything about the names of 140 soldiers on bronze tablets in the Library?

Using the newspapers and other Library and Historical Society resources I began researching Freeport’s soldiers from the Civil War to WWI. In 2008, I received a call from former Freeporter Don Schultz who was in the Army during the Korean War. Living in Jacksonville, FL, Don called and told me of his memories about the WWII Honor Roll outside the Library. I told Don, about my project and he took on the monumental task of researching Freeporters who died in WWII, as well as the Korean and Vietnam wars. Since 2008, Don has enlisted over 40 volunteers throughout the US and overseas to help research the soldiers’ biographies and document their final resting places. We have uncovered a soldier buried without a headstone, soldiers with broken or unreadable markers, and soldiers and a nurse whose names were omitted from the original memorials. Information about Freeport’s fallen can be found online at: http://freeportlibrary.info/freeport-history. If you have any additional information about any of these heroes, please contact the Freeport Memorial Library at reference@freeportlibrary.info.