

**Brookhaven Town (Suffolk County, Long Island, NY) @ 350 Years, Part XI:**

*Brookhaven in the Civil War, 1861-1865*, comp. and ed. by Mark Rothenberg (Patchogue-Medford Library. Celia M. Hastings Local History Room)

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Appleton Oakesmith, son of nationally renowned literary figures Seba Smith and Elizabeth Oakes Smith (of Patchogue), after his arrest, for attempted slave running, jumps bail, re-forms his crew, steals the bark *Augusta*, and attempts an escape to resume slave running, that ends with his recapture, while trying to resupply on Fire Island.

Hon. George F Carman

Commission of George Carman, as Collector of Taxes, First Collection District, State of New York, (including Suffolk Queens and Richmond Counties), signed by Abraham Lincoln, August 1862.

Civil War, 1861-1865 (Patchogue-Medford Library. Patchogue-Medford Historic Images@ Flickr.com) http://www.flickr.com/photos/pmlib/sets/72157624621957063/


Refers to the 3-way spilt (locally, as nationally) in the Democratic convention, this one meeting at Jamaica, N.Y., in which the Bell-Everetts (Constitutional-Unionists) nominated Rickard Jennings, of Patchogue, to run against the pro-Breckinridge Southern Democrats’ candidate, Edward H. Smith, of Smithtown, vs. the [?] Carter, as the pro-Douglas Northern Democrats’ candidate for a congressional seat. (Backhanded prediction is a Republican victory, unless that party should prove incompetent to win a sure thing.)

“George F. Carman.” Long Islander, October 18, 1878: 2.

Includes a sympathetic general account of his political and business offices and activities before, during, and shortly after the Civil War, in order to promote him as local Republican candidate for Congress.

Gerard, Mildred E. “Names, Ages and Miscellaneous Data from Affadavits and Depositions in the Civil War Pension File of James Prior Baker.” Suffolk County Historical Society. Register, v. [?], n. [?] (n.d.): 75-77.

[Try to relocate & fill in the blanks]


Died at his home, at 307 South Ocean Avenue.


Arranged by village, **Patchogue** entries are the last listed. These include:

Moses Conklin, Ramsey’s **57 NYV** [New York Volunteer Infantry Regiment]
Samuel L Conklin do [ditto]
Edward Conklin do
Wm H Gordon do
George A Buckingham do
Samuel A Hawkins do
John O Swezey do
John Shaw do
Theodore E Corwin do
Jacob Euth do
Charles M Jennings do
Chauncey Corwin do
George Pfifer do
John F Warner do
Edward R Moore do
Andrew Brower do
Charles Terrel  do
Cyneas Davis  do
Bryant B Terry  do
Charles W Chichester  do
James J Miller  do
Charles Dayton  do
Charles Field  do
S.V. Willetts  do


One interesting “consequence” of & footnote to the war: immediate post-war wedding of Brookhaven Town Supervisor, John S. Havens to Carry A. Pelletreau.


[Find part 2]


Reprint of a poem that earlier appeared in Patchogue’s Suffolk Herald (n.d.).


Patchogue is credited as raising Company G of the 146th New York Volunteer Infantry Regiment.


“Patchogue History. Merchants of a Third of a Century Ago. Patchogue’s Business Directory Taken from an Issue of the Suffolk Herald Published in 1864 – Not Half the People Mentioned are Now Alive.” Patchogue Advance, July 1, 1898: [n.p.; 2 cols.]


Mentions that, “A company [doesn’t reveal which one] in the 12th N.Y. was largely made up from the neighborhood of Patchogue…” (p. 70). A subset of Patchogue-Medford Area soldiers and sailors is culled as follows from its general list. Regiments are NYS, unless otherwise indicated:

- Henry E. Ackerly, Patchogue, 12th, d w. [died of wounds]
- James M. Albin, Patchogue, 145th, r. [returned]
- Abram Bancker, Patchogue, 5th.
- David R. Beale, Patchogue, 139th, r. [returned]
- John H. Beale, Patchogue, navy.
- David F. Beale [Patchogue?], lieutenant, 139th.
- Theodore F. Beale, Patchogue, 12th.
- Edward H. Bumpstead, Patchogue, 2nd cav, w. [wounded]
- Jacob Bumstead, Patchogue, 12th, r. [returned] [Relative of Dagwood?]
- David Bush, Patchogue, r. [returned]
Gilbert H. Carter, Patchogue, 12th, r. [returned]
Henry Chissell, Patchogue, 90th, r. [returned]
Ezra B. Clemence, Patchogue, quartermaster. [of what, pray tell?]
Daniel B. Corey, Patchogue, navy, r. [returned]
George W. Dayton, Patchogue, d c s. [died of disease contracted in service]
James B. Duff, Jr., Patchogue, 131st.
Smith P. Gammage, chaplain, 75th La. Colored. [USCT]
Edward Ging, Patchogue, 12th, r. [returned]
William H. Gritman, Patchogue, w., r. [wounded, returned]
William M. Harned, Patchogue, 2nd cav., w. [wounded]
James H. Horton, Patchogue, 2nd cav., d p. [died a prisoner]
Floyd B. Horton, Patchogue, 12th, r. [returned]
Sylvester E. Horton, Patchogue, 12th, r. [returned]
Robert Jayne, veterinary surgeon, Patchogue, 13th cav.
Stephen J. Jennings, Patchogue, 5th Kansas cav., r. [returned]
William T. Jennings, Patchogue, 12th.
Patrick Kernon, Patchogue, 12th.
Charles E. King, Patchogue, 12th, r. [returned]
Thomas King, Patchogue, navy.
Lorenzo D. Moger, Patchogue, 8th cav.
Benjamin Moger, Patchogue, 12th.
Edgar S. Mott, Patchogue, 2nd cav., w., r. [wounded, returned]
Horatio Mott, Patchogue, 2nd cav., d s. [died in service]
Charles W. Mott, Patchogue, 159th, r. [returned]
Richard H. Parks, Patchogue, 127th.
Jeremiah J. Robinson, Patchogue, navy.
Willet H. Robinson, Patchogue, navy.
Henry Rockwell, Patchogue, 95th, w. [wounded]
Frank Rockwell, Patchogue, 12th, d s. [died in service], Bedloe’s Island.
Gilson Rowland, Patchogue, 13th cav.
William Searles, Patchogue, 12th, r. [returned]
Smith Silsby, Patchogue.
I. Wallace Smith, Patchogue, r. [returned]
Ellis Smith, lieutenant, Patchogue, 12th, r. [returned]
Nehemiah O. Smith, Patchogue, 59th.
William M. Smith, Patchogue, 4th art., r. [returned]
Evi Swezey, Patchogue.
Charles S. Terrell, Patchogue, 145th and 107th, r. [returned]
Walter Terrell, Patchogue, 12th, r. [returned]
Bryant B. Terry, Patchogue, 48th, r. [returned]
Jacob B. Thurber, Patchogue, 2nd cav., r. [returned]
Daniel J. Thurber, Patchogue, 2nd cav., r. [returned]
Sidney S. Wicks, Patchogue, Spinola’s brigade.
- Horace Williams, Patchogue, navy, r. [returned]
- Havens W. Wood, Patchogue, 12th, d s. [died in service], Annapolis.

**Reworking this list by military unit** (no specific ship/ships being listed here under naval service) here are the results:

**4th NY Heavy Artillery Regiment:**
- William M. Smith, Patchogue, 4th art., r. [returned]

**2nd NY Cavalry Regiment:**
- Edward H. Bumpstead, Patchogue, 2nd cav, w. [wounded]
- William M. Harned, Patchogue, 2nd cav., w. [wounded]
- James H. Horton, Patchogue, 2nd cav., d p. [died a prisoner]
- Edgar S. Mott, Patchogue, 2nd cav., w., r. [wounded, returned]
- Horatio Mott, Patchogue, 2nd cav., d s. [died in service]
- Jacob B. Thurber, Patchogue, 2nd cav., r. [returned]
- Daniel J. Thurber, Patchogue, 2nd cav., r. [returned]

**5th Kansas Cavalry Regiment:**
- Stephen J. Jennings, Patchogue, 5th Kansas cav., r. [returned]

**8th NY Cavalry Regiment:**
- Lorenzo D. Moger, Patchogue, 8th cav.

**13th NY Cavalry Regiment:**
- Robert Jayne, veterinary surgeon, Patchogue, 13th cav.
- Gilson Rowland, Patchogue, 13th cav.

**5th NY Infantry Regiment:**
- Abram Bancker, Patchogue, 5th.

**12th NY Infantry Regiment:**
- Henry E. Ackerly, Patchogue, 12th, d w. [died of wounds]
- Theodore F. Beale, Patchogue, 12th.
- Jacob Bumstead, Patchogue, 12th, r. [returned] [Relative of Dagwood?]
- Gilbert H. Carter, Patchogue, 12th, r. [returned]
- Edward Ging, Patchogue, 12th, r. [returned]
- Floyd B. Horton, Patchogue, 12th, r. [returned]
- Sylvester E. Horton, Patchogue, 12th, r. [returned]
- William T. Jennings, Patchogue, 12th.
- Patrick Kernon, Patchogue, 12th.
- Charles E. King, Patchogue, 12th, r. [returned]
- Benjamin Moger, Patchogue, 12th.
- Frank Rockwell, Patchogue, 12th, d s. [died in service], Bedloe’s Island.
- William Searles, Patchogue, 12th, r. [returned]
- Ellis Smith, lieutenant, Patchogue, 12th, r. [returned]
- Walter Terrell, Patchogue, 12th, r. [returned]
- Havens W. Wood, Patchogue, 12th, d s. [died in service], Annapolis.

48th NY Infantry Regiment:
- Bryant B. Terry, Patchogue, 48th, r. [returned]

59th NY Infantry Regiment:
- Nehemiah O. Smith, Patchogue, 59th.

75th La. Colored Regiment (USCT):
- Smith P. Gammage, chaplain, 75th La. Colored. [USCT]

90th NY Infantry Regiment:
- Henry Chissell, Patchogue, 90th, r. [returned]

95th NY Infantry Regiment:
- Henry Rockwell, Patchogue, 95th, w. [wounded]

107th NY Infantry Regiment:
- Charles S. Terrell, Patchogue, 145th and 107th, r. [returned]

127th NY Infantry Regiment:
- Richard H. Parks, Patchogue, 127th.

131st NY Infantry Regiment:
- James B. Duff, Jr., Patchogue, 131st.

139th NY Infantry Regiment:
- David R. Beale, Patchogue, 139th, r. [returned]
- David F. Beale [Patchogue?], lieutenant, 139th.

145th NY Infantry Regiment:
- James M. Albin, Patchogue, 145th, r. [returned]
- Charles S. Terrell, Patchogue, 145th and 107th, r. [returned]

159th NY Infantry Regiment:
- Charles W. Mott, Patchogue, 159th, r. [returned]

Spinola’s Brigade:
- Sidney S. Wicks, Patchogue, Spinola’s brigade.

U.S. Navy:
- John H. Beale, Patchogue, navy.
- Daniel B. Corey, Patchogue, navy, r. [returned]
- Thomas King, Patchogue, navy.
- Jeremiah J. Robinson, Patchogue, navy.
- Willet H. Robinson, Patchogue, navy.
- Horace Williams, Patchogue, navy, r. [returned]

Indeterminate Service:
- David Bush, Patchogue, r. [returned]
- Ezra B. Clemence, Patchogue, quartermaster. [of what, pray tell?]
- George W. Dayton, Patchogue, d c s. [died of disease contracted in service]
- William H. Gritman, Patchogue, w., r. [wounded, returned]
- Smith Silsby, Patchogue.
- I. Wallace Smith, Patchogue, r. [returned]
- Evi Swezey, Patchogue.


Summer H.S. Commencement Exercises,
Held Same Day as the Battle of Mobile Bay

Portrait and Biographical Record of Suffolk County (Long Island), New York: Containing Portraits and Biographical Sketches of Prominent and Representative Citizens of the County.... New York; Chicago: Chapman Publishing Co., 1896. 1039 p. Name index.

As no geographic index presently exist (to rapidly be able to identify an individual’s village of origin or of later residence (to help distinguish an individual’s association with Patchogue or the Patchogue-Medford Area), or to rapidly identify their Civil War whereabouts and activities, this resource will need to be explored, individual by individual. It contains only name (pp. 1041-43) and portrait (p. 1044) indices.
“Savage Stupid Huntington.” **Long Islander**, October 24, 1873: 2.

Refers to an offensive article in the Pachogue *Advance*, following on one in the New York *Herald*, which this article attributes to Elizabeth Oakes Smith, and proceeds to tar her with the same brush.

*Husband, Wife, & Son, in Declining National Renown*

Left: **Seba Smith**, Pioneer American Humorist, lAbolitionist, lately of Patchogue, for his health.

Center: **Elizabeth Oakes Smith**, Literary & Political Doyen, Abolitionist, Pre-Suffragist, Lecturer


“Soldier Dead are Honored Here in Solemn Rites: Judge Furman Gives Address in Park; Only Two Civil War Veterans Ride in Parade – Firemen and Other Groups Accompany Legionnaires.” **Patchogue Advance**, June 3, 1930: 1.


“Thomas H. Griffin Dies at Age of 96; Was Last of Local Civil War Veterans.” *Patchogue Advance*, January 14, 1943: 1. Photo.


Reports the Patchogue newspaper *Suffolk Herald*, which having lost its popularity and gone out of business for being “too secesh,” as returning to publication with a new pro-Unionist editor, George F. Carman, and a letter to the NY Times editor, with a strong profession of pro-Republican support, pro-Unionism, and denunciation of secessionism, by its former editor, A. Van Alstymne, claiming the libel against him to be ridiculous.

1867 View from Roof of the Eagle Hotel, E. Main Street, Patchogue, N.Y., Looking Southwest, Past the fences of [S.] Ocean Avenue, toward Patchogue River, in the Distance. Courtesy PML.

“Wallace” (probably a pseudonym), who appears to be a non-commissioned officer from Patchogue, NY, of Company H. He speaks of this account as something of a comedy counterpoint to the tragedy of the Battle of Fredericksburg, then going on. Among other things, a week earlier a Federal cavalry patrol brought in a couple of prisoners caught on Mulberry Island (located in the James River, VA, in today’s city of Newport News), “found lurking in the garret of a negro, arrested on suspicion of being spies.” One claimed to be Canadian, the other from Patchogue. Since Wallace and others in Co. H. hailed from Patchogue, several were brought in to question the prisoner. Some of what he said added up, but other elements didn’t, so the pair was sent off to imprisonment in Fortress Monroe. There’s a bit more of interest, in the article.

“The way in which Appleton Oaksmith escaped from the jail in Boston is thus described:” [Sag Harbor] Corrector, September 20, 1862: 2.


Poem while its Patchogue author was incarcerated in Boston, on charges of slave-running, prior to his mysterious escape.


Mr. Eaton, b. in Brooklyn, residing in Bay Shore, formerly of Patchogue, d. at 86. A lieutenant in the 127th NY Vol. Infantry Regiment, he served as acting provost marshal at the surrender of Charleston, S.C.


“Zinc Sculpture: What is Zinc Sculpture and Why is It Important?” (Smithsonian Institution. Museum Conservation Institute) – Note: “Figure 2” is Patchogue’s Civil War Monument (1885), which stands in front of the Village Hall. http://www.si.edu/mci/english/research/conservation/zinc_sculptures.html

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