

# ***Company “H,” 1<sup>st</sup> Vermont Heavy Artillery and 11<sup>th</sup> Vermont Infantry Volunteers***

## ***Biography***

### ***Joshua Whitney***

**Joshua Whitney**, son of Oliver Whitney and Rebecca Nichols, was born on February 25, 1813 in Hancock<sup>1</sup> or Rochester, Vermont.<sup>2</sup> He married on October 16, 1838 **Sarah Ann Kinsman**. Nathan Capen performed the wedding ceremony in Goshen, Vermont.<sup>3</sup> Sarah was the daughter of Moses Kinsman (1784-1870) and Abigail Wood (1782-1867). Sarah was born on 3 Oct 1816 in Fitzwilliam, Cheshire County, New Hampshire.<sup>4</sup>

In 1838, Joshua entered into a maintenance agreement with his father to take care of him, his mother, and several siblings under the age of 21. In return, Joshua received the home farm in Goshen, Addison County, Vermont [today, West Rochester, Windsor County, Vermont.]<sup>5</sup>

In 1840, Joshua and his family were still living in Goshen.<sup>6</sup> In 1850, Joshua and his family farmed in Rochester, Windsor County, Vermont and had real estate worth \$500.<sup>7</sup> For the fiscal year 1849-50, Joshua Whitney’s farm statistics reveal the following:

Acres of improved land	30	Indian corn, bushels	30
Acres of unimproved land	70	Peas & beans, bushels	2
Value of farm	\$600	Irish potatoes, bushels	125
Value of farm implements	\$50	Barley, bushels	10
Milk cows	2	Butter, pounds	100
Working oxen	2	Hay, tons	8
Other cattle	5	Other grasses, bushels	8
Swine	2	Maple sugar, pounds	400
Value of livestock	\$145	Value of home-made goods	\$30
		Value animals slaughtered	\$20 <sup>8</sup>

Joshua and his family were still farming there in 1860. That year, Joshua’s real estate was worth \$900 and his personal assets \$300.<sup>9</sup> For the fiscal year 1859-60, Joshua Whitney’s farm statistics reveal the following:

Acres of improved land	35	Wheat, bushels	10
Acres of unimproved land	110	Indian corn, bushels	10
Value of farm	\$800	Peas & beans, bushels	2
Value of farm implements	\$15	Oats, bushels	60
Horses	1	Buckwheat, bushels	15
Milk cows	3	Irish potatoes, bushels	65
Other cattle	7	Butter, pounds	175
Sheep	40	Hay, tons	12
Value of livestock	\$310	Other grasses, bushels	15
		Maple sugar, pounds	300
		Value animals slaughtered	\$25 <sup>10</sup>

At the age of 51, Joshua joined the Vermont Volunteers and served in the Civil War as a private in Company "H" of the 1<sup>st</sup> Vermont Heavy Artillery also called Company "H" of the 11<sup>th</sup> Vermont Infantry for 8 months and 20 days.<sup>11</sup>

Joshua was enlisted by the Selectmen at Rochester, Vermont on August 26, 1864 to serve 3 years<sup>12</sup> as a private in Company "H" commanded by Captain George G. Tilden of the 11<sup>th</sup> Regiment of Vermont Volunteers.<sup>13</sup>

While in the line of duty in the Shenandoah Valley, Virginia, Joshua became unable to do duty at Winchester, Virginia on or about September 24, 1864 from the effects of poison and chronic diarrhea. He was taken to the Sheridan Field Hospital at Winchester and remained there from or about September 26, 1864 to October 7, 1864. He was taken from there, via Philadelphia, to the General Hospital at Brattleboro, Vermont. He entered the hospital at Brattleboro on October 20, 1864.<sup>14</sup>

From the hospital in Brattleboro, Joshua wrote home to his son Sidney on November 21, 1864. He sent the letter in care of L.B. Jones in West Rochester:

*Most faithful son Sidney Carleton Whitney*

*I will strive to improve this opportunity to write Directions and instruction which will be for your and the families interest to carry into practice and also to inform you of what I am doing and how my health is Well to begin with it commenced to rain here on Sunday at 11 o'clock P.M and rained untill this morning at 6 o'clock a hard soaking rain now as I had an answer on the 16<sup>th</sup> from the governor through his secretary to be transferred to Burlington if they will transfer me I wish to go to B this day for I finished all of my business here yesturday I got paid off my \$32.00 then got a pass and went to town to Major Austine but he refered me to General Phelps, but as the Genl is not in the confidence of the soldiers and as I may be sent to B I think I will wait and see how things turn, for I can be contented to serve my three years if they will it so! for the only anxiety that I feel is for the good and well being of my family I hope to go to B by the way of Windsor to look after my clothes there to Bethel, then home, thence to Burlington by way of Brandon! How does son by law and Ida Jenett progress*

*Now Sidney I wish you see that the sheep go to Bakers about the 10<sup>th</sup> Dec they were to be served at 50 cts a head which is all paid for but I was to put on hay to keep the sheep while at Bakers.*

*NB if Mr. Jones thinks that there is some better Buck for stock and he can manage to have the sheep raise better lambs I should like to have Bakers refund the money and have you get the best Buck for stock that you can get, as to the dung I supposed that Mr. Jones would put Crossmans on to our land and that he would take dung out of our yard instead our dung I thought could be thrown under the sheds untill Mr. J. could draw it home in the winter? Now be careful and see that the grind stone is housed and that all of the doors at the house and barn are fixed so that they will shut good and see that such doors as need fastening are fastened so that the wind will not blow them open Oh do you keep the sheep out of these*

*storms. N.B. if you have sleighing, I think that you can carry the girls to school and get a chance to put me horse into Perkins Barn.*

*If you can get the use of the barn and a good stall pay him for the use and trouble. I think it will be good economy to get a pung<sup>1</sup> made large enough to carry four persons one made light with thick runners will be fit to use when a sleigh could not be used I am willing that you should get a good strong sleigh but it seems to me that you can get along without buffaloes for you you must remember that we are poor an that you must hold up your heads and feel as good and smart as the rest of the schollars and be determined not to be out done by the rest of the schollars I spent a dollar yesterday in town, 50 cts for a pr scissors 36 cts to eat and drink and 14 cts for tobacco I have only my \$32.00 that I drew yesterday and I wait and see if I cant come home and fetch some money I think of spending some money this afternoon for I rather need a watch*

*N.B. with regard to business I expect that it will be conducted as I talked with the family while at home and that Mr. [Jillele?] will work as he and I [and] Mr. Jones talked viz for \$250.00 dollars pr. year, you must tell Mr. [Pallett?] how I used to do with the stock and how I used to pick and feed out the afected potatoes to the cattle.*

*Sidney you write to me for it will larn you to write and then you must inform of your proceedings and how you prosper Miss Ann you must write and tuck up Sidney to write and see if you cant encourage Sid to learn to write Sid that you send by Mr. Jones get a Copy Book with all the kinds of letters that you will need to use to in writing and then you must take right hold of writing with a determination to learn when I come home to stay Ann shall have my scissors. Now Sidney true and faithful to you Mother and Sisters and kiss them all for me. Tell Lib I will fetch her some thing so be sure and kiss her for me. N.B. I had a letter from Robert<sup>2</sup> last night but is was of no consequence and besides the writing was so poor that I could not read more [than] half of it Sidney you must be sure that the cow and the calves and the sheep are all well cared for as well all of the stock, the horse when not used can graze in the yard if he and the cattle will agree and then you mess him so as to give him as good a chance as if he staid in the stall now all see that you strive to be good and forsake all evil and see that so live that may meet our departed children and friends in that land where there is no more sighing I a good priviledge here to Relegious meeting which I improve and I sincerely wish that my family as good an opportunity then from husband and father  
Joshua Whitney.<sup>15</sup>*

Joshua remained in the Brattleboro Hospital until December 13 or 18, 1864. While there he was afflicted with rheumatism and chronic diarrhea. His limbs soon became badly swollen.<sup>16</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> box-shaped toboggan-like sleigh

<sup>2</sup> "Robert" was Joshua's son.

After his release from the Brattleboro Hospital, Joshua headed south to Virginia. He arrived there on Christmas Eve. The following day he wrote home again.

*City Point Va Christmas Dec 25<sup>th</sup> 1864*

*Dear friends I arrived here last night and staid the Barracks I am now writing in the yard at 10 AM it is warm hazy and pleasant as spring how is the weather at home have snow so that the children can go to school you and Mr. Jones must manage things as if you never expected me at home I am now within 10 miles of Petersburg and may be sent there tomorrow I supposed that my Regt was at Winchester and I should be sent to my Regt by the [way] of Washington but I now expect to find my Regt at Petersburg and as my health has been improving on the journey I shall I think stand as good a chance to get in the way of the balls as any body but still I go with a feeling of indifference to my fate, but yet I have a feeling of the warmest affection for the welfare of my wife and children for whom I have toiled both night day And now you and Mr. Jones must write me the particulars of your doings and how you get along and I must know whether you have got a hired man or not and them potatoes must need sorting over by this time for will rot in deep piles and you need the room in the cellar where Carey<sup>3</sup> potatoes are to spread your own. On the Recpt of this write to me directly.*

*Joshua*

*Whitney*

*In the love of the Saviour I send you my love and best affections.<sup>17</sup>*

Joshua rejoined his regiment on December 26, 1864.<sup>18</sup> The next day he wrote home again:

*Dec 27<sup>th</sup> 1864 10A.M. Near Petersburg VA*

*Dear friends you will learn by this letter that I took the cars at City Point yesturday and came to my Regt last night and with Sylvester Clark, Alfred Richardson the pedlar, Nelson Brown Ira V. Keith all sick and in fact there is many sick with colds and I heard a continued coughing all over this extensive area of log and mud cabins. NB they tell me that George A. Wood is quite sick at the Division Hospital about 2 miles from here, Andre Washburn they say was taken by the Rebs and starved to Death. Edward Marse [sic] they think here is dead for he was wounded through the head at Cedar creek and was left at the Division Hospital at Newtown, now Mr. Jones wife and children see that you send me all the news that I require, I wish [to] hear if you have got my clothes, do you get the States pay do you know whether Whitmore and Ida were lawfully Married or not, and if they*

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<sup>3</sup> "Carey" probably refers to David Cary or his father who owned the farm adjacent to Joshua Whitney on the road to West Hill from Bingo. This letter infers that Carey was storing potatoes on the Joshua Whitney farm.

*their [sic] marriage was not legally done I wish you Mr. Jones to call upon the man in my name cause him to pay the penalty for so doing direct my letter to Camp Petersburg VA. be sure direct to Joshua Whitney Co. H 11<sup>th</sup> Vt Vols camp near Petersburg Virginia and will say to you that I think of trying to get my discharge in the spring but I wish you keep my thoughts secret Now Mr. Jones asked for your advice whether I had better get discharged or and please to give me your opinion on the matter I could do pretty good business if at home but here I dont expect to be able to do more than half of a soldiers duty, some days I am quite smart and then I have diarrhea and a week ago my ankles were swollen with the dropsy but I went to chewing blood root and that helped my diarrhea and the dropsy too and my pulse from a faint and feeble pulse has risen to one like a strong and healthy [sic] man Now if you can send me some things by mail I shall need them verry much, viz 2 oz blood root 4 oz cayenne pepper and 2 boxes golden ointment the ointment is doing wonders here and if you can put some paper and stamps and envelopes it may perhaps be better than to buy them here NB my last 2 2 monthly pay is due today, and I mean [to] use all the economy that [I] possess to save and send home money to you you must hire and keep a man on the place the same as though that [I] was out of existence*

*Dear wife can you send me a pair of knit woolen gloves! Sidney I think you had better your steer till another and then if you get him no mate he will make quite a mess of beef write me about the sheep what disposition have you made of them for another years increase, how does the horse do, and how the oxen and does Sidney and the girls prosper with their chores and of schooling? I have got to the Regt and I feel at home with the Boys but I an awful gang to come out with from Bedloes Island they stole my pail cut my blanket stap [sic strap] and rubber blanket unbuckled my knapsack and just missed getting all my clothing wife have you got you a table what do the children use to go to school with have they got another Sleigh or have they pung or sled. Now Mr. Jones what do you think there is more hay than stock! I think that you can sell potatoes to buy meat and keep the steer keep the oats for the horse and oxen [soak?] rye for flour use the corn and India in the family, give my love and Respects to all friends that may enquire for me and may the love and grace of God be and abide with all both now and forever.*

*Friend, husband, and father,*

*Joshua Whitney<sup>19</sup>*

Captain Tilden recalled that when Joshua joined his company, he appeared to be in “good physical condition,” and that Joshua “that Winter - that he done his full share of guard & picket duty until sometime in March [1865] he complained of rheumatism in his feet and legs, and diarrhea. I remember that his tent mates complained to me that he was up so much at night doctoring himself with pepper tea and other things that it was a great annoyance to them.”<sup>20</sup>

Captain Tilden also recalled that “when we moved out of the works, the night of April 1<sup>st</sup> 1865 to assault the works of the enemy on the morning of the 2<sup>nd</sup> we had orders to leave our knapsacks, and Mr. Whitney was left in charge of those of my Co. and he reported to me the morning of April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1865 near Petersburg with the knapsacks loaded on a Gov. Wagon. He marched with the Co while we were following up Lee’s retreat - was in the battle of [Sailor’s] Creek and Farmville after Lee’s surrender[.] while marching from Farmville to Burksville Junction he fell out from the ranks. We went into camp about three o’clock PM. He came into camp just before dark with other stragglers. I was at Col. Hunsdon’s Tent at the time and heard the Col instruct his orderly to bring those men to him. I remember that the excuse that Joshua Whitney gave to Col Hunsdon for not keeping with his company was that he was lame and had diarrhea which I believe was a true statement.”<sup>21</sup>

Joshua remained with his regiment until he was discharged at Danville, Virginia on May 16, 1865.<sup>22</sup> The reason for his discharge was due to “old age”<sup>23</sup> and rheumatism which made him “unfit for duty.”<sup>24</sup> When C.B. Park, Jr. the 1<sup>st</sup> Vermont Artillery Surgeon examined Joshua at Danville, he reported to Captain Tilden that: “I have carefully examined ... Joshua Whitney ... and find him incapable of performing the duties of a soldier because of old age, 53 years. ... Whitney received a bounty and has done very little if any duty. Should receive no pension.”<sup>25</sup>

Joshua returned to Vermont where he immediately looked for a second medical opinion. On May 22, 1865 he was examined by Dr. Cyrus Porter in Rutland. Dr. Porter said: “I have examined Joshua A. Whitney late a private in Co. H 1<sup>st</sup> Regt. Vt. Artillery, Geo. G. Tilden, Capt. ... for invalid pension by reason of alleged disability resulting from exposure in camp life. In my opinion [Joshua] is one half incapacitated for obtaining his subsistence by manual labor for the cause above stated... incurred in service ... disability may improve under treatment. [Joshua] has rheumatism located in the lumbar region and lower limbs with a strong tendency to dropsy.”<sup>26</sup> Joshua ultimately received a disability pension of \$4 per month for rheumatism commencing May 18, 1865.<sup>27</sup>

Joshua was living back on his farm in Rochester where he and his family were still farming in 1870.<sup>28</sup> For the fiscal year 1869-70, Joshua Whitney’s farm statistics reveal the following:

Acres of improved land	60	Rye, bushels	7
Acres of unimproved land	40	Corn, Indian, bushels	50
Value of farm	\$2,000	Oats, bushels	10
Value of farm implements	\$150	Wool, pounds	160
Horses	1	Potatoes, Irish, bushels	250
Milk cows	3	Butter, pounds	300
Working oxen	2	Hay, tons	60
Sheep	41	Maple sugar, pounds	300
Swine	2	Value of home manufactures	\$150
Value of livestock	\$500	Value of all farm products	\$1,350 <sup>29</sup>

In 1880, Joshua, 67, and Sarah, 63, were living on the home farm with their son, Sidney in Rochester. Also, living them was 11 year old Oscar G. Whitmore, the grandson of Joshua and Sarah through their daughter, Ida.<sup>30</sup>

By 1883, Joshua had retired and his son, Sidney, had taken over operation of the 100 acre farm on Rochester Road #50.<sup>31</sup>

In the early 1880s, Joshua felt that his deteriorating physical condition resulting from his Civil War activities merited an increase in his pension. On September 14, 1881, Dr. William M. Huntington of Rochester stated that he had known Joshua Whitney for about 45 years and he was Joshua's family physician before he enlisted into the US service and has been since. Huntington went on to say that he examined Joshua before he entered the service and at that time, Joshua was not troubled with rheumatism or diarrhea. Huntington did not treat Joshua while he was in the service, and afterwards only saw him occasionally when he went to his house as a family physician. He knew of Joshua having rheumatism and heard him complain of it but was never been called upon to treat him for that disease. He also said that he "has known that the [Joshua] has been in the habit of using medicine for rheumatism for many years, but has not furnished such medicine."<sup>32</sup>

Joshua was requested by the U.S. Pension Office to furnish medical evidence supporting his request for an increase in his pension. On March 22, 1884, Joshua responded that "he is unable to furnish further medical evidence as to treatment for rheumatism and chronic diarrhea since his discharge because he has been treated since his discharge by no physician therefore unless there was incidental treatment by Dr. William M. Huntington who attended the claimant during one attack of pneumonia in the fall of 1880 .... He further states that the reason why he has not employed a physician for [the] disabilities [is] that he had been and is very poor and unable to pay therefore, and that he has used simple remedies of his own preparation from which he has got temporary relief and which he has thought did him as much good as any medicine he could get from a physician." He went on to say that "he prays that the testimony of neighbors which will be submitted herewith may be received instead of such medical evidence."<sup>33</sup>

In support of Joshua's case, near neighbors wrote to the U.S. Pension Office.

On March 22, 1884, Wesley S. Swan, 25 of Rochester stated he knew Joshua Whitney since he was a small boy and lived neighbor to him. Swan had seen Whitney at work and for five years last past frequently worked with him. Wesley's first recollection of Joshua is his having been sent from time to time when a boy to get Whitney to come and help on the farm of Wesley's stepfather, Chester Smith of Rochester. Swan recollected that at those times Joshua would sometimes be able to come and do some farm work and at other times would be so lame as to be unable to come. Swan thought that Joshua had always, since he knew him, walked with a cane and often had used two canes to get about.

Wesley also stated that Joshua "has always been ambitious to work and being a very poor man has frequently worked when to all appearances he was unable to do so." Wesley went on to say that Joshua "has also been in the habit of doctoring himself for his troubles and has seldom employed a physician." From about 1879, Wesley knew Joshua's "condition more intimately from working with him at farm labor." Wesley recalled that Joshua "has been constantly troubled with rheumatism and periodically troubled with diarrhea... The rheumatism seemed to be mostly in his legs."

Since about 1879, Wesley observed that Joshua "has done about one half of the manual labor that a well man could perform in each year, and not more..." also that Joshua "worked a great deal of the time when he was not physically fit to do so, but has been driven by his necessities and suffered a great deal from so doing."<sup>34</sup>

On May 17, 1884, Austin F. Gillett, 43, of Rochester stated that he knew Joshua Whitney before his enlistment and that on Whitney's return from the service in May

1865, Gillett was working on Joshua's farm and continued to work there until the next fall. After that time, to the present, Gillett always lived neighbor to the Joshua and Austin saw him frequently at work and had worked with him more or less every year since 1865.

Austin confirmed Wesley Swan's observations and further recalled that Joshua did "not often employ a doctor, being something of a doctor himself, and he takes and has taken during all this time medicine of his own preparing." Gillett stated "that during the first six months after his discharge [Joshua] was unable to do any effective labor, and from that time to the present had not been able to perform more than one half of the labor of a well and able bodied man in any year, according to [his] best judgment and observation."<sup>35</sup>

On June 7, 1884, Frank O. Reynolds, 46, of Rochester stated that he had lived in Rochester for the past 36 years within about three miles of where Joshua Whitney had lived during that period except while he was away at the war. He knew that Whitney was a "robust man" before he went to war. After his return from the service in the Spring or early summer of 1865, Reynolds worked for Whitney in haying six or seven summers in succession beginning in 1865 or 1866. Reynolds further recounted that "Whitney upon his return from the service appeared to be almost totally disabled for labor by lameness in his limbs and so continued for some months when he so far recovered as to be able to get about usually with a cane and sometimes with two canes, and to do some work, and has continued about in the same condition ever since..." Reynolds judged that Whitney, was not able to do more than one half of the usual labor of a well and able bodied man in any year since his return from the service.<sup>36</sup>

In July 1885, at age 72, Joshua stood 5 feet, 4 ½ inches high and weighed 144 pounds. At this time, all his lameness was in his muscles. There was continual soreness of the muscles in his arms, legs, and trunk. He averaged two attacks of diarrhea every month. He was entitled to a total rating for the disability caused by rheumatism, zero for that caused by chronic diarrhea, and zero for that caused by dropsy.<sup>37</sup> From July 22, 1885, Joshua received a pension of \$8 per month for rheumatism.<sup>38</sup>

Sometime prior to January 1888, Henry M. Kinsman, Joshua's son in law, had been appointed by the Probate Court in Windsor County to be the legal guardian for 74 year old Joshua Whitney. On January 10, 1888, Henry appeared before a Justice of the Peace in Windsor County and tried to obtain another increase in Joshua's pension. Henry stated that Joshua was currently receiving \$8 per month for rheumatism and that Joshua believed he was entitled to a pension increase "which has increased to that degree that he is perfectly helpless and requires the constant attendance of an attendant."<sup>39</sup>

On February 9, 1888, William M. Harrington, M.D. stated: "For the past six months I have visited [Joshua] frequently and his mental condition is such that he cannot travel to be examined and it will be necessary to send a special medical examiner to his place of residence for said purpose. Said soldier is insane to that degree that he has to be kept constantly under guard."<sup>40</sup>

Joshua died on September 11, 1888 of rheumatism and disease of the brain<sup>41</sup> in Rochester. Dr. Harrington further explained Joshua's death. He said that Joshua "had rheumatism and as the result he had endocarditis, which terminated in cerebral embolism, which in my opinion was the cause of the insanity and softening of the brain and also the cause of death."<sup>42</sup>



Sarah applied for a widow's pension on June 10, 1889.<sup>43</sup> She received a widow's pension of \$12 per month commencing on September 12, 1888.<sup>44</sup>

Sarah died on 27 Jan 1898 of bronchitis at the age of 81. Joshua and Sarah are buried in West Hill Cemetery in Rochester. Children:

(WHITNEY surname)

- i. Erastus A., b. 21 Jul 1839, d. 23 Mar 1841, bur. West Hill Cemetery, Rochester, Vermont.
- ii. Robert B., b. 15 Aug 1841. At home in 1850 & 1860. Enlisted 24 Aug 1861 as a private in Company E, 4<sup>th</sup> Vermont Infantry, discharged for disability 10 Aug 1863. Lived in Forestdale, VT.
- iii. John O., b. 14 Aug 1844, at home in 1850 & 1860, d. 13 Jun 1862 of disease in New Orleans, LA. Served as a private in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vermont Battery of Light Artillery. He is buried in the West Hill Cemetery.
- iv. Ida Jenett., b. 18 Dec 1846, at home in 1850 & 1860, m.(1) 24 Nov 1864, Emulus A. Whitmore, who d. 24 Jun 1881; m.(2) 4 Oct 1884, Amasa Lovewell. Resided in Gardner, MA. Children:

(WHITMORE surname)

- i. Oscar E., b. 12 Aug 1868.
- ii. Cliff A., b. 13 Dec 1870, d. 2 Jul 1882.

(LOVEWELL surname)

- iii. Earnest A., b. 15 Apr 1886.

- v. Sidney C.; b. 9 Mar 1849; at home in 1850, 1860, 1870, 1880, & 1883. He married on 7 Feb 1883 Mary I. Smith, daughter of James Smith and Olive C. Tucker. Mary had been born in Brandon and at the time of her marriage was a resident of Rutland, VT. D.A. Lowell, a clergyman in Rochester performed the marriage ceremony.<sup>45</sup> The marriage was short-lived. Mary filed for and was granted a divorce the following year on 8 Apr 1884. The grounds for the divorce was "physical incapacity of husband."<sup>46</sup>

Sidney resided in Rochester, VT on the family farm. In 1900, he was living as a boarder in a two family house with 59 year old widow Ellen Worcester in Rochester. Sidney still owned his own farm at this time. The other part of the dwelling was occupied by 55 year old Henry Kinsman, Sidney's brother-in-law, and his family. Living close by was Wesley Swan and his family.<sup>47</sup> Where and when Sidney died has not been determined.<sup>48</sup>

- vi. Julia, b. ca. 1852. At home in 1860.
- vii. Celestia Ann, b. 26 Mar 1854; m. 25 Dec 1878 H.W. Kinsman; res. – Rochester. Not living at home in 1860.
- viii. Cyrus, b. ca. 1855. At home in 1860.
- ix. Mary Elizabeth, b. 22 Aug 1857, m. 11 Nov 1878 Charles E. Jones,<sup>49</sup>

resided in Rochester, VT. Not living at home in 1860.<sup>50</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Civil War Pension Record, Joshua Whitney, #268,575. Army of the United States. Certificate of Disability Discharge.

<sup>2</sup> Pierce, Frederick Clifton. *The Descendants of John Whitney, Who Came from London, England to Watertown, Massachusetts in 1635*. Press of W. B. Conkey Company, 341 Dearborn Street, Chicago, Ill. 1895. Page 523.

<sup>3</sup> Civil War Pension Record, Joshua Whitney, #268,575. Widow's Declaration for Pension or Increase of Pension.

<sup>4</sup> Stickney, L. W. *The Kinsman Family, 1634-1875*. 1876. Page 166.

<sup>5</sup> Goshen, Vermont Land Records. 3:117-8, 18 Jan 1838. Oliver Whitney of Goshen, Addison County, Vermont for \$500 sells to Joshua Whitney land in Goshen: bounded southerly on Lyman and Isaac Austin and land formerly owned by Wm. C. Mead; easterly on the Crary [sic] line; northerly in the northerly line of David Collins' second division and; westerly on land owned by Lyman Messer a part of the second division of David Collins under the Charter of Philadelphia.

Oliver Whitney reserves 10 acres of the land which is to be taken out of the southeast corner of the aforesaid premises in a square form. The 10 acres is to belong to Joshua Whitney at the decease of Oliver Whitney and his present wife, the same as though reserve was made.

and

Goshen, Vermont Land Records. 3:118-9, 18 Jan 1838. Joshua Whitney of Goshen, Addison County, Vermont for \$500 paid to my full satisfaction by Oliver Whitney of Goshen, Addison County, Vermont sells to Oliver Whitney land in Goshen, being the same land and all the same this day deeded by Oliver Whitney to Joshua Whitney. Nevertheless, if Joshua Whitney shall provide and furnish Oliver Whitney and his wife Rebecca with suitable provision & clothing for their age and condition and medicines and medical assistance during their natural lives, Joshua is to receive the labour of the two boys, sons of Oliver Whitney: William Porter Whitney and Norman Filetus Whitney until they arrive to the age of 21 years and school and provide for them as the other sons have been and also receive the labour of Oliver Whitney all that he shall be disposed to do. Joshua agrees to let the three girls make their father's house their home but not to be at great expense to Joshua Whitney. Joshua Whitney to have all the personal property by paying all the debts now against Oliver Whitney. Joshua Whitney agrees to board the youngest sister, Phidelia Whitney two winters for the time the district school shall keep in the district. Then this deed is void otherwise of force.

<sup>6</sup> Courtesy of Deborah Guber. Census, 1840, Vermont, Addison County, Goshen. The Joshua Whitney household includes one male between the ages of 20-30, one female 20-30, and one male under 5.

<sup>7</sup> Courtesy of Deborah Guber. Census, 1850, Vermont, Windsor County, Rochester, dwelling 111. Joshua Whitney (38) and wife Sarah A. (33) have the following children: Robert B. (8), John O. (6), Ida J. (3), and Sidney (1). Real estate \$500.

<sup>8</sup> Agricultural Census, 1850, Vermont, Windsor County, Rochester. Joshua Whitney.

<sup>9</sup> Census, 1860, Vermont, Windsor County, Rochester, P.O. Rochester, 4 Jun 1860, p. 25/273.

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Whitney,	Joshua	48 m	Farmer	900	300	VT
	Sarah	40 f				VT
	Robt	18 m				VT
	John	16 m				VT
	Idia	14 f				VT
	Sidney	12 m				VT
	Julia	8 f				VT
	Cyrus	5 m				VT

- <sup>10</sup> Agricultural Census, 1860, Vermont, Windsor County, Rochester, p. 9. Joshua Whitney.
- <sup>11</sup> Civil War Pension Index (microfilm). Joshua Whitney; H 1 VT Hy. Art and H 11 VT Inf. 1865, May 27; invalid; app. # 69,860; cert. # 308,739; state – [blank].  
Civil War Pension Index (microfilm). Joshua Whitney, widow – Whitney, Sarah A. H 11 VT Inf; and H 1 VT H.A. 1889, June 10; widow; app. # 401,424; cert. # 268,575; state – Vermont. 1890, Vermont, Windsor County, Rochester. Sarah A Whitney, widow of Joshua Whitney. Private, Co. “H,” 11 VT Inf; 26 Aug 1864 – 16 May 1865; 8 months and 20 days. Remarks: “Don’t find out – disability.”
- <sup>12</sup> Civil War Pension Record, Joshua Whitney, #268,575. Army of the United States. Certificate of Disability Discharge.
- <sup>13</sup> Civil War Pension Record, Joshua Whitney, #268,575. Statement. 22 May 1865. Joshua Whitney.
- <sup>14</sup> Civil War Pension Record, Joshua Whitney, #268,575. Statement. 22 May 1865. Joshua Whitney; and Civil War Pension Record, Joshua Whitney, #268,575. War Department. Surgeon’s Office, Washington, DC. 15 Dec 1881.
- <sup>15</sup> Joshua Whitney letter 21 Nov 1864. Courtesy of David Philipsen, Brandon, Vermont.
- <sup>16</sup> Civil War Pension Record, Joshua Whitney, #268,575. Statement. 22 May 1865. Joshua Whitney; and Civil War Pension Record, Joshua Whitney, #268,575. War Department. Surgeon’s Office, Washington, DC. 15 Dec 1881.
- <sup>17</sup> Joshua Whitney letter 21 Nov 1864. Courtesy of David Philipsen, Brandon, Vermont.
- <sup>18</sup> Civil War Pension Record, Joshua Whitney, #268,575. Statement. 22 May 1865. Joshua Whitney; and Civil War Pension Record, Joshua Whitney, #268,575. War Department. Surgeon’s Office, Washington, DC. 15 Dec 1881.
- <sup>19</sup> Joshua Whitney letter 27 Dec 1864. Courtesy of David Philipsen, Brandon, Vermont.
- <sup>20</sup> Civil War Pension Record, Joshua Whitney, #268,575. Statement - 20 Jun 1883, Geo. G. Tilden.
- <sup>21</sup> Civil War Pension Record, Joshua Whitney, #268,575. Statement - 20 Jun 1883, Geo. G. Tilden.
- <sup>22</sup> Civil War Pension Record, Joshua Whitney, #268,575. Statement. 22 May 1865. Joshua Whitney.
- <sup>23</sup> Civil War Pension Record, Joshua Whitney, #268,575. Department of Interior, Pension Office. 15 Jul 1884.
- <sup>24</sup> Civil War Pension Record, Joshua Whitney, #268,575. Army of the United States. Certificate of Disability Discharge.
- <sup>25</sup> Civil War Pension Record, Joshua Whitney, #268,575. Army of the United States. Certificate of Disability Discharge.
- <sup>26</sup> Civil War Pension Record, Joshua Whitney, #268,575. Examining Surgeon’s Certificate. Rutland, Vt. 22 May 1865.
- <sup>27</sup> Civil War Pension Record, Joshua Whitney, #268,575. Original Invalid Claim.
- <sup>28</sup> Census, 1870, Vermont, Windsor County, Rochester, P.O. Rochester, 10 Jun 1870, p. 23/489.

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Whitney,	Joshua	57 m	Farmer	----	----	VT
	Sarah	53 f	Keeping House			VT
	Sidney	21 m				VT
	Ann	16 f	Teacher			VT
	Elizabeth	12 f				VT

<sup>29</sup> Agricultural Census, 1870, Vermont, Windsor County, Rochester, pp. 7-8. Joshua Whitney.

<sup>30</sup> Census, 1880, Vermont, Windsor County, Rochester, p. 225C (T9-1350).

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Whitney,	Sidney	self	s m 31	Farmer		VT VT VT
	Joshua	father	m m 67	Farm Laborer		VT VT VT
	Sarah A.	mother	m f 63	Housekeeper		VT NH NH
Whitmore,	Oscar G.	nephew	s m 11			VT VT VT

<sup>31</sup> Child, Hamilton. *Gazetteer and Business Directory of Windsor County, Vermont for 1883-4*. Syracuse, NY: Printed at the Journal Office. January 1884. [NEHGS F 57 W7 C5 1884]. Page 464:

Whitney, Joshua, (Rochester) r 50, retired farmer.

Whitney, Sidney C., (Rochester) r 50, farmer 100.

<sup>32</sup> Civil War Pension Record, Joshua Whitney, #268,575. Physician’s Affidavit. 14 Sep 1881. William M. Huntington.

- <sup>33</sup> Civil War Pension Record, Joshua Whitney, #268,575. Statement. 22 March 1884. Joshua Whitney.
- <sup>34</sup> Civil War Pension Record, Joshua Whitney, #268,575. Statement. 22 Mar 1884. State of Vermont, Windsor County, Rochester, before a notary public. Wesley S. Swan.
- <sup>35</sup> Civil War Pension Record, Joshua Whitney, #268,575. Statement. State of Vermont, Windsor County, Rochester before a notary public. 17 May 1884. Austin F. Gillett.
- <sup>36</sup> Civil War Pension Record, Joshua Whitney, #268,575. Statement. Vermont, Windsor County, Rochester. 7 Jun 1884. Frank O. Reynolds.
- <sup>37</sup> Civil War Pension Record, Joshua Whitney, #268,575. Original (For a Board) Claim No. 69,860. 22 Jul 1885.
- <sup>38</sup> Civil War Pension Record, Joshua Whitney, #268,575. Original Invalid Claim.
- <sup>39</sup> Civil War Pension Record, Joshua Whitney, #268,575. Declaration for the Increase of an Invalid Pension. 10 Jan 1888. Henry M. Kinsman, guardian of Joshua Whitney.
- <sup>40</sup> Civil War Pension Record, Joshua Whitney, #268,575. Physician's Affidavit. 9 Feb 1888. William M. Harrington, MD.
- <sup>41</sup> Civil War Pension Record, Joshua Whitney, #268,575. Physician's Affidavit. 9 Feb 1888. William M. Harrington, MD.
- <sup>42</sup> Civil War Pension Record, Joshua Whitney, #268,575. Statement. Rochester, Vermont. 9 Apr 1890.
- <sup>43</sup> Civil War Pension Record, Joshua Whitney, #268,575. Widow's Pension.
- <sup>44</sup> Civil War Pension Record, Joshua Whitney, #268,575.
- <sup>45</sup> Vermont Vital Records. Marriage. Sidney C. Whitney m. 7 Feb 1883 Mary I. or J. Smith. Groom residence – Rochester, VT; age 33, 1<sup>st</sup> marriage; b. Rochester, VT; father – Joshua Whitney; mother – Sarah A. \_\_\_\_\_; officiating – D.A. Lowell, clergyman. Rochester, VT; and Marriage. Mary I. Smith m. 7 Feb 1883 Sidney C. Whitney, age 20, 1<sup>st</sup> marriage; b. Brandon, VT; residence – Rutland, VT; father – James Smith; mother – Olive C. Tucker; officiating – D.A. Lowell, Clergyman. Rochester, VT.
- <sup>46</sup> Vermont Divorce Records.  
Names of Parties: Whitney, Sidney C. and Mary J. Whitney  
Divorce date: 8 Apr 1884  
Cause: Physical incapacity of husband  
Marriage date: 7 Feb 1883  
Libelant: wife  
Recorded: Vol. 2, page 171
- <sup>47</sup> Census, 1900, Vermont, Windsor County, Rochester Town, 30 Jun 1900, ED 282, Sht 13, p. 224A.  
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|-------------------|---------|------------|-------------|----------|-------------|-----|
| Swan, Wesley      | head    | m Dec 1857 | 42 m 21     | VT VT VT | Blacksmith  | OFH |
| Nellie            | wife    | f Aug 1859 | 40 m 21 2 2 | VT VT VT |             |     |
| George D.         | son     | m Mar 1880 | 20 s        | VT VT VT | Day Laborer |     |
| Royal G.          | son     | m Jan 1883 | 17 s        | VT VT VT | Day Laborer |     |
| Parker, George A. | boarder | m Dec 1826 | 73 s        | VT NH CT | Day Laborer |     |
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- Census, 1900, Vermont, Windsor County, Rochester Town, 30 Jun 1900, ED 282, Sht 13, p. 224A.  
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| Kinsman, Henry | head | m Mar 1845 | 55 m 21     | VT NH VT | Farmer | OFF |
| Anna           | wife | f Mar 1854 | 46 m 21 1 1 | VT VT NH |        |     |
| Julia          | dau  | f Dec 1881 | 18 s        | VT VT VT |        |     |
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| Worcester, Ellen | head    | f Feb 1841 | 59 Wd – 0 0 | VT NH VT | -- H   |     |
| Whitney, Sidney  | boarder | m Mar 1850 | 50 m        | VT VT NH | Farmer | OFF |
- <sup>48</sup> No record of Sidney C. Whitney's death in Vermont Vital Records to 1954.
- <sup>49</sup> Marriage. Mary E. Whitney m. 4 Nov 1878 Charles E. Jones; age 21; 1<sup>st</sup> marriage; residence and birth place – Rochester, VT; father – Joshua Whitney; mother – Sarah A. \_\_\_\_\_; officiating – Chauncey Stanley, J.P. Rochester, VT.
- <sup>50</sup> Info from Deborah Guber: Census, 1880, Vermont, Windsor County, Rochester. Daughter Mary Jones (24) is living with husband Charles (22), and daughter Grace (8 months).