

Sergt. Burrage was a good soldier,— a true specimen of the conscientious, hardy young men whose persistent valor brought victory to our banners and saved the Republic.

After the close of the war, Sergt. Burrage learned the business of making shoes, in Leominster. March 25, 1869, he married Abbie Thayer, of Leominster. Subsequently, he made an engagement to work for a shoe manufacturer in Marlborough, Mass., and removed to that town.

Edward Carter Burrage was born in Boston, June 13, 1841, the eldest son of Johnson C. and Emeline (Brigham) Burrage. He attended the public schools of Boston, and graduated from the Quincy Grammar School, a Franklin Medal scholar, in 1855. Subsequently he attended for several terms the school of the Messrs. Allen, at West Newton, and afterwards studied a year at the school of Mr. Wm. H. Brooks, in Boston.

When in his nineteenth year he visited Europe, in company with Mr. James Allen; was absent about two years. Upon his return, in the autumn of 1861, he entered his father's store, J. M. Beebe & Co.'s, and was employed there when the pressing urgency for more troops, in the summer of 1862, induced the government to issue a call for the enlistment of men to serve nine months. It was thought by many that by throwing vast masses of troops upon the rebel armies