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PREFACE

Trying to locate and document the Putnam County Civil War Veterans turned out to be a long, interesting and - at times - frustrating journey. Some of Putnam's six towns had lists of their Civil War soldiers and sailors, but there exists no comprehensive list in one place of all who served from Putnam County. This list, together with their service, is what we hope to provide.

New York State had the most men who enlisted or were drafted of any of the Union states. The roster we have compiled includes 1,462 men who were associated with Putnam County. They may have come from Putnam County or have come here after the war. They may have been born or died here. They may have come from a nearby county, but enlisted here, sometimes as a substitute for a Putnam County man.

This roster of men is not "set in stone". We are hoping that it will be a catalyst and stepping stone for people in the County to do their own research. If errors are found, they will be corrected with our thanks. If someone is missing, he will be added. Many of the people in Putnam County had great-grandfathers who fought. Who knows what great information could turn up in someone's attic?

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