



From the Plattsburgh Sentinel - In Ellenburg, the McGregor Post of the G.A.R. contemplate having an entertainment, about May 15, 1884, consisting of hard tack and coffee, etc. The Post has about sixty old veterans. Although twenty years has passed since they marched to the front, they have not forgotten those sad, dark days, neither have they forgotten their dead comrades, but on Decoration Day they strew their graves with beautiful flowers, in memory of the past. The Post is building a hall, **John Saber** giving the ground.

**John B. Sabre** was born at Caldwell's Manor, Quebec, Oct. 13, 1848. The lives of few men, over whose heads so few years have passed, exhibit so many changing experiences, or manifest to such an extent the elements that, in spite of adverse circumstances, go to

make a successful man. His early life was passed in farming, and the only education that he ever received was that which he gave himself. In the year 1861 he removed with the other members of his family to Alburgh and the year following, although only fourteen years of age, he enlisted in the 9th Vermont Infantry, for a term of three years, as a bugler. After a service of six months he was taken prisoner at Col. **Dixon S. Miles'** surrender at Harper's Ferry, VA, and was paroled and sent to Chicago, IL, the surrender being a conditional one. He remained in Chicago for the winter, and being discharged in the spring returned to his Vermont home.

In the fall of 1864 he re-enlisted in the Union service, this time in the 2<sup>nd</sup> New York Veteran Cavalry, as bugler. He served a year and a half in this regiment, and was discharged at the close of the war. During this period he saw much active service and had many trying adventures. He was with Gen. **Nathaniel P. Banks**, in 1864, at Red River; was present at the taking of Mobile, AL, Montgomery, and other places, and was in a large number of sharp skirmishes. He was one of a body of three hundred men who were separated from the main command, and dispatched to cut up the Mobile and Ohio Railroad, one hundred miles away. Crossing Leaf River, Pearl River, and Black Creek, this insignificant, yet valorous, body of troops boldly attacked an army of five thousand of the enemy, capturing their wagon-train and taking many prisoners. Ascertaining from these the strength of the enemy, they wheeled around, and by forced marches returned in safety to the main body, then on their way to West Pascagoula Bay. This was only one of the many stirring scenes through which Mr. Sabre passed while in the army.

After the close of the war he engaged in trade in Providence, RI, in the dry-goods and grocery business for one year. He then passed four years in gold-mining in California, and, returning to Alburgh, VT, engaged in buying and selling hay. In the fall of 1873 he located in the town of Ellenburgh. Later he moved to Chazy, where he commanded a wide influence, and was highly respected for his frank and manly ways and the uprightness of his dealings. He engaged largely in important business of buying and shipping hay, grain, and produce, and by his energy and activity became one of the largest dealers in this branch in that section of the state. Hay from Clinton County fed the horses on the docks in New York and Boston.

He was a Republican, though no office-seeker, and subordinated political affairs to business enterprise. On Dec. 7, 1873, Mr. Sabre was united in marriage to **Mary Monty**, daughter of **Joseph Monty**, and a descendant of one of the first settlers of Chazy and after whom Monty's Bay is named.