The Civil War.—In the great Civil War the town of Wayland took an active part. Repeatedly, her quota was made up wholly or in part of her substantial citizens. The total number of men furnished for these quotas was 129, of which seventy were from Wayland. Of this latter number, twelve were killed in battle or died in the service. The patriotic sentiment of the town was of a servid nature, and found expression from time to time in a way to enkindle enthusiasm and encourage enlistment. Men left the farm and the work-shop. The young men turned from the quiet of the ancestral homestead to the tumult of the camp and the stirring scenes of the front. Some of these soldiers suffered the privations of the shameful and pestilential “prison pens” of the South; some came home wounded to die; and some found a soldier’s resting-place on the soil they sought to save. Not only did the men well perform their part during the war, but the women also wrought nobly. They were organized as a “Soldiers’ Aid Society” and “Soldiers’ Relief Society,” and furnished such supplies for camp and hospital as their willing hearts and hands could contrive and furnish. Clothing, medicine and miscellaneous articles were generously contributed, and the soldiers of Wayland had substantial reasons for believing that their friends at home were not forgetful of them. The total amount raised by the town’s people for recruiting purposes was $18,000. The following is a list of Wayland men who were either killed in battle or died of wounds or sickness:

Benjamin Corliss, sickness; Sumner Aaron Davis, killed in battle; George Taylor Dickey, sickness; William Dexter Draper, wounds and sickness; Elias Whitfield Farmer, sickness; William Thomas Harlow, sickness; Edward Thomas Loker, Andersonville Prison; John Mellen, killed in battle; James Alvin Rice, killed in battle; Hiram Leonard Thurston, sickness; Alpheus Bigelow Wellington, killed in battle; James Dexter Loker, sickness.

The town has honored her soldiers by the publication of a volume, giving a biographical sketch of each, with an outline of his military service. The book is entitled “Wayland in the Civil War,” and is dedicated as follows: “To the Heroic men whose deeds are here recorded, whether returning in the glory of victory from battle-fields or leaving their bodies in honored graves.”
WAYLAND SOLDIERS IN THE CIVIL WAR.

The following list of names of Civil War soldiers, together with the accompanying statement, was prepared by James S. Draper, author of "Wayland in the Civil War."

"List of men who performed military service during the Civil War, and who were resident citizens of Wayland at the time of entering the army:

Oscar Page Balcom,  Frank Winthrop Draper,  John Mellen,
Charles Henry Berry,  James Austin Draper,  Charles William Moore,
Edward Payson Bond,  William Dexter Draper,  Joseph Marshall Moore,
John Bradshaw,  Charles Dudley,  Samuel Moore,
John Baker Brigham,  Frank B. Fairbanks,  John Noyes Morse,
Hezekiah N. Brown,  Elias Whitfield Farmer,  James Edmund Moulton,
John Moore Brummit,  Marshall Garfield,  Dennis Muilen,
Joseph Oscar Ballard,  William Henry Garfield,  Ambrose Miranda Page,
William Henry Butterfield,  Charles William Garland,  William Levi Parker,
John Calvin Butterfield,  Daniel Webster Glezen,  Henry Dana Parmenter,
Charles Benjamin Butterfield,  William Thomas Harlow,  Charles Hammond Rice,
Charles Henry Campbell,  Samuel Hale Mann Heard,  James Alvin Rice,
Elbridge Ambrose Carter,  Warren Alvin Hersey,  Edmund Russell,
Edward Carter,  William Kingston Hills,  John James Searle,
William Warren Carter,  Luther Dow Holmes,  George Anderson Spofford,
Benjamin Coriis,  William Henry Jameson,  Evinston Stone,
Ferdinand Corman,  William Alfred Jessop,  John Edmond Stone,
Joseph Thomas Damon,  George Gilbert Kemp,  Lewis C. Swan,
Edson Capen Davis,  Albert Franklin King,  Hiram Leonard Thurston,
Samner Aaron Davis,  Edward Isaac Loker,  Thomas Francis Wade,
Charles Franklin Dean,  William Lovejoy,  Henry Otis Walker,
Thomas Alfred Dean,  Charles Henry May,  Alpheus Bigelow Wellington,

"George Taylor Dickey, James D. Loker, Joshua Mellen, and Alden Wellington, citizens of Wayland, enlisted to fill quotas of other towns.

In addition to the above, fifty-eight men were recruited from other towns and cities to fill the quotas of Wayland. About $18,000 was expended in the recruiting service.

The Fourth of July, 1865, was set apart by the citizens of Wayland for a general reception of its soldiers who had served in the war. It was an occasion of deep interest. Commencing with the happy greetings of the returned veterans were the sad remembrances of those whose lives had been sacrificed in the terrible struggle. The spirit of gratitude pulsed deeply in every heart that the sacrifices made, both by the living and the dead, had been made effectual; and that our country, purified and ennobled by the ordeal of war, was now standing firm in its integrity, and bearing aloft the triumphant banner of FREEDOM.

Among the exercises of the occasion was the eulogy on the deceased soldiers by Hon. Edward Mellen, the address to the veterans by Rev. E. H. Sears, and a poem reciting the events of the war by R. F. Fuller, Esq."