

of President Abraham Lincoln, having died at the age of five. His funeral was Thursday June 25, 1908, at two o'clock. It was well attended by relatives, friends and neighbors, with good delegations from the Grand Army Post and Grange. Rev. Mr. Howes officiated with Mr. John Parker as conductor and Ethan's four sons as bearers. The Worcester Telegram also had an obituary for Ethan, and related, "Corp. Ethan Blodgett who died in Fitzwilliam, N. H., Tuesday, will be remembered by many of the Civil War veterans of Worcester as a hero of the battle of Roanoke Island. In speaking of Corp. Blodgett, Rev. Charles E. Simmons said yesterday, 'I readily recall the incident in which Corp. Blodgett distinguished himself at the Roanoke Island battle. It was he who planted our state colors on the parapet first, after the charge which made the Confederates take to their heels. While Col. George P Hawkes of the 21st lived, it was his custom to call to memory the deeds of this modest and worthy soldier, who has so lately departed us, at the reunions of his regiment. Blodgett, standing with the colors on the parapet at Roanoke, made a highway, a way of safety, a hope and a joy.'" The Company flag carried by Ethan and planted on the parapet on Roanoke Island is in the Massachusetts State Capitol Building in Boston, Massachusetts in the archives with other historic flags. Documentation of the incident is also there in their records. A new display room now houses all the flags, which may be seen upon request. Copies of documentation may be obtained, also.

More About ETHAN BLODGETT:

Burial: 25-June-1908, Village Cemetery, Fitzwilliam, Cheshire County, New Hampshire

Fact 1: @N869@

Occupation: Farmer, Laborer, Dealer In Granite, Music Teacher

Notes for MARY MAYHEW MANCHESTER:

Mary Mayhew was born April 06, 1833 in New Bedford, Massachusetts to William Manchester and Martha Whittemore. She had at least two siblings, brothers, Thomas W. Manchester of the employment of the government in Washington, D. C. and William Manchester of Fort Worth, Texas. She married Ethan Blodgett of Fitzwilliam, New Hampshire March 23, 1854. She bore eight children, four daughters and four sons. Her daughter Minnie Lincoln died at the age of five. She was in charge of their home and family many times while Ethan was away during the Civil War and during the time he was in Pennsylvania, and moved several times, including going to Iowa with two small children and having two more before returning to New England. She lived to be 83.

Brother William Manchester was born in Attleboro, Massachusetts. He received his BA from the University of Massachusetts, and his MA from the University of Missouri. After serving in the U. S. Marine Corps. in the Pacific during WW 11, he became a foreign correspondent for the Baltimore Sun. A fellow of the Wesleyan University Center for the Advanced Studies and lived in Middletown, Connecticut. He was author of "The Death of a President, 1967". In addition to 4 novels he wrote "Disturber of the Peace: Life of H. L. Mencken," "Rockefeller Family Portrait," "Portrait of a President," and worked on a major study of the German armaments family, the aKruppers.

More About MARY MAYHEW MANCHESTER:

Burial: Village Cemetery, Fitzwilliam, Cheshire County, New Hampshire

Fact 1: @N876@

Marriage Notes for ETHAN BLODGETT and MARY MANCHESTER:

Mary Mayhew Manchester and Ethan Blodgett were married March 23, 1854 in New Bedford, Massachusetts. Fifty years later The Monadnock Breeze, in Vol. IV. No 37, carried their picture with an account of the observance of their 50th anniversary. It was titled, "At The Golden Gate of Wedded Life." It reported, "Mr. and Mrs. Ethan Blodgett, Fitzwilliam -- 1854-1904. No social event in Fitzwilliam has equalled in interest in some years the significance of the observance of the golden wedding anniversary, Wednesday, March 23, of Mr. and Mrs. Ethan Blodgett.

The afternoon and evening were devoted to the reception and its festivities, and 'all went as merry as a marriage-bell.' The entire house was open to the guests. The decorations were elaborate and beautiful, producing an effect not often seen in country houses. The color scheme was white and gold, enhanced by laurel and autumn leaves. The decorations were much admired and were the work of Elmer Hale, of Winchendon, a son-in-law, aided by the children of the happy pair.

Mr and Mrs. Blodgett received sitting in two chairs tied together with white and gold in a bower of white, gold and green, with the legend, "1854-1904," in white and gold, gemmed with a four-leaved clover, on a background of green on the wall.