

Charlton in the Civil War
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Charlton furnished 213 men for the war, which was 18 more than required to fill the quota. The total amount of money expended during the war, exclusive of state aid, was \$22,000, to which should be added \$5400 which was paid to individuals who had in any way given money towards getting men to fill the town's quota. The total amount expended by the town during the war for aid to soldiers' families and repaid by the state was \$11,746. Of the 213 men furnished, 31 died in the service, making a loss of a little more than one in seven.

While shot, shell and disease were thinning our ranks at the front, and our men at home were struggling to keep these vacancies filled with new men, the women of Charlton were incessantly working to make, collect, box, and ship to the front such necessary articles and delicacies as would be of service to our sick and wounded soldiers.

I acknowledge reference to Schouler's "Massachusetts in the Civil War."

I append herewith a list of the names of those who died in the service, which list was prepared by M. D. Woodbury of Charlton and inscribed on our soldiers' monument which was presented to the town by Wm. H. Dexter of Worcester and dedicated Memorial Day, 1903: Wilson D. Stone, Edwin Taylor, Orman Stevens, George P. Davis, Herbert N. Fuller, Albert H. Williams, Elliot H. Robbins, Henry W. Dunn, John A. Cass, Harry March, Elbridge F. Perry, Charles F. Sanger, Edward Silk, Luther Spooner, Frederick E. Young, Calvin J. Darling, William O'Connell, Francis Clark, William H. Kenney, William J. Bond, Elisha W. Buxton, Livingstone Mower, Andrew Moore, Hezekiah Aldrich, Patrick Gillespie, Van Buren McKinstry, Cornelius P. Davis, Manson Gould, Charles H. Waite, Levi Maxwell, Lawson Lawrence