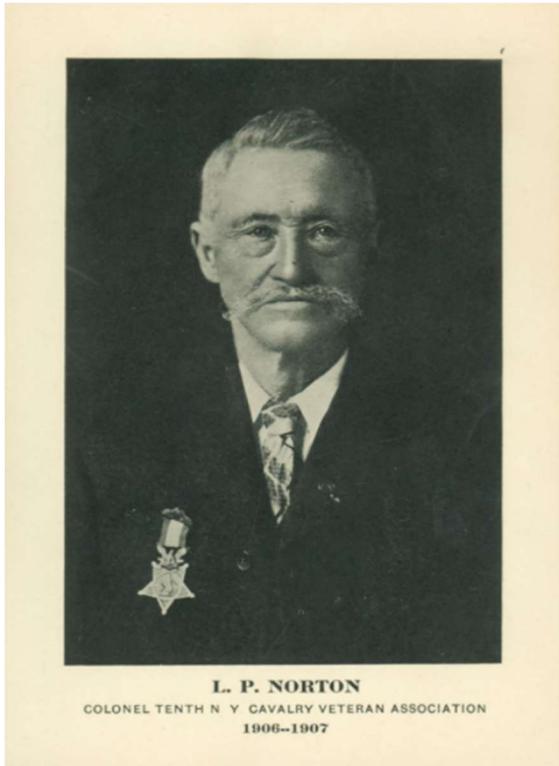


Llewellyn P. Norton

1837-1914



Sergeant Major Llewellyn P. Norton was born on May 11, 1837 in the town of Scott, Cortland County, NY. He served as a Sergeant in the 10th New York Cavalry during the Civil War. During the Battle of Sailor's Creek on April 6, 1865 at Deatonville, Virginia, Norton was the first person in General Davies' Brigade to enter the Confederate works after he and his horse jumped over the embankment. He captured two Confederate soldiers and seized their weapons. This battle was among the last of the Civil War before General Robert E. Lee surrendered the Confederate Army on April 9th, 1865. After this battle, Norton was promoted to the rank of Sergeant Major and Brevetted First

Lieutenant.

For having charged a Confederate artillery position on horseback, and capturing two men and a fieldpiece, Norton was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor.¹

Although the award was approved on July 5, 1865, it was not presented to him until May, 1888. "This happened because Norton's whereabouts after being mustered out could not be learned by the War Department.

Only by mere chance Norton saw in Appleton's Cyclopaedia that he was rewarded with a Medal of Honor, and prompt inquiry brought the much coveted decoration."²



Upon returning from the Civil War, he lived in the house at the northeast corner of the Village Green in Homer, NY and led an unassuming life selling insurance. Norton was a member of the Grand Army of the Republic and was involved in Civil War veteran's activities.

He died on February 16, 1914 in Homer. His citation reads "Charged the enemy and, with the assistance of Cpl. Andrew Bringle, captured a fieldpiece with two prisoners." Llewellyn Norton was an American hero who risked his life to help preserve the Union during some of our country's darkest days. It is the veterans like Norton who are the unsung heroes of our military past. Their stories and their service come from all corners of the nation, including Norton's act of bravery-- born of a small town in Cortland County.



1. Google book "Deeds of Valor How America's Heros won the Medal of Honor", Walter F. Beyer and Oscar Frederick Keydel
2. Ibid