Oswego and The Civil War: Company A 24th Infantry

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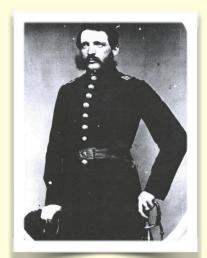
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John D. O'Brian, Captain, Company A, 24th Infantry. Image from: http://dmna.ny.gov/historic/reghist/civil/infantry/24thInf/24thInf/PersonOBrian.htm

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PRIVATES.

Name. Age.	Nativity.
Andrews, Liscomb L 24	U. S.
Bidwell, Zeb 20	U. S.
Burns, Edward 30	Ireland
Bufris, Samuel 23	Ireland
Columbus, Ezra C 22	Canada
Cullahan, Patrick 22	Canada
Carpenter, Horrace 21	U. S.
Cook, Lewis 29	Germany
Campbell, Jonathan D. 24	U. S. (
Crop, Fitzhugh 24	U. S.
Dunn, Jeremiah 19	Ireland
Evarts, George 28	U. S.
Ebbe, Richard 20	Ireland
Flynn, Michael 21	On Sea
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Galligan. Charles 22	Ireland
Garity, Thomas 22	Ireland
Hason, James 22	Canadá
Henry, John 20	Ireland
Himes, William H 24	U. S.
Hees, Isaac 22	U. S.
Hunter, Patrick H 29	Ireland
Irwin, John T 21	U. S.
Johnson, Caleb 26	Canada
Kniffin, William L 26	U.S.
King, Charles 26	Germany
Larkin, Gilbert 22	U.S.
Lynch, John 19	Ireland
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S.		Mattison, Hiram	29	U.S.
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24	U.S.	McCraith, John	27	U.S.
.20	U.S.	Mott, John	23	U.S.
30	Ireland	Norton, John G	23	U.S.
23	Ireland	New, John	19	U.S.
22	Canada	Prindle, Nelson	23	U.S.
22	Canada	Everts, George	28	U.S.
21	U.S.	Root, James A	?_	U.S.
.29	Germany	Root, George	?_	France
24	U.S.	Robinson, Warren	23	U.S.
24	U.S.	Rogers, William	44	U.S.
19	Ireland	Rogers, Willis, J.	26	U.S.
28	U.S.	Roulston, Josiah	20	U.S.
20	Ireland	Ryan, Patrick	19	U.S.
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.22	Ireland	Storing, Homer H	23	U.S.
.22	Ireland	Sterling, Joseph	21	U.S.
22	Canada	Sherman, Philip	25	U.S.
.20	Ireland	Thompson, Smith M	35	U.S.
.24	U.S.	Taylor, George M	28	U.S.
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Questions for further research and discussion:

- 1. How many men enlisted with Captain O'Brian?
- 2. What was the average age of the men who enlisted?
- 3. Who was the oldest to enlist? What was his age?
- 4. Who was the youngest to enlist? What was his age?
- 5. Why were musicians enlisted? What role did they play?
- 6. The men who enlisted came from various countries. What were the number of men from each country? Why would men who came from another country enlist in the U.S. Civil War?
- 7. Research a few of the names on the list. What more can you learn about them? (Use census data, obituaries, historic newspaper articles, state and/or national archives etc. to learn more.)
- 8. Use a map to pinpoint the locations listed in the article. Research those locations and the engagements of war that occurred during this time.
- 9. What impact, if any, did the enlistment of so many men have on the economy in Oswego County? What personal tolls did it make on their families?
- 10. We know that Captain O'Brian lost a leg in a battle during the Civil War. What types of services were available to the returning soldiers who sustained significant wounds (visible and non-visible) during the mid 1800's?