

Francis W. Squires was born in Lebanon, Madison County, New York, October 22, 1820.

In the spring of 1838, he moved with his father, Pierce Squires to Martinsburg, Lewis County, where he worked on a dairy farm in summer, and attended school in winter, until his majority.

In the winter of 1840-41, he went to the academy at Martinsburg village, walking two and a half miles every night and morning, in his zeal to acquire an education.

In the spring of 1846, Mr. Squires changed his residence to New Haven, Oswego County, and in the winter of 1848-49, taught school in the district in which he lived. On the 9th of October, 1851, he united in marriage to Miss Sarah R. Rice of New Haven, and, in the spring of 1853, again changed his place of abode; going to North Volney, where he has since resided.

In the spring of 1859, he was elected a justice of the peace and was reelected in 1867, and again in 1871; serving in all twelve years. He was elected a justice of sessions of Oswego County in the fall of 1874, and served one year. He was commissioned postmaster at North Volney in October 1861, and still hold that position.

Mr. Squires' first wife died March 8, 1860, leaving three children; another, the eldest, having died the fall before. On the 29th of August, 1875, he married his present wife, previously Mrs. Maria L Coe.

During the war for the Union he enlisted in Company A, One Hundred and Eighty-fourth New York Infantry, and served as clerk of the company.

For the last three years he has devoted much time to the subject of local history, having visited every town in the county to search the records, collect data, etc. His diligence and accuracy are well known. The sketches of Volney and New Haven in this work (History of Oswego County, New York) are from his pen, besides which he has furnished us with much valuable information.