



Town of Southampton ~ Civil War Veterans

George Bruen

Hometown: Bridgehampton

Bruen served in the 81st New York Volunteer Infantry Regiment, known as the "Mohawk Rangers."

He returned home after service.



1861 ~ 1865



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ADVENTURES OF A SAG HARBOR VOLUNTEER.—The Sag Harbor *Corrector* says of George Breuen, one of the Sag Harbor Volunteers in the 81st Regiment: He first deserted at Oswego over a year ago, George familiarly known by the cognomen of "Saxie," was afterwards arrested and taken to Washington where he again deserted. He was next heard of about a month ago, when he was arrested near Yorktown. He was taken to the Provost Marshal's office at Yorktown where he was at once recognized as the ubiquitous "Saxie." He was somewhat taken aback when he found that both the Provost and his deputy, were at the time of his desertion members of the same company with him, and finding that he was caught, made a clean breast of it. It seems that "Saxie," after he deserted at Washington joined the Rebel Army. He fought against our boys at the second battle of Bull Run (he fought on the Union side in the first battle of Bull Run) at South Mountain and at Antietam. He then joined Stuart's cavalry and was with them in their raid into Pennsylvania. There he was taken prisoner and carried before the Provost Marshal. He said that he was a Union man; had been pressed into the Rebel army and joined in order that he might come North and be captured. His story was credited. A gentleman in Pennsylvania who had been drafted offered "Saxie" \$200 as a substitute for himself. "Saxie" accepted this offer—and joined the Pennsylvania drafted militia. But no sooner did an opportunity offer than "Saxie," true to first principles, again deserted and when arrested was making his way to the Rebel lines. He has been Court-Martialed and sentenced, but the sentence has not yet been made public.