



Town of Southampton ~ Civil War Veterans

## Absalom E. Oldershaw

Hometown: England/Sag Harbor

Oldershaw served in the 1st Marine Artillery Regiment, known as  
"Burnside Artillery," in Company B.

He is buried in Oakland Cemetery, Sag Harbor.



1861~1865



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## Absalom E. Oldershaw.

Absalom E. Oldershaw, familiarly known as Oliver Oldershaw, was ninety-one years old last Monday, and, aside from his lameness, he is of unusual physical strength, walking into the village, a distance of about a mile and a half, about every day.

Mr. Oldershaw was born in London, England, July 19th, 1818. He was serving in the English army at New Zealand, Australia, when the whaleship Crescent of this port, Post & Sherry agents, LeRoy G. Westfall captain and David Goodale, first mate, both of this port, stopped there on its way home, for water. Not liking the army life there he deserted, took passage on the Crescent, under the name Oliver, and arrived in Sag-Harbor May 4, 1849, where he has since lived.

He enlisted from this place in the Civil War, in the latter part of the year 1862, serving in the Burnside artillery for two years and is now a member of Edwin Rose Post, G. A. R.

He has been twice married, the second time about two years ago, his young bride of that venture, from whom he is now separated, being 72 years of age.

## Civil War Veteran Dies.

Absalom Oldershaw, the oldest resident of Sag Harbor, died Sunday at his home on Noyack Road, aged 96 years. He was a native of England and in early life a sailor, coming to Sag Harbor at the time of the whaling prosperity in the fifties. He made a number of deep-sea voyages. When President Lincoln called for volunteers Oldershaw was one of the first to go to the front. He served with honor and was wounded so badly that he was lamed for life. Mr. Oldershaw was a very active man up to the time of his last illness, and gained a livelihood as a gardener.

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*Sag Harbor Express, July 22, 1909*



Oldershaw, Absalom E.  
Oakland Cemetery, Sag Harbor