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July 24: The birthday of Adelbert Bailey (1843-1932), b. Amherst, s/o Samuel B. & Violet A. (Snow) Bailey. Adelbert m. 10/7/1869 in Wmsb. Juliet Metcalf (1843-1933), b. Wmsb., d/o printer Jonathan H. Metcalf & Julia Graves of Wmsb. (who were b. in Chesterfield and Southampton, respectively). Adelbert Bailey enlisted in the 31st Mass. Infantry Oct. 1, 1861 and served until 9/9/1865, rising to the rank of 1st Sergeant. He was the last living Civil War veteran in Williamsburg, where the Baileys spent nearly all of their long married life together. They had one daughter, May, a dressmaker. Adelbert was listed as a tanner in his enlistment record, a currier in his marriage record, worked in a tannery in Winchester, NH in 1870 and at the Haydenville brass works in 1880, and finished his working life as the janitor in the Helen E. James School. His death record listed him as a retired machinist. WHS has a tintype portrait of him as a young soldier, another of him and his bride in 1869, and two photographs of him as a proud old veteran, one by himself and the other with Grand Army of the Republic comrades, taken during Williamsburg's Old Home Days celebration in 1915. He's holding the flag in the latter.



