



Town of Southampton ~ Civil War Veterans

## Edgar C. Meigs

Hometown: Sag Harbor

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

In August 1862, at the age of 23, he mustered in with the rank of Private and mustered out June 1865, at Manchester, VA.

He died in Sag Harbor in 1867.



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### **Snd Accident.**

Our Thursday noon of last week, as the sloop Harriet, Capt. DeWitt Conklin, was coming up our harbor, on her trip from New London, Edgar C. Meigs, who together with Capt. Conklin sails the vessel, was drowned. At the time of the accident Meigs was pulling upon the tiller rope, which parted and let him fall backwards over the rail. When the accident happened the sloop was off Mashomac, running under a stiff breeze, with only the jib up. Capt. C. immediately let go the jib and anchor, lowered the boat, and started to rescue young Meigs, but before the boat reached him he went down for the last time. On the following morning the body was found, by means of drag lines, in about the same place where the accident happened. The remains were brought to this village, and the funeral ceremonies took place on Saturday afternoon. Young Meigs was a man

well known in this community, and leaves a wife and child to mourn his untimely loss. He was a member of Co. H., 81st Regiment of Volunteers during the war. The accident happened within full view of his own dwelling.