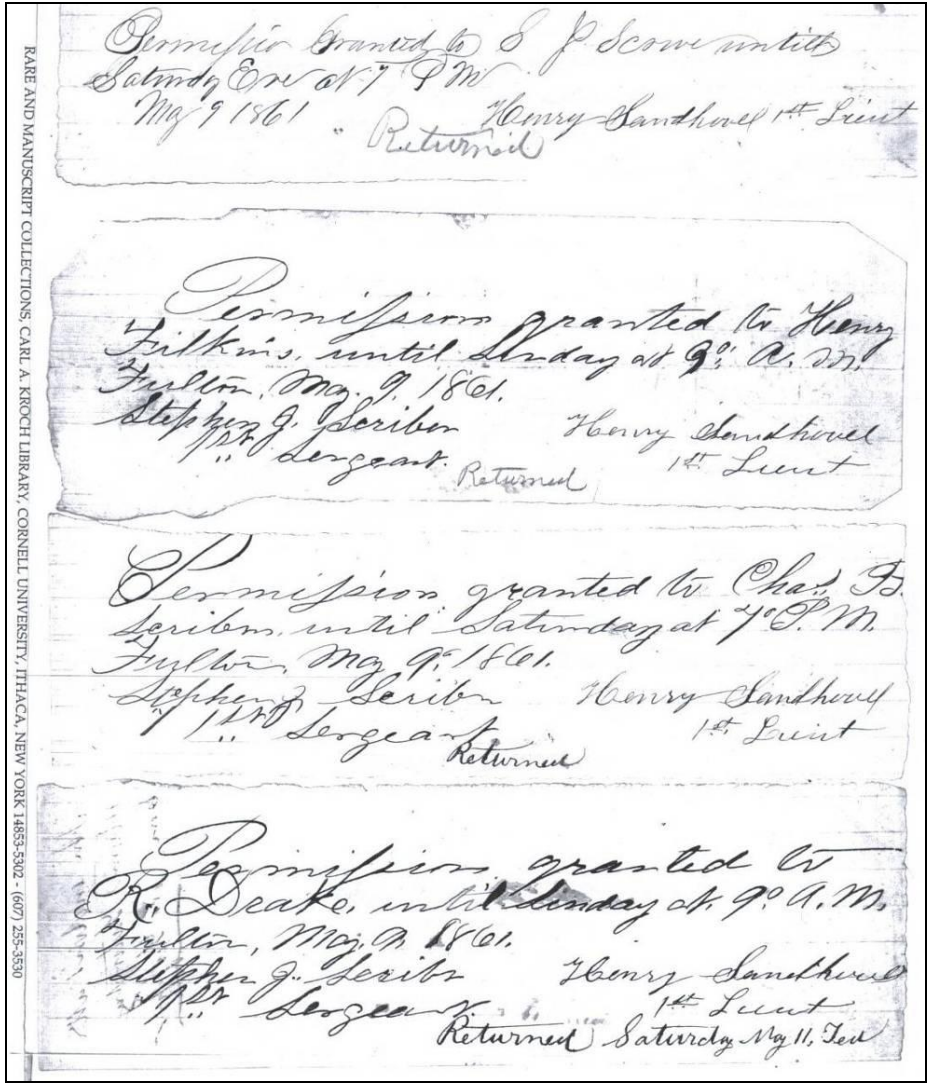


CHAPTER 2 **Early Background**

Stephen J. Scriber was born in Parish, NY in approximately 1837 and was the son of George and Lydia Margaret Scriber who moved to Hinmansville, NY (Town of Schroepfel) in December of 1845.^{1,44,45} Stephen was raised on a farm and was educated at the public school, Falley Seminary at Fulton, NY. He was also enrolled at the State Normal School at Albany where he stated he was the first person to leave that school for the Army in 1861. According to pension records from the National (Washington, D.C.) and NYS (Albany, NY) Archives, Stephen J. and his younger brother Charles B. Scriber, both enlisted in the service on May 9, 1861 (Fulton, NY) to serve their country for two years in the 24th NYSV Infantry Regiment.^{40,41,44,45} As first sergeant, Stephen signed passes for those who enlisted until the unit was to begin its journey to the Elmira, NY rendezvous point. Stephen was also a member of the War Committee and was to be included as a boarder until the unit left. Copies of some of these documents follow.¹⁴ Before leaving school and entering the service, Stephen apparently taught school (District 18 in Oswego County) in the winter and in the summers worked on the farm and boated wood and salt. Charles worked on his parent's farm.⁴⁴ Stephen was mustered in as first sergeant, Company H, 24th NY Infantry on May 17, 1861 in Elmira, NY.²⁹ Charles was mustered in as a private in the same unit on the same date. The companies in this unit were recruited principally from Oswego, Parish, Fulton, Sandy Creek, and Belleville. The regiment was organized and numbered by the State Military Board, May 16th, 1861, and an election of field officers ordered. Special orders 194 (May 17th), confirmed the



Leave passes signed by Stephen Scriber – note 1st pass is to him (SJ Scriber) and the 3rd one is a pass issued for his brother Charles (Cornell University Rare and Manuscript Collections)¹⁴

John Barker Coyle
 I have received John Brantish -
 G. Willis, Stephen Scriber & George Simpson as boarders
 for War Committee for Capt Taylor's company -
 from May 6th at Sun
 27
 George H. Kern committee

Boarder pass for Stephen Scriber
 (from Cornell University Rare and Manuscript Collections)¹⁴

election of Timothy Sullivan as colonel; Samuel E. Beardsley, as lieutenant colonel; and Jonathan Tarbell, as major. Special orders 197 (May 17th), directed the regiment to be mustered into this service of the United States, and it was so mustered on the 2nd of July, with date of service from May 17th. It left Elmira on the day of muster, armed and equipped in the manner of other regiments, at an expense to the State of \$43,919.36, exclusive of subsistence and quarters.³² After a 2-year period of enlistment, surviving two year members of the unit were honorably discharged and mustered out of the service, under Col. Samuel R. Beardsley, May 20th, 1863, at Elmira, NY. Before reenlisting in September of 1864, Stephen again was a teacher for one year.^{17,44}



Current “George Scriber” property (Hinmansville, NY)

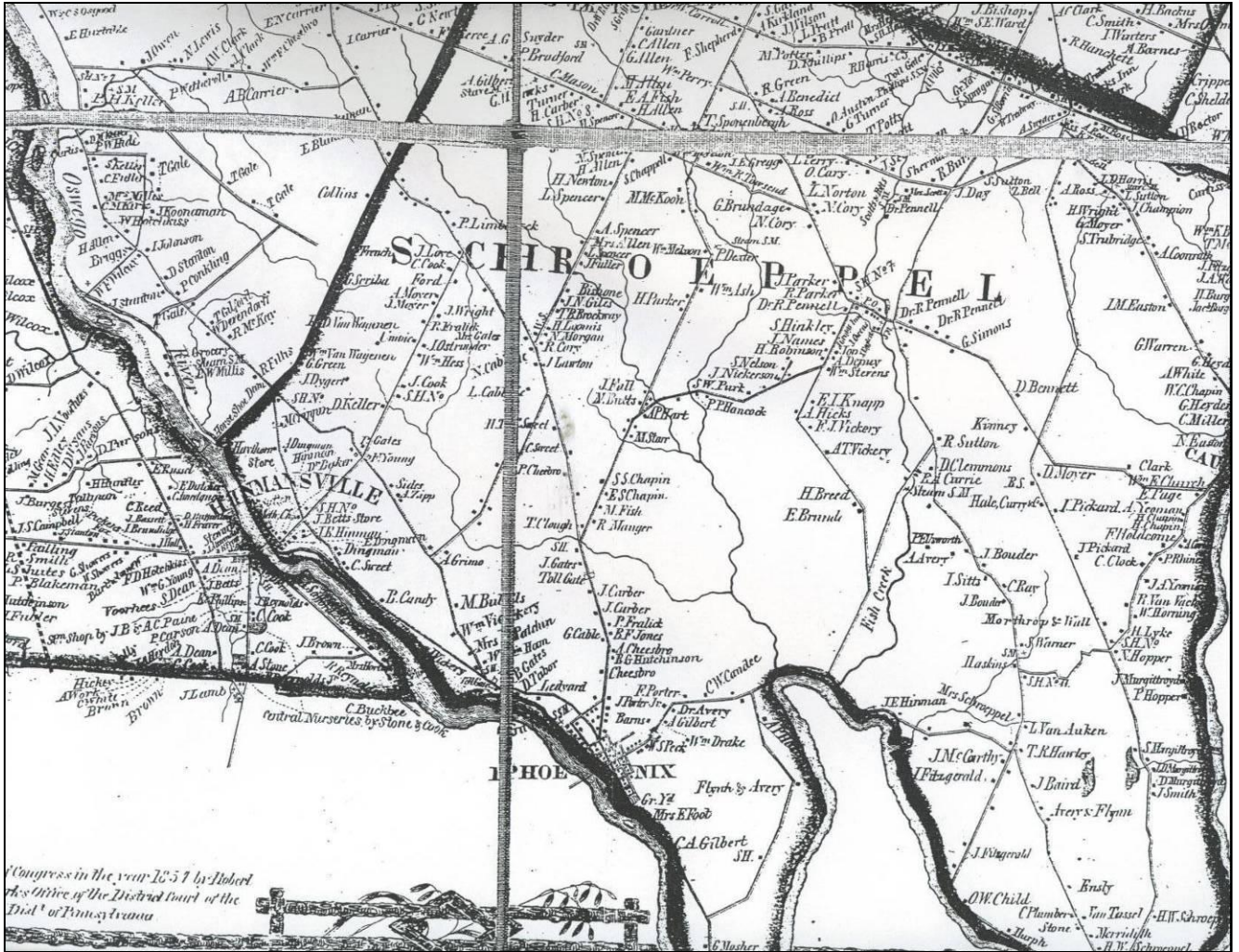


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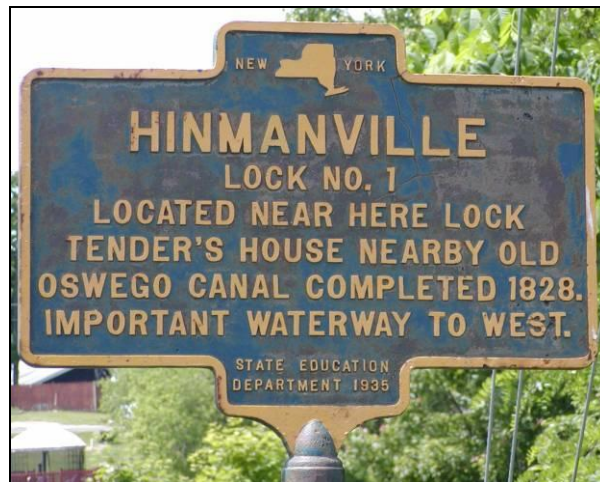
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From Stone's New Topographical Atlas of Oswego County (1867) – G. Scriber property located approximately at O on the town line (Log house with property valued at ~\$100)



Schroeppel Map 1854
 (Courtesy of Barbara Dix, Town of Schroeppel Historian)



Hinmansville, NY Historical Marker

