



**Martha Sever
(1839-1864)**

Sever was the great-granddaughter of Squire William Sever and grew up in the homestead on Linden Street. When the Civil War broke out in 1861, Sever, at the age of 21, volunteered as a nurse in the Union Army. She served three years before paying the ultimate price, succumbing to influenza in 1864. She was the only woman, and one of 17 persons from Kingston, to die in service to our country during the Civil War. In her honor, the Kingston Grand Army Republic Post Number 154, located in the Adams Block on Summer Street, named their post after her.