

Andrew Dunlap

(1844-1914)

This Andrew Dunlap was born in Ovid on October 7, 1844, to parents Andrew and Hannah Kinne Dunlap. (His grandfather, Andrew Dunlap, was one of the original settlers of the southern party of what is today Seneca County.) He attended the NYS Agricultural College at Ovid and then entered the U.S. Navy as acting midshipman on April 23, 1862. He graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1867.

He had an active naval career, rising through the ranks to become a Rear Admiral. He was a midshipman in the European and Pacific stations in 1867-68. He was promoted to the rank of Ensign in 1868, Master in 1870, Lieutenant in 1871, Lt. Commander in 1891, Commander in 1898, and Captain in 1902. He was made a Rear Admiral in 1905. He served on various sea and shore duties.

During the Spanish American War, he was commander of the USS Solace, an ambulance and hospital ship which was part of the Sampson Fleet. On November 5, 1898, the Solace brought officers and men to establish a naval station at San Juan, Puerto Rico. Then the Solace was assigned the duty of transporting officers and men to and from the Philippine Islands. In 1902, Andrew Dunlap was made commandant of the U.S. naval station at San Juan.

He was married to the former Ellen Grace Derby Adams of Boston. They had one son, Andrew, who accidentally shot himself while hunting in the Thousand Islands. Rear Admiral Andrew Dunlap died April 11, 1914. All three are buried in Arlington National Cemetery.