

ROBERT P. BROWN, postmaster of West New Brighton, N. Y., was born in Rahway, N. J., on Dec. 31st, 1844, and, when sixteen years of age, became a resident of Staten Island.

In 1862, he enlisted in Company C, 30th Regiment N. J. Volunteers, and, after serving continuously through his term of enlistment, was honorably discharged, and he returned to Staten Island, where he was engaged in business pursuits until May 1882, when he received his appointment to his present position of postmaster from President Chester A. Arthur.

Mr. Brown performed his official duties with such conscientious zeal, efficiency and courtesy, that he not only won the respect and warm regard of all, but with an increase of more than one-third in the population the business of his office has been quadrupled under his vigorous administration and the office promoted from the third to the second class, and, on July 1st, 1890, it was made a free delivery office.

The efficiency and zeal of Mr. Brown were made known by his best patrons of both parties to President Cleveland, who retained him in office through his first administration, and to President Harrison, by whom he was re-appointed April 9th, 1889. He has therefore served as postmaster continuously for nearly twelve years to the perfect satisfaction of his townsmen and the post-office department.

Mr. Brown is a member of the M. E. church, of the G. A. R. and of the American Legion of Honor; he is also a member of the Masonic Fraternity and for two years was master of Richmond Lodge No. 66, F. & A. M.