

## Comrade David Bowron Hale

Who was born the Ninth day of April A.D. 1844 in Wayne Twp. County of Champaign State of Ohio, and first entered the service as a private, being mustered as fifth Corporal the 30<sup>th</sup> day of July 1862, of Compy G. Cap't C.C. Gibson, 94<sup>th</sup> Regt O.V. Inftry. For a period of three years. Was in the first brigade, first division of the 14<sup>th</sup> army Corps. Army of the Cumberland. Was mustered out of the service as Seargent of same compy, having been appointed to the Seargency, the 17<sup>th</sup> of March 1864) at Washington D.C. the 5<sup>th</sup> June 1865 by reason of order from War Deptent, and close of the war. The first battle in which he was engaged was Perrysville, or Chaplin Hill, Ky. the 8<sup>th</sup> day of Oct. 1862. Had no particular prisoned experience in this engagement, other than those of most recruits at first time of being under fire. Went into line of battle with with the regiment reviewed three succession charges each of which were repulsed.

Water was very scarce, and suffered intensely from thurst; which was increased by getting powder into his mouth. Says he didn't know enough to tear cartridges with fingers suppose had to bite them off according to "Hardee". Was in battle of Stone River, Tenn. Dec. 31, 1862 to Jany 2, 1863 inclusive. Chickamanga, Ga. Sept. 19 & 20, 1863, Look Out Mountain Tenn. Nov. 24<sup>th</sup> 1863; Missionary Ridge Nov. 25, 1863; at battle of Resaca, Ga. May 13 to 16, '64, Kennesaw Mtn., Ga. June 9<sup>th</sup> to 30, 1864; Peachtree Creek, Ga. July 20, 1864; Siege of Atlanta, Ga. July 22 to August 26, 1864, Jonesborough, Ga. Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>, 1864; at Savannah, Ga. Ga. Dec. 10 to 26<sup>th</sup>, 1864; Bentonville, N.C. the 19<sup>th</sup> March 1865; and at surrender of Genl Jos. E Johnson the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of April 1865.

Was wounded in the abdomen in the battle of Resaca, Ga. May 16, 1864, where he was in the field Hospital at Resaca, and afterward in General Hospital at Chatanooga, Tenn. Was wounded slightly at the battle of Bentonville, N.C. the 19<sup>th</sup> March, 1865.

Was taken prisoner at battle of Stone River, Tenn. the 31<sup>st</sup> Dec. '62, but made his escape from the enemy during the night and reported to the Regt in the morning.

As intimate comrades he names Comrade Josiah Woods, Maiflitt Hawkins, Searg't 1<sup>st</sup> Seargt H.L. McKonkey, Johnson Wilson, and in fact all the comrades who stayed with the Company were dear and intimate friends. His participation and perilous positions in the battles of Chicamanga, Ga. and Bentonville, N.C. were the important engagements to him in service.

We certify that Comrade David Bowron Hale Joined W.A. Brand Post no. 98 Department of Ohio May 16<sup>th</sup>, 1895 Held Offices of transfer from Poysell Port West Liberty Ohio and was elected Post Surgeon of Grand Post for year 1896.

**Resolutions of respect on death of Comrades, A.C. Duel, J.H. Ayers, W.H. Hamilton, and J.D. Wilson**

At regular meeting of W.A. Brand Post No. 98 . G.A.R. Dept of Ohio, held in Postroom March 17, 1898, it committee of 3 comrades was appointed to draft suitable resolution on the death of comrades Duel, Ayers, Hamilton, and Wilson.

The committee consisted of comrades E.E. Mast, J.P. Neer and Post Adjutant, J.M. Maitland.

Whereas: It has pleased the Great Architect of the Universe to remove from our midst our late comrades Duel, Ayers, Hamilton and Wilson, and

Whereas:- It is but fitting that their many soldierly traits should be had therefore be it

Resolved:- That while we bow with humble submission to the will of the Most High, we do not the less mourn the loss of our comrades who have been taken from us.

Resolved:- That in the death of comrades Duel, Ayers, Hamilton, and Wilson, this Post lamuets the loss of brave comrades, and we feel that their families have sustained a loss that can never be filled: our country deprived of citizens who rendered invaluable services in the time of her peril; and who have been true and loyal in civil life as private citizens: or in public trust where much has been conferred upon them.

Resolved:-that the heartfelt sympathy of this post be extended to the families of these deceased soldiers in their affliction, and that tese resolutions be spread upon the records of the Post.

Headquarters W.A. Brand Post No. 98

G.A.R. Dept of O, Urbana, O Apl 1898

E.E. Mast

Jno. P. Neer

J.M. Maitland

Com.

### **Comrade John Harlan**

Who was born the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of May A.D. 1832 in (blank). County of New Castle. State of Delaware first entered the United States service the second day of May 1864 from the Ohio Nat. Guard. Was mustered into the United States service as a private of Com'y D. Capt Burnham 134 Reg't Ohio Vol. Inf. and was discharged from the same on 31<sup>st</sup> day Aug 1864 by reason of expiration of term of enlistment (100days).

Com'd Harlan was confined in Hospital at Point of Rocks, Va. from about July 10 to August 1<sup>st</sup>, '64, when he rejoined his Regt which was encamped in the neighborhood.

He names as some of the comrades with whom he was closely associated & esteemed as true friends, Wm. Hudson, Milo Kimball, James Romine, Thos. N. Owen, Samuel McAdams, Capt W.B. Cheney, Lieut Furgison Bowen both of Compy E. and J.T. Woodward.

The most interesting time to Com'd Harlan was his experience on the James River when the enemy charged a fort, or earth works, that he had been working on all day. Just as he was having to cross over to the opposite side of river, at dusk, the balls kept striking all around until Commander Jos. Fyffe on the Gun boat opened fire and kept it up all night on the point th't to be occupied by the enemy.

We certify that Comrade John Harlan Joined W.A. Brand Post No. 98 Department of Ohio Aug. 2, 1888.

### **Comrade Henry Harris**

Who was born the (blank) day of (blank) A.D. 1843 in (blank) County of Whitley State of Virginia.

He first entered the service the 13<sup>th</sup> day Aug. 1862 in Compy F. 74<sup>th</sup> Regt Ind. Vol. Inf. and was discharged from the service the 13<sup>th</sup> day of June, 1865 by reason of the close of the war. He was a stranger to most people here, he was wounded but where and when he cannot tell. He died the 17<sup>th</sup> Feby, 1891 and was buried at Oak Dale Cemetry in Urbana, Champaign Co. O.

We certify that Comrade Henry Harris Joined W.A. Brand Post No. 98 Department of Ohio Aug. 15, 1881.

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### **Resolutions of respect on death of Comrade Harris**

Whereas.

God in divine providence has seen proper to remove from his earthly sojourn, our comrade Henry Harris late of company F. 74<sup>th</sup> Regt. Ind. Vol. Inf. Therefore be it.

Resolved. That Brand Post No. 98, Dept. of O. G.A.R. order it Alter and Charter draped with the usual emblems of mourning for a period of thirty days. In his memory, and in honor of his faithful service to his country in her time of greatest need.

Headquarters Brand Post No. 98

Dept of O. G.A.R. Urbana, O

**Signed-**

J.H. Ewing

J.T. Woodward

T.V. Seville

Com.

### **Resolutions of Respect,**

Comrade Davis Harvey, late of Compy C. 147. Regt Ohio Vol. Inf., departed from among us Nov. 22, 1895: Therefore be it-

Resolved: That the Alter of W.A. Brand Post No. 98 be draped in the usual emblems of mourning for a period of 30 days.

Headquarters W.A. Brand Post No. 98 Department of Ohio G.A.R. July 1897

**Signed-**

J.H. Ewing

J.T. Woodward

T.V. Seville

Committer

**Comrade Henry Heller**

Who was born the 14 day of May A.D. 1841 in Clarion County of (blank) State of Peensylvania and first entered the service the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of April 1861 at Urbana, O as a private in Compy K 13<sup>th</sup> Regiment Ohio Vol. Inf. Going into Camp Jackson Columbus, O.

He was mustered out of the service at Columbus, O. the 21<sup>st</sup> day of Aug. 1861 by reason of expiration of term of enlistment (3months). He reenlisted as a private the 20<sup>th</sup> day of October 1861 in Compy A 66 Regiment Ohio Vol. Inf. He was promoted to corporal in 1861 and to the sargency in 1862. And was discharged from the 2<sup>nd</sup> term of enlistment. The first engagement in which he participated was the battle of Camp Steel, 1861 followed along with the battles of Port Republic, Va. June 9<sup>th</sup>, '62, Cedar Mountain Aug. 9 '62, Dunfrees, Va. Dec. 27, 1862, Chancellorsville, Va. May 1 to 4 '63. Gettysburg, Pa. July 1 to 3, 1863. Ringold, Ga. , Nov. 7, '63.

Comd Heller was in battle of Lookout M't and Missionary Ridge, Atlanta, (seige of) July 28 to Sept 2<sup>nd</sup> 1864. Seige of Savanna , Ga. Dec. 10 to 21, '64. He was wounded in battle at Ringold, Ga. Nov. 27, 1863, by minnie ball through right elbow, disabling it for some 3 months while he [??] feeling well other [??] was not able to use his arm and was put on detached duty and kept there until recovering when he rejoined his regiment. He was confined to hospital 4 days at Fair Fax, C.H. and 12 days at Harpers Ferry. He names Madison Bryan as an intimate comrade and Mess Mate for 2 years and for whom he drew furlough while he was off on picket duty, for which Bryan refused 100x. Among the singular events to him was the marching of the men after night, when halting would fall over.

Comr'd Heller was awarded a metal of honor by the Congress of the United States for disinguished services rendered at battle of Chancellorsville, Va. May 1 to 4, 1863. He took part in batle on the Savanna River after he had been mustered out of the service.

He served 3 1/2 years in the army 16 days of which was spent in the hospital.

Was offered 900\$ in New York City to go as a substitute for some one but refused it.

Com'd Hellers officers speak in the highest praise of him as a soldier. He told the Historian a sore foot was all that prevented his capture with his comrade Jacob Messer June 15<sup>th</sup>, 1862.

We certify that Comrade Henry Heller Joined W.A. Brand Post No. 98 Department of Ohio 21<sup>st</sup> day of Apl., 1887.

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### **Resolutions of respect, on death of Comrade Henry Heller**

In response to the call of the Divine Master, the spirit of Comrade Henry Heller, late of Comp'y A. 66<sup>th</sup> Reg't Ohio Vol. Inf. took its flight from earth: therefore be it-

Resolved:- That W.A. Brand Post No. 98 Dept of Ohio G.A.R.: drapes its Charter and Alter, in the usual emblems for mourning for a period of 30 days, in honor, and in memory of the valient services rendered his country's flag, in the severe conflict through which it passed in 1861 to 1865, and in acknowledgment of which, the Congress of the United States of America awarded him a medal of honor.

Headquarters W.A. Brand Post No. 98 Dep't of O. G.A.R. Urbana, O July 1898.

**Signed-**

J.H. Ewing

J.T. Woodward

T.V. Seville

Committer

**Comrade Edward Hennesy**

Who was born the Year (blank) day of (blank) A.D. 1822 in (blank) County of (blank) State of Ireland and was first entered the service 22<sup>nd</sup> day of January 1862 as a private soldier in Compy G. Cap't Baird 66<sup>th</sup> Reg't Ohio Vol. Inf. and was transferred to the Veteran Res. Corps. Feby. 8<sup>th</sup> 1863. Comrade Hennesy was taken prisoner at battle of Port Republic, Va. June 9, 1862. He was wounded and again taken prisoner at battle of Chancellorsville, Va. May 1 to 4, '63. He suffered the loss of An Eye from the wound he recured in this battle and the terrible treatment he received while in the Rebel Prison pens of the south; after exchange from captivity he was no longer able to be with his regiment and was transferred at this time to the Vet. Res. Corps.

He led a quiet life until taken fatally ill at hard work after the war. He died November, 1886 and was buried in Oakdale Cemetry near Urbana, O. with the honors of a member of the G.A.R.

We certify that Comrade Edward Hennesy Joined W.A. Brand Post No. 98 Department of Ohio 6<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1886.

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**Resolutions on the death of comrade Edward Hennesey**

Death having invaded our ranks, and called from among us Comrade Edward Hennessey, late of Compy G, 66<sup>th</sup> Regiment, Ohio Vol. Inftry be it

Resolved:- That the Charter and Alter, of W.A. Brand Post be draped with the emblems of mourning,; for a period of 30 days; there by showing our esteem, and appreciation of Com'd Hennessey patriotism and loyalty, to the flag of his addopted country in time of its direst need.

Headquarters W.A. Brand Post No. 98 G.A.R. Urbana, O July 1897

### **Signed**

J.H. Ewing

T.S. Woodward

T.V. Seville

### **Comrade Samuel W. Hill**

Who was born born the 15<sup>th</sup> day of April A.D. 1845 in Wytheville, County of (balnk) State of Virginia and first entered the service as a private in Company C, 55 Reg't Mass. Col. Vol. Inf. the 8<sup>th</sup> day of May 1863. He was mustered out of the service the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of Sept. 1865 at Boston Mass. by reason of close of War.

The first battle in which he participated was James Island May 21, 1864 followed by engagements of Honey Hill, Brigger Creek, St. Stephins and [Derns Neck].

He was 3 times wounded loosing the middle finger of left hand at battle of Honey Hill. He was wounded in right thigh in Battle of James Island and over in collar bone.

He was confined in hospital at Charleston, S.C.. Was never taken prisoner. He names as some of his intimate associates comrades David Bartlett, Isaac Buckner, Isaac Moore, Alfred Moore, and Joseph Scott.

The event in his military experience worthy of special mention in his mind was the capture of Fort Wagner, and the mounting of the great Seige [Guno} the Swamp Angel.

Com'd Hill was a long and patient sufferer from consumption, the seed of which no doubt was planted by the exposure and hard service in the army.

Comrade Hill died the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of March 1895 at his home on Broad St. in South Urbana, O. and he was give an honorably burial by the members of W.A. Brand Post.

## **Comrade Wm. R. Hitt**

Who was born the 1<sup>st</sup> day of April A.D. 1834 in Urbana County of Champaign State of Ohio first entered the service in the month of August 1862 at Kankaker, Ills. As a private in Compy K 113<sup>th</sup> Ills. Vol. Inf. going into Camp at Camp Douglas. Was appointed saargent about Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> 1862; was appointed or accommended to a second Lieutenancy by Col. G.B. Hoge Dec. '63 but was never mustered out of the service as a captaincy, about 1<sup>st</sup> June, 1864 and was mustered out of service as captain at Saint Louis, Mo. In month of May 1865 being at the time a paroled prisoner of war. Was mustered out by reason of Close of the War and general order from the War Dept. The first battle in which he participated was the engagement at Arkansa Post Jany 1863; and followed by engagements at Brices Cross Roades or [Guntown], Miss. June 10, 1864; Was captured as a prisoner of War at [Guntown], Miss. By the rebel Gen'l Forest and was confined in rebel prison at Macon, Ga. until about the 20<sup>th</sup> of June 1864, from which place we were take he says to Charleston, S.C. where he remained until the latter part of Sept. 1864; from when they were taken to Columbia, S.C. remaining until about the 1<sup>st</sup> of March, 1865 after which was taken to Goldsboro, N.C. where he remained until about the 20<sup>th</sup> of March. At which time he was paroled from Goldsboro N.C. and sent through the rebel lines in the Union lines at Worthington, N.C. from which place he was sent to Parole Camp at Annapolis, Md., having been paroled about the 20 of Mch; from Annapolis he received a furlough for 30 day and after expiration of the 30 days reported to Camp at St. Louis Ms. And in May following was discharged from the service. The final adjudication of his claim for services while in the service was just made in 1895 by the payment of a small balance due him.

He names as some of his intimate associates in the service comrades Capt. G.E. King, Co. K; W.D. Shields, Lieut. K; G.W. Vanosall, Corp. Co. K, all of 113<sup>th</sup> Rgt. I.V.I.

We certify that Comrade W.R. Hitt Joined W.A. Brand Post No. 98 Department of Ohio March 17, 1887.

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## **Resolution on the death of comrade W.R. Hitt**

Which occurred Apl 1<sup>st</sup>, 1901

Whereas, death has again entered our ranks and removed from us Comrade W.R. Hitt, late of Compy K, 113<sup>th</sup> Regt Ills. Vol. Inf., therefore be it.

Resolved: That in his death the Post has lost a tried friend and a loyal Comrade, and we will cherish the memory of our departed comrade, for his many noble qualities of mind and heart.



Resolved: That the Adjutant of the Post be directed to send a copy of these resolutions to the Widow and children of our late Comrade.

W.W. Wilson

D.W. Todd

J.M. Poysell

### **Comrade Chas. W. Hollingsworth**

Who was born the 18<sup>th</sup> day of August A.D. 1841 in Flushing. County of Belmont. State of Ohio and first entered the service the 12<sup>th</sup> day of August, 1862, at Urbana, O.; as a private in Comp'y H, Cap't McAdams 66<sup>th</sup> Regiment Ohio Vol. Inf. Joining the regiment in Va.; and was discharge from the service the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of June, 1865 at Columbus, Ohio by reason of close of the war.

The first engagement in which he participated was the battle of Dunfrees, Va. the 27 day of Dec. 1862. The next engagement was the battle of Chancellorsvill, Va. May 1 to 4, '63 at which he was captured on Sunday the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of May and was sent to Richmond, Va. and confined in Castel Thunder prison, until paroled the 28<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1863; after which he was sent to Parole Camp, at Annapolis, Md; afterward was transferred to Alexander, Va. where by his own authority, he passed the guards, and over Long Bridge into the city of Washington D.C. from where he made his way homeward, where he remained until the following september, when all paroled prisoners were ordered to report at Camp Chase, Columbus, O. After reporting, he was forwarded to his regiment, which he joined at War Trace, Tenn. in month of October, 1863. He was afterward in battle at Lookout My., Tenn. Nov. 24, 1863; Ringold, Ga. Nov. 27, 1863; Resaca, Ga. May 13, to 16<sup>th</sup>, 1864; Dallas, Ga. May 25, 1864; Kenesaw M't. June 9 to 30, 1864, when he left the regiment being sick, was taken to hospital in Nashville, Tenn, and was at Jeffersonvill, Ind., remaining from the regiment until the close of the war, where he was mustered out of the service at Columbus, O. He names as some of his intimate associates in the service, comrades E.S. Callendar, J.R. Clayton, and Major J.W. Brock.

An important feature in his military experience was the escape from the long siege of confinement in rebel prisons.

We certify that Comrade Chas. W. Hollingsworth Joined W.A. Brand Post No.98 Department of Ohio, 21<sup>st</sup> day of November, !881.

### **Comrade Benjamin J. Holt**

Who was born the 7<sup>th</sup> day of July A.D. 1837 in Grafton County of Taylor State of Virginia and joined an independent company of Militia, in the month of April 1861 at Boothsville, Marion County, Va. for the protection of their lives, homes, and property from the depredations of the secessionist sympathizers, throughout the state. He was chosen 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieut. of the company under Cap't Napoleon Altop. They were assigned as Comp'y "H" 147<sup>th</sup> Regt West Va. State Militia. The state of Virginia passing the ordinance of secession in 1861; 39 of the counties of the Western part of the state not wishing to secede from the Union, upon petition were admitted into the Union as the State of West Va. although there were many rebel sympathizers in the state. The Comd applied for admission into the Union in 1861 but was not admitted until 1862. Comd Holts regiment was attached to the 13<sup>th</sup> Army Corps. 10<sup>th</sup> Brigade. Shortly after the organization of the Compy he says they commenced fighting, conscriptors, for the southern army, from the Eastern part of the state. Upon the arrival of Gen. Geo. B. McClellan in Grafton they found protection to life in a degree, many of the known sympathizers were killed or taken prisoners of war and their depidations were stopped. Their methods of war-fare was [shot] of the Bushwacker as they were termed, and the [Gu/r?ea]. During the month of May 1861 he was sworn in as a Guide to the Army through that section of the country being well acquainted with the roads and country for many miles around from which, as a guide he says he was never discharged. His duties as guide, were piloting, and directing the army, to points throughout that part of the state as well as doing his share of the active service on the field, in many of the engagements. He was with Gen'l Geo. B. McClellan, Gen'l Kelley and Gen'l Milroy. His regiment participated with the Union Army, in West Va. during the entire period of the war and there were but few battles in West Va. but what they took part in. They were organized as scouts and he says they were sometimes called Bushwackers, and as such the regiment became noted for the reason they nearly always prevailed over their antagonists or backed out in good order through the woods. The severest engagement in which he participated was at Winchester, W. Va. March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1862 at the defeat of Stonewall Jackson. He was never mustered into the United States Army, and

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Consequently could not receive a discharge from the service. At the close of the war his regiment was disbanded simply; and liable to be called into active service at any time of need by his state again. He was fed and clothed by the United States government as were as his family during the war, that being all he ever rec'd for his 4 years of military service. The State of W.Va. was not able to pay the troop in the field as Militia and the general government did not. There were but few of the original members of the the regiment at the close of the war with it and but few in the regiment, notwithstandg it was recruited several times . Their service was severe, and loss very heavy.

He mentions as some with whom he was intimately associated in his compy comrades A.Newsen, Elias Ryan, Wm. Ables, Jas. Lambert, R.P. Nixon and T.R. Riffer.

The regiment was commanded by Colonel Showatter.

The hardships, and [vierssitudes] of war endured by those mountaineers whos homes were infested, whose property was destroyed, and who fought so bravely for the definer of all they loved so well certainly deserves a greater recognition for their time and services then what was necessary for their temporal substence during the time.

Some of the early battles in which he participated was Phillipi, W.Va. July 12, '61; Rumley, W.Va. June 11, '61; Martinsburg, W.Va. July 2<sup>nd</sup>, '61; Rich Mountain, W.Va. July 12 '61; Carricks Ford July 13, '61; Blackburn Ford on Bull Run July 18, 61; Gettysburgh, Pa. July 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 1863 did not arrive in time for the first days fight.

Comr'd Holt was mustered into W.A. Brand post by special dispensation from the Dept Headqts, which could not have been done but from the fact that the National Congress and the War Dep't acknowledged his services during the war under the officers of the United States Army.

We certify that Benjamin J. Holt Joined W.A. Brand Post No. 98 Department of Ohio 17<sup>th</sup> day of Feby, 1887.

### **Comrade Philip A. Huff**

Who was born the 15<sup>th</sup> day of January A.D. 1838 in Urbana Twp, County of Champaign, State of Ohio and first entered the service the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of Dec. 1863 in Mutual Champaign Co. Ohio and was assigned to Compy K, Capt. Shipherd 113 Regt Ohio Vol. Inf. and was mustered out of the service as a private Joining the Reg't and Co. at Camp Rossville, Ga. and was mustered out of the service as a private with his company the 6<sup>th</sup> day of July 1865 at Louisville Ky. by reason of General Order and Close of the War.

The first engagement which he participated was the battle of Rocky Face Ridge, Ga, May 5 to 9, 1864; and was followed by the battle at Resaca, Ga. May 13 to 16, 1864; at Kennesaw Mountain, Ga. June 9 to 30, 1864; at Kennesaw M't was taken sick and transferred to field Hospital at Chattanooga, Tenn. from then to General Hospital on Lookout Mountain. From the hospital on Lookout M't was granted furlough for 30 days when he returned home to Champaign Co. to spend the 30 days. At the expiration of the limit of furlough, was returning Lookout Mountain, by time he reached Nashville, Tenn. the Rebel Genl Hood was fighting in the vicinity with Genl Geo H. Thomas as to prevent further progress south. Was ordered with others by rail to return to Louisville, Ky, when the train was captured near Mammoth Cave, Ky. and they were all paroled by party claiming to be a Rebel Genl Lyon a Guerilla scout but the Govt never recognized the parole. They were sent to Louisville, Ky. and then there to N. York City where they embarked on Steamer for Savannah, Ga. rejoining the regiment at that point. Was with Genl Shermans command from Savannah, Ga. to Averysboro N.C. and in the engagement at Averysboro the 16<sup>th</sup> of March 1865 at Bentonville, N.C. the 19 to 20 March, '65. From there on to Washington D.C. and in the Grand Review until the 22<sup>nd</sup> April, 1865 after which was transferred to Louisville, Ky. when he was mustered out of service.

We certify that Comrade Phillip A. Huff Joined W.A. Brand Post No. 98 Department of Ohio the 15<sup>th</sup> day of April, 1886.

### **Comrade George H. Humphreys**

Who was born the 27<sup>th</sup> day of November A.D. 1842 in (blank) County of Clarke. State of Ohio.

He first entered the service the 20<sup>th</sup> day of August 1861 from Clarke County, Ohio for a term of 3 years as a private in the 16<sup>th</sup> Indpl. Battery Ohio Vol. Lit. Art. And was first mustered out of the service the 30<sup>th</sup> day of December, 1863 reenlisting immediately in the Veterans service of the same battery in New Orleans, La. Was finally mustered out of the service the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of Aug., 1865; at Camp Chase, Columbus, Ohio; by reason reason of close of the war.

The first engagement in which he participated was the battle of Port Gibson, Miss. May 1<sup>st</sup>, 1863; and was followed by participation in the battles of Fourteen Mile Creek, Miss. May 12, 1863; Champion Hills, Miss May 16, 1863; Siege of Vicksburg, Miss, May 18 to July 4, 1863;

Siege of Jackson, Miss July 9<sup>th</sup> to 16, 1863; He was never wounded & never confined in the hospital during the 4 years term of service in the army and was never taken prisoner.

He names as some of his intimate associates in the service Comrades William Foreman, Pomery Mitchell, Joseph Gowdy, Findly Torrence, Andrew Snodgrass, Thomas Chatterton, O.G. Greenleaf and C.H. Humphrey

### **Comrade Sherman Huston**

Who was born the 16<sup>th</sup> day of October A.D., 1840 in Butler, County of Richland, State of Ohio.

He first entered the service as a private soldier in Butler, Ohio the 12<sup>th</sup> day of August, 1862 and was mustered out of the service the 12<sup>th</sup> day of June, 1865. At Camp Chas Columbus, Ohio. He entered the service and was assigned to Co. E. Cap't Loback 102<sup>nd</sup> Re't Ohio Vol. Inf. And was mustered with the company the 6<sup>th</sup> day of September, 1862 at Covington, Ky. He was never in any regular engagement but always Happened to be with those held in reserve. Was with the reserve forces at Perrysville, Ky, and at Murfreesboro, Tenn. Dec. 31, 1862 and Jany 1 & 2, 1864. His regiment was ordered to report for duty at Fort Athens, Alabama as a reinforcement. The fort had been surrendered just before our reaching it, we were not aware of it he say until

close up out the fort, [???] we missed the color. They were surrounded and their entire command captured before they could make their escape. Fort Athens had been captured by the rebel general Forest who also was the commandant of forces who captured Com'd Huston. After captured was taken to Cahaba Prison, Ala. Was cap. The 24<sup>th</sup> day of Sept., 1864. He remained at Cahaba Prison about 6 weeks where he was tranfered to Savannah, Ga. On reaching Macon, Ga. they found the R. Road had been destroy preventing further progress in that direction at the time by rail. They remained in Macon about 3 weeks that prisoners then became so unruly that They could not hold them there no longer when they were sent to the famous Andersonville Prisoner in Ga. They were confined in the Anderson Prison about some 5 months or until the 29<sup>th</sup> day of April, 1865, when they were taken to Thomasville, Ga. reaching there the war was almost a thing of the past. The rebel authrities having heard of Lee surrender, he in company with his comrades were abandoned. He found his way to Jacksonville, Fla. When he embarked on steamer for Annapolis, Md.; after getting some rations, clothing & [?] [fo?? T] Camp Chase, O where they were mustered out of the service. Among some of his intimate associates in the service he names Comrade Searg't W.A. Traxler, D. Garber, W. Lockhart, Searg't F. Holden, Searg't Kennedy & Wm. Yearsley the two latter lost on the steamer [Sultana].

We certify that Comrade Wm. Huston Joined W.A. Brand Post no. 98 Department of Ohio June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1887.

\* notice top of sketch names comrade as Sherman Huston and bottom of sketch names him as Wm. Huston