

### **Comrade Levi S. Raff**

Who was born the 29<sup>th</sup> day of September A.D. 1848 in Smithville. County of Wayne. State of Ohio and first entered the service the 25 day of Sept, 1863 at West Liberty Logan Co. Ohio as a private and was assigned to company C, 12<sup>th</sup> Regt Ohio Vol. Cav. And was discharged from the service the 14<sup>th</sup> day of Nov. 1865 at Nashville, Tenn. by reason of close of the war and General Order from the War department. The first engagement in which he participated was the battle of M't Sterling, Ky. June 9, 1864; and followed by engagements at Cynthiana, Ky. June 12, 1864; Salt Ville, Va. Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup> 1864; Kingsport, Tenn. Dec. 13 (or 14<sup>th</sup>) 1864, Bristol, Tenn Dec 14, 1864; Abingdon, Va. Dec 15, 1864; Wytheville, Va. Dec 16, 1864; Marion, Va. Dec. 18, 1864. The second battle of Saltville, Va. Dec. 20 1864; Saulisbury, N.C. Apl. 12, 1865; Dallas, N.C. Apl. 12, Catawba River, Tenn. N.C. Apl. 19, 1865; He was confined in hospital at Chattanooga, Tenn from July to Sept. 1865. He names as some of his intimate associated in the service, Comrades Miles Standish; Henry Henderson, and Fred K. Keller and as an important event in his military term of service he named the aiding of a stubborn mule alone for 2 weeks through the M'ts of Va. and Ky.

We certify that Comrade L. S. Raff Joined W.A. Brand Post No. 98 Department of Ohio May 1<sup>st</sup>, 1884.

### **Comrade Douglas Wm. Rawlings**

Who was born the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of April A.D. 1843 in near Urbana County of Champaign State of Ohio and first entered the service the 27<sup>th</sup> day of May 1862 as a private in Compy H. 86 Reg't Ohio Vol. Inf. going into camp at Camp Chase Columbus, O for 3 months. Capt William Mayse. The Reg't was mustered out of service at Camp Delaware near Delaware, Ohio Sept. 25, 1862 by reason of expiration of term of service.

He again answered his countrys call for help by enlisting in Comp'y G. Cap't Robinson, 134 Reg't Ohio Vol. Inf. for a period of 100 days on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of May 1864. And was finally discharged from the 2<sup>nd</sup> term of enlistment the 31<sup>st</sup> day of August 1864 at Camp Chase by reason of expiration of term.

He served with his regiment in front, between Richmond and Petersburg, Va. on the James and Appamattox Rivers- during the months of June, July, and August 1864. The duty was that of a soldier in the enemy country throwing up entrenchments; on the picket line and at all times ready for the battle.

He was never in hospital. Never a prisoner, and never wounded. His Brother James H. gives as name of those he esteemed as friends in the service Com'ds Emery Hedges, J.G. Caldwell, A.W. Mumper, Joe Roberts, J.H. Rawlings, Adam Bowers, J.W. evans.

Comrade Rawlings died at his home in Clark County, O. the 7day of March 1894 and was interred in Oak Dale Cemetry Urbana, O..

He was an honored and upright Citizen having held many places of public trust and honor. He has represented his country the the state legislation and his district in the State Senate and was just in the prime and pride of Manhood when his summons call him higher.

We certify that Comrade Douglas Wm. Rawlings Joined W.A. Brand Post No. 98 Department of Ohio Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>, 1887.

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### **Resolutions of respect, on death of Comrade D.W. Rawlings**

God in his allwise providence, has seen fit to remove from among us by death our late Comrade D.W. Rawlings, formerly of Compy G. 134 Reg't Ohio Vol. Inf.. In his death we have lost a worthy soldier, a good citizen, and we are led to believe he has responded to the roll call of the Great Commander on the other shore, therefore be it-

Resolved:- By W.A. Brand Post No. 98 Dep't of Ohio G.A.R. that it Alter and Charter be draped in the usual emblems of mourning for a period of 30 days.

Headquarters W.A. Brand Post No. 98 Dep't of Ohio G.A.R. Urbana, O July 1897.

#### **Signed-**

J.H. Ewing

J.T. Woodward

T.V. Seville

Committer

### **Comrade James H. Rawlings**

Who was born the 30 day of August A.D. 1846 in Urbana Twp. County of Champaign. State of Ohio and first entered the United States service the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of May 1846 in response to a call of the Governor of Ohio on the Ohio States Guards to enter the U.S. service for a period of 100 days.

Was mustered as a private in Compy G. Cap't Robinson, 134 Reg't Ohio Vol. Inf. He served with the regiment, in the front, between Richmond and Petersburg, Va in the months of June,

July and August 1864, and was mustered out of the service the 31<sup>st</sup> day of Aug. '64 at Camp Chase, Columbus, O. by reason of expiration of term enlistment.

Comrade Rawlings was never sick and always in line of duty yet was never in a battle for lack of opportunity only.

He names as some of his intimate comrades, Joe Roberts, [Energ] Hedges, A.W. Mumper, D.W. Rawlings, [?] n. Evans, Adam Bowers, and Joe Rowland.

The feature, worth of special mention, not more so in his case, than the thousands of others, monthly of special mention, is the promptness and willingness with which the State Guards responded to the call in this the hour of their country's greatest need for prompt and efficient help to the General Government.

We certify that Comrade James H. Rawlings Joined W.A. Brand Post No. 98 Department of Ohio 7<sup>th</sup> day of Apl., 1887.

### **Comrade Thomas N. Reams**

Who was born the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of July A.D. 1842 in (blank) County of Rofs (probably Ross) State of Ohio and first entered the service the 6<sup>th</sup> day of August 1862 as a private in Compy G, Capt Warnock 95 Reg't Ohio Vol. Inf. Going into camp at Camp Chase near Columbus, O and was discharged from the service the 9 day of June 1865 by reason of Gen order no. 77 was department dated Apl 28<sup>th</sup>, 1865. The first battle in which he participated was Richmond, Ky August 30, 1862. His regiment was taken into battle 10 days after they were mustered into the service with out any knowledge of war and but very little of military tactics, they were soon surrounded and he with a majority of his regiment were soon taken prisoners. He was soon paroled and returned home where he remained until exchanged in month of November 1862 after which he rejoined his regiment and sent to the front again. The second battle in which he took part was at Jackson, Miss. May 14, 1863, the 3<sup>rd</sup> engagement was battle of Vicksburgh, Miss. May 18 & 19 and Seige of same May 19 to July 4, 1863 when Genl Pemberton surrendered to U.S. Grant Battle of Black River, Miss. July 6, 1863, and again at Jackson, Miss. The 9 to 16 of July, 1863, Battle of Brices Cross roads on [Gun] Town, Miss. June 10, 1864, where he was again taken prisoner.

Was held 3 nights and a day on the battle field, was then taken to Mobile, Ala when [m] were confined 3 nights and two days, when we were taken to Montgomery, Ala. And was held few day when we were transferred to the famous prison at Andersonville, Ga. where we arrived the 21<sup>st</sup> day of June, 1864 and was confined there until the 13<sup>th</sup> day of October, 1864. Then taken to Savanah, Ga. held there 13 days then taken to Miller, Ga. where he was confined about 1 month. About 28 of Nov. was taken to Florence S.C. where he was confined until Feby 17, 1865 when we were put into cattle cars and shipped and shifted around over the R.R. until the 25 day of Feby, where we were taken from the cars and paroled at Goldsborough, N.C. On morning of the

26 of Feby was put on the cars again and run to Cape Fear River when we crossed the river into the Union lined and Gods Country and beheld Old Gloria once again, we were entertained most Royally by a New York regiment on Hardtack and Coffee. My intimate comrades were F. Hoisington, C.C. Wait, J.H. Dix, H. Landsdown, S.P. Burns, W. Elsworth all fellow prisoners & I. Parker, my bunker mate before taken prisoner. He now resides a Eris, Champaign Co. Ohio  
March 20, 1895.

We certify that Comrade Thomas N. Reams Joined W.A. Brand Post No. 98 Department of Ohio  
20<sup>th</sup> day of January, 1887.

### **Comrade Frank J. Redmond**

Who was born the 28<sup>th</sup> day of January A.D. 1846 in Pike County of (blank) State of New York and first entered the service the 12<sup>th</sup> day of October, 1863 as a private in Compy C. Cap't Wm. H. Hunter from West Liberty Logan County, Ohio and were assigned to the 12 Reg't Ohio Volunteer Cavalry and were mustered out of the service at Nashville, Tenn. the 14<sup>th</sup> day of November, 1865 by reason of the close of the war and general order, No. 110.

He names as his principal battles in which he was engaged first the battle at Mt. Sterling, Ky. the 9<sup>th</sup> day of June, 1863; Saltvill, Va. Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1864 and Sand Mountain( date not given for such battle in the roster of Ohio Cav.)

He names as some of his intimate associates during his term of service comrades Capt W.H. Hunter, T.S. Raff and Joshua Kenna.

He had no hospital experience and was never captured.

We certify that Comrade Frank J. Redmond Joined W.A. Brand Post No. 98 Department of Ohio  
July 1<sup>st</sup>, 1886.

### **Comrade Charles A. Reiser**

Who was born the 9<sup>th</sup> day of April A.D., 1843 in [Shippenville] County of Clarion, State of Penna.

He first entered in the service as a private soldier the 6<sup>th</sup> day of July 1861 at Camp Wright near Pittsburgh, Penna and was assigned to Company E. 39<sup>th</sup> Regt. Penna Vol. Inf. From which he was transferred the 15<sup>th</sup> day of August, 1862 to the 5<sup>th</sup> Regt. Kans Vol. Cavalry from which he

was mustered out the 15<sup>th</sup> day of August, 1864 at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas by reason of expiration of term of enlistment. The first engagement in which he participated was at Battle of Dramsville, Va. on Dec. 20<sup>th</sup>, 1861; and was followed by the 7 days fighting before Richmond, Va. in June and July, 1862. Battle of Pine Bluff, Ark. Oct. 25, 1863. He was confined in hospital at #Harrisons Landing, Va. and also at Pine Bluff, Ark. #in July, 1862.

His comrades in the service with whom he was intimate he says are now dead and does not give the names.

Comrade Reiser was received in Grand Post by transfer from Mitchell Post No. 45, Dept. of Ohio G.A.R., Springfield, Ohio when he was received the 3 of August, 1882 by Muster.

He was on detached service most of the time while with the 5<sup>th</sup> Regt. Kans. Cav.

We certify that Comrade Chas. A. Reiser Joined W.A. Brand Post. No. 98 Department of Ohio. Sept. 21<sup>st</sup>, 1894, Held offices of Chaplain, Department inspector and Inspector General for Dept. of Ohio or Commander In Chief's Staff.

### **Comrade John C. Rhodes**

Who was born on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of October A.D. 1842 in Urbana. County of Champaign. State of Ohio.

He first entered the service as a private in the 7<sup>th</sup> Inpl. Comp. Union Light Guard, O. Cav., Capt Geo. A Bennett the 14<sup>th</sup> day of December, 1863 going into camp at Columbus, O.

Was mustered out of the service the 9<sup>th</sup> day of Sept. 1865 at Washington Cty. D.C. by instructions from the War Dep't dated July 20<sup>th</sup>, 1865. This company of Cavalry was organized by Gov. Tod after his visiting President Lincoln at Washington and noting the lack; to Gov. Todds mind, of proper guard, or escort, to the President at times when passing around the city, he suggested to the President that he ought to have a personal escort, and also that he would send him [ours] from Ohio. Upon Gov. Tod's return to Columbus, he issued a call for 1 man from each county of the state to form the compy and Comrade Rhodes was the member from Champaign County in this Compy. They were mouned on Black Horses at Colu's and mad a fine appearance in line. He names as some of his intimate associates in the service Comrades F.P. Leuty, A.T. Beckbill, Nelson [Tway], Smith Stimmel, Geo. Orman, O.H. Spencer, Hiram Cook. He was injured by his horse falling on his right leg, but never went to the hospital and was never a prisoner In the summer of 1864, he was one of a detail from the compy to escort the President from the White House to the Soldiers Home near Washington, near Washington and at the time when the Rebel Genl Jos. E. Johnson had planned to capture the President on his return from the

home. Johnson's plan having been discovered was defeated, The Lieut. [I??] the detail being a little nervous over the prospect of a fight remained to President Lincoln on his return that he would like to have had a little skirmish to have seen how the "Boys" would have performed where the President remained with a twinkle of his eye; no doubt the Boys would like to have seen how their Lieut. would have performed on another occasion, When the President went to the Home he rode one of the Sergts horses, when he got out of the City he spurred the horse up to a full gallop leaving his escort quite a distance in the rear; roads were dry and very dusty, a cloud of which arose from the trampury of the horses feet making it almost impossible to distinguish the President from the others. After Mr. Lincoln had gained quite a distance he turned his horse around and awaited his escort with a smile of mirth. At time Genl Early made his raids on Washington City. Mr. Lincoln was present at Fort Stevens and witnessed the attack. He was so exposed to Sharp Shooters that he was urged to return but did not until repeatedly requested to. His anxiety for the City was so great that he was forgetful of his own danger.

We certify that Comrade J.C. Rhodes Joined W.A. Brand Post No. 98 Department of Ohio  
March 3, 1887.

### **Comrade Joseph Roberts**

Who was born the 26<sup>th</sup> day of September A.D. 1830 in Union Twp. County of Champaign State of Ohio and was a member of the Ohio State Militia in 1863 & at time Governor offered the Militia of state to the President of U.S. for guard duty to relieve regular troops. He enlisted with the company in the Service of the government the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of May 1864 as a private of Compy E. 134<sup>th</sup> Reg't Ohio Vol. Inf. Cap't Wm. B. Cheney Comd'g Compy going into camp at Camp Chase Columbus O remaining there until the regiment was ordered to Cumberland Md. The 7<sup>th</sup> of May.

Arriving at Cumberland the regiment went into camp and did fatigue duty and drilling and disciplined to the duty of a soldier. At 3 different days in succession he made request of Cap't for pass to go down to the City and was refused each day because they had all been given out. Telling the Capt he would not ask him for pass again, he gathered canteens and under pretense of going for water passed out of lines and down to the City. Which he did for several successive days having a good time with comrades and Wagon Master Saml R. Humes.

Leaving Cumberland the 6<sup>th</sup> of June, when the command was ordered to Washington thence immediately to White House, Va. Embarking on boat reached White House to receive orders to proceed at once City Point on the James river reaching City Point the regiment was put into active duty, in the entrinchments, building breast work and fortifications, guarding provision supplie, &c.

Was with the Compy in reserve, on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of June at Port Watthall when our advance picket line was driven in resulting in the death of comrade Busser. The whirr of the minnie balls, roar of cannoning, kept up constantly driving the entire time of our stay at City Point and vicinity and gave him a fair understanding of the realities of war.

Was never sick in hospital. Never taken prisoner. Never wounded.

He names as some of his comrades with whom he intimately associated Corporal Saml McAdams, David [Drumhiller], James Erson, Smith Erson, and Geo. W. Clarke. Was mustered out with the Compy at Camp Chase Columbus Ohio the 31<sup>st</sup> day of August 1864 and was glad to get back home.

We certify that Comrade Joseph Roberts Joined W.A. Brand Post No. 98 Department of Ohio March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1887.

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### **Joseph Roberts**

Whereas. God in his wise providence has removed from among us our late Comrade Joseph Roberts late of company E. 134<sup>th</sup> regiment Ohio Inf. his death occuring at his home on Washington Ave. Oct. 21<sup>st</sup>, 1901, interment at Oak Dale: therefore be it

Resolved:- That this Post humbly bows in submission to the will of our Great Commander, that we will cherish the name of our late comrade for his many virtues: and for his country in offering his life and services to his country in her most trying hours and be it further

Resolved: that copy of their resolutions be sent to the widow of our deceased comrade

J.T. Woodward

J.K. Cheetham

Committer

### **Comrade Chas. A. Ross**

Who was born the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of December A.D., 1849 in Urbana. County of Champaign. State of Ohio.

He first entered the service of the Ohio State Guard the 25<sup>th</sup> day of April 1864 at Urbana, O. and was mustered into the U.S. service from the State Guard the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of May, 1864 as Musician of Compy A, Capt. Weaver, 134 Reg't Ohio. Vol. Inf.; and was mustered out of the service at

Camp Chase, Columbus, O. the 31<sup>st</sup> day of Aug. 1864 by reason of expiration of term of enlistment, 100 days.

The first engagement in which he participated was at Port Walthall, Va. on 17<sup>th</sup> day of June 1864 after the advance of the picket lines on [???ning] of the 16<sup>th</sup> of June by the Union forces; on morning of the 17 the rebels attacked and drove in the pickets from the advanced position resulting in the loss of 1 man, Comrade Elias Busser, and the fatality wounding Comrade A.T. Mickels. The next engagement was at Deep Bottom on the James River, Va. in month of July, 1864, but escaped with no injury. They were almost constantly under the fire from the rebel artillery during the month of June, July and August until our regiment left for home. He was sick and confined in the hospital at point of Rocks on the James River, Va. for about 2 weeks during the stay of the regiment thru.

He names as some of his intimate and personal associates in the service, Comrades Jules Guthridge, Stephen Knight, S.H. Warnock, Sam'l Marsh, Jno McConnell [& c & c & c.]

We certify that Comrade Chas. A. Ross Joined W.A. Brand Post. No. 98 Department of Ohio, July 8<sup>th</sup>, 1888. Held Offices of... Was one of the charter members of the Post. \*(This is an error, evidently mustered Nov. 21, '81.) \* this was written in pencil on war sketch page.

### **Comrade W.R. Ross**

Who was born the 7<sup>th</sup> day of May A.D. 1841 in Urbans. County of Champaign. State of Ohio and first entered the service the 4<sup>th</sup> day of Nov. 1861 at Urbana, O going into camp at Camp McArthur near Urbana in Compy A Capt Fulton 66 Reg't Ohio Vol. Inf.

Was promoted from a private to a sargency in (blank) and to Q.M. Srag't of the Reg't the 16<sup>th</sup> day of March, 1862.

Was finally discharged from the service the 8<sup>th</sup> day of Dec. 1863 at Wauhatchie Vally, Tenn. on account of Surgeons certificate of disability.

The first engagement in which he participated, was the battle at Cedar Mountain, Va. the 9<sup>th</sup> day of August 1862.

Comrades Ross mentions the names of Comrads T.G. Keller, S.H. Clarke, and A.D. Riker as those whom he was intimately associated with in the service.

We certify that Comrade W.R. Rofs Joined W.A. Brand Post No. 98 Department of Ohio 21<sup>st</sup> day of Nov., 1881.



### **Comrade Theodore C. Runyon**

Who was born the 25 day of July A.D. 1843 or 1842, in Near Mutual County of Champaign State of Ohio and first entered the service as a private soldier in Compy A. Cap't Berryhill, 2<sup>nd</sup> Reg't Ohio Vol. Inf. the 24 day of August 1861 and was mustered out of the service in month of August 1864 by reason of expiration of term of enlistment. He was wounded in the hand at the battle of Chickamanga, Ga. 20<sup>th</sup> Sept, 1864 and while he was disabled for active duty in line, he was transferred to the Invalid Reserve Corps. And continued until expiration of term of enlistment. Every body in town almost knew Comrade Runyon, he was for a member of years driver for the United States Express Co. at this place.

He was always and active enthusiastic member of the Grand Army of the Republic. He died the 10 day of November 1884, and was buried with the honors of the [Get R.] in Oakdale Cemetery, Urbana, O.

We certify that Comrade Theodore C. Runyon Joined W.A. Brand Post No. 98 Department of Ohio 27<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1883.

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### **Resolutions on death of Theodore C. Runyon**

Where-as It has pleased the Great Commander to remove from our midst Comrade Theo. C. Runyon late member of Compy A 66<sup>th</sup> Regy Ohio Vol. Inf. and that in his death we have lost an honored comrade and society a good Loyal Citizen. Therefore, be it Resolved; That we extend to his family our heart felt sympathy in this, the time of their bereavement, And be it further Resolved; that our Charter be draped in mourning and that these resolutions be spread upon the minutes, and be published in the Urbana papers.

Headqtrs W.A. Brand Post No. 98

Dept of Ohio G.A.R. Feby 19, 1884

J.C. Cull

T.G. Burkhard

T.G. Keller