

Comrade William W. Walker

Who was born the twenty fifth (25) day of March A.D. 1833 in (blank) County of Green, State of Ohio and entered the service as a private soldier at Mutual, Union Town'p Chamapign Co. Ohio the 5th day of August 1862 and was assigned to Co. H 45th Regt Ohio Vol. Inf. at Camp Chase near Columbus O. Was mustered out of the service the 12th day of July 1865 at Camp Harker near Nashville, Tenn by reason of Gen. Order of War Dep't and close of the war. He never reenlisted and was never in any other command.

The first engagement in which he participated was at battle of Monticello, Ky. the 9th June, 1863 followed by engagement in battle at Columbia, Tenn. July 3rd, 1863, battle Buffringtons Ridge at Philadelphia, Tenn. the 20th of Oct. '63, when he was taken prisoner by the rebel General Whellers force.

Was sent from Philadelphia, Tenn. to Prison on Belle Island in James river. Richmond, Va. remaining there until 20th of March when he was paroled and sent to Parole Camp, Camp Chase, Ohio where he remained until spring of 1865 where he was exchanged and forwarded to his regiment rejoining it at Huntsville, Ala in March.

Was in hospital at Parole Camp, in Camp Chase from June 1864 to March 1865, at time of his exchange. He names as some of his intimate associates in the service Comrades N.E. Westfall, John P. Neer, and David F. Johnson, and his confinement in the rebel prison at Belle Island the most thrilling in his experience, in the service.

He is very severe in his denunciation of the place and treatment.

We certify that Comrade W.W. Walker Joined W.A> Brand Post no. 98 Department of (blank), 1896, Held Offices of by transfer from Post at Catawaba.

Resolutions of respect, offered by Committee and adopted by the Post on death of Comrades named:

Comrade W.W. Vance of the regimental band, of the 66th Regt. Ohio Vol. Inf. died April 1896.

Comrade H.C. Osborne of Co. A 134th Regt Ohio Vol. Inf. died August 1896.

Comrade J.H. Lamar of Co. (blank) Regt Ohio Vol. Inf. died Sept. 1896

Comrade Sampson Barbee of 70th Regt. Ind. Vol. Inf: died Decem 1896.

Comrade W.W. Walker of the Co. H 45 Regt Ohio Vol. Inf. died March 1897.

Comrade Chas. Kuhlencamp of Co. C, 108th Regt Ohio Vol. Inf. died March 15, 1897.

Whereas, Death has invaded our ranks, and removed from among our number, Comrades, Vance, Walker, Osborne, Lamar, Sampson, Kuhlencamp, bringing us to realize that this is truly not our permanent abiding place, and, that we sincerely feel our loss in the death of our comrades, therefore let it be.

Resolved:

By W.A. Brand Post, that in their death we have sustained an irripairable loss, that our country has been deprived of honored and patriotic citizens, manifesting their loyalty by many personal sacrifices in our country's time of greatest need. That we extend to the family and friends our sincere sympathies in the loss and bereavement.

Headquarters W.A. Brand Post No. 98

Grand Army of Republic Dept. of O

Urbana, O Sept. 1898

Signed-

J.H. Ewing

J.T. Woodward

T.V. Seville

Com.

Comrade Cyrus T. Ward

Who was born the (blank) day of (blank) A.D. 1836 in Springfield County of Clarke State of Ohio.

He first entered the service the 17th day of April 1861 in Compy K, Capt Baldwin, 2nd Reg't Ohio Vol. Inf. for a term of 3 months going into camp at Camp Columbus O. The regiment was ordered to Washington City D.C. at once and left Columbus on the morning of the 19th of Apl. '61 for Washington, but was delayed several days on the way.

He was not mustered into the United States Service until the 29th day of Apl. at Lancaster, Penn. He did well his duty, in the early defence of the Capitaol of the Nation. He participated in the first battle of the war, of [prommener,] The battle of Bull Run Sunday July 21st, 1861.

His second term of enlistment began Sep't 1st, 1862 in Compy E, Cap't Riker 113th Reg't, Ohio Vol. Inf. as a private; he was promoted to a Corporalship the 1st day of Sept. '62 Promoted to a Sargency the 15th day of March, 1863 and was mustered out of the service the 17th day of June, 1865.

Comrade Ward was represented to have had a happy dispostion and was always present if possible when there was any fighting or any [fun]. He saw much hard service and his regiment suffered greatly at the battle of Chickamanga, Ga. Sep't 19 to 20, 1863. His Cap't Bowersock and Serg't H.C. Scott of his company both lost their lives in the Assault on Kenesaw M't June 27, 1864. He was for a number of years an inmate of the National Sodiers Home at Dayton, O. where he died the 10th day of Dec. 1889.

We certify that Comrade Cyrus T. Ward Joined W.A. Brand Post No. 98 Department of Ohio May 21st, 1885.

Resolutions of respect on death of Comrade Cyrus T. Ward

In accordance with the Will of Almighty God, Comrade Cyrus T. Ward late of Company E, 113th Reg't Ohio Vol. Inf, has been called from among us to his Heavenly resh: therefore be it

Resolved:- By W.A. Brand Post No. 98 Dept of OhioG.A.R. that their Alter and Charter be draped in the usual emblems of mourning for a period of 30 days.

Headquarters W.A. Brand Post No. 98 Dept of Ohio Urbana, O. July 1897

Signed

J.H. Ewing

J.T. Woodward

T.V. Seville

Committer

Comrade Thomas Ogden Ward

Who was born the 22nd day of June A.D. 1840 in Jersey. County of Licking. State of Ohio and first entered the service in Aug. 1861 as a private in Compy B, Capt Wiley of Colonel Nugents Reg't Kans. Vol. Cav. At Paola County Kans. And was mustered of the service at Quandaro, Kans. In Feby 1862.

He reenlisted at Lawrence Douglass County Kans on 15 day of Aug. 1862 as a private in Compy B. Capt Umbargen 12th Regt Kans. Vol. Inf.

Was promoted to a corporal the 1st day of Oct. 1862 was finally mustered out of the service at Little Rock Ark. 19th day of June 1865 by reason of close of the war. The first engagement in which he participated was at the battle of Moscow, Ark. The 13 day of Apl. 1864 and was followed by battle at Jenkins Ferry, Ark. On 30th day of Apl. 1864.

As intimate comrades in the service he names John Adams, Henry Egert, Thos. Gurst, Frank Cosley, James Cowan with whom he shared blankets for 3 years, and D.W. Ward.

The striking feature to him in his military experience was the fact that he was nearly starved to death at Fort Smith, Ark. In Aug. 1864 and on the march from Camden, Ark. To Little Rock, Ark. Living on a little coffee, sugar and green Huckelberries.

Com'd Wards Father and four brothers were all in the service at the same time. His Father in the 76th Reg't Ohio Vol. Inf. His brother Jacob in the 26 Regt Ills. Vol. Inf. brother Enos in the 96th Regt Ohio Vol. Inf. David in the 26 Regt Kans. Vol. Inf. and his brother Charles 22nd Regt Ohio Vol. Inf. such a record for one family, is worthy of a weak effort, to keep on the pages of history.

We certify that Comrade Thomas O. Ward Joined W.A. Brand Post No. 98 Department of Ohio June 14, 1883, Held Offices of and was appointed Outside Sentinal, Jany 1895.

Comrade W.R. Warnock

Who was born the 29th day of August A.D. 1838 in Urbana. County of Champaign. State of Ohio and first entered the service the 21st day of July 1862 at Columbus, O. and was commissioned as Cap't and assigned to the command of Comp'y G. 95th Reg't Ohio Vol. Inf. going into camp at Camp Chase, Columbus, O. Was promoted to Major of the regiment the 28 day of July 1863 and was [brecetted] Lieut. Col. Of United States Volunteers the 13th day of March 1865. Was mustered out of the service the 14 day of Aug. 1865, with the Reg't at Louisville, Ky. by reason of the close of the war.

The first regular engagement in which he participated was at the battle of Richmond, Ky. the 30 day of Aug. 1862 and followed along with the battles of Raymond, Miss, Jackson, Miss, May 14th, 1863. Assault of Vicksburg, Miss, May 19 to 20, 1863. Seige of Vicksburgh, May 18 to July 4, 1863. Second Seige of , and capture of Jackson, Miss. July 7 to 16, 1863. Missouri Campaign Against the Rebel Gen. Price in summer of 1864. Battle of Nashville, Tenn. Dec. Dec. 15 & 16-1864. The battle of Gunntown or Brices Cross Roads, Miss. June 10-1864 in which he was wounded by minnie ball, taking off the lower part of the right ear , and leaving scar on side of head just back of ear. Was captured at Battle of Richmond, ky. Aug. 1862 by the Rebel Gen. Kirby Smith was paroled and remained in the rebel camp for about 2 months, when he was exchanged and sent through the lines rejoining his regiment. Was at Capture of Mobile, Ala. Which was preceeded by the seige of Spanish fort from March 26 to April 9, 1865 a 14 days seige during which time there was almost constant fighting and was finally taken by assault on the Fort. The important events occuring to him during his military experiences in the service was his capture and confinement in the rebel lines for about 2 months. The seige of Vicksburgh, Miss. Lasting about 7 weeks when Gen. Pemberton of the rebel force capitulated to Gen. U.S. Grant July 4, 1863. The Battle of Tupello, Miss. July 14, 1864 when he had his horse shot from under him. He names as some of the comrades with whom he was intimately associated as being Capt M. L. Stansbury, Capt R.N. Hanson, Col. J. Brumback, Gen. W.L. McMilin, Col. Jas. Kilbourne and Dr. H.S. Gill. He was chosen chief of Gen. W.L. McMilin Staff who was commandg East dist. Of Miss. From April 1865 to Aug. 1865, with head Quarters at Meridian , Miss.

We certify that Comrade W.R. Warnock Joined W.A. Brand Post No. 98 Department of Ohio 21st day of Nov., 1881.

Comrade Wm. M. Whitaker

Who was born the 13th day of March A.D. 1838 I (blank) County of Miami. State of Ohio and first entered the service 29th day of Aug. 1862 from Lima, Allen County, Ohio as a private in Compy H. Capt Saint 32nd Regt Ohio Vol. Inf. Was promoted to a corporal Nov. 1st, 1862 and to a Sargency 27th day of March, 1865. Was mustered out of the service the 20th day of July 1865 by reason of Close of the war at camp near Louisville, Ky. The first battle in which he participated was Port Gibson. 1st day of May 1863. Marched from a point 10 miles below Vicksburg, Miss. On the river, 22 miles from 8 o'clock A.M. to 2o'clock P.M. and going into battle at Raymond, Miss. 12 of May. A hard days work. Battle of Jackson, Miss. May14, '63. Champion Hills 16 day of May when his regiment charged and captured the 1st Miss. Battery. Was in the seige of Vicksburg, Miss. May 19 to July 4, when Gen. Pemberton surrendered to U.S. Grant Shermans [Meridians], Miss Expedition Feby 3rd to March 4, 1864. Battle of Kenesaw Mountain June 10, '64, General Assault on Kenesaw M't. June 27, '64. Battle of Atlanta, Ga. July 22, '64 and seige of Atlanta, Ga. July 28 to Sept 4, '64

Was then detailed to take charge of surplus baggage where the Army with Gen. Sherman left Atlanta for the famous march. Atlanta to the Sea, which no soldier having gone with the army through all he did could wish to have missed.

After the detail at Atlanta Comd Whitaker went to Nashville, Tenn. staying there until Sherman reached Savannah, Ga. Dec 21st, '64. Was then ordered to Join his Reg't going by way of New York City when he embarked on the steamer St. Fulton for Savannah and reached the regiment near Appamattox the day Gen. R.E.L. surrendered to Gen Grant. He was in the Grand Review down Pennsylvania Avenue Washington D.C. May 1865. Comr'd Whitaker names as some of the comrades with whom he was intimately associated as being Jno Lacy, Joseph Watt, David May, Capt Levi Saint, Lieut. Jerome Wells, Lieut. Milton Latta.

The Vicksburg campaign or seige. Seige of Atlanta, and the Grand Review in Washington D.C. in May, '65 was important and impressive events in his military service.

We certify that Comrade William M. Whitaker Joined W.A. Brand Post No. 98 Department of Ohio Aug. 27, 1887. Held Offices of Chaplin 1891, 1892, 1893, 1894, 1909, 1910. S.U. Commander, 1895, Post Commander, 1897, Sergt Major, 1902, O. Guard, 1903, O. Day 1905, Adjutant, 1906, 1907, 1908.

Comrade Samuel Wikel

Who was born the 7th day of October A.D. 1815 in Hanover. County of York. State of Pennsylvania.

He first entered the service the 24 day of April, 1861, from Middletown, O. as a private in Compy G Capt. Hill 12 Regt Ohio Vol. Inf. for 3 months going into camp at Camp Jackson, Columbus, Ohio and was mustered out of the service the 30th day of July, 1861 by reason of expiration of term of enlistment at Middletown, Ohio. The Regiment was not out of the State but was recruited for the 3 years service, those not reenlisting were mustered out at expiration of term of 3 months.

Com'd Wikel reenlisted in the 2nd day of May 1864, from Hamilton, Ohio in Compy G, 167 Reg't Ohio Vol. Inf. For 100 days. He was appointed first corporal on the organization of the compy and was mustered out as such, on the 8th day of Sept. 1864 at Hamilton, O., by reason of term of enlistment.

He was not engaged in any regular battle but while out on foraging expedition at Sewell Mt., Va. they were surprised by a band of rebel Guerillas and in their attempting to escape by getting on the horses, Comrade Wikel was injured in the side and groin, and was confined in the hospital at Camp Loop when he left it rejoining his compy in apposition to orders to remain in the hospital.

As some of his intimate associates in the service he names Comrades Arthur Wilson, David Cameron, William Bennett and Abram Glendening. He was never captured although narrowly escaped at Sewell Mt. The duty of the regiment was guarding the government stores and accompanying trains to and from main bodies of the army.

We certify that Comrade Samuel Wikel Joined W.A. Brand Post No. 98 Department of Ohio Sept. 6th, 1888.

Comrade John D. Wilson

Who was born the 28th day of June A.D. 1835 in Concord Twp. County of Champaign. State of Ohio.

He first entered the service the 2nd day of May, 1864 from Concord Twp. In Compy "B" Capt. Wilson 134 Reg't Ohio Vol. Inf. As a private soldier and was mustered out of the service at Camp Chase, Columbus, O. the 31st day of August, 1864, by reason of expiration of term of enlistment.

The first engagement in which he participated was at the attack of the enemy on Port Walthall, Va. June 17th, 1864, when the rebels drove the Union pickets in from the advanced position they had taken during the night of the 16th inst. He was out of the detail for picket duty on the morning of 17 and took the old picket line previous to the advance.

Comrade Wilson was never sick in hospital. Was never wounded or never taken prisoner. He names as some of his intimate associates in the service Comrade W.H.H. Davis, Duncan Davis, T.H. Ford, J.R. McFarlan, and Jesse Neer. And as the most important and eventful experience in his military service the action at port Walthall, where the minnie ball flew thick and fast at times during the day.

We certify that Comrade John D. Wilson Joined W.A. Brand Post No. 98 Department of Ohio March 3rd, 1887.

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 confered 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 William W. Wilson

Who was born the 1st day of May A.D. 1842 in Concord Twp. County of Champaign. State of Ohio.

He first entered into the service on Apl. 1861, but the quota for the state of Ohio being full for that call by the President, he was not mustered.

He again enlisted as a private in Compy G. Capt Baird, 66th Reg't, Ohio Vol. Inf. The 4th day of October 1861; and was mustered at Camp McArthur, Urbana, O. He was afterward promoted to

a sergeant in the same company. He was mustered out of the service the 7th day of Jany 1863, at Columbus, O. by reason of surgeons certificate of Disability.

The first engagement in which he participated was the battle of Port Republic, Va. 9th day of June, 1863. He was wounded in this battle by the explosion of a shell causing amputation of the right leg. He was taken prisoner at the battle of Port Republic after being wounded and was confined in rebel prisons at Weyers Cave, in Blue Ridge Mtns, Va. Waynesboro, Lynchburgh, and Libby Prison, Richmond, Va.; was mostly confined in Libby Prison. He was paroled from Libby prison the 7th day of September, 1862 and sent to Washington D.C. thence without disembarking to Fort Delaware where he remained but short time, until he was sent home, where he remained until he was mustered out of the service 7th Jany, '63.

He was captured by the "Louisiana Tigers".

He names as intimate associates in the service comrades Thos. McConnell, B.F. Ganson, E.F. Lemon and W.R. Ross.

The important event in his military experience to be sure would be the wound and the loss of his right leg; together with his prison experience in the southern prisons.

We certify that Comrade W.W. Wilson Joined W.A. Brand Post No. 98 Department of Ohio July 2nd, 1885 Held Offices of and has been one of the trustees for many years and has been delegate to Nt'l and Dep't Encampment.

Comrade Royal J. Winder

Who was born the (blank) day of (blank) A.D. 1845 in (blank) County of Champaign. State of Ohio.

He was a merchant owning a book store on North Main St. in Urbana. He first entered the service the 2nd day of May 1864 with his compy from the Ohi Nat'l Gds. As a private in Compy A Capt Weaver 134 Reg't Ohio Vol. Inf. And was mustered out of the service with the compy the 31st day of Aug. 1864 at Camp Chase Columbus, O. by reason of expiration of term of service.

He died suddenly in the rear of his store room from heart failure, so reported. The prominence of Com'd Winder in the different societies to which he belonged and the position held in social and business relation to nearly all the community was such that the suddenness of his death was quite a shock and surprise to all. He was buried by the Masonic Order KnightsTemplers, the Grand Army of the Republic being represented by honorary representatives.

His death occurred July 19, 1888 and [inter???ct] at Oak Dale cemetery in Urbana.

We certify that comrade Royal J. Winder Joined W.A. Brand Post No. Department of Ohio Aug. 20, 1885.

Comrade James T. Woodward

Who was born the 28th day of January A.D. 1845 in Logan County of Ohio State of at Woodward Mills, near Huntville and enlisted as a private soldier at public celebration held in Peter E. Colwells grove about 3 miles North west of Mechanicsburgh on July 4th, 1863. Major Grant Schaffer of the 47th Regt O.V.I. was the orator of the day and patriot[ism] ran high in the veins of the boys. I enrolled my name with Thomas W. Organ of Cable who was recruiting a squad to go with him to Cleveland. Jno M. Hatfield and Edward M. Thompson, neighbor boys, was going with him also. We three arranged to go to Columbus on the morning of the 7th of July to which point transportation was given us. Arriving at Columbus we reported at the State House and asked further transportation to Cleveland to Join the others of our company, that had gone on and were to follow later. We had no [credentials] but our cheek, which at that time with a rustic country boy 18 years old, was probably a better passport, than later on when we had tasted, the realities of the war and had been drilled in the strategy of deception. The officer to whom we reported scrutinized us carefully and finding appearances worth the venture, we were given transportation and at 3:45 o'clock P.M. we started the City by the Lake.

We reaches Cleveland some time during the night and put up at a cheap lodging house until morning. To all of us it was the event of our lives neither of us having been so far from home before; we enjoyed it all, and were a happy trio, as was evident from the songs we sang and jokes we played.

On the morning of the 8th of July we marched out to the Camp Cleveland and reported to head quarters and told our story; we were assigned to Compy I 86 Regt O.V.I. Company Commanded by Capt Lysle and the regiment [t??] Col. Lemmert, Thomas W. Organ was appointed orderly sargent of the Compy.

We remained in Camp Cleveland until the 15th of July during which time we had received our uniforms, and arms and equipment of war. On the 15th inst. We broke camp, and went to Camp Todd, on the banks of the Scioto River about 3 miles west of Columbus. We were drilled here but until the 22nd of July when we were ordered to break camp, and have 3 days, For'd 515...

...rations in our horsesacks. We were ordered in pursuit of Genl John Morgan the Rebel Guerilla then making a raid through the southern part of the state.

We embarked on board the cars at Columbus and was taken to Zanesville, O. where we did our first picket duty on the hills over the west of the City. Ta be sure we expected Genl Morgan every minute to come galloping up the roads we were watching, night passed and I was not captured by the enemy, but when the morning dawned clear and Bright, and the summer sun

shown over the hills and across the valleys, the farmers with their wivews, and daughters came flocking into our post, and were loaded with many of the good things to eat, which we received with thanks and a bountiful breakfast.

My experience from this time on reminded us of the realities of war. Leaving Zanesville we went down the river to McConnellsville by boat to endeavor to get ahead of Morgan but failed to reach the point until after he had crossed the Muskingum river, we were then returned to Zanesville and taken to Cambridge and ordered to secure hored when ever we could find them and follow in persuit of Morgan as rapidly as possible. Horses by this time in Cambridge were scarce and seeing a large barn about 1 mile across the country I started in it for company with several others. I was the first to reach the barn and upon opening the door found, five horses tied in the stalls. I had to survey the matter hurriedly as the other comrades were close upon me, I made a selection horse and accountments and proceeded to saddle him at once and in about the same time it takes to tell it, five of us men riding as many horses in hot pursuit after the rebel raider. In passing through Cambridge I noticed the horse was anxious to turn into a side street leading into a stable, and it proved to a fact that he had been taken to the country to avoid confiscation, but it did not prove effective, he was a good litle sadle horse, pacing gate, but could not stand the forced service to which I put him. In passing through Hammondsville, I noticed a fine big black horse hitched to a post and that it was my chance to trade on my own terms, riding up to the post I dismounted hitched my little worn out horse, and mounted the big black one just as an old farmer came ruching out, gesticulating and crying. I could not take that horse, I was off and he still had a horse if he wanted it. I endeavored to be up with the procession, but failed somewhat. On the 27th inst Genl Morgan surrendered to a company of the 8th Michigan Cavalry and I came up to them in about 3 hours after their surrender as tired and jaded a lot of men and horses as I think I ever saw. In the pursuit we came across dead horses and wounded men and this again reminded me of the realities of war. The game was now caught and our services were needed no more there. Orders were given that all who wanted to could ride there horses back to where they got them, or turn them over there and take train back, I chose the former and parties Leaving of orders before we reached the point, were on the look out for their stolen horses. At Hammondsville, the old gentleman had the little boy tied to the post waiting awaiting me, and I dismounted the black and traded back again in short time; proceeding to Cambridge the family was awaiting to receive their favorite horse and all had their own, if not so good as at the start. We returned to Camp Todd and drilled there until the 9th of August during this time I was visited by My mother and others. On the 9th August we embarked on board the cars near the camp for the south and the more active seat of the War. We proceed through Cincinnati, O., Lexington, Ky to Nicholasville, Ky by rail when we took up the line of march for Camp Nelson, Ky. This was a awful days work for me, I was among the straglers, and in fact I felt like I never could catch up with main column, but I kept at it and got in, in the night. A nights rest did me great good and after this I could keep up with my command without trouble although the marches were hard, the sun was hot, and our rations began to get less and less as we proceeded into territory occupied alternately by the Blue and the Gray. From Camp Nelson our destination was Cumberland Gap, a pass through the mountain at the corners of the states of W. Va. Ky, and Tenn. occupied by the rebels.

We proceeded until the 9th of Sept. without [moleslation] through Kentucky and the rations getting shorter every day, until hunger was really annoying us.

Coming up on the crust of the hills I caught my first glimpse of a rebel Flag floating from the staff in a fort on one of the peaks of the mountains, proceeding within about 1 mile of Gap, I heard the sharp firing of our skirmishes which had fallen back to support in distance. Continuing on our march around to the east just back and on the crest of the hills, until within reach of the enemys guns, they opened fire on our column, some short passing entirely over our head, cutting the branches of the trees causing a ducking of the head and a curvation of the spinal column for a moment. Having reached a point in a hollow between the mountains we were ordered to pile our Knapsacks, and all but canteen and ammunition, we then formed into line and was awaiting the command to go into battle. It seemed slow in coming after we had pepared for the charge, I knew not why but shortly an orderly came riding up and gave the word, that the forces had surrendered a cheer went up and resounded through the valley and over the mountains. We took our Knapsacks and again formed into line to take possession of the spoils of was surrender to us. This was the most imposing military spectacle I ever witnessed, The surrender troops, 2500, drawn up in open order, with arms and flags all grounded; and the victors marching up with Music, flags and banners flying, and cheer after cheer resounding along the column. With us was many Ky. and Tenn. men who had left their homes and joined our army, and as the column marched along we could hear the greeting of neighbor boys recognizing each other in the different armies, And questions asked "How are you Bill" "Where did you hear from home" and "How are all the boys" & c. The prisoners were guarded in camp in Valley on Tennessee side and dead lines drawn. To see a line of Blue coats sitting on the outside of the line, and they Gray backs, as close to the line inside the enclosure as men were allowed, and talking for long time to each other of by-gone days, of friends, they had not seen for long time, reminded me again of the realities of war. The prisoners were sent north and I remained with the reg't guarding the Gap. For some time new prisoners were being captured and [????]coming in and giving them selves up. On October 2nd I was one of detail to guard a lot of prisoners back to camp Nelson, which was a long march ahead of me I tho't up and back, the return march ended the 26th Oct. in camp at the Gap. The routine of camp life continued until the 16th of Jan, 1864 when we were relieved from duty, our term of enlistment having expired the 4th inst. Service and started for home, and one of the bright spots in my memory was the evening I reached home just after dark walking from Cable. The supper I had and the pleasant hours I spent for some days will always be an oasis in my memory. On the 2nd day of May 1864 I reenlisted in Compy E, Cap't Wm. B. Cheney one hundred and thirty fourth Reg't O.V.I. going into camp at Camp Chase Columbus, O entering as a private soldier. I was appointed to a Seargency of the Compy and continued as such until again mustered out of the service August 31st, 1864. During this term of enlistment I saw much active duty but not the hardships of the former term of service, always being nearby the depot of supplies, we had plenty to eat, and during the summer season had not the rigors of the cold winter months to endure. I went with the regiment throughout the trip

Leaving Columbus, O the 7th of May for Cumberland, Md. Where we remained doing fatigue duty, and drilling, until 6th of June where we were ordered to Washington City D.C., at which point we were ordered to proceed to White House, Va. up the Pamunky River; without disembarking were again ordered to proceed to City Point, Va. on the James River, where we landed and did duty in the vicinity, at Bermuda Hundred, Buzzard Roost, and Turkey Bend. This was as nearly immediately in the front as twas possible to well get, the roar of musketry and the booming of cannon scarcely ceased echoing through the valleys while we remained in the

services. Our regiment was engaged in a skirmish at Port Walthall, Va. on 17th June, but I was with a reserve, and did not get in the engagement.

Twas during the trip from Washington to City Point I had my first taste of sea water, and being afloat, out sight of land.

Our regiment assisted in Pontooning the James River for General Grant and his army to pass over on. Moving toward Petersburg We assisted in unloading boatloads of supplies at City Point, and one of the most thrilling experiences I had in this term of enlistment, was at Turkey Bend on the James river, when the rebels made a [Sorrie] on some earth works we had been throwing up on northside of the river.

The Gun boat "Hunch-back", commanded by Cap't Joseph Fyffe of Urbana was in the river, at the time and opened fire on the rebels and kept it up all night at intervals of a few minutes. The roaring of the guns aboard the ship was not soothing to the sleepy eyes, and nerves, The desolation of war in this section of the country was complete Nothing to be seen but Armies of Men, Wagon trains, and equipment of war on every side, in this beautiful fertile valley of the James river.

I certify that the Sketch of my War Service as above written is true as I verily believe (blank)
Date July 11th 1896, Signed J.T. Woodward.

We certify that J.T. Woodward Joined W.A. Brand Post No. 98 Department of Ohio April 27th 1887, Held Offices of Was appointed Aid De Camp on Staff of Dep't Comrd Williams 1893. Was elected delegate to National Encampment at Pittsburgh 1894. Was Post adjutant years '95 & '96 Folio 515 and Port Historian for same years, adjutant J.T. Woodward.

Comrade John H. Woolenham

Who was born the 25 day of September A.D. 1840 in McArthur Twp. County of Logan. State of Ohio and first entered the service as a private in Compy A. Cap't Ashmead 13th Reg't Ohio Vol. Inf. from Bellefontaine Logan Co. Ohio the 22 day of April 1861 for a period of thru months and was mustered out with the comp'y the 18th day of August 1861 at Columbus Ohio by reason of enlistment.

He reenlisted in compy G, Capt Trapp, 1st Reg't Ohio Vol. Inf. the 24th day of August 1861, and was mustered out of the service the 2nd time the 23rd day of August 1864 at Chattanooga Tenn. with his company by reason of expiration of term of enlistment, (3years).

The first engagement in in which he participated was the battle of Shiloh, Tenn April 7th 1862 followed by the battles of Stone River or Murfreesboro, Tenn Dec. 31st, 1862. Perrysville, Tenn Oct. 8, '62. Chickamanga, Ga. Sept. 19 & 20, 1863. Mission Ridge, Tenn. Nov. 23, 1863, Seige

of Knoxville, Tenn., Nov. 17 to Dec. 4, 1863. Resaca, Ga. May 14, 1864. Seige of Atlanta, Ga. July 28 to Sept. 2, 1864. (Knoxville, Tenn. entered line above), Burnt Hickory, Ga. May 27, 1864. Was captured at battle of Stone River Dec. 31, 1862 but made his escape the same day.

He names as his companions with whom he was intimately associated Comrades Patterson and Jas. Porter, and for the interesting and impressive events occuring in his military career he refers to the engagements at Mission Ridge and Chickamanga, Tenn.

I certify that the sketch of my War Service as above written is true as I verily believe, Date May 16, 1895...Signed John N. Woolenhan.

We certify that Comrade John Woolenham Joined W.A. Brand Post No. 98 Department of Ohio the 21st day of June, 1883.

Comrade Jerry W. Wornell

Who was born the 9th day of July A.D. 1842 in Winchester, County of (blank) State of Kentucky.

He first entered the service the 2nd day of Feby 1864 as a private in Compy D. 27 Regiment United States Colored Troop, going into camp at Camp Delaware, near Delaware, Delaware Co., Ohio. He was promoted to a corporacy 26th day of Feby 1864. He went with his company from Camp Delaware to Camp Casey near Washington D.C. when the regiment was stationed for sometime doing camp and Garrison duty. The regiment was ordered next to City Point, Va. Where it did active military duty, such as [deoolves] upon any military command in the enemies country and at the front.

At the battle of Petersburg, Va. July 30th he was wounded in the left arm after which he was confined in hospital at Philadelphia rejoining the regiment in time to take part withit in the Capture of Fort Fish and the North Carolina Campaign around Wilmington, Goldsboro, & Raleigh, and was mustarded out of the service at Smithville, N.C. Sept. 21, 1865 by reason of Order from War Dept.

He names us some of his intimate associates in the service Comrades Saml Fairfax, Chas. E. Taylor, Geo. W. Guy, Joseph Word, Henry Brown, James Bray, and Jno W. Hicks.

His important military experience had him by of more special entries than many other events, was the attack on Petersburg, Va. When he was wounded in the left arm. He was promoted to a Seargency 23rd day of May 1865.

We certify that Comrade Jerry W. Wornell joined W.A. Brand Post No. 98 Department of Ohio August 16th, 1888.

Comrade Jacob Yazel

Who was born the 10th day of July A.D. in Goshen Twp. County of Champaign. State of Ohio and first entered the service the 2nd day of May 1864 as a private in Compy C Capt Johnson 134 Regt Ohio Vol. Inf. going into camp at Camp Chase, Columbus, O. after leaving Columbus for the front, while still encamped at Cumberland Md. He took the measles and was confined in the hospital, at that place for 4 day when regiment was ordered to Va. he went with it as far as Fortress Monroe, when he was transferred from the boat to the hospital at the Fortress when he remained about 3 weeks when he was for'ded to the regiment rejoining it at Bermuda Hundred, Va. or vicinity.

He continued with the Reg't until ordered home, where enroute he was attacked with the fever on arrival of the Reg't at Columbus, O, his Father, together with Eli Romine met him at the depot and took him directly home, he never reported back to the comp'y. Received his discharge from Cap't Johnson and his pay came along all right with it.

He names as comrades with whom he was intimately associated, Com'd Jacob Evans, Ruben Alden, Thomas [Crim], and Isaac Chidister.

We certify that Comrade Jacob Yazel Joined W.A. Brand Post No. 98 Department of Ohio, 21st day of June, 1883.

Comrade Samuel Yazell

Who was born the 6th day of January A.D. 1845 in [blank] County of Champaign state of Ohio.

He first entered the service the 27th day of December 1861 for the term of 3 years at Urbana, Ohio, and was assigned to Compy B, Capt Palmer 66th Reg't Ohio Vol Inf, going into the camp at Camp McArthur near Urbana. He was mustered out of the service at Columbus, Ohio the 4th day of March 1865 by reason of expiration of term of enlistment. The first battle in which he was engaged at Port Republic, Va. June 9, 1862 and at which he was captured as a prisoner of war, and was confined in a rebel prisons at Lynchburg, Va. For some 2 months, after which he was sent to Belle Island in the James River near Richmond when he was confined about 1 month when he was paroled about the latter part of Aug., 1862 and sent to Parole Camp at Fort Delaware; and after being exchanged rejoined his regiment. At the battle of Gettysburgh, Pa. July 1 to 3rd, 1863 was wounded by being shot through the right shoulder and lung by [minnie] ball and was confined in hospital at Little York, Pa. Until sometime in December 1863, when he was transferred to hospital at Cleveland, Ohio; when he remained until about middle of Feby, 1864,

when he was ordered to his regiment rejoining it at Bridg Port, Ala. He participated with his regiment in the battles of Resaca, Ga. May 13th to 16th, 1864; Dallas, Ga. May, May 25 to June 4, 1864; at Pine Mountain Ga. June 9 to 30, 1864; at which he was again wounded through the same shoulder. Comrade Yazell did not enlist as a veteran having suffered the privations of a rebel prison life, tho 2 wounds he received while in the battles of Gettysburg, Ga. And Pine M't, Ga from which he must suffer for life, ought to entitle him to all the honor, and glory then can be in a true patrio, knowing and doing his duty, that then could possibly be, by becoming a Veteran. He names as intimate associates with him in the service, Comrade Abram Ketch and Matt Parlett and the 3 days engagement at Gettysburg, Pa. As the most trying in his military experience.

We Certify Comrade Samuel Yeazell (note spelling at the top of page is Yazell) Joined W.A.Brand Post. No. 98 Department of Ohio Apr. 21, 1887

Resolution of respect on death of Comrade Samuel Yeazil

Where-as- Death has invaded our ranks, and taken from among our number comrade Samuel Yeazel late of company B 66th Reg't Ohio Vol. Inf. March 4, 1897, let it be

Resolved:- That in his death, his relations have sustained a loss that can never be filled, and our country deprived of a citizen who rendered invaluable service in the time of her great peril; one who has been true and loyal in civil life as a private citizen.

Resolved:- That W.A. Brand Post hereby testifies its appreciation of the services rendered to our country in it's time of need. That we extend to the bereaved family and friends of our deceased Comrade our sincere sympathy in this, the hour of their deepest affliction: that a copy of these resolutions be such to the family of our deceased comrade.

Headquarters W.A. Brand Post No. 98

Dep't of Ohio Urbana, O July 1897

Signed-

J.H. Ewing

J.T. Woodward

T.V. Seville

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