

## Comrade Jeremiah Cain

Who was born the 10<sup>th</sup> day of May A.D., 1845 in (blank) County of (blank), State of in Ireland.

He first entered the service 2<sup>nd</sup> day of December, 1861, at Dayton, Ohio as a private in the 8 [Indpt] (probably independent) Battery, Ohio, Lt. Artillery; he was mustered a corporal afterward promoted to Duty Seargt to Qm Seargt to Orderly Seargt to 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieut the 2<sup>nd</sup> of Feby, 1863; to 1<sup>st</sup> Lieut. The 14<sup>th</sup> June, 1864 and [riveted] Captain. Was first discharge from the service the 19<sup>th</sup> Feby, 1864 at Vicksburgh, Miss. To re-enlist and accept re-appointment or commission as Veteran. He was finally discharged from the service the 9<sup>th</sup> August, 1865 at Camp Dennison near Cincinnati, Ohio by reason of order of War Dept. and close of the war. The first engagement in which he participated was at the battle of Shiloh, on Pittsburgh Landing, Tenn. April 6 & 7, 1862, Russell House; Seige of Corinth, Miss, April 30 to May 30, 1862; Chickasaw Bayou, Miss. Dec. 28 & 29, 1862; Arkansas Post Ark. Jany 11<sup>th</sup>, 1863; Port Gibson, Miss, May 1<sup>st</sup>, 1863; Raymond, Miss. May 12, 1863; Champion Hills, Miss, May 16, 1863. Was wounded in head, thigh, and shoulder at Clinton, Miss. The 19<sup>th</sup>, May, 1863; and captured at time by enemy. Was confined in Libby Prison from May to Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>, 1863 when he was exchanged rejoining his battery again. At time of capture was [bearing] dispatches from our commander to another. He names as some of his intimate associates during the service comrades Frank Topping, D.W. Gerard, W.G. Ritchie, L. Keifer, J.F. Putnam, A.W. Worley, and F.M. Coover, and among the important events in his military experience worthy of special mention he regard his humble service with his battery at the battle of Pittsburgh Landing on the afternoon of the 6<sup>th</sup> day of April, 1862, when their battery held the key position of the Union forces position repelling the repeated assaults of the rebel General [Cheatharus] & Gladdens divisions, and his thrilling adventure in the waters of the Tennessee river on the night of the battle. Next in importance, he regards his re-enlistment in Feby, 1864. When he was appointed by General McPherson as recruiting officer to re-enlist the 8<sup>th</sup> Indpt (probably independent) Battery as Veterans. The battery on entering the service numbered our hundred and fifty six men and was reduced at this time to forty five. **To Folio 513** [see below]

We certify that Comrade Jeremiah Cain Joined W.A. Brand Post No. 98 Department of Ohio June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1882.

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He accepted the appointment and in less than 3 days he had induced 40 of the 45 men remaining in the battery to re-enlist for 3 years or during the war; and started for Ohio with the 40 men to recruit the remainder of the battery and re-organize. Reaching Columbus, Ohio the 28<sup>th</sup> of Feby 1864. He furloughed his men for 30 days and proceeded to Dayton, O. where he opened a recruiting office and before the 30 days had expired he had his full gusta of men (156) recruited making a full 6 gun battery.

His capture and wounding and Clinton, Miss. in May 1863 and subsequent prison experiences in Libby prison in Richmond, Va.; his narrow escape of execution at the hands of the Citizens of Clinton upon the pretext that he was a Spy, and the attempt of one of my captors to deliberately murder him by the placing of the muzzle of his gun to my back and exploding 2 caps that fortunately for him failed to explode the gun.

### **Comrade Miner Cartmell**

Who was born the 18<sup>th</sup> day of August A.D. 1845 in (blank) County of Madison. State of Ohio and first entered the service from the Ohio State Guards, the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of May, 1864; as a private in Comp'y E. Cap't Wm. B. Cheney 134 Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry, going into camp at Camp Chase Columbus, Ohio; and was mustered out of the service at Camp Chase, August 31<sup>st</sup>, 1864 by reason of expiration of term of enlistment.

He reenlisted the 6<sup>th</sup> day of February, 1865; as a private on Comp'y E. 185<sup>th</sup> Reg't Ohio Vol. Inf. And was assigned to Gen'l Geo. H. Thomas' Army, the 1<sup>st</sup> day of March, 1865; from which he was discharged the 26<sup>th</sup> day of Sep't 1865 at Lexington, Ky; by reason Gen'l Order No. 164 Dep't of Ky., and Close of the War.

Was taken sick and white enroute with the regiment from Cumberland, M'd. to the front was put off the boat at Fortress Monroe when he was confined in the hospital for about 3 week, a case of Measles having developed with him after which he rejoined the regiment, at Bermuda Hundred, Va. on the James River doing duty with the regiment until it's return to Columbus, O. to be mustered out.

At Cumberland Gap, Tenn. he was confined in the hospital for about 1 month after which he was with his company in the Gap and Vicinity until he was mustered out at Lexington.

He names as a few of his intimate associates in the service comrades Geo. W. Vermillion, [M??] Guyton, Geo. M. Overs, W.L Erson, Geo. W. Milligan, and Joseph Neer.

To his mind the most important military servicee experienced by him was the participation of his comp'y in reading, the State of Colonel Jessie's gang of Rebel Gurillas, a band of outlaws in the mountains of east Ky. terrorizing the inhabitants.

We certify that Comrade Miner Cartmell Joined W.A. Brand Post no. 98 Department of Ohio May 20<sup>th</sup>, 1886.

### **Comrade Joseph Chamberlin**

He first entered the service the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of October, 1861 at Urbana, ohio as a musician in Compy H, Capt Wm. McAdams; was mustered as member of the Regimental Band of the 66<sup>th</sup> Regiment Ohio Vol. Inf. Going into camp at Camp McArthur, Urbana, ohio. He was mustered

out of the service the 20<sup>th</sup> day of April, 1862 at Strausburg, Va. by reason of surgeons certificate of disability.

Rheumatism and Heart Disease. Comrade Chamberlin since a youth has been a cripple in one of his legs; one being much shorter than the other and the admission of him into the service indicated the urgent need of new by the government. He reached Winchester, Va. after the battle at that place just as the Rebel Gen. Jackson's Army was retreating the 23<sup>rd</sup> of March, 1862 and was there helping to bury the dead. He then with the others of his reg't joined Gen. Banks commander at Strausburg, Va. He was confined in field hospital at Back Creek, Va.

Was never taken prisoner and was never wounded.

After his discharge from the service in Apl, 1862, he returned home and enlisted in the State Guards. The 2<sup>nd</sup> day of May, 1864 the State Guard were called out to enter the United States service for 100 days. Comrade Chamberlin was again mustered with his company and assigned as Compy D. Capt Burnham 134<sup>th</sup> Regt Ohio Vol. Inf. But being unable to stand heavy military service was given leave of absence from his compy, returning home, remained there until his regiment was returned to Camp Chase to be mustered out, where he reported to his compy and was mustered out of the United States service again the 31<sup>st</sup> day of August, 1864. He names as some of his intimate associates in the first term of enlistment comrades N.P. Hewitt, David Burnham, Phillip A. Smith, and Capt Philo Burnham of the 134<sup>th</sup> Reg't in last enlistment he thinks the interesting and important event in his military career was getting home alive in the first term of service.

We certify that Comrade Joseph Chamberlin joined W.A. Brand Post No. 98 Department of Ohio as a charter member, July 8, 1881.

Comrade Frank Chance died at his late residence on Scioto Street Urbana, O. Interment at Oak Dale.

### **omrade James K. Cheetham**

Who was born the 5<sup>th</sup> day of March A.D. 1845 in West Liberty, County of Logan, State of Ohio and first entered the United States service at Urbana Ohio the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of May 1864 with the Company of Ohio State Guards, and was mustered as a corporal of Compy A, Capt. Weaver, 134<sup>th</sup> Regt Ohio Vol. Inf. Going into camp at camp Chase Columbus Ohio, going with his regiment to Washington D.C. from Cumberland, M'd. which point they reached about the 8 of May from Columbus, O. Leaving Cumberland, M'd. about the 6 of June. After reaching Washington D.C. the regiment was ordered to proceed to White House, Va. at which point they received orders to go to City Point, Va. on the James River without disembarking, remained on

duty in the vicinity of City point until the latter part of August 1864 by reason of expiration of term of enlistment and orders of the war Dept. The only battle in which he was ever engaged was and all day skirmish at Port Walthall, Va. on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of June in one member of his compy was killed (Busser) and one (mentally) wounded wounded (Buckles). Was never sick and confined in hospital. Was never wounded, or taken prisoner.

He names as some of his intimate associates in the service, Comrades Cah. Laupper, Joseph Stover, Kernan Clarke, A.B. Kenaga, Colin McDonald, Peter Murphy, Lee Taylor, Chas [Heise], F.G. Mitchell, & Duncan McDonald.

The important event in his military experience was the releasing of 3 years men from Garidon duty on the James and Pammuky Rivers, Va. in the decisive year of the war 1864.

We certify that Comrade James K. Cheetham Joined W.A. Brand Post No. 98 Department of Ohio Aug. 15, 1889.

### **Comrade William Clarey**

Who was born the 25 day of August A.D. 1842 in (blank) County of (blank) State of Ireland, and first entered the service of the United States as a private soldier the 11<sup>th</sup> day of August 1862 at Kersville, Ohio; going into camp at Camp Chase Columbus, Ohio; and was assigned to Company E. Cap't Cowgill 95<sup>th</sup> Regt Ohio Vol. Inf. The first engagement in which he participated was the Battle of Richmond, Ky. the 30<sup>th</sup> day of Aug. 1862, in which he was with the quarter part of his regiment was taken prisoner by the Rebel Gen. Kirby Smith Army. He was paroled the next day after capture with many of his comrades and sent to Parole Camp at Columbus Ohio remaining there until about the 30<sup>th</sup> day of Nov. 1862 when he was exchanged and sent south to rejoin the small portion of the regiment that made thin escape at Richmond, Ky then stationed near Nashville, Tenn. about 5<sup>th</sup> of January 1863. At Battle of Jackson, Miss. May 14, 1863; Seige of Vicksburg, Miss. May 18 to July 4<sup>th</sup>, 1863; Jackson, Miss. July 9<sup>th</sup>, 1863; Brandon, Miss. July 19, 1863; Hickahala, Creek, Miss. Frby 10, 1864; Brices Cross Roads July 10, 1864. (Sometimes called Guntown).

Was wounded by the explosion of shell at Brices Cross Roads, in the right foot when he was captured and held as prisoner, being confined in the famous Andersonville Prison, Ga. and taken from then to Milan, Ga. from where he was paroled the 17<sup>th</sup> day of Dec. 1864. Was exchanged at Savanna, Ga. Comrade Clarey was a passenger on the ill fated Steamer Sultana, which was blown up while near Memphis, Tenn. 27<sup>th</sup> day of April 1865. He was mustered out of the service at camp near Louisville, Ky Aug. 14, 1865. He names as some of comrades with whom he was intimately associated in the service, Amos Flowers, Chas. M. Clarke, Ezra O'Brien, Orland Castle, Wm. Middleton, William Shaul, Wm. Bowers, and James Coulter, and as most important event to his mind while in the service was his prison experience and the desire to escape.

We certify that Comrade Wm. Clarey joined W.A. Brand Post No. 98 Department of Ohio June 20, 1889.

### **Comrade Cha. M. Clarke**

Who was born the 24<sup>th</sup> day of August A.D. 1835 in Marlensburgh. County of Knox. State of Ohio.

First entered the service the 11<sup>th</sup> day of August, 1862 as a private in Compy E. Cap't Corrigan 95 Regimt. Ohio Vol. Inf. Going into camp at Camp Chase Columbus, Ohio; and was mustered out of the service at Louisville, Ky. by reason of expiration of term of enlistment; 3 years.

He was promoted to a corporalecy the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of Dec., 1863; and to a Seargcy. Dec. 28<sup>th</sup>, 1863 and to First Seargt. Nov. 1, 1864.

The first engagement in which he participated was the Battle of Richmond, Ky. the 30<sup>th</sup> day of August, 1862 in which he was captured by the Rebel General Kirby Smith's Army; and paroled next day; then being sent to Parole Camp at Columbus, Ohio from which place he visited his home occasionally until he was exchanged about the 30 day of Nov. 1862 after which the portion of the regiment that was not capture being near Nashville, Tenn. The captured potion rejoined them near Nashville about the 5 day of Jany., 1863. Was engaged in Battle at Jackson, Miss, May 14, 1863; at Siege of Vicksburg, Miss. May 18 to July 4, 1863; Assault of Vicksburgh, May 19 & 29, 1863; Big Black River, Miss. July 6, 1863; Jackson, Miss. July 9 to 16, 1863; Duty at Collinsville, Tenn. From Nov. 1863 to Feby. 21<sup>st</sup>, 1864; Repulse of attack on Collinville, Feby.. Feby 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1865; Battle of Nashville, Tenn, Dec. 15 & 16, 1864. Was at Battle of Hickahala Creek, Miss. Feby. 10, 1864; Was confined in Overton Hospital at Memphis during months of June, July and August, 1864.

He was never wounded. He names as some with whom he was intimately associated during the term of enlistment, comrades L. Brown, C.M. Guthridge, W.V. Middleton, James Coulter, and John Caymond; and as interesting events and experiences in his military career. He mentions the battle of Vicksburgh, Miss. And Nashville, Tenn. At Nashville his company consisted of nine men and commander by 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieut. W.A. Brand were delaited as skirmishes on advance line in front of the enemy's works in corn field .

The regiment was with drawn from rear leaving thin line unprotected some of the officers [eng????] of Col. Brumback if he had withdrawn skirmishes when he replied he had no order to order were given for the withdraw and they rejoined the regiment in time and just as they were drawn into line for Grand Assault.

We certify that Comrade Charles M. Clarke joined W.A. Brand Post No. 98, Department of Ohio, May 18, 1882. Held offices of Officer of Guard 2 terms and officer of Day 2 terms.

### **Comrade George W. Clarke**

Who was born the 10<sup>th</sup> day of May A.D. 1831 in Gotion. County of (blank). State of Connecticut and first entered the service the 4 day of August, 1862 as a private in Comp'y G. Cap't W.R. Warnock 95<sup>th</sup> Reg't Ohio Vol. Inf. Going into camp at Camp Chase, Columbus, O. He was promoted to the offices corporal and sargent and was transferred to Comp'y H of the 23 Reg't Vet. Res. Corps. Aug. 6<sup>th</sup>, 1963.

He left the Res. Corp. on detached duty Dec. 17, 1863 at Colliersville, Tenn and was finally discharged from the service the 1<sup>st</sup> day of July, 1865 at St.Louis, Mo. By reason of Gen. Order No. 116 War Dept. O.G.O June 17, 1865.

The first battle in which he was engaged at Richmond, Ky. Aug. 30, 1862. At the siege of Vicksburg, Miss. May 18 to July 4, '63 where Gen. Pemberton surrender to Gen'l U.S. Grant. Was wounded at both Richmond (Seminary Hospital).

Was captured at Richmond, 30<sup>th</sup> day of Aug., 1862 while in seminary hospital by Gen. Kirby Smith Army and was confined in the hospital until the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of Sept., 63 when he was paroled and started for home at Woodstock, O.

He names as some of his intimates associates during his army life as being Comrades Fred Housington, Stephen K. Smith, T.M. Reams, D.D. Wait, Geo. Riddle, and not the least W.R. Warnock. The important and impressive event during his military service was the Seige of Vicksburg, Miss May 18<sup>th</sup> to July 4, '63.

His duty while on detached service was to accompany recruits to their respective Reg'ts, "Was at Atlanta, Ga. 3 days before the surrender.

Was at Savanah, Ga. the thursday following Shermans arrival and taking up head quarters at the Union Depot. Went around by Beayfort, S.C. and turned over the last recruits of the trip.

We certify that Comrade Geo. W. Clarke, Joined W.A. Brand Post No. 98 , Department of Ohio October 13<sup>th</sup>, 1886.

### **Comrade Wm. Keenan Clarke**

Who was born the 23<sup>rd</sup>. day of December A.D. 1844 in Urbana County of Champaign State of Ohio and entered the the second day of May 1864 from the Ohio Nat Guards, as a private soldier in Compy A Capt Weaver 134 Reg't Ohio Vol. Inf. going into Camp at Camp Chase, Columbus Ohio. He was mustered out of the service the 31<sup>st</sup> day of Aug. 1864 by reason of expiration of term of enlistment from Camp Chase.

He stood the hard service with the regiment until it reached the James River at Bermuda Hundred when the Hot sun and hard work, and impure water was to much for his weakened constitution, Nature with all assistance possible in the army could throw of the malarly, and restore health.

He was sent to the hospital and never again rejoined his Reg't for duty. He was bro't back to Columbus O where the regiment was ordered home to be mustered out, his Father and Men met him at the station on their arrival there and took him directly home, and was never well afterward.

He was buried at Oak Dale Cemetry. Urbana O. with honors of the Post.

He died October 24 1890 at the home of his Father & Mother on Walnut St.

We certify that Wm. Keenan Clark Joined W.A.Brand Post No. 98 Department of Ohio 5 day of July, 1887.

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### **Resolutions of respect on death of Comrade W.K. Clarke**

Where-as, After long illness, death has relieved Comrade W.K. Clarke late of Compy A, 134 Reg't Ohio Vol. Inf. of great suffering. In manifestation of our appreciation of his services rendered to his country in time of her greatest peril let it be-

Resolved:- That W.A. Brand Post No. 98 Dept of Ohio G.A.R., drape its Charter and Alter, for a period of 30 days with the usual emblems of mourning.

Headquarters W.A. Brand Post no. 98 Dept of Ohio Urbana, O. July 1898

#### **Signed-**

J.H. Ewing

J.T. Woodward

T.V. Seville

Committer

### **Comrade George A. Collins**

Who was born the 29 day of September A.D. 1829 in (blank) , County of Champaign. State of Ohio and was first entered the sevice as a private of Compy E. Capt Cowgill, 95 Reg't Ohio Vol. Inf. the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of July, 1862 at Urbana, O. Going into camp at Camp Chase, Columbus, O.

The first battle in which he was engaged was at Richmond, Ky the 30<sup>th</sup> day of August 1862 at which time he was taken prisoner by Genl Kirby Smiths forces.

He made his escape from his captors in the darkness of the nigh of the same day he was captured. He was confined in hospital at Camp Chase Columbus, O. from Jany 17. To March 31<sup>st</sup>, 1863 at which time and place he was mustered out of the service by reason of Surgeons certificate of disability.

He names as intimate associates with him in the service comrades, Chas Clarke, Jas. [Rudesell], Peter Miller, and Chas. McColly.

The important event to him in his military history was the escape from a long seige of confinement in the Rebel Prisons of the south where he returned to his Reg't after being captured 30 Aug. '62 and the escape from the confinement in hospital alive.

We certify that Comrade Geo. A. Collins Joined W.A. Brand Post No. 98 Department of Ohio the 14 day of June, 1883, Held Offices of Senior Vice Comdr, Junior Vice Com. And officer of Guard and officer of day creditably to himself and the post.

### **Comrade David F. Comegyes**

Who was born the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of May A.D. 1837 in Salem Twp. County of Champaign State of Ohio and first entered the service as a private in Compy G, Ninety fifth Reg't Ohio Vol. Inf. At Urbana, O the 10<sup>th</sup> day of August, 1862. He was promoted to corporal 25 day of May, 1865 and was mustered out of the service as such the 14<sup>th</sup> day of August, 1865 at Louisville, Ky. by reason of expiration of term of enlistment and order of War Dep't.

The first engagement in which he participated was the Seige of Vicksburg, Miss. May 18<sup>th</sup> to July 4, 1863 when Gen. Pemberton of the Confedarate force capitulated to Gen. U.S. Grant; Followed by the seige of Spanish fort and capture of Mobile, Ala. March and Apl. 1865,

The battle of Gun Town or Brices Cross Roads, Miss. June 10, 1864, Tupello, Miss. July 13 & 14 & 15, 1864. Nashville, Tenn. Dec. 15 & 16, 1864

He was hit by a [spent] ball and knocked insensible at battle of Nashville, Tenn. 16, Dec. '64. He names as intimate associates, Comds. Jos. M. Maitland, Daul Coleman, Col. W.R. Warnock, Henry Toomire, Stephen K. Smith and Saml R. Moore.

The important event in his military career was his escape at the battle of Nashville, Tenn. Dec 15 & 16, '64 and the campaigs after the Rebel Gen. Price through Missouri and Arkansas.

We certify that Comrade D.F. Comegyes Joined W.A. Brand Post No. 98 Department of Ohio 20<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1886.

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Comrade David F. Commegys died at his late residence on the State road five miles north of Urbana, O interment at Kings Creek, O.

### **Comrade Nathaniel P. Cone**

**Who was born the 7<sup>th</sup> day of May A.D., 1829 in Rush Twp. County of Champaign, State of Ohio.**



He was a member of the Ohio State Guards at the time of the call by the governor of Ohio, on the State Militia, to enter the United States service for 100 days, and with the remainder of the Militia Compy responded to the call on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of May, 1864 and was mustered into the United States service at Camp Chase, Columbus, O. and was assigned as company D. Capt Burnham 134<sup>th</sup> Regt Ohio Vol. Inf. He was detailed as principal musician of the company, May 4, 1864.

He was mustered out with the company at Camp Chase the 31<sup>st</sup> day of August, '64 by reason of expiration of term of enlistment. He was with the regiment in the move from Columbus, O. to Cumberland, Md. The 7<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1864, where he remained drilling with the regiment until the 7<sup>th</sup> of June, 1864 when the regiment moved to Washington City, D.C. when it was ordered to proceed to White House, Va. Embarking on a boat the regiment proceeded down the Potomac to the Chesapeake Bay and up the York, and Pamunky Rivers to White House, when orders were received to proceed at once to Bermudah Hundred, when the regiment did without debarking, retracing the route down the Pamunky and York Rivers into the Bay and up the James River, landing at Bermudah Hundred when the regiment did duty disolving upon troops in the front and in the enemys country; Pontooning the river, building roads, throwing up breast works, digging rifle pits, and picket duty at all times and during the time remaining of June, July and August within the hearing and after within the reach of the enemy's musketry and cannonading. On 17 day of June 1864, the regiment was engaged with the enemy at Port Walthall, Va. Comrade N.P. Cone was never in hospital, never wounded or never taken prisoner. He names as some of his intimate associates in the service as being comrades Enoch McCarthy, W.J. Cushman, John Harlan, Lieut. Azro Smith, Wm. Hudson, & Byron Gager. The important events in his military experience was the active service on the James and Appamattox Rivers in erecting and guarding fortifications.

We certify that Comrade N.P. Cone Joined W.A. brand Post No. 98 Department of Ohio, February 18, 1886.

### **Comrade Michael Costigan**

Who was born the (blank) day of (blank) A.D. 1842 in (blank) County of (blank) State of Ireland.

He first entered the service as a private in Compy D, Capt Smith 2<sup>nd</sup> Regt, Ohio Vol. Inf. for term of 3 years and was mustered out of the service the 15 day of June 1862 by reason of Surgeons certificate of disability. Ater his return from the army and the recovery of his health sufficiently he was employed in the R.R. service and was always busy.

His great disposition gave him the esteem of all who knew him.

He died the 17 day of Sept. 1889 and was buried at Oak Dale Cemetry. Many of the comrades turned out to the funeral, which was in charge of the Ancient Order of Hebernias.

We certify that Comrade Michael Costigan Joined the W.A. Brand Post 98 Department of Ohio Feby 21<sup>st</sup>, 1884.

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### **Resolutions of respect on death of Comrade Michael Costigan**

In accordance with an All-Wise Providence our Comrade Michael Costigan, late of Compy D, 2<sup>nd</sup> Regt Ohio Vol. Inftry, has been called by death from among us, be it

Resolved:- By W.A> Brand Post No. 98 Dept of Ohio G.A.R. that its Charter and Alter, be draped in the usual emblems of mourning for 30 days, in honor of loyalty and patriotism; and for the faithful services he rendered his adopted country in her hour of greatest need.

Headquarters W.A. Brand Post no. 98 Dept of Ohio G.A.R. Urbana, O July 1897.

#### **Signed**

J.H. Ewing

J.T.Woodward

T.S. Seville

Committer

#### **Comrade John H. Craig**

Who was born the 5<sup>th</sup> day of April A.D. 1843 in Near Urbana. County of Champaign State of Ohio.

He first entered the service the 28<sup>th</sup> day March, 1864 as a private in Company E. Cap't Riken 113<sup>th</sup> Reg't Ohio Vol. Inf. And joined the Reg't at Camp Rossville, Ga. about 3<sup>rd</sup> day of July, 1864, and was mustered out of the service the 6<sup>th</sup> day of July, 1865, at Louisville, Ky. by reason of Gen'l Order War Dept. and close of War.

The first engagement in which he participated was at the battle of Buzzard Roost, Ga. May 8<sup>th</sup> 1864; second Rocky Face Ridge, Ga. May 9<sup>th</sup>, 1864. Third Resaca, Ga. May 13 to 16, 1864 and battle of Dallas, Ga. May 25 to June 4, 1864; Kenesaw, Mt. June 9 and Assault on Kenesaw Mt. June 27<sup>th</sup>, 1864; In the assault on the Mt. There regiment went into with men and in about 15 or 20 minutes they lost 153 men in killed and wounded, having changed their works of the enemy they had to fall back and they got a cross fire on them that was very destructive. Battle of peach Tree Creek, Ga. July 19 to 20, 1864; Jonesboro, Ga. Aug. 31 and Sept 1, 1864; Siege of Atlanta Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1864. After capture of Atlanta; his regiment was sent on expedition to Florida against the rebel Gen. Hood after few weeks in Florida they were returned to Atlanta . After the return to Atlanta, Gen. Sherman ordered the destruction of all factories and supplies that would in any way serve the enemy in case of their return. After the destruction of the city, General Sherman

evacuated it and commenced his march to the Sea; few days after starting Com'd Craig, with one other Com'd from his company and 1 commissioned officer from the Reg't, 2 members from each of the companies were on the forage detail during the enter campaign, until they reached Bentonville, N.C. He was [??] reality our of General Sherman Bummers. He say they lived on the fat of the land and he saw that his Miss. Was well supplied with a share of what they gathered in during the day. At the close of the siege of Savannah, Ga. Dec. 21<sup>st</sup>, 1864 the boys were all in good spirits; they went into the city on Chistmas day and Comd Harry Sheperd gave an entertainment equal at the best and the boys enjoyed themselves. He followed [acgt] from the battle of Bentonville to Washington D.C. participating in the Grand Review down Penna. Avenue, after which they remained in Washington about 4 weeks and went Louisville, Ky. to be mustered out. Took their guns to Columbus, O. turned them over and died thin pay and came home. He names comrades John G. Hanson, T.M. McAdams, Isaac Green, J.H. Johnson, J. Wilson, Maj. Swisher, Capt. [McRea].

We certify that Comrade John H. Craig Joined W.A. Brand Post No. 98 Department of Ohio, (blank)

### **Comrade Wm. Craig**

Who was born the 10<sup>th</sup> day of August A.D., 1835 in (blank) County of [Douegall] State of Ireland and emigrated to America, sailing from Londonderry Ireland the 10<sup>th</sup> day of August, 1860 landing in Philadelphia, Pa. About 10 day of June, '64 after remaining in Philada. For few days he came west to Clarke County, Ohio temporarily stopping at New Morefield, remaining there but five weeks, when he moved to his present home about 3 miles North E. of Urbana, where he has resided for past 35 years.

He first entered the service of his adopted country 2<sup>nd</sup> day of January, 1864 as a private in Compy K. Capt Shepherd 113 Reg't Ohio Vol. Inf. At Camp Rossvill, Ga. The first battle in which he participated was Rocky Face Ridge, Ga. 5 to 9 day of May 1864 and was followed by action service from that time on. The next engagement was at Resaca, Ga. 13 to 16 day of May, '64. The charge on Kenesaw Mt., June 27, '64 Peach Tree Creek, Ga. July 19 to 20, 1864. Jonesborough, Ga. Aug. 31, 1864. Seige of Savanah, Ga. 21<sup>st</sup> day of Dec. '64 and he marched into the city of Savanah, Ga. on Christmas day but was not invited to partake of Turkey dinner and [pl??er] pudding with his host.

The battle of [Avergeboro], N.C. the 16 day of March, 1865. The battle of Bentonville, N.C. 19 to 21 of March, 1865 was one of the finest contests of the war, as experienced by him. The hardest work more men killed in the shortest time, fought with a desperation manifest, in no other engagement in which he participated.

He followed on to Washington and was in the "Grand Parade" down Pennsylvania Avenue known to veterans as one of the most magnificent spectacles ever viewed by a conquering army. He was mustered out of service at Louisvill, Ky. 6<sup>th</sup> day of July, 1865 by reason of Close of war.

We certify that Comrade Wm. Craig Joined W.A. Brand Post No. 98 Department of Ohio June 16, 1887.

## Comrade James L. Crain

Who was born the (blank) day of (blank) Union Twp., County of Champaign, State of Ohio

He first entered the service as a member of the Ohio State Guard at Mutual, Champaign County, Ohio at the call of the Gov. of Ohio, he with the other members of the company enlisted in the United States service the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of May, 1864 and was assigned as Compy E, Capt Wm. B. Cheney 134 Regiment Ohio Vol. Inf. Was appointed to a seargency upon the organization of the compy. He served with the regiment at the front between the James and Appamatton River until he was taken sick with Typhoid fever after which he was confined in the hospital at Point of Rocks, Va. Until the date of his discharge from the service the 9<sup>th</sup> day of August, 1864, by reason of surgeons certificate of disability. He was never wounded; but was constantly under infantry firing and heavy [cannonading] during most of the time when on duty, throwing up earth works of variuos kinds, building forts, and rifle pits, pontooning the James River, and building roads.

He names as some of his intimate associates while in the service Comrades Saulor Samuel R. Humes, Henry Cheney, Albert Cheney, Nathan Adams, John Gould, Adam Gould, Miner Cartwell, Luther Erson, Smith Earson, John [Rammell], J.W. Evans. His active military service, until taken sick, was full of interesting events, in the line of duty. In holding the forts, pushing the picket lines forward. Laying pontoon bridges across the James River for Grants Army to pass over in July 1863 and planting [batteries].

We certify that Comrade James L. Crain joined W.A. Brand Post No. 98 Department of Ohio, Sept. 15, 1887.