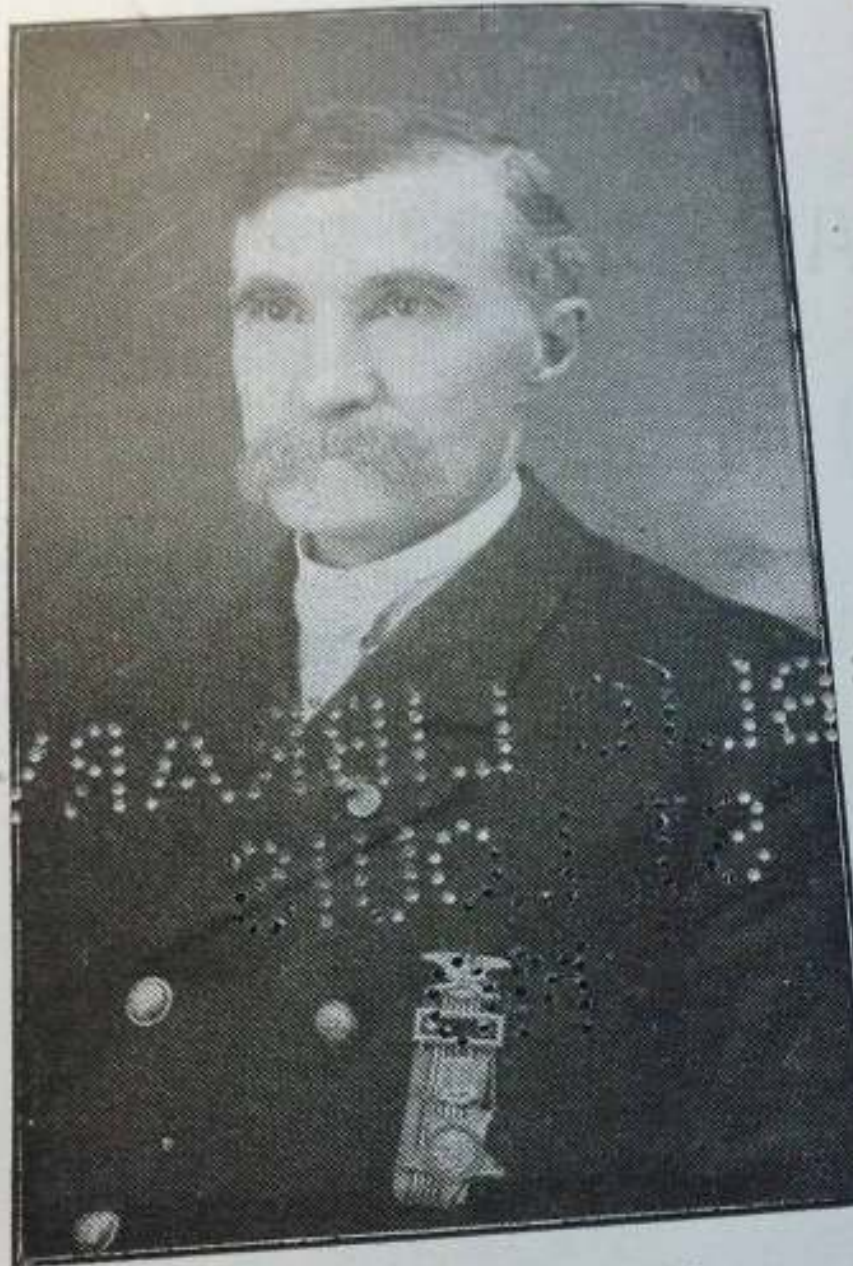


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WILBUR F. HENRY  
ASSISTANT ADJUTANT GENERAL  
AND  
ASSISTANT QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

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Capt. Wilbur Henry was born Oct. 6, 1838, in Twinsburg Township, Summit County, Ohio, and was educated in the common schools and at the Western Reserve Eclectic Institute, Hiram, Ohio (now Hiram College). He was an intimate friend and pupil of James A. Garfield, who was at that time a teacher and President of that institution. His early life was spent on the farm, in study and as a teacher in the public schools. He was at school in Hiram when the civil war came on. Being the son of a radical anti-slavery man, his sympathies were of course strongly on the side of the Union. For the school year of 1861-62 he filled an engagement as Principal of one of the public schools in Pekin, Ill., but when the call came for more men in the Summer of 1862 he enlisted in Co. B, 108th Ill. When the company was organized he was made First Sergeant, but prior to muster into the service of the United States, a vacancy occurring, he was chosen Second Lieutenant and mustered into the service with

his company Aug. 28, 1862, with that rank. He was a good disciplinarian, yet always kind and just, and at once became a favorite with the men of his company and from the first was its drillmaster. On Nov. 13, 1862, he was promoted to First Lieutenant, and on March 25, 1863, to Captain, which rank he held to the close of the war. His military record is one in which he takes a commendable pride. He took part and commanded his company in several battles, and was severely wounded at the disastrous engagement at Guntown.

While stationed at Memphis, Tenn., in 1864, Capt. Henry served with credit as a member and as Judge-Advocate on several important courts-martial, and from the beginning of the Mobile campaign in the Spring of 1864 until the close of his military service he was Acting Assistant Adjutant-General, Third Brigade, Third Division, Sixteenth Corps. Capt. Henry, with his company, reached Peoria, Ill., where it was disbanded, Aug. 13, 1865, just three years from the day he enlisted, though his discharge bears date at Vicksburg, Miss., Aug. 5, 1865.

Upon his return to civil life Capt. Henry entered the Ohio State and Union Law College, at Cleveland, O., from which he was graduated in 1866 with the degree of LL.B. He was admitted to the bar of the State and Federal courts and entered upon the practice of his chosen profession at Pekin, Ill. He soon took high rank with the bar of his locality, and although in a County with a political majority against him, he was honored by being elected, by a handsome majority, to the office of Prosecuting Attorney -- the only Republican who has in that County ever been elected to that office. He also, by appointment of the Circuit Court, held the office of Master in Chancery for three consecutive terms. In 1880 he removed to Missouri, and in 1889 to Kansas City, where he has since resided.

He was mustered into the Grand Army of the Republic as a member of Geo. R. Smith Post 53, at Sedalia, Mo., in 1883; joined Farragut Post, 3, at Kansas City, by



transfer, in 1889; Farragut and Thomas Posts consolidated as Farragut-Thomas Post, in 1897. He has always been a favorite among his comrades of the G.A.R., who have highly honored him. He is a Past Commander of Farragut post, 3, and has several times filled the offices of Adjutant and Officer of the Day of his Post. In 1892 he was appointed Department Inspector, and in 1898 was elected Senior Vice Department Commander, and at the Department Encampment at Springfield last May he was elected Department Commander. He has several times represented the Department in the National Encampment. Comrade Henry is a pleasing, forceful and ready speaker and is somewhat noted as a singer of patriotic songs, qualities which make him the life of a Reunion or a Campfire of Veterans.



WILBUR F. HENRY, DEPARTMENT COMMANDER.

**Addendum:**

**Born to Rubin and Lucretia (Baldwin) Henry. Death Certificate lists his occupation as Asst. Adj. of the GAR. Died Mo Baptist Hospital in St. Louis on Oct 12, 1930 and was buried in Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery.**