

Manley Wren

1896

Manly Wren was born in Harrison County Mo., April 19, 1875. He was educated in the High School at Bethany, to which place his father moved in 1881. As soon as he had graduated young Wren entered the store of his father as clerk and remained there until February 1898, when he accepted a situation with Rice, Stix & Co., of St. Louis. In May he severed his connection with this firm to enter the Volunteer service. Upon the reorganization of Company H, Fifth Missouri Volunteers, he was elected Captain, and was mustered in as such. From the time he was mustered into service until the regiment went into camp at Fairmount Park, he was continually with his company. While in Camp Sanger he had an attack of Typhoid Fever and was compelled to retire from active duty until recovered. Recovering his health he rejoined his company in time to be mustered out with it.

Captain Wren was a man with a military education. In April, 1890, he became a member of Co. D, Fourth Regiment N. G. M., known as Bethany Rifles. He was promoted through various grades to First Sergeant, which position was held until he went to St. Louis. While with this command he attended all State Encampments from 1892 to 1897. He is a member of Sons of Veterans, McClure Camp No. 22, at Bethany Was made Inspector of Missouri Division in 1893, Senior Vice Commander in 1894, Inspector again in 1895. In February 1896 he was made Division Commander, of Missouri, Arkansas, and Texas. Since becoming a member of Sons of Veterans, he has attended all Division and National Encampments of the order. At present he is a member of one of the National Committees.

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