

Wilbur F. Chamberlain 1884



Captain W.F. Chamberlain was born at Cuyahoga Falls, Summit County, Ohio, January 14, 1843, and died in East St. Louis, Illinois, May 13, 1919.

These dates mark the beginning and ending of the life of a noble patriotic and useful man.

When it became evident that the struggle for the preservation of the Union was to be a long and bloody one, he enlisted July 9, 1861, in the ranks of Company G, 29th Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and for four years shared the dangers, hardships and triumphs of that splendid regiment, and had the proud distinction of leading his company as its captain in the Grand Review down Pennsylvania Avenue in May, 1865. He received an honorable discharge July 27, 1865.

His record in civil life is no less honorable than his military record. On the organization of Post 43, G.A.R., at Hannibal, Mo., he became a charter member, and in 1885 he was elected Commander of the Department of Missouri. For one

term he served as Mayor of Hannibal, and was for nine years postmaster there. He took great interest in the cause of education, and for years was on the board of trustees, Lincoln Institute, Jefferson City. At the time of his death he was trust officer of the Hannibal Trust Company. His memory is respected and cherished by all who knew him.