

SOME OF THE MEN OF THE 103RD OHIO VOLUNTEER INFANTRY WHO SERVED DURING THE CIVIL WAR



John Stephen Casement [1829-1909] was born in Geneva, NY, his parents being natives of the Isle of Man. In 1844, the family moved to Ann Arbor, MI. His first work was as a common laborer for the Michigan Central Railroad. By 1853, he was a contractor laying track on the Cleveland, Columbus, and Cincinnati, Ohio line. In 1861, John joined the Union Army and was appointed Major of the 7th OVI. In late 1863, he was appointed to Colonel and commanded the 103rd OVI, during the Knoxville battles and the Atlanta Campaign [1864]. Casement's rank near the end of the war was Brevet Brigadier General.

After the war, John returned to work for the railroads. He directed the construction phase of the Transcontinental Railroad, from Fremont, Nebraska to Promontory Summit in Utah Territory, where he pounded in the golden spike, in 1869. His wife, Frances Jennings Casement, who spent most of her married life apart from her husband, founded the Painesville Equal Rights Association in 1883 and served as president from 1885 to 1888 of the Ohio Woman Suffrage Association. The couple is buried in Painesville's Evergreen Cemetery in Lake County, OH.

Levi Tucker Scofield (Schofield), [1842-1917] was born in Cleveland, OH, to William and Mary (Coon) Scofield, both natives of New York state. His grandfather Benjamin Schofield brought his young family to Cleveland, in 1816. As a young man, Levi followed the tradition of his father and grandfather and learned the building trade. In April 1861, he enlisted as a private in Battery D, 1st Ohio Artillery. In 1862, Levi was commissioned 2nd Lt. in Co. E, 103rd

OVI and finally attained the rank of Captain, before mustering out in 1865.

Following the war, Scofield left his mark locally and elsewhere as a skilled architect and designer. In Ohio, his work included the Cleveland Work House [1867], the Athens [1868] and the Columbus [1869] Insane Asylums, the Soldiers' and Sailors' Orphans' Home [1870] in Xenia, five Cleveland Public Schools [1869-1883], the post office building in Cleveland [1880], the Mansfield Reformatory [1884-1886], the Civil War Monument at the Ohio State Capitol, the Scofield Building at Euclid and E. Ninth [1902] and the Y.W.C.A in Cleveland [1905]. Outside of Ohio, he worked on the State Penitentiary [1870], in Raleigh, NC.

But Scofield's greatest contribution was our Cuyahoga County Ohio's Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument on Public Square [1886-1894]. He worked seven and a half years without compensation and contributed over \$57,000 to its \$280,000 cost, financed mostly by property taxes. Surrounding the exterior of the base are four groupings of bronze sculpture depicting various battle scenes. These groupings represent the four main armed services: Infantry, Cavalry, Artillery, and Navy. The color guard scene is a depiction of the 103rd OVI, at the Battle of Resaca. Levi was on the battlefield there and designed the scene from memory. Levi is buried in the Scofield Mausoleum at Lake View Cemetery, Cleveland, OH.

William W. Hutchinson [1832-1864] was born in NY State and served as a Private in Co. E, 1st OVI, from April to August 1861. On July 10, 1862, he joined the 103rd OVI, and served as captain of Co. B. He was wounded in action at the Battle of Resaca, GA on May 14, 1864, and died at Andersonville Prison.

John T. Philpot [1832-1864] enlisted on July 15, 1862, and reached the rank of captain of Co. D, 103rd OVI. He was killed in action at the Battle of Resaca, GA on May 14, 1864. He is buried in Woodland Cemetery, Cleveland, OH.

Andrew R. Clingman [1844-1864] enlisted on August 8, 1862 and served as a private in Co. E, 103rd OVI. He was killed in action at the Battle of Resaca, GA on May 14, 1864. His remains are at Chattanooga National Cemetery, Chattanooga, TN. As a member of Co. E Color Guard, he is depicted in Scofield's bronze Color Guard grouping in the Soldiers and Sailors Monument on Public Square, Cleveland, OH.

Martin Striebler [1834-1864] was born in France. He enlisted on July 11, 1862 and reached the rank of sergeant of Co. E, 103rd OVI. He was the flag bearer of the regimental color guard at the Battle of Resaca, GA and was killed in action on May 14, 1864. He is buried in Chattanooga National Cemetery, Chattanooga, TN. Martin is depicted by fellow veteran Levi Scofield in his Bronze Sculpture of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument on Public Square, Cleveland, OH.

The story is that when the flag bearer was hit by a shell and the flag began to fall, Martin stepped forward and lifted the flag again, only to be brought down by another shell. Scofield's sculpture is appropriately called "The Color Guard."

The special legacy began when creator Levi Scofield asked Martin's mother, if he could have a picture of Martin so he could use his image in the outdoor sculpture. In other words, the man lifting the flag bears the likeness of Martin Striebler.

A local historian, a member of the 103rd OVI campground in Lorain County, has verified that the event pictured in "The Color Guard" is in fact a recreation of that segment of the Battle of Resaca and that Levi Scofield was at the battle, witnessed the event and did use the image of Martin Striebler.

The flag, worn and partially stained with blood, at one time did hang in the State Capitol in Columbus. One other interesting point, which has nothing to do with Martin, is the statue on the top of the pillar was also designed by Levi Scofield and his wife posed for that statue.

James Bailey [1819-1899] enlisted on August 1, 1862 and was assigned to Co. H, 103rd OVI, as a Private. From November 1-15, 1864, he was at the U.S. General Hospital at Cleveland, OH and then transferred to the 47th Co., 2nd Battalion, Veteran Reserve Corps, until he mustered out July 1, 1865. Bailey is buried in Evergreen Cemetery, Westlake, OH.

James Pomeroy [1836-1909] enlisted on August 16, 1862 and served as a Pvt., Co. G, 103rd OVI, until June 24, 1864, when he was transferred to the U.S. Navy. He is buried in Woodland Cemetery, Cuyahoga County, OH. 24, 1863,

John Smallman [1832-1863] was born in Ireland and enlisted on August 13, 1862. He served as a Pvt., Co. K, 103rd OVI, until he was wounded on November 25, 1863, at the Battle of Armstrong's Hill, south of Knoxville, TN. John died in the hospital at Knoxville, on December and is buried at Knoxville National Cemetery.

Lyman Knowles [1840-1920] was born in Ohio and enlisted on August 12, 1862, at Lagrange, OH, and reached the rank of Sgt., Co. K, 103rd OVI, before mustering out on June 12, 1865. He is buried in Lagrange Twp. Cemetery, at Ohio Route 303 and West St. in Lagrange, Lorain County, OH. His wife, Jane (nee Holcomb) [1839-1920] is buried with him.

William Knowles [1842-1864] was born in PA and enlisted on August 7, 1862, at Elyria, OH. He served as Pvt., Co. H, 103rd OVI, was captured at Dandridge, TN on January 18, 1864, survived imprisonment at Andersonville Prison in GA, and died in the prison at Florence, SC on October 16, 1864. He was buried in a trench as one of the 2300 unknown Union soldiers who died in the prison, between September 1864 and February 1865. Burials within trenches are indicated by stone markers at the end of each row showing the number of individuals placed there. Names of those in trench burials were lost after the war.

Richmond S. Barnum [1833-1913] was born in Ontario County, NY and enlisted on August 11, 1862, at Medina, OH. He served as a Pvt., Co. K, 103rd OVI, until he mustered out on June 12, 1865. He is buried in Spring Grove Cemetery, at Ohio Route 18 and Spring Grove, Medina, OH. His wife Sarah C. (nee Handy 1837-1916) is buried with him.

Charles Hamman [1840-1911] was born in Ohio and enlisted on August 9, 1862, at Cleveland, OH and reached the rank of Sgt., Co. C, 103rd OVI, before mustering out on June 12, 1865. He is buried in Litchfield Cemetery on Ohio Route 18, east of Ohio Route 83, Litchfield, Medina County, OH. His wife Christina [1838-1927] is buried with him.

Charles Yetter [1842-1889] enlisted on August 22, 1862 in Co. K., 103rd OVI as a private and was discharged May 18, 1865. He is buried in Zion Lutheran Cemetery, 3233 Abbyville Rd., Valley City, Liverpool Township, Medina County, OH.

John H. Yetter [1840-1912] older brother of Charles, enlisted on August 21, 1862 in Co. K., 103rd OVI as a private and was discharged June 12, 1865. His wife Margaret (nee Bauer) [1848-1928] is buried with him at Emmanuel Church of Christ Cemetery, County Road Y, Pleasant Township, Henry County, OH.



John S. and Frances (Jennings) Casement

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Useful websites and texts:

103rd OVI

<http://www.103ovi.org>

Civil War Soldiers and Sailors System

<http://www.itd.nps.gov/cwss/>

Cleveland Soldiers and Sailors Monument

http://www.soldiersandsailors.com/monument_pics.htm.

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