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AUTOBIOGRAPHY  
OF  
GRANDPA FURDON

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DIED SEPT. 16, 1901

"AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF JOHN P. PURDON 4 YRS. OF THE CIVIL WAR"  
BERDEEN, OHIO

AUGUST 29, 1915

MY GRAND-SON RALPH D. PURDON:

I ENLISTED IN THE "THREE MONTHS VOLUNTEERS;" IN THE TWELVTH O.V.I., SAW NO SERVICE, ONLY CAMP DUTY, SERVED 4 MONTHS AS A PRIVATE. ENLISTED IN THREE YEARS, IN THE OLD BOB-BAIL FIFTY-NINTH O.V.I. UNDER COL. J.P. FYFFE. MADE OUR FIRST CAMPAIGN UNDER GEN. WILLIAM NELSON THROUGH EASTERN KY., MY FIRST BATTLE WAS AT TUY MTS. ON THE BIG SANDY RIVER, I WAS PROMOTED TO SERGEANT. WE WENT BACK DOWN THE RIVER TO LOUISVILLE KY., AND WERE SENT FROM THERE TO COLUMBIA, KY., WINTERED THERE IN MARCH, 1862. STARTED FOR BOWLING GREEN, KY., THE JOHNnies RETREATING FROM BEFORE US TO NASHVILLE, TENN., WHERE WE JOINED THE ARMY OF THE CUMBERLAND UNDER ROSECRANS. STARTED FROM THERE FOR MURFREESBORO, PARTICIPATED IN THE BATTLE OF STONE R. DEC. 31, 1862 & JAN. 1&2, 1863. I TOOK CHARGE OF MY COMPANY D. ON THE AFTER-NOON OF THE FIRST DAY'S FIGHT. I WAS ONLY SECOND SERGEANT AND COMMAND UNTIL JUNE 1, WHEN I WAS PROMOTED TO SECOND LIEUT. WHEN IN JUNE WE STARTED FOR CHATTANOOGA, TENN., WE TOOK McMENVILLE TENN., AND CAMPED THERE UNTIL SEPT. 1863. WHILE AT McMENVILLE I TOOK MY COMPANY OUT ON A FORAGING EXPEDITION, WHEN WE CAPTURED A BUSH WHACKING TENT AND TEN MEN UNDER A BIG BRUSH TREE FOR WHICH I WAS COMPLIMENTED BY "GEN. CRITTIGN," OUR CARE COMMANDER. WE PARTICIPATED IN THE GREAT BATTLE OF "CHICKAMAUGA" WHICH I CONSIDER THE GREATEST BATTLE EVER FOUGHT. WE FELL BACK TO CHATTANOOGA, WE WERE IN THE BATTLE OF "MISSIONARY RIDGE. AFTER THAT BATTLE WE WERE SENT TO KNOXVILLE, TENN., RAISE THE SEIGE OF KNOXVILLE. AFTER RUNNING LONGSTREET UP AND DOWN THE STRAW-BERRY PLAINS, WE WOULD RUN HIM TO THE FRENCH BROAD RIVER, WHEN HE WOULD RUN US BACK TO KNOXVILLE, WE DID THIS THREE OR FOUR TIMES IN APRIL. WE WENT BACK TO DALTON, TENN. AND PREPARED FOR THE "GREAT ATLANTIC CAMPAIGN;" WHICH FROM MAY 4, 1864 TO SEPT. WAS ONE CONTINUOUS SCHIMMAGE AND FIGHT FOR FOUR MONTHS. WHEN HOOD'S REBEL ARMY WAS GETTING BEHIND US, WE BEAT THEM TO NASHVILLE. OUR REGIMENTS WAS OUT OCT. 13, 1864. I WAS PROMOTED FIRST LIEUT. AND PLACED IN CHARGE OF COMPANY K, AND HAD ABOUT ONE MORE YEAR TO SERVE. WE WERE, THAT IS COMPANY, WERE SENT TO TALLAHOMA, TENN. TO GEN. MILRAY'S HEAD-QUARTERS AS HIS PERSONAL GUARDS. THE LAST 9 MONTHS WAS VERY EASY, I PLAYED STAFF-OFFICER PART OF THE TIME. I SERVED IN ALL OF MY 4 YRS, I WAS NEVER OFF DUTY ANY OF THIS TIME, NEVER WAS WOUNDED. THE CLOSEST BEING TO THAT I KNOW OF WAS AT ROCKY FOLD RIDGE WHEN SOME JOHNNY FIRED INTO MY HAVER-SACK

BRREAKING UP MY CRACKERS AND MAKING A BIG RACKET

SO THIS IS A OUT-LINE OF YOUR GRAND-FATHER IN THE WAR OF THE REBELLION, TO TELL YOU ALL I KNOW PERSONALLY, AND WHAT I SAW DONE, WOULD FILL A LARGE BOOK.

YOUR GRAND-PA,

JOHN PERROLL PURDON

LATE FIRST LIENTENANT, FIFTY-NINTH O.V.I.

9-7-1916  
 Squire John P. Purdon Dead.  
 Squire John P. Purdon, magistrate of Huntington township, former Mayor of Aberdeen, and well known Democratic politician, died at seven o'clock Saturday morning at his home in Aberdeen after an illness of several weeks of stomach trouble.  
 Mr. Purdon was in his 75th year. He served throughout the Civil War in the 59th O. V. I. He is survived by his wife and five sons. DIED 9-16-1916  
 The funeral was held Monday afternoon under the auspices of the fraternal orders of which he was a member. Burial in Charter Oak cemetery.  
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