



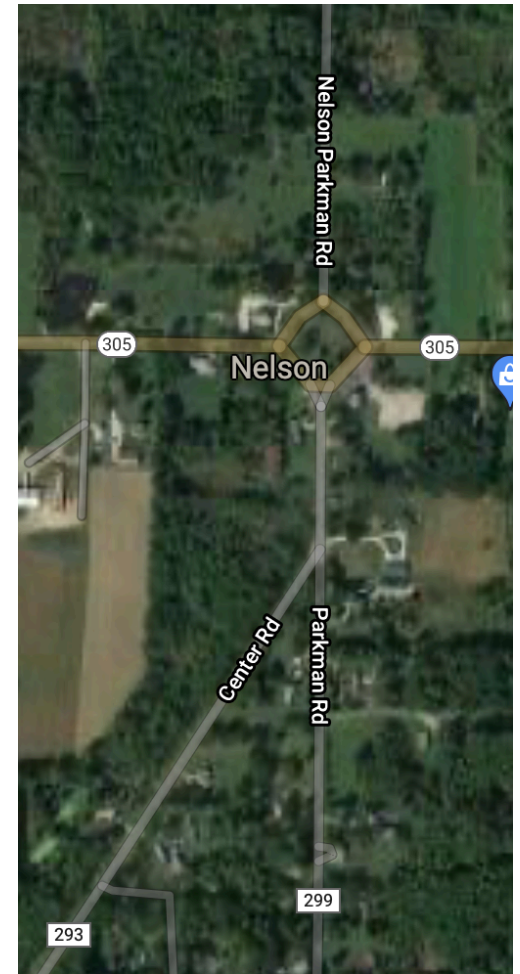
Nelson Monument

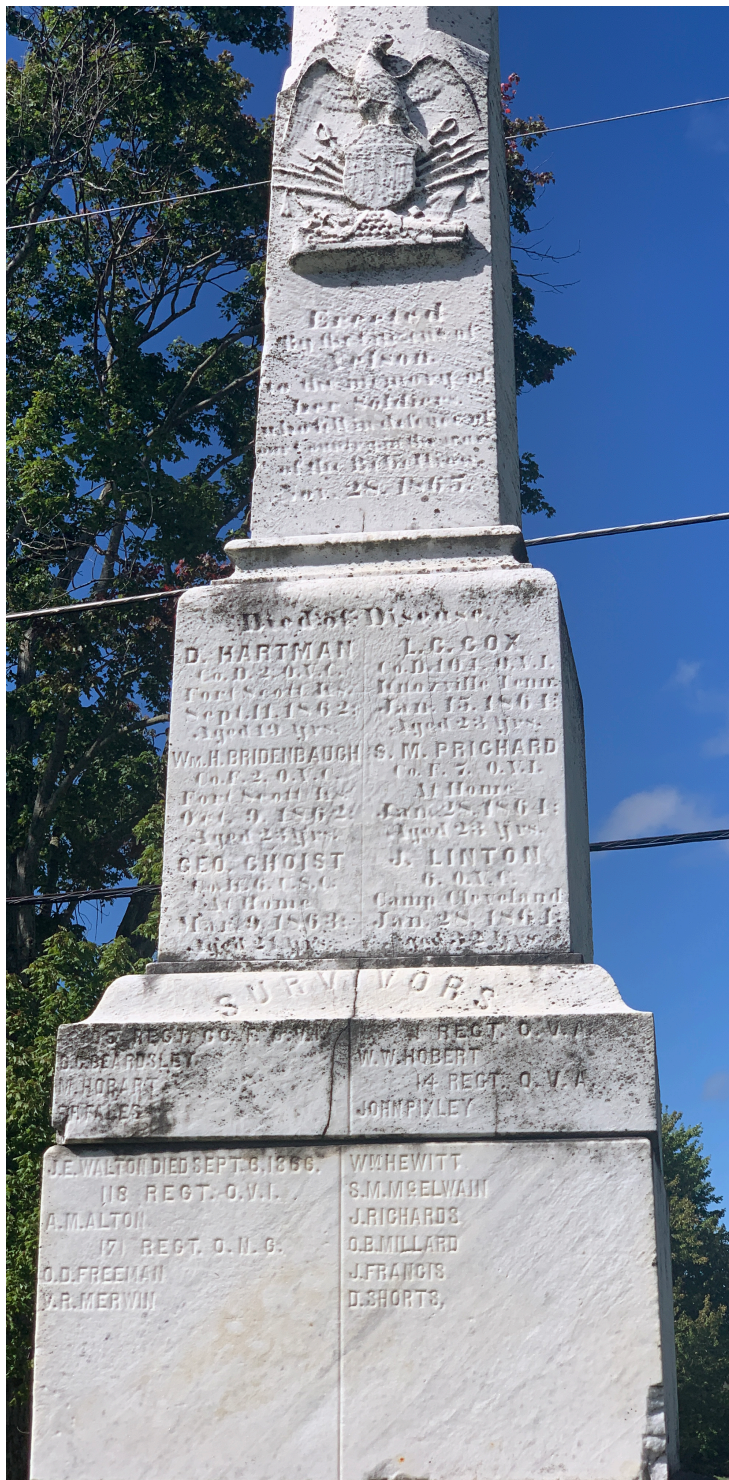
On Nelson Circle

Erected by the citizens of Nelson to the memory of her soldiers who fell in defense of our country--The War of the Rebellion, Nov. 28, 1865.

Sculptor: John O'Brien
Sponsor: Nelson citizens
Cost: \$1226
Size: Statue: 16' Base: 4'

Panels with units identified
Died of Disease (2)
Died of Wounds
Killed in Battle
Survivors (some with later death noted) (4)
Veterans of The World War





East

<p>Erected by the citizens of Nelson to the memory of her soldiers who fell in defense of our country in The War of the Rebellion, Nov. 28, 1865.</p>	
<p><i>Died of Disease</i></p>	
<p>D. HARTMAN Co. D. 2. O.V.C. Fort Scott KS. Sept. 11. 1862: <i>Aged 19 yrs.</i></p>	<p>L.C. COX Co. D. 104. O.V.I. Knoxville Tenn. Jan. 15. 1864: <i>Aged 23 yrs.</i></p>
<p>WM. H. BRIDENBAUGH Co. F. 2. O.V.C. Fort Scott KS. Oct. 9. 1862: <i>Aged 24 yrs.</i></p>	<p>S. M. PRICHARD Co.. F. 7. O.V.I. At Home Jan 28. 1864: <i>Aged 23 yrs.</i></p>
<p>GEO. GHOIST Co. K. 6. U.S.C. At Home Mar. 9. 1863: <i>Aged 21 yrs.</i></p>	<p>J. LINTON 6. O.V.C. Camp Cleveland Jan. 28. 1864: <i>Aged 32 yrs.</i></p>
<p>SURVIVORS</p>	
<p>105 REGT. CO. F. O.V.I. D.C. BEARDSLEY M. HOBART F.F. FALES</p>	<p>1 REGT. O.V.A. W.W. HOBERT 14 REGT. O.V.A. JOHN PIXLEY</p>
<p>J.E. WALTON DIED SEPT. 6. 1866. 118 REGT. O.V.I. A.M. ALTON 171 REGT. O.N.G. O.D. FREEMAN V.R. MERWIN</p>	<p>W.M. HEWITT S.M. McELWAIN J. RICHARDS O.B. MILLARD J.FRANCIS D. SHORTS</p>



North

<i>Died of Disease</i>	
<p>H. STRONG Co. I. 171. O.N.G. At Home Aug. 28. 1864. Aged 30 yrs.</p> <p>J. HARTMAN Co. E. 12. O.V.C. Camp Nelson Ky. Oct. 6. 1864: Aged 19 yrs.</p> <p>GEO. A. HOSKIN Co. D. 104. O.V.I. At Home Oct. 23. 1864 Aged 20 yrs.</p>	<p>J. DOWNNEY 6. O.V.C. At Home June 15. 1864 Aged 30 yrs.</p> <p>S. WARREN 2. W. C. Vicksburg Miss Sept. 10. 1864: Aged 24 yrs.</p> <p>H. SELBY Co. D 104 O.V.I. Chattanooga Tenn. Nov. 17. 1864: Aged 29 yrs.</p> <p>A A WHEELER 6. O.V.C. At Home May 15. 1865. Aged 30 yrs.</p>
SURVIVORS	
<p>7. REGT. CO. F. O.V.I. G.M. CALDWELL Geo. SMITH W.M. PERRY</p> <p>J.B. NORTHRUP W.S. REED CHAS. WHEELER A.W. MORLEY J. MCKINNEY 2 REGT. CO. C. O.V.C. LEVI CRAVER DIED JAN. 21. 1873 F. DARLING A.E. GOODSSELL CO. G. L.A. MERWIN JOHN MERWIN</p>	<p>6. REGT. CO. K. O.V.C. E. F. ADDIS C. H. ELLENWOOD DIED DEC. 24, 1881 O.F. HOSKIN</p> <p>A.B. CASE F.A. BALL D.T. MERWIN J.A. WILSON CO. F. W.H. WHEELER 10 REGT. CO. F. O.V.C. T.S. SEAMONS. DIED MAY 30. 1867 S.L. DARLING 23 REGT. CO. D. O.V.I. D. PETERMAN L. SQUIRES. DIED OCT. 8. 1867 W. SQUIRES DIED FEB. 2. 1876.</p>



South

<i>Died of Wounds</i>	
<p>LIEUT. E.B. BUELL Co. K. 2. O.V.C. Washington D.C. June 9. 1864: Aged 26 yrs.</p>	<p>ALBERT BENNETT Co. C. 2. O.V.C. Washington D.C. July 2. 1864: Aged 25 yrs.</p>
<p>JOSEPH BARD Co. K. 11 O.V.I. Shiloah May 8. 1862: Aged 42 yrs.</p>	<p>BENJ. FOWLER JR. Co. K. 6. U.S.C. Washington D.C. Jan. 15. 1862: Aged 17 yrs.</p>
<p>WM. W. RODGERS Co. G. 7 O.V.I. Port Republic, Va. June 30. 1862: Aged 23 yrs.</p>	<p>J.R. SEARLES Co. D. 23. O.V.I. Raleigh Va. Mar. 28. 1862: Aged 23 yrs.</p>
SURVIVORS	
<p>104 REGT. Co. D. O.V.I. *E.E. TRACY DIED JUNE 30. 1868 W. BANCROFT C. BALL</p>	<p>104 REGT. Co. D. O.V.I. W.L. PHILLIPS O.B. SEAMONS W.L. SPERRY</p>
<p>E.T. BEARDSLEY A.H. BUTTON C.C. CAMP DIED A.B. FOSTER R.B. FENN E.O. HARRINGTON L. HOLCOMB JOHN KELLEY W.H. LEWIS A.W. MILLS O.B. PAINE</p>	<p>W.T. SEVERANS F.M. WOLCOTT DIED APR. 28. 1869 G.M. WITHERS J. WALTON DIED MAR. 9. 1883 DAVID WHITE B.F. STOGUM F.R. MILLS J. MITCHELL H.J. GREEN LANE RICE A.A. JOHNSON</p>

* It appears that a rank preceded E.E. Tracy's name on the corner of the block that is broken off. Tracy served as a lieutenant of Company D and a lieutenant and captain of Company I



West

<p>NELSON STEPHENS Co. E. 60 O.V.I. <i>Killed in Battle</i> <i>At Petersburg Va</i> Aug. 9. 1864. Aged 24 years</p>	
<p>KILLED IN BATTLE</p>	
<p>CAPT. M.C. HORTON Co. D. 104 O.V.I. Dallas Ga. May 28. 1864: <i>Aged 26 yrs</i></p>	<p>G. R. RUSSELL Co. F. 7 O.V.I. Cedar Mountain Va. Aug. 9. 1862: <i>Aged 22 yrs.</i></p>
<p>LIEUT. O. ADAMS Co. D. 104 O.V.I. Atlanta Ga. July 20. 1864: <i>Aged 27 yrs</i></p>	<p>N. HARTMAN Co. H. 105 O.V.I. Perryville Ky. Oct. 8. 1862: <i>Aged 20 yrs.</i></p>
<p>ARTHUR ADAMS Co. F. 7 O.V.I. Cedar Mountain Va. Aug. 9. 1862: <i>Aged 21 Yrs</i></p>	<p>S. R. TULLER Co. G. 7 O.V.I. Chancellorsville Va May 2 1863: <i>Aged 21 yrs.</i></p>
<p>SURVIVORS</p>	
<p>41 REGT. CO. K. O.V.I. CAPT. E.B. ATWOOD B. DANIELS L. MANLEY</p>	<p>* 6 REGT. CO. F O.V.C. NATHANIEL GRINNELLS JOHN PLETSCHER 45 REGT. CO. K O.V.I.</p>
<p>T. BANCROFT DIED FEB.22.1868. CAPT C.W.GOODSELL CO. K. J.ASHALD E.L. WHELOCK S.SHORTS DIED A. ASHALD</p>	<p>W.W. BALDWIN A.C. BURWELL 68 REGT. U.S.C.I. CAPT. J.L. SHERMAN 71 REGT. CO. D O.V.I. EZRA FOWLER E.L.FOWLER DIED APR. 6. 1877 J. TURNER</p>
<p>VETERANS OF THE WORLD WAR (see Notes section below)</p>	

* Three lines in the center right are illegible. The Portage County Chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society had a different reading, (with only two lines) as follows...

23 Regt. Co. A. O.V.I.
 John Hewett Died _____ 22, 1888

A Brief History of the Monument

Shortly after the assassination of Abraham Lincoln, President Andrew Johnson issued a proclamation calling on the citizens of the United States to come together in their respective churches and observe a day of humiliation and mourning on May 25, 1865. After being informed the day had religious significance for many Christians, he subsequently called for the day of mourning to be held on Thursday, June 1, 1865. On that day, citizens of Nelson Township gathered in the Methodist Episcopal Church on the northwest corner of the town square to reflect on the martyred president and the war so recently ended.

At that meeting, the citizens of Nelson resolved to build a monument to the fallen soldiers who had gone forth from the township. Homer Mills, E. E. Taylor, Albert Mills, Cyrenus Crawford and W. R. Knowlton were selected to guide the project. A brief notice in the newspaper asked people who had lost loved ones in the war to supply information concerning those deaths. Before the month was out, C. C. Fuller had been added to the committee and \$1040 had been raised from the citizenry. The funds raised from the citizens of Nelson eventually reached \$1266.

By September, Messers Fox & Mills, owners of Ravenna Marble Works, had been engaged to produce the monument. An employee assigned to the work was a sculptor by the name of John O'Brien. O'Brien had formerly worked for a Cleveland marble company, where he, assisted by another employee, carved the Perry Monument in marble, following the design in plaster by William Walcutt.

The foundation for the monument was in place by late October, with completion of the monument and a dedication ceremony planned for November. Work on the monument was completed on November 24, 1865, and on November 27 the monument was set in place in the northeast corner of the square, facing west. When completed, the monument rose 16 feet from the bottom of its sandstone base, through its marble column to a 16 inch high eagle topping it off.

On Tuesday, November 28, 1865, the dedication ceremony was held before a crowd so large it overflowed the Methodist Episcopal Church where the majority of the ceremony was held. Beginning at the monument, the gathering listened to reports on the volunteers the community had sent to war and the activities of the monument committee. A procession led by a band then made its way across the square to the church for music from the band and a glee club, a prayer from the Reverend A. Barris and addresses from the Reverend J. Peate and Mr. W. O. Forrist of Warren and Mr. Alphonso Hart of Ravenna. The affair concluded with resolutions of thanks to those involved in the ceremonies.

The newspaper report describing the dedication mentioned that it was decided that the monument should be enclosed by a fence and the monument committee was provided funds to take care of that last duty. No further information on the fence is available at this time. By 1900, the monument had been moved to a more central location in the square. At some point in its life the name of an additional soldier killed in action was added to the back face of the upper part of the column and it appears that upper part was rotated to face east. In its existence the monument has been subjected to damage from traffic accidents and in 2022 the township trustees added a surrounding of foundation stones to protect it.

Sources:

Portage County Democrat: June 6, 1865, June 28, 1865, September 6, 1865, October 25, 1865, December 6, 1865

New York Herald: September 23, 1860, October 22, 1860

1900 Atlas of Portage County, Ohio. Cleveland: Stranahan & Company

Notes and Names:

The monument is oriented with the front facing east,

The names on the monument are listed below. In the transcriptions accompanying the monument photos above, care was taken to reflect the wording and punctuation as carved on the monument. Possible errors and other issues with the names on the monument and/or the records from the war are noted below, with sources cited. First and middle names where the monument contains only initials and last names are also noted. The names are listed in the order used on the monument, left column, then right column, names of the fallen, then the survivors. Three lines in the middle right on the west side are almost completely worn away. An educated guess is presented in the transcription in *gray* and further explanation is included in the list of names below.

The primary sources used in producing this document include the *Official Roster of the Soldiers of the State of Ohio in the War of the Rebellion, 1861-1865* and *An Index to the Rosters of Civil War Veterans 1864-1866 From Portage County, Ohio, By Township*. The Official Roster lists members of every Ohio volunteer unit, but is limited to basic service related information, with no reference to where the soldiers came from. It is organized by unit, with a name index available. The Township Rosters Index provides name and township information but no unit information. Each township produced a roster for each of the years 1864-6. The rosters were cumulative to the date they were produced, but only some of them had been located at the time the index was created. The index records the names as written in the original rosters, including various spellings of names and sometimes the same soldier being reported from more than one township on different, or even the same years.

Sources consulted in compiling this information include (alphabetized by a *short name* used in this document below):

- (*Census*) National Archives and Records Administration. 1860 (and other years) United States Census.
- (*CMSR*) United States Adjutant General's Office (Main Author), United States National Archives and Records Administration (Repository). Record Group 15, Microfilm Publication Number M-552 - Index to Compiled Service Records of Volunteer Union Soldiers Who Served in Organizations from the State of Ohio.
- (*Democrat*) Portage County Democrat newspaper sometimes referred to as the Republican Democrat).
- (*Draft Registration*) Provost Marshal General's Bureau (Main Author), United States National Archives and Records Administration (Repository). Consolidated Lists of Civil War Draft Registrations, 1863-1865. Record Group 110, 620 volumes. NAID: 4213514. Subset for Ohio, 19th Congressional District and other districts when appropriate.
- (*Headstones*) Office of the Quartermaster General (Main Author), United States National Archives and Records Administration (Repository). Card Records of Headstones Provided for Deceased Union Civil War Veterans, ca. 1879-ca. 1903; Record Group 92; Microfilm Publication M1845, 22 rolls).
- (*Honor Roll*) United States Army Quartermaster General's Office (Main Author). Roll of Honor: Names of Soldiers Who Died in Defense of the American Union. 27 Volumes. Washington: Government Printing Office, 1865-71.
- (*Illinois AG*) Adjutant General of the State of Illinois, revised by Brigadier General J. N. Reece. Report of the Adjutant General of the State of Illinois. Springfield: Phillips Bros., State Printers, 1901.
- (*Iowa Roster*) Thrift, William H., Iowa Adjutant General's Office. Roster and record of Iowa soldiers in the War of the Rebellion : together with historical sketches of volunteer organizations, 1861-1866; v. 02. Des Moines: Emory H. English, State Printer and E. D. Chassell, State Binder, 1908.

- (*National Homes*) Department of Veterans Affairs (Main Author), United States National Archives and Records Administration (Repository). Record Group 15, Publication Number M1749 - Historical Register of National Homes for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers, 1866-1938.
- (*Navy Hospitals*) Department of the Navy (Main Author), United States National Archives and Records Administration (Repository). Case Files for Patients at Naval Hospitals and Registers Thereto: Registers of Patients 1812–1929. Microfilm series A4097. Records of the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery, 1812–1975, Record Group 52.
- (*Ohio Graves*) Ohio Adjutant General's Department (Main Author), Ohio History Connection (Repository). Graves Registration Cards Collection.
- (*Ohio Roster*) Ohio Roster Commission. Official Roster of the Soldiers of the State of Ohio in the War of the Rebellion, 1861-1865, Vols. 1-12. Akron, Cincinnati and Norwalk: 1886-1895.
- (*Pension*) Department of Veterans Affairs (Main Author), United States National Archives and Records Administration (Repository). Record Group Number: 15, Civil War and Later Pension Files.
- (*Pinney*) Pinney, N. A. History of the 104th Regiment, O. V. I. Akron: Werner & Lohmann, 1886.
- (*Township Roster*) Johnson, William Cumming. An Index to the Roster of Civil War Veterans 1864-1866 From Portage County, Ohio, By Township. (No Publication Data, circa 1976).
- (*US Register*) United States Adjutant General's Office (Main Author), United States National Archives and Records Administration (Repository). Register of Enlistments in the U.S. Army, 1798-1914; Record Group 94; Microfilm Publication M233, 81 rolls; NAID: 1184717, 575272 and 1223563.
- (*Volunteer Deaths*) United States Adjutant General's Office (Main Author), United States National Archives and Records Administration (Repository). Registers of Deaths of Volunteers, compiled 1861–1865. Record Group 94; NAID: 656639.
- (*Wisconsin Roster*) Wisconsin Adjutant General's Office. Roster of Wisconsin Volunteers, War of the Rebellion, 1861-1865. Madison: Democrat Printing Co., 1886.
- (*Wilson*) Wilson, Lawrence. *Itinerary of the Seventh Ohio Volunteer Infantry*. New York: Neale, 1907.
- (*Wood*) Wood, Major George. *The Seventh Regiment: A Record*. James Miller: New York, 1865.

Access to these sources and others was through the author's personal collection or ancestry.com, fold3.com, familysearch.com, findagrave.com and archive.org.

The abbreviations OVI, OVC and OVA stand for Ohio Volunteer Infantry, Ohio Volunteer Cavalry and Ohio Volunteer Artillery, respectively. (The abbreviation OVA. is used on the monument for units usually designated as OVLA., for Ohio Volunteer Light Artillery.) Volunteer units were composed of citizens who enlisted for federal service (or state service in the early days of the war) specifically for the war as opposed to joining the regular army. USC. stands for United State Cavalry. These were men serving in the cavalry branch of the regular army. ONG. refers to Ohio National Guard. The ONG units were composed of militia troops who enlisted for 100 days in 1864, the idea being they would free up other troops for front line duty in an effort to end the war with one final push. They are often denoted as OV.I rather than ONG. The 171st ONG, represented on the monument, spent much of its service guarding Confederate prisoners at Johnson's Island Prison in Lake Erie, but they did see combat against John Hunt Morgan's raiders in Kentucky.

During the course of this project, the names of some forty additional men not listed on the monument have been identified by one or more period sources as having served from Nelson, and research on that is ongoing. A follow on to this project to create a roster of all who can be documented as having served from Nelson is under consideration.

Monument East Panel

D (Daniel) Hartman was enlisted in Company G (not D), 2nd OVC in *Ohio Roster*, Vol. 11, pg 87.

Wm (William) H. Bridenbaugh is listed with middle initial R (not H) in *Ohio Roster*, Vol. 11, pg. 81. *CMSR* gives his middle initial as H.

Geo (George) Ghoist is listed in *Draft Registration*, Vol. 4, as serving with 6th OVC, Company K rather than the regular army. A George W. Goist from Ohio and approximately the expected age is listed in *US Register* as serving with 6th U.S. Cavalry, Company K and having been discharged due to disability on June 27, 1862. Neither George Ghoist nor George Goist is listed in the *Ohio Roster*, lending support to his service being with the regular army.

L. (Luman) C. Cox.

S. (Samuel) M. Prichard is named Pritchard in the *Ohio Roster*, Vol. 2, pg. 223, *Democrat* (June 11, 1862, pg. 1) and in *Draft Registration*. His *Ohio Graves* card, grave stone and the 1860 *Census* give the name as spelled on the monument.

J. (Josiah) Linton enlisted at the start of the war in the 90 day 8th OVI as a private. He continued on with the three year 8th OVI but was discharged in February, 1863. He joined the 6th OVC late that year as a farrier, but died of typhoid fever in camp shortly thereafter. (*Ohio Roster*, Vol. 1, pg. 167; Vol. 2, pg. 252; Vol. 11, pg. 337; *Volunteer Deaths*).

D. (David) C. Beardsley.

M. (Marcene) Hobart is listed with the last name Hobert in *Ohio Soldiers*, Vol. 7, pg. 587. In *Township Rosters* his name appears as Mersena Hobart and Mersena Hobert. In *CMSR* the name Marcine Hobart is referenced to a filing under Marcene Hobert. *Pension* and *Ohio Graves* use Hobart, as does the 1860 *Nelson Census*. Hobart enlisted in the 105th OVI January, 1864. In September of that year he was transferred to the 23rd Regiment, Veteran Reserve Corps, which was made up of men with partial disabilities who could still perform light duty, thus freeing up other men for action at the front.

F. (Frank, Francis) F. Fales enlisted in the 105th OVI in August, 1862, At some point he was assigned to the Army of the Cumberland's Pioneer Brigade. He was transferred to 1st Veteran Volunteer Engineers in May, 1863. (*CMSR*, *Ohio Roster*, Vol. 7, pg. 586.)

J.E. Walton, listed as having died in 1866, is likely James E. (or I.) Walton who served with the 9th Independent Battery, OVLA. The 1860 *Nelson Census* shows James I. Walton, 16 years old. *Ohio Roster* does not show anyone named Walton in Company F, 105th OVI. It does show James E. Walton enlisting in the 9th Battery at age 20 in August, 1864 and surviving the war. His *CMSR* record also shows the middle initial E. The other James Waltons listed in *Ohio Roster* either were too old to be the person in the *Nelson Census* or died during the war. (*Township Roster* shows only one J. Walton. He served in the 104th OVI and is named on the south face of the monument.)

A.M. Alton is identified in *Township Roster* as Albert M. Alton. The 1860 *Census* lists an Albert Alton, 18 years old at the time of the census, working in Nelson as a farm laborer and having been born in Indiana. *Ohio Roster* does not list anyone by the name of Alton in the 118th OVI. However, according to *CMSR* and *Pension* records, an Albert M. Alton did serve in Company D the 118th Indiana Volunteer Infantry, and the 1890 *Census Veterans Schedule* shows Albert M. Alton serving in Company E, 55th Indiana (as does a *Pension* record) and Company D, 118th Indiana. Indiana records show Albert Alton serving in Company F, 118th Indiana. Those records and the 1850 *Census* from Indiana show Albert Alton as being three years younger than the person in the 1860 *Census*, but the records do not indicate two different Albert Altons matching the two ages in the same record set.

O. (Oscar) D. Freeman.

V. (Van) R. Merwin is given the middle initial B in *Ohio Roster*, Vol. 9, pg. 445 and in *Pension* records and *CMSR*. *Township Roster* and *Draft Registration* have it as R. *Ohio Graves* shows his middle name as Buren.

W. W. Hobert is named Wallace William in some records and William Wallace in others. He served in Company I, 1st OVLA and the Veteran Reserve Corp (*Ohio Roster*, Vol. 10, pg. 419, *CMSR*). He had the given name Wallace according to the 1860 *Nelson Census*, *Draft Registration*, *Township Roster*, *CMSR* and *Ohio Roster*. *Pension* records and *Ohio Graves* give his first name as William. The last name is probably spelled Hobart - the 1860 *Census* shows him in the same household as Marcene Hobart (above) and his obituary in the *Piqua Daily Call* of March 17, 1890, *CMSR* for VRC service, *Pension* records and *Ohio Graves* spell his last name that way. Along with the monument, *Draft Registration*, *CMSR* for 1st OVLA service and *Ohio Roster* spell his last name as Hobert.

John Pixley

Wm (William) Hewitt.

S.M. McElwain likely is Sylvester McElwain. *Township Roster* identifies a soldier by that name from Nelson. However, the 1860 *Census* for Nelson Township gives the middle initial as J. *Ohio Roster* does not list a member of the 14th OVLA by that (or similar) name. The index for *Ohio Roster* does not list any soldier with the last name McElwain or McEvain with a first name beginning with S. *Draft Registration* lists him as having been a member of the 9th OVLA but the *Ohio Roster* for the 9th OVLA does not list anyone by that (or similar) name either. *CMSR* lists James S. McElwain as a member of Battery I, 1st OVLA. *Ohio Roster*, Vol 10, pg. 420 for that unit lists James S. McElvain having the correct age for this person, so Sylvester McElwain may also have been recorded as James S. McElwain (or McElvain), and likely served with Battery I, 1st OVLA. To add to the confusion, the *Democrat* at different times associates various versions of his name with various companies, most of whose *Ohio Roster* entries do not include the name. The *Democrat* entries include: J. S. M'Elwain, Franklin Rifles (which became Company F, 7th OVI (April 24, 1861); J. S. McElwain, Company G, 7th OVI (October 23, 1861); Sylvester McElwain (ret'd deaf), Company F, 7th OVI (October 30, 1861); James S. McElwain, Company I, 9th OVLA (June 11, 1862, pg. 1) and J. S. McElwain, Battery I, 1st OVLA (September 9, 1863, pg. 1).

J. Richards is likely Jasper Richards. *Township Roster* lists a Jasper Richards in one year's recording and a Joseph Richards in another year's recording. The 1860 *Census* for Nelson Township lists a Jasper W. Richards but no Joseph Richards. *Ohio Roster*, Vol. 10, pg. 561 lists a Jasper M Richards serving with the 14th OVLA with an age matching the age for Jasper in the census. It also lists Joseph Richards, who did not survive the war. There

was a Jasper W. Richards in the 42nd OVI who also did not survive the war. (*Ohio Roster*, Vol. 4, pg.218). J. Richards is listed on the monument as a survivor.

O.B. Millard is likely Orrin (or Orson) R. Millard, of either Windham or Nelson. The 1850 *Census* shows Orin R. Millard in Windham. Neither the 1860 *Census* for Windham nor the one for Nelson shows a Millard. *Township Roster* lists Orrin R. Millard for Windham, and Orsen Millard and Orson Millard for Nelson. *Draft Registration* shows Orson Millard of Nelson in 1863 having served with the 14th OVLA. *Ohio Roster*, Vol. 10, pg. 560 and *Pension* records show Orrin R. Millard with the 14th OVLA. The *Ohio Roster Index* only shows one Orrin Millard and no Orson Millard in service with any Ohio unit. Orrin R. Millard is buried in Montana with a military grave marker noting his service with the 14th Ohio Infantry (sic).

J. (John W.) Francis.

D. Shorts is likely David Shorts, Company F, 122nd OVI.

Monument North Panel

H. Strong is likely Horatio N. Strong. He is listed on the 1860 *Census* for Nelson Township, but listed in *Township Roster* for both Hiram and Windham, but not Nelson. *Ohio Roster*, Vol. 9, pg. 445 gives his date of death as August 18, 1864, rather than the 28th as given on the monument. His widow's pension request file supports the 18th as his date of death.

J. (John) Hartman.

Geo. (George) A. Hoskin was listed as Hoskins in *Ohio Roster*, Vol. 7, pg. 553 and in *Draft Registration*. *Township Roster* contains records for the last name Haskins and Hoskin for Nelson Township. He is not listed in the 1860 *Census* for Nelson Township, but the name does appear in the Southington, Trumbull County census with the name Hoskins. His name on his grave stone matches the monument. *CMSR* has entries for both spellings of his name and records him serving in both Company D and Company K. The *Ohio Roster* gives his date of death as October 12. His *Ohio Graves* card lists his date of death as October 23.

J. Downey, 6th OVC may be John Downey, Company C, 8th OVC. The closest name in *Township Roster* is John Downy, from Nelson. The 1860 *Census* for Nelson does not list a John Downey (or Downy), but the census for the Hiram part of Garrettsville does have a 26 year old John Downey. The index to the *Ohio Roster* does not list a John Downy. It lists several John Downeys, with the only one who served in a cavalry unit being in Company C, 8th OVC. He was also the only one whose service record was consistent with the date of death on the monument. According to *Ohio Roster*, Vol. 11, pg. 416, the John Downey in the 8th OVC was discharged at Camp Dennison, Ohio, due to a surgeon's certificate of disability nine days before the date of death at home given on the monument. *CMSR* has two records for a John Downey in the cavalry, both for Company C, one being in the 8th OVC and the other being in the 10th OVC. No other record was found referencing a John Downey in the 10th OVC. The *Ohio Roster* entry does have a discrepancy with other records - it gives his age at enlistment as 18, whereas the 1860 *Census* backs up the age on the monument of approximately 30. (He enlisted four months before he died.)

S. Warren is likely Shelley (or Shelly) Warren, Company L, 2nd Wisconsin Cavalry. *Township Roster* does not list anyone from Portage County named Warren. The 1860 Nelson Township *Census* lists a Shelley Warren with an age that fits with the age at death on the monument. *CMSR* and *Volunteer Deaths* list Shelly Warren in Company L, 2nd Wisconsin Cavalry, with the latter giving a date of death September 13, 1864. *Wisconsin Roster*, Vol. 1, pg. 85, gives the first name as Shelby, with date and cause of death matching the monument.

H. (Hiram B.) Selby. The 1860 *Census* does not have a record for him in Nelson but does have him in Windham with the last name "Selsby". *Township Roster* has records for Selby from Nelson and Windham. *Draft Registration* records from 1863 show him in both Windham and Nelson, with different ages but both serving with Company D, 104th OVI. The *Ohio Roster Index* pg. 2604 and *Ohio Roster* Vol. 7, pg. 554, only show one Hiram Selby serving with that or any other unit. His grave stone is in Windham but he is not included on Windham's monument to Civil War veterans. He was originally buried at Chattanooga National Cemetery, which was noted in *CMSR*, but his obituary in *Democrat* (December 7, 1864, pg. 3) indicated friends were bringing his body back home.

A. A. Wheeler is likely Almon (or Allen) B. Wheeler and possibly served with Company F, 6th OVC. and Company F, 7th OVI. *Township Roster* lists A. B. Wheeler from Nelson. The 1860 *Census* has Almon Wheeler of the correct age in Garrettsville Village, Nelson Township and no other Wheelers with a similar first name. The monument records Wheeler as serving with the 6th OVC and dying on May 15, 1865. *Ohio Roster*, Vol 11, pg. 337 lists Allen B. Wheeler as having enlisted in that unit on November 28, 1863 and died on May 22, 1865. Vol.2, pg. 223 of that reference lists an Allen B. Wheeler who enlisted on June 20, 1861 with Company F, 7th OVI but it does not indicate when or how he left the unit. Also, the enlistment age for the two entries does not quite correspond (the age in the 6th OVC entry seems to correspond to the age given on the monument). However, *Headstones* and *Ohio Graves* records exist for Allen B. Wheeler of the 7th OVI, with a date of death matching the monument, buried in Garrettsville. Neither of those records were found for that name with service in the 6th OVC. There are pension records listing Almon Wheeler with Company F, 6th OVC and with the widow's name matching the name of his wife in other records. He may have left the 7th OVI at some point and then joined the 6th OVC. An additional note - *Draft Registration* lists an Almond B Wheeler from Nelson, two years older than Allen would have been, with no notation of service in the 7th OVI, but there is no other indication found that this was a different person. *Democrat* (July 10, 1861) gives the name as Almon and his service being with either the 7th OVI or 2nd OVI (it lists several men serving in one of those two units but does not indicate which regiment each served in). The same publication (June 11, 1862, pg. 1) gives the name as Almond Whiller and the unit as Company G, 7th OVI.

G M. Caldwell is George M. Cadwell. *Township Roster* does not list a Caldwell from Nelson Township. It does list George M. Cadwell. *Ohio Roster*, Vol. 2, pg. 222 also lists no Caldwell in Company F, 7th OVI but does list a George Cadwell. *Draft Registration* lists George Cadwell, from Nelson, having served in that unit. *Pension* records likewise show George M. Cadwell having served in Company F, 7th OVI. One unit history (*The Seventh Regiment: A Record*, pg. 132) lists George M. Caldwell as having been wounded at Cedar Mountain. Another (*Itinerary of the Seventh Ohio Volunteer Infantry*, pg. 585) lists him as George M. Cadwell. *Democrat* (March 19, 1862) lists the name as George M Cadwell.

GEO. (George J.) Smith served a three year enlistment with Company F, 7th OVI. When that term was up, he re-enlisted and was transferred to Company G, 5th OVI. (*Ohio Roster*, Vol. 2, pg. 223, Vol. 2, pg. 158.)

W. (William) M. Perry. The name was spelled Perrie in *Draft Registration* but other records, including the 1860 *Census* and *Township Roster* spelled it as on the monument.

J. B. Northrup is likely James B. Northrop. *Township Roster* lists James B. Northrap in one year and James B. Northrop in another year for Nelson Township. *Ohio Roster*, Vol. 2, pg. 223 lists James B. Northrop with Company F, 7th OVI.

W. (William) S. Reed likely served in Company H, 7th OVI. *Township Roster* lists W. S. Read in one year and W. S. Reed in another. *Ohio Roster*, Vol. 2, pg. 229, does not list either name with Company F of the 7th OVI but lists William S. Reed with Company H. *Draft Registration* shows that William S. Reed as residing in Cuyahoga County in 1863, having served 10 months with the 7th OVI, the same duration of service given in the *Ohio Roster*.

CHAs. (Charles) Wheeler likely is Charles O. Wheeler, Company G, 7th OVI. The age (21) in the *Ohio Roster*, Vol. 2, pg. 227 is older than what the year born of 1844 in the 1860 *Census* record, *Ohio Graves* and *Cuyahoga County Record of Deaths* would predict, but the *Ohio Graves* and *Ohio Roster* entries match on the unit he served with.

A. (Alfred) W. Morley served with the three month Company F, 7th OVI when the war broke out. When the term of enlistment was increased to three years, he re-enlisted with the three year Company F, 7th OVI. He was later transferred to the Veteran Reserve Corps. The *CMSR* for his three year 7th OVI service gives his name as Albert, but *Pension* records used Alfred, as did *Draft Registration*, his grave stone and other records.

J. (Jacob) McKinney served in Company G, 7th OVI, according to the *Ohio Roster*, Vol. 2, pg. 226. His age at enlistment of 29 in that record seems to be much younger than indicated by the 1860 *Census* records and his grave stone, which give his birth date as in 1822.

Levi Craver was not listed on the 1860 *Census* for Nelson Township. His brother, Benjamin, was listed on the census for Nelson Township but is not on the monument. *Township Roster* lists Levi as serving from Nelson and does not list Benjamin. *Ohio Roster*, Vol. 11, p. 67 lists both men as belonging to 2nd OVC, Company C, having enlisted on August 22, 1861 and been discharged for disability on February 20, 1863. *Draft Registration* dated June 1863 show both men residing in Trumbull County at that time, but another record dated in March, 1863 shows Levi as residing in Nelson. Both are buried in Trumbull County. The family was from Trumbull County, though apparently Levi was in Nelson when he enlisted.

F. (Freeman E.) Darling.

A. (Albert) E. Goodsell.

L. (Leeland or Leland) A. Merwin.

John Merwin

E. (Edward) F. (or S) Addis served with the 6th U.S Cavalry rather than the 6th OVC. (*U.S. Register, Kansas Grand Army of the Republic Bound Post Records* for Lincoln Post No. 1, *National Homes*)

C.H. Ellenwood is likely Harrison Ellenwood, who served in Company F, 6th OVC (*Ohio Roster*, Vol. 11, pg. 337). (Note, the monument identified the men in the 6th OVC as belonging to Company K, whereas they actually belonged to Company F.) There are no Ellenwoods in the 1860 Nelson Township *Census*, Harrison Ellenwood is in the Hiram *Census*, with his family, including brother Washington, who served in the 42nd OVI. *Township*

Roster has entries from Nelson for both men, and entries from Hiram for the same first names with the last name Ellingwood, which does not appear on either township census.

O. (Oscar) F. Hoskin served with two units. He first served with the 14th Independent Battery, OVLA, enlisting at age 33 (*Ohio Roster*, Vol 10, pg. 557). He was discharged due to disability on July 24, 1862, Subsequently, on December 12, 1862, he enlisted in the 6th OVC, Company F (*Ohio Roster*, Vol. 11, pg. 337). His record is subject to some name confusion. *Township Roster* contains records for last name Haskins and Hoskin for Nelson Township. The 1860 Nelson Township *Census* does not have either name, though based on census records through the years he seems to have moved around the county during his life. *Ohio Roster* for the 14th OVLA gives his last name as Hoskins and for the 6th OVC it gives it as Haskins. The *Democrat* gives it as Hoskin on August 14, 1861, Haskins on September 4, 1861 and August 6, 1862 and Haskins on June 11, 1862. *CMSR* for the 14th OVLA show the last name Hoskin, cross referencing with the last name Hoskins. His *Pension* record lists the last name as Hoskin and includes his service in both units.

A. (Amos) B. Case served as a navy landsman onboard the gunboat Santiago de Cuba (*Democrat*, April 29, 1863, pg. 3) in addition to serving in Company F, 6th OVC.

F. A. (Fayette E.) Ball (middle initial is incorrect on the monument) served as a navy landsman onboard the gunboat Santiago de Cuba (*Navy Hospitals*) in addition to serving in Company F, 6th OVC. *Ohio Roster*, Vol. 11, pg. 337, *Pension* records and his gravestone, among other records, all show his middle initial as E. The *Democrat* gave the first name as Lafayette on November 6, 1861 (pg. 3) and Fayette on June 11, 1862 (pg.1).

D. T. Merwin is likely Todd S. Merwin. The 1860 Nelson Township *Census* does not show a military age Merwin having a name beginning with D, but it does show Todd with an age matching the *Ohio Roster*, Vol 11, pg. 338. *Pension* records for Todd (or Tod) S. Merwin show Todd Merwin as having served in the 6th OVC, as indicated on the monument.

J. A. Wilson's identity is not known. *Ohio Roster* does not list a man named Wilson with either Company F or Company K, 6th OVC. A number of soldiers from Ohio have those initials and the last name Wilson but no records were found indicating they had an association with Nelson Township, any units that had a significant presence of soldiers from Portage County or that they belonged to a Company F in any regiment. *Township Roster* includes one name that fits - John A. Wilson, but he was recorded in that document and *Draft Registration* as being from Hiram. Records also show he served with the Ninth Independent Battery of Artillery and *Ohio Roster*, Vol. 10, page 516 records that he was killed by bushwhackers, whereas the soldier on the monument survived. *Township Rosters* only lists one soldier with the last name Wilson as being from Nelson, A. F. Wilson, and that name does not appear on the monument or in any other records with an association to Nelson so far discovered.

W. H. (William Henry Harrison) was listed in the Garrettsville part of the Nelson Township 1860 *Census* as Harrison Wheeler. Wheeler served as a sergeant in Company D, 23rd OVI and as a private in Company F, 6th OVC. For his service in the 23rd OVI, *Ohio Roster*, Vol 3, pg. 97 lists him as Harry Wheeler, serving from May 20 to September 20, 1861, at which point he was discharged due to disability. For his service in the 6th OVC, *Ohio Roster*, Vol. 11, pg. 339 lists him as William H. H. Wheeler, serving from November 20, 1863 until he was discharged with the unit on June 27, 1865. In *Pension* records and *CMSR* he is listed as William H. H. Wheeler. The 1890 *Census* veterans schedule for Mantua has entries documenting his service in the 23rd OVI and 6th OVC. Note: There is also a William H. H. Wheeler listed with Company F, 13th OVI in *Ohio Roster*, but he is noted as having transferred to Company A, and that entry lists him as William H. Wheeler. The dates in those entries conflict with this man's service with

Company F, 6th OVC, so the listing in the *Ohio Roster* for the man serving with the 13th OVI seems to be for someone else. To add to the confusion, according to *Ohio Roster* a William Wheeler served in Company K, 6th OVC from December, 1861 until he was discharged due to disability in May, 1862 and William J. Wheeler served in Company F, 6th OVC with William H. H. Wheeler for almost the exact same service dates. William J. was eight years younger than William H. H.

T. (Truman) S. Seamons (variously spelled Seamons, Seamans, Seamon and Seaman in the records) served in Company D, 23rd OVI, (*Ohio Roster*, Vol. 3, pg. 97) with his name spelled Seaman and in Company H (not F) of the 10th OVC (*Ohio Roster*, Vol. 11, pg. 529) with his name spelled Seamans. His service with the 23rd OVI was noted in the *Democrat* (July 10, 1861, pg. 2) with the spelling Seamans. He joined the 23rd OVI on May 20, 1861 at age 40, was discharged for disability on June 5, 1862, then joined the 10th OVC on October 7, 1862 at age 42. *CMSR* for the 23rd OVI gives the name as Truman Seamon with a note that it was originally filed under Truman S Seamans, while the record for the 10th OVC gives the name as Truman S Seamons with a note that it was originally filed under Truman S Seamans. *Township Roster* does not list a Seaman or Seamans but does list T. S. Seamons from Nelson. Probate court records in Portage County show a will for Truman S. Seamans (incorrectly indexed at ancestry.com as Seamons) being filed in June, 1867. *Draft Registration* does not list Truman but does list Frank S. Seamons, 42 years old in 1863, as having served in Company G., 10th OVC. There are *Ohio Roster* entries for a Frank Seaman in the 5th OVI and 1st Independent Battery OVLA but the age at enlistment is only 25.

S. (Solon) L. Darling served in Company F, 6th OVC (not 10th). (*Ohio Roster*, Vol. 11, pg. 337, also *CMSR*, *Ohio Graves* and *Pension* records)

D. (David) Peterman was recorded in both Nelson and Hiram in *Township Roster* and *Draft Registration*. In the 1860 *Census* he was recorded in the Garrettsville part of Nelson Township. (A much older David Peterman was also recorded in Nelson.) *Ohio Roster*, Vol. 3, pg. 96 gives the age for the man in the 23rd OVI as matching the younger man, as does *Draft Registration*.

L. (Lawrence) Squires (actually spelled Squire according to the 1860 *Census*, *Ohio Roster*, Vol. 3, pg. 97 and other military records.) The spellings Squires and Squares do appear in various records but neither appears to be correct. On ancestry.com his date of death is given as July 16, 1867. His headstone in Michigan includes the spelling Squire and his service in Company D, 23rd OVI.

W. (Warren) Squires (actually spelled Squire according to the 1860 *Census*, *Ohio Roster*, Vol. 3, pg. 97 for his service in Company D, 23rd OVI and other military records.) The spellings Squires and Squares do appear in various records, including *Ohio Roster*, Vol. 3, pg. 135 for his service in Company K, 23rd OVI, but neither appears to be correct.

Monument South Panel

Lieut. E. (Edwin) B. Buell was not listed in *Township Roster*. According to *Ohio Roster*, Vol. 11, pgs. 65, 84, he served in Company C, then Company G, 2nd OVC, but according to *CMSR* he served in Companies C and K. The latter also gives his middle initial as C, whereas *Ohio Roster* and other records give it as B.

Joseph Bard of the 41st OVI is likely Joseph Beard of Company K, 41st OVI. *Township Roster* does not list a Joseph Bard but it does list a Joseph Beard from Nelson whose name does not appear elsewhere on the monument. *Ohio Roster*, Vol. 4, pg. 205, likewise does not list a Joseph Bard but it does list a Joseph Beard, Company K, 41st OVI who died of wounds in Cincinnati on the date given on the monument. His *Pension* file includes references to his widow in Portage County. *Democrat* (April 30, 1862, pg. 3) gives the name as Joseph Baird, but the same publication gives it as Beard on June 11, 1862 (pg. 1). The battle he was wounded in is also misspelled - it should be Shiloh.

Wm. (William) W. Rodgers's date of death given in *Ohio Roster*, Vol. 2, pg. 226, was June 29, 1862.

Albert Bennett

Benj (Benjamin) Fowler, Jr.

J. (John) R. Searles. The last name is actually Searl according to the *Ohio Roster*, Vol. 3, pg. 97, *CMSR*, *Pension* records and other records. The roster gives his date of death as March 16, 1862. *Volunteer Deaths* gives it as March 26.

E. (Edward) E. Tracy. *Ohio Roster*, Vol. 1, pg. 145, Vol. 2, pg. 223, Vol. 7, pgs. 552, 565, and *Pension* records show he served in the 3 month and 3 year Company F, 7th OVI prior to serving in the 104th OVI. He served with Companies D and I, 104th OVI.

W. (Willard) Bancroft

C. (Charles) Ball

E. (Edward) T. Beardsley. As with a number of the members of Company D, 104th OVI, *CMSR* and some other references list service in both Company D and Company K, but *Ohio Roster* and most pension records only list the men with Company D. Beginning in December, 1862, Companies D and K were assigned duty away from the regiment for three weeks under the command of Company K's captain (*Pinney*, pgs. 11-12). Possibly reports from that time are where the assignment of Company D men to Company K originated?

A. (Alfred) H. Button. Unlike most of the men whose *CMSR* records list service with Company K as well as Company D, some of the *Pension* records for Button also list service with both companies.

C. (Charles) C. Camp. In addition to his service in the 104th OVI, he served in the 22nd Regiment, Veteran Reserve Corps (*Ohio Roster*, Vol. 7, pg. 552, *Graves Registration*, *CMSR*). His graves registration card lists his cause of death on October 29, 1865 as "Disease contracted in Army".

A. (Artemas) B. Foster

R. (Richard) B. Fenn, listed as R. Baxter Fenn in *Ohio Roster*, Vol. 7, pg. 553. Listed as serving with Companies D and K in *CMSR*.

E. (Edgar) O. Harrington

L. (Lafayette) Holcomb. Listed as serving with Companies D and K in *CMSR*.

John (A.) Kelley. Listed as serving with Companies D and K in *CMSR*. *Ohio Roster*, Vol. 7, pg. 553, spells his name Kelley, as does *Draft Registration*. *CMSR* spells it Kelly with a notation that the original filing was under Kelley. His *Pension* index card spells it Kelly, as does the *Township Roster*. *Ohio Roster* and *Pension* give his middle initial as A. Not to be confused with John L. Kelly, who did serve in Company K, 104th OVI but was five years younger than this John Kelley. (*Ohio Roster*, Vol. 7, pg. 568)

W. (William) H. Lewis. Listed as serving with Companies D and K in *CMSR*.

A. (Albert) W. Mills. Listed as serving with Companies D and K in *CMSR* and *Pension*. *Draft Registration* lists him as Wilson A. Mills.

O. (Otis) B. Paine. Listed as serving with Companies D and K in *CMSR*.

W. (William) L. Phillips

O. (Oscar) B. Seamons. *Township Roster* spells the last name as on the monument. *Ohio Roster*, Vol. 7, pg. 554, *Pension* records and *Headstone* all spell it as Seamans.

W. (William) L. Sperry. Possibly same person as Langdon W. Sperry in *Township Roster* and *Draft Registration*.

W. T. Severans is actually William T. Severance. The latter spelling is found in the 1860 *Census*, *Pension* and *CMSR* (with an alternate spelling Severans). *Ohio Roster*, Vol. 7, pg. 554, gives the name as Sevearns. *Township Roster* gives it as Severence with a middle initial F. *Democrat* (August 20, 1862, pg. 3) has it as Severns.

F. (Frederick) M. Wolcott. (*Ohio Roster*, Vol. 7, pg. 554, 1860 *Census*, *Township Roster*) Listed as serving with Companies D and K in *CMSR*. According to *Ohio Roster*, he also served in the Veteran Reserve Corps.

G. (George) M. Withers. Listed as serving with Companies D and K in *CMSR*. Listed as serving with Company D, 104th OVI and Company K, 105th OVI in *Pension*, but that is probably an error and should be 104th OVI. A different *Pension* index card does list him with Company K, 104th OVI. *Ohio Roster*, Vol. 7, pg. 554, only lists him with Company D.

J. (Jonathan) Walton.

David White. *Township Roster* lists a David White from Nelson Township and a David White, Jr. from Paris Township. 1860 *Census* records for Portage County do not list either man. *Draft Registration* show a David White, 21 years old in June, 1863, from Nelson and a David White, Jr., 30 years old in June, 1863, from Paris and shows both of them served in Company D, 104th OVI. However, *Ohio Roster*, Vol. 7, pg. 554, only shows David White, Jr, age 30 in August, 1862 as serving in that unit. *CMSR* for the man in Company D, 104th OVI is for David White, Jr., as is the *Pension*

record. There is also a headstone for David White, Jr. which shows is service in Company D, 104th OVI (<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/24001740/david-white>). However, Portage County marriage records from 1861 show David White, Jr., from Paris Township, being age 21. *Democrat* (August 20, 1862, pg. 3) lists David White, Jr. in Captain Horton's company (104th OVI) and (July 19, 1865, pg. 3) lists David White (no Jr.) as a member of the 104th OVI. The evidence seems to suggest one David White from Portage County recorded with different ages at different times, with and without the Jr. David White, Jr. is listed as serving with Companies D and K in *CMSR*.

B. (Benjamin) F. Stocum

F. (Franklin) R. Mills

J (Joseph) Mitchell (also Mitchel). The 1860 *Nelson Census, Ohio Roster*, Vol. 7, pg. 553, *CMSR* and *Pension* records use the name as Mitchell. *Draft Registration* and county marriage records use the name as Mitchel. *Township Roster* has entries for both spellings. Listed as serving with Companies D and K in *CMSR*.

H. (Henry) J. Green. The 1860 *Census* records him in the Hiram part of Garrettsville with the middle initial W but *CMSR* has the middle initial as J. *Draft Registration* records him in Hiram in 1863 and does not give his middle initial. Listed as serving with Companies D and K in *CMSR*.

Lane Rice. The 1860 *Census* records him in the Hiram part of Garrettsville. *Draft Registration* records him in Hiram in 1863 and *Township Roster* also records him for Hiram. Listed as serving with Companies D and K in *CMSR*. Also served in the Veteran Reserve Corps. His age of 21 in *Ohio Roster*, Vol. 7, pg. 554, is three to four years or more younger than his age in other records.

A. (Alfred) A. Johnson. Listed as serving with Companies D and K in *CMSR*.

Monument West Panel

Nelson Stephens (or Stevens). The name does not appear in the 1860 *Census* for Nelson. It does appear, spelled as Stephens in the 1850 *Census* and as Stevens in the 1860 *Census* for Freedom Township, however the age is a year or two older than the age for this person in military records. In *Township Roster* the name is given as Nelson Stephen. In *Ohio Roster*, Vol. 5, pg. 279, it is given as Nelson R. Stevens. In *CMSR*, the record for Nelson Stephens is cross-referenced to Nelson Stevens as the name the original record is filed under. His headstone at Poplar Grove National Cemetery, Petersburg Virginia has the name as Stevens. It is incorrectly engraved with Company M rather than Company E (The 60th OVI did not have a Company M). Another headstone there also has the spelling Stevens and only the state for his unit designation. *Volunteer Deaths* gives his death as occurring on June 9, 1864 at Cold Harbor. The *Roll of Honor, Ohio Roster* and Poplar Grove National Cemetery give it as being on August 8, 1864 at Petersburg. This name was not included in the *Democrat* (December 6, 1865, pg. 3) report on the monument's dedication and its placement differs from that of the other names of the fallen, so it may have been added after the monument was dedicated.

M. (Marcus) C. Horton served in Company F, 7th OVI prior to serving in the 104th OVI. *Ohio Roster, Vol. 2, pg. 222, Vol. 7, pg. 552*, shows Horton being discharged from Company F, 7th OVI a few months prior to joining the 104th. *Draft Registration* records his service in the 104th OVI.

Lieutenant O. (Origin) Adams. Various spellings of his first name are found in the records. *Township Roster* and documents in his widow's pension file give it as Origin. *Ohio Roster, Vol. 7, pg. 552*, lists him as Oregon. Other spellings of his first name in the records include Origen, Oregen and Origon. The *Official Roster*, his headstone in Marietta National Cemetery, *Pinney*, pgs. 47, 116, and other records also list his final rank as First Sergeant rather than Lieutenant. *Pinney* (pg. 120) explains that a Second Lieutenant's commission for Adams arrived after his death.

Arthur Adams served with both the 3 month 7th OVI and the 3 year 7th OVI. According to *Ohio Roster, Vol. 2, page 221*, he went missing after being wounded. *Pension* records add that his mother had not heard from him after the date of his wounding and he was presumed dead. The entry in the *Ohio Roster* lists him as wounded and missing at Cedar Creek, Virginia. The monument and a document in his pension file list him as killed in battle at Cedar Mountain, Virginia. Both names, as well as Slaughter's Mountain and Cedar Run have been used to name the battle, which is not to be confused with the 1864 Battle of Cedar Creek.

G. (Gideon) R. Russell. *Ohio Roster, Vol 2, pg. 223*, and *CMSR* give his middle initial as T. The *CMSR* has entries for service in both the 3 month 7th OVI and the 3 year 7th OVI. *Ohio Roster* does not list him with the 3 month unit. His entry for the 3 year 7th OVI reports he was on the muster in roll but not on the muster out role and it does not say anything about his fate. *Wilson*, pg. 590, records that he was wounded and taken prisoner at Cedar Mountain with no record of him after that.

N. (Nathan) Hartman.

S. R. Tuller, killed on May 2, 1863, is referring to Samuel A. Tuller or Samuel A. Fuller, who records show was mortally wounded on May 3, 1863 at Chancellorsville and died on May 11, 1863 at Aquia Landing. *Ohio Roster* gives the name as Fuller in the 3 month 7th OVI (Vol. 1, p 146) and Tuller in the 3 year 7th OVI (Vol. 2, p. 227). The 1860 *Census* does not list anyone named Tuller residing in Nelson, but it does list a Samuel Fuller having approximately the same age as the person listed on the monument. *Wood*, pg. 154, gives the name as Fuller. *Wilson*, pgs. 596, 599, 639, 644, lists Samuel Fuller in the three month 7th OVI and Samuel Tuller in the three year 7th OVI and twice in the casualty list. *CMSR* uses Tuller. The *Democrat* (May 13, 1863, pg. 3; May 20, 1863, pg. 2; May 27, pg. 3) printed two letters and an announcement giving the name Fuller. The same paper gave the name as Tuller in an obituary (June 3, 1863, pg. 3).

E. (Edwin) B. Atwood served in four different companies (A, D, G twice, K) and on the staff of the 41st OVI (*Ohio Roster, Vol. 4, pp. 169, 194, 170, 182, 204*), beginning as a Sergeant Major and finishing as a Captain (and Brevet Major).

B. Daniels (name badly worn) is likely Birdsey Daniels. However, Birdsey Daniels served in the 60th OVI rather than the 41st OVI. *Ohio Roster, Vol. 5, pg. 279*, does not include anyone in the 41st OVI, Company K with the letter pattern ELS appearing at the proper location in their name. Birdsey Daniels is listed in *Township Roster* as being from Nelson and the name does not appear elsewhere on the monument. Birdsey Daniels went on to enlist in the regular army in 1875.

L. Manley (name badly worn) is Lorenzo Manley according to *Democrat*, September 13, 1865, pg. 3. *Township Roster* records Lorenzo R. Manley as being from Nelson and the name does not appear elsewhere on the monument. The 1850 *Census* shows Lorenzo as residing in Nelson then. However, 1860 Iowa *Census* records show him living in Iowa and he enlisted in 12th Iowa Infantry, Company F in 1864. (*Iowa Roster*, Vol. 2, pg. 499., with his nativity being Ohio) *Draft Registration* lists Lagrange Manley, approximately the same age as Lorenzo, as having served in Company D, 104th OVI from Nelson. However, the name was not found in the *Ohio Roster* or in any other records and was not included in a list of members of the 104th from Nelson printed in the *Democrat*, July 19, 1865, pg. 3.

T. (Theodore) Bancroft served in both Company K and Company B, 41st OVI according to *CMSR*, but the *Ohio Roster* only lists him with Company K.

C. (Charles) W. (William) Goodsell served in three different companies. He began the war in the three month 7th OVI, Company F (*Ohio Roster*, Vol. 1, pg. 144) as a Private and mustered out with the unit as a Corporal. In October 1861 he enlisted in Company K, 41st OVI as a Captain (*Ohio Roster*, Vol 4, pg. 204, lists him by his middle name), but he resigned the following February. Then, in 1864, he enlisted in the 100 day Company I, 171st OVI (*Ohio Roster*, Vol. 9, pg. 444). *Pension* records note his service in all three units.

J. (John) Ashald

E. (Emery) L. Wheelock was listed in *Township Roster* as being from Nelson, but *Draft Registration* and his *National Homes* record list him as being from Windham. His name is on the monuments in both Nelson and Windham.

S. (Simeon) Shorts. His last name in the 1860 Nelson Township *Census* is spelled Shorts. His entry in *Ohio Roster*, Vol. 4, pg. 208, is spelled Short. *CMSR* has an entry for each spelling, noting Shorts as the original entry.

A. (Abel) Ashald

The right hand half of the monument's west face middle panel is very degraded. Only the bottom line of the four lines on the panel is legible. The first line is a regiment and company header line but the regiment cannot be made out. The company letter may be an F or E. The soldier's name on the third line begins with JOH. Looking at *Township Roster* for soldiers from Nelson whose names were not clearly identified on the monument, the name may be John Pletscher, 6th OVC, Company F (spelled Plecher and Pletcher in *Township Roster* but Pletscher in *Ohio Roster*, Vol. 11, pg. 338, and cross referenced to Pletcher in *CMSR*). Turning again to *Township Roster*, there is one other soldier from Nelson whose name is not clearly identified and who belonged to the 6th OVC, Nathaniel Grinnells (*Ohio Roster*, Vol. 11, pg. 337) (spelled Grinnols in *Township Roster* but Grinnells, sometimes Grinnell and even Grinnills, in military records such as *Ohio Graves* and *Pension*). If those names are correct, then the top line reads 6 REGT CO. F, O.V.C. . Alternatively, the Portage County Chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society read the panel as saying 23 REGT. CO. A. O.V.I., with one name being HEWETT, JOHN DIED 22, 1888 (Portage County Ohio Cemeteries Volume XII Nelson Township and Village of Garrettsville 1800-1995. Ravenna: The Portage County Genealogical Society, 1996). There was a John Hewett, age 21 at enlistment in 1861, who served in Company A, 23rd OVI. There was also a John Hewitt, age 44 at enlistment in 1861, who served in Company A, 42nd OVI. The 1860 *Census* for Nelson listed a John Hewitt, age 54. Since 45 was the upper limit for volunteers, the man in the 42nd OVI may be the John Hewitt (or Hewett) from Nelson and lied about his age in order to enlist. The line with the name suggested by PC-OGS would be line three, with no suggestion of who was on line two and no other

man so far identified as serving in the 23rd OVI or 42nd OVI from Nelson being a candidate for that line. On the other hand, the second line may have an S on the very right side, which fits with the first suggestion made here.

W. (William) W. Baldwin served in Company K, 45th OVI (*Ohio Roster*, Vol. 4, pg. 350) and Company F, 6th OVC (*Ohio Roster*, Vol. 11, pg. 336) according to *Pension* records and *CMSR*. The entry in *Ohio Roster* for the 6th OVC gives his middle initial as H but other records give it as W and match the entry in *Ohio Roster* in other details.

A. (Aurelius) C. Burwell served in Companies L, F and G, 2nd OVC and Company K, 18th OVI. Records are inconsistent regarding his name. The Franklin Township 1850 *Census* gives a name Aurelius C. Burwell with an age consistent with the *Ohio Roster* record of his service. The Freedom Township 1860 *Census* gives a name Aulius C. Burwell with an age consistent with the 1850 *Census* and a spouse consistent with marriage records for Aurelius C. Burwell. *Draft Registration* shows Aurelius C Burwell having served with Company G, 2nd OVC, but credited to Windham. *Pension* gives the name Aurelius C. Burwell with service in Companies G, F and L 2nd OVC and Company K, 18th OVI. *CMSR* lists service for Aurelius C. Burwell with Companies F and L, 2nd OVC. In *Ohio Roster* he is listed with Company G, 2nd OVC (Vol. 11, pg. 86) under the name Aurelius C. Burnell (age 36 consistent with the other records) from August 22, 1861 to September 30, 1861 and a notation he transferred to Company L. His Company L record (Vol. 11, pg. 107) has the name Anselieu Burnell and same age with a note he was transferred to Company F on February 17, 1863. The record for Company F (Vol. 11, pg. 81) gives the name as Auselius Burwell, consistent age and date of transfer, and an expiration of term of service on September 9, 1864. *Ohio Roster*, Vol. 2, pg. 634, lists him with Company K, 18th OVI beginning March 29, 1865 with the name Aurelius C. Bushnell and an age consistent with the other records. The entry indicates he was a substitute, meaning he was paid to take the place of someone who was drafted. This version of the 18th OVI was a consolidation from several regiments after the term of service for the original 18th OVI ended in 1864. It was re-designated the 18th Ohio Veteran Volunteer Infantry. *Pension* lists his service with Company K, 18th OVI and also lists his service with the three companies in the 2nd OVC.

For Capt. J. (James) L. Sherman, the monument uses the abbreviation for United States Colored Infantry (USCI), rather than USCT for United States Colored Troops. The *CMSR* for Captain Sherman also uses Infantry rather than Troops. *Township Roster* identifies him as James L. Sherman from Nelson but he does not appear in the 1860 *Census* for Nelson. *Pension* records indicate the James L. Sherman who was a Captain with the 68th USCI originally served with the 74th Illinois Volunteer Infantry. Illinois records indicate he was discharged due to disability on December 29, 1862 (*Illinois AG*, Vol. 4, pg. 588). *Draft Registration* for Nelson Township list James L. Sherman, age 23 in April 1863, but with no service listed at that time. That age corresponds with the age given for Sherman in the USCI. *CMSR* indicates Sherman joined the 68th USCI at age 24, in 1864. Information on the web site findagrave.com indicates he left Rockford Illinois shortly before the war to attend Hiram College. After the war broke out he returned home and enlisted in the 74th Illinois Volunteer Infantry. He was discharged for disability prior to the time of *Draft Registration* which list him for Nelson. Subsequent to that he re-entered service with the 68th USCI.

Ezra Fowler served in Company D, 72nd OVI (not 71st) according to *Ohio Roster*, Vol. 6, pg.98, *CMSR*, *Draft Registration* and *Pension* records.

E. L. Fowler actually is Franklin Fowler. *Democrat* (June 11, 1862, pg. 1 lists Ezra (above) and Franklin in the 72nd OVI from Nelson. The index to the *Ohio Roster* does not list any Fowlers with initials E. L. and only one E. Fowler in Company D, 72nd, OVI and that is Ezra, accounted for above. *Ohio Roster*, Vol. 6, pgs. 96, 98, lists three Fowlers, Ezra, Franklin and Manning L., in Company D, 72nd OVI. (As noted above, the monument incorrectly gives the regiment as the 71st OVI.) *Township Roster* lists two Fowlers, Ezra and Franklin, both from Nelson. *Draft Registration* lists both of them as

serving in Company D, 72 OVI. The name Franklin Fowler does not appear elsewhere on the monument. Franklin Fowler also served in Company F, 7th OVI and Company C, 2nd OVC. (*Ohio Roster*, Vol. 6, pg. 98; Vol. 2, pg.222, Vol. 11, pg. 67 and *Pension* records)

J. (Joseph D.) Turner of Nelson Township was one of two Joseph Turners listed in *Township Roster* and 1860 *Census*, the other being Joseph L. Turner, of Windham Township. According to the 1860 *Census*, both were 24 years old that year. However, *Draft Registration* from 1863 shows both names on the same page assigned to the same townships as in the census, but shows the Windham man as 27 years old with a middle initial looking more like a D than an L and the Nelson man as only 22 years old. Those records show both men as serving with Company G, 72nd OVI. *Ohio Roster*, Vol. 6, pgs. 108, 111, does show Sergeant Joseph L. Turner, 26 years old in December, 1861 and Private John D. Turner, 18 years old in November, 1861, serving with Company G, 72nd OVI. The monument in Windham lists Sergeant J. L. Turner as having served from that township.

A plaque honoring veterans of the First World War and Spanish-American War from Nelson Township was added in 1935. It reads...

VETERANS OF THE WORLD WAR		
BLAND WILLIAM E. *	KISTLER WILLIAM	POLOMSKY JOSEPH W. CORP.
BLOOM EDGAR B.	KOPELKA MIKE	REYNOLDS OSCAR R. *
BURTON ROYAL L.	KUHN DONALD M. *	REYNOLDS RAY A.
CANNON CHARLES D.	MARTIN WENDELL	ROSSOW WILLIAM F. *
CHALKER ALGIE E.	MATTHEWS THEODORE SGT. *	SCHMIDT ADOLPH W.
CHALKER JAMES W. SGT. *	MCCORT CLAYTON	STODTER CHAS. E. CO *
DRAPER HARRY H. *	MILLER FRANK	TISDEL CLAUDE J. CORP. *
EVANS ARCHIE D.	MILLER HARVEY K. *	VESEY GLENN
GILMORE EARL M.*	MORRISON SILAS W.	WALTON WEBSTER B.
GOSS HARLEY E. *	NEWBRANDER ALBERT	WITHERSTAY C. BURHL CORP. *
GROAT KEITH P. *	NEWBRANDER FRED W. *	SPANISH WAR VETERANS
HAHN EMERSON M.	NEWBRANDER KARL F. *	COLLINS THAD
HOSKIN BEN L. *	OAKS ELMER W.	FOWLER BEN.
HOWARD JOHN	OAKS JOHN A.	GOODSELL C.E.
* A.E.F.		STODTER CHAS. E.
COMMITTEE	HAZEL C. CLINE	DEDICATED
	ELLA HAMLIN	MAY 26, 1935
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