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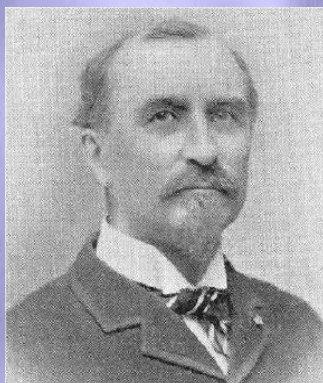


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**ARBA N. WATERMAN, LIEUTENANT COLONEL, 100TH ILLINOIS VOLUNTEERS
Insignia Number 2174, Original Member of the Illinois Commandery
Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States**

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Arba N. Waterman of Chicago, Illinois, son of Loring F. and Mary (Stevens) Waterman, was born February 5, 1836, at Greensboro. At the academies and schools in Peacham, Johnson, Montpelier and Georgia, Judge Waterman began his education and graduated in the class of 1853 from Norwich University. Determining upon a legal career he selected the Albany school and after pursuing his studies there was admitted to the bar in Albany, New York, in 1861. He soon went west and the year of his admission to practice located at Joliet, Illinois.

Upon the breaking out of the war he entered the army, enlisting in Company G, 100th Illinois Volunteers as a private, in 1862. He was engaged in the campaign against Bragg in the fall of 1862 and was in the battles of Chickamauga, Dalton, Altoona and Houston. At Chickamauga he was severely wounded and had his horse killed under him. Judge Waterman's military career was full of honor and his services received recognition by promotion to captain of his company and later as lieutenant-colonel of the regiment.

Returning west at the close of the war, in 1865 he began the practice of his profession in Chicago, which he continued with success and distinction. In 1886, he was elected judge of the circuit court and, in 1890, received the appointment of judge of the appellate court.

In politics he is a Republican. In social life his varied tastes and broad acquirement are indicated by his membership in various societies. He was in the Philosophical, Law, and Social Science Congresses of the World's Columbian Exposition. He is a member of the Psychological Research and the Philosophical Societies, and of the Union League, Literary, Alliance, and Irving Clubs. He was a comrade in U.S. Grant Post, Grand Army of the Republic, in the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States, and the Veteran Association.

Judge Waterman was married, in Chicago, in December 1862, to Ella Hall, daughter of Samuel and Rebecca Hall.

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