

**MILITARY ORDER OF THE LOYAL LEGION OF THE UNITED STATES**



*Loyal Legion Vignettes*



***1ST LIEUTENANT GEORGE KELLOGG DAUCHY, 12TH BATTERY NEW YORK LIGHT ARTILLERY USV  
(1829 New York - 1912 Illinois)***

**Original Member of the Illinois Commandery  
Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States**

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**George Kellogg Dauchy was born January 3, 1829, in Northampton, Fulton County, New York. With high honors he was graduated from Union College, Schenectady, New York, at the age of 19. In April 1861, he was appointed Second Lieutenant in Company H, 2nd Kentucky Infantry, a 3-month**

regiment. This regiment was reorganized as a 3-year regiment.

Companion Dauchy did not remain with it, but went to Troy, New York. In this city, in conjunction with Captain Ellis, who had seen service in the British Army, he helped to raise a Battery of Artillery, which was subsequently known as the 12th Independent Battery, New York Artillery, USA. The first assignment of this battery was at Fort Ellsworth, where it remained until the summer of 1862, drilling at the heavy guns with which the fort was armed (32's and 34's). Subsequently the battery was assigned to Fort Lyon, covering the approach to Alexandria from the south, relieved of this and ordered to Chain Bridge above Georgetown and from there to the Artillery Camp of Instructions near Blandensburg.

On the 6th day of July 1863, the battery was ordered to Frederick, Maryland, and assigned to the 3rd Army Corps, Army of the Potomac, and was actively engaged with this Corps until it was broken up, two divisions being assigned to the 2nd Corps and one to the 6th Corps.

The subsequent service of the battery was mostly with the 2nd Corps. At the Battle of Reams Station, where the battery, under the command of Lieutenant Dauchy, did fine service, it was unfortunate in losing one of its guns, two caissons and some horses. In this action Lieutenant Brower, a brave, capable officer, was killed. On General Hancock's orders, a Court of Inquiry was held to determine the cause of the loss of the gun. The findings of the court not only exonerated Lieutenant Dauchy, but highly commended him for the splendid service the battery rendered on that memorable day.

Throughout Lieutenant Dauchy's service in the army he suffered from ill health, being compelled on several occasions to go to the hospital. His term of enlistment expired on November 17, 1864, and on that date he left service, taking with him a letter of commendation from Major Hazzard, Chief of the 2nd Corps, endorsed by Generals Hancock and Hunt, Chief of Artillery of the Army of the Potomac. In the year 1888, Companion Dauchy established the Dauchy Iron Works on Illinois Street, Chicago. The business later managed by his sons.

Companion Dauchy was a fine French scholar. In his leisure hours he translated from the French into English, General Regis De Trobriand's *Four Years with the Army of the Potomac*. Those who are unable to read De Trobriand's book in the original will find pleasure and entertainment in the Dauchy translation. It received the author's warm commendation. General De Trobriand was a noble soul and a lover of our country, which was materially helped by his splendid service.

The Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States (MOLLUS), founded immediately after the close of the War of the Rebellion, is a compact brotherhood of Commissioned Officers of honorable service in that greatest and noblest of all wars. Its purpose is that of sustained loyalty to the government of our common country. The stability, ideals and purpose of a nation is measured by the intelligence, force and character of its people. So it is with a voluntary organization such as our order of the Loyal Legion. Captain Dauchy, our greatly beloved deceased Companion, was a typical member of the Order. He was elected a Companion of the Illinois Commandery of MOLLUS, Insignia Number 2320. His son, Samuel Dauchy, was also a hereditary member of the Illinois Commandery.

It was a privilege to know him well. He was possessed of decided convictions, strong moral fibre, full of entertainment to those having a desire for larger knowledge of the historical, physical and geographical conditions, not only of this country but also of Europe and South America. It is true the better informed one was the more one's knowledge would be enhanced when spent with Captain Dauchy.

Considerable of a traveler, an omnivorous reader with a remarkable retentive memory, made his fund of information always a delight and benefit to those who were privileged to know him. Few men possessed a more comprehensive knowledge of the many battles of the War of the Rebellion than

**Companion Dauchy; his ability to clearly state the positions occupied by our own and the enemies' forces, and what occurred was truly remarkable. This was no more true as to the operations of the Army of the Potomac in which most if not all his services were rendered, but also in that of the Western Armies.**

**As a Companion whom we so justly esteemed for his high character, fervid friendship and unswerving loyalty to our country, we revere his memory.**

**George Kellogg Dauchy, 1st Lt. 12th Battery New York Light Artillery USV, Insignia Number 2320, was an original member of the Illinois Commandery of MOLLUS. He was married to Lavinia Otis at Jordan, New York, on December 8, 1864. Mrs. Dauchy died in Chicago December 8, 1897. Some of his family have also been members of MOLLUS honoring Lt. Dauchy's memory.**

**Children:**

**1) Samuel Dauchy, Insignia Number 9829, Companion of the Second Class of the Illinois Commandery.**

**2) Otis Burr Dauchy, Insignia Number 15086, Companion of the Second Class of the Illinois Commandery.**

**2.1) Elizabeth Dauchy, married Raymond Fred Watson.**

**2.1.1) Frederic W. Watson of Weatherford, Texas, Insignia Number 22199, Hereditary Companion of Texas Commandery.**

**3) Eleanor Beatrix Dauchy.**

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