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Capt E. H. Wathen

"Eliza H. Wathen, son of Benedict Wathen & Elizabeth Wathen, born Mar 7, 1837, large Mar. 11, 1837. Buried West Ch. Union Co. Ray, Ky.

"Mary Elizabeth Payne, daughter of John Payne & Jane Spalding, b. Dec. 22, 1837, large Jan. 21, 1838. Buried West Ch. Union Co. Ray, Ky.

Col E. H. Wathen

In the year that Caseyville was incorporated (1837) Benedict and Elizabeth Wathen were made happy by the birth of a son who was named ~~_____~~. This son has ever since been identified with the history of his native county. As his father's name indicates, he was a devout Catholic, and early inculcated the principles of his faith into his son. He was educated at the celebrated St. Mary's College, and has followed the instruction given so that he is yet a faithful and zealous adherent to his ancient church.

In the year 1857, he was married to Mary E. Payne, and of this union five children have been born, viz: John S., William

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F. Robert M., Richard H. and Benedict H. In October, of 1861, he left his young wife and children, to share the fortunes of the Southern Confederacy, in the First Kentucky Cavalry. During his term of service he was elected to fill the position of Captain of Company K in the regiment. He was beloved by all his men, and made a gallant commander. After the war he returned to his native county and commenced farming. In the year 1875 he bought the mill known as the Southern Mill, built originally by D. O. Conn, and has managed it in conjunction with his farm ever since. As merchant miller, he has built up a large and extensive patronage. Immediately after he bought the mill he renovated it, and put new machinery into it, and in a few years again improved it to a grinding capacity of one hundred barrels per day. As farmer, he has accumulated about five hundred acres of land, three hundred and fifty acres of which is under cultivation. He is a breeder of fine stock, and has a very wide celebrity as such. His calves and colts always bring the highest prices. He has greatly benefited the community by his importations of fine stock. Captain Wathen is of good old Irish and English stock. His father, Benedict Wathen, was among the first settlers of the county, emigrating from Marion County, Ky. His father, Harry Wathen, was from the State of Maryland—as even his mother's people. As a neighbor and Christian gentleman, no man stood higher in the county than Benedict Wathen. Their married life was sadly terminated in 1865, by the death of Mr. Wathen, at Caseyville. Mrs. Wathen did not follow him until 1880, when she, too, passed on before. Among the names of Union County men, that of Captain E. H. Wathen must ever appear prominently, as a gallant and able soldier, a pure and unobtrusive citizen, a kind and loving father, a devout and humble Christian, and a high-minded and honorable man of business.

JAMES E. WATHEN.

James E. Wathen, brickmason, of De Koven, is the son of Joseph and Ann C. (Weinsatt) Wathen. His father, who was the Sheriff of Marion County until 1858, came to Union County in that year, and engaged in farming, when he died in 1856. His