

correspondence of leaders while temporarily in office. To lead is itself often as important a public service as to discharge official duty, though the records of public leadership are usually very meager.

On this theory the Historical Department of Iowa holds itself obligated to discover, preserve, and reserve from immediate use the personal letters of public men. On another page we present two personal letters to Governor Kirkwood which bear upon his first nomination for Governor and the single term of service of Governor Ralph P. Lowe. The complete history of this and of other interesting chapters of Iowa history of the period of the Civil war and earlier, exists nowhere except in "private archives," of which we are rapidly augmenting our collections.

GEN. J. G. LAUMAN COLLECTION.

The Historical Department of Iowa has recently received a collection of military materials accumulated by the late Gen. Jacob Gartner Lauman, presented by his sons, Col. George Viele Lauman and Charles Newcomb Lauman. This collection illustrates events in the life of General Lauman and his activities as an officer during the Civil War. A list of the collection and a copy of the military escutcheon of General Lauman as given by his son are herewith appended:

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Presented by Col. George Viele Lauman and
Charles Newcomb Lauman.

Army camp outfit advertisement, illustrating field desk, mess chest, cooking outfit, etc.

Autograph congratulatory orders—U. S. Grant to Colonel Lauman and Seventh Iowa Infantry for action at Belmont. Dated Cairo, November 11, 1861.

Autograph Letter—From Adj. Gen. N. B. Baker, thanking General Lauman for relics for Iowa State Historical Society. Dated February 20, 1862.

Barrack Plans—Drawn by soldier, S. F. Warner, Lieutenant Co. K. Seventh Iowa Infantry.

Belt—Full dress, red Russia leather, gilt bands.

Bullet moulds (2).

Buttons (16).

Cap box.

Cleaning rod.

Commissions—

J. G. Lauman, date October 2, 1845, done at City of Burlington, as Frst Lieutenant of the "Burlington Grays," 1st Regiment, 2d brigade, and 1st division of militia of Territory of Iowa. Signed by John Chambers, Governor, and O. H. W. Stull, Adjutant General.

J. G. Lauman, date January 22, 1856, as Aide-de-camp to the Commander-in-chief. Signed James W. Grimes, Governor and Commander-in-chief of Iowa, George W. McCleary, Adjutant General.

J. G. Lauman, date January 20, 1859, as Major of the First Battalion of Iowa Volunteers. Signed at Des Moines, Iowa, by Ralph P. Lowe, Governor, and Jesse Bowen, Adjutant General.

J. G. Lauman, date July 11, 1861, as Colonel of the 7th Iowa Volunteer regiment. Signed Samuel J. Kirkwood, J. Bowen, Adjutant General.

J. G. Lauman, date March 21, 1862, as Brig. Gen. U. S. Volunteers. Signed Abraham Lincoln, Edwin M. Stanton, Sec'y of War.

J. G. Lauman, date March 13, 1865, as Bvt. Maj. Gen. U. S. Volunteers. Signed Andrew Johnson, Edwin M. Stanton, Sec'y of War.

Confederate Flag—Red, white and red, captured by Iowa troops. (Captured in the Fort. The troops at Ft. Donelson either destroyed or secreted their flags, as none could be found.—J. G. L.)

Contract—Between J. G. Lauman as agent for the State of Iowa, and Linsley Teedrick, for feeding and lodging troops. Date April 23, 1861, at \$2.25 per week.

Court Martial Proceedings—Reviewed by General Lauman—printed. Gen. Ord. No. 24, Hdqrs. 4th D. W. 16th A. C. Memphis, Tenn.

Epaulettes.

Field Maps—Memphis, Perrine's pocket map, illustrating the seat of war.

Gauntlets—Dress gauntlets, white kid.

General Order No. 60—Adj. General's office, Des Moines, Jan. '8, 1862. Signed N. B. Baker. Printed.

Hat Ornament—U. S. in wreath.

Hat Plumes—Three double, black plumes.

Knives—Hunting knife, present from Gen. Rawlins (Grant's chief of staff). Pocket knife, tortoise shell, marked J. G. Lauman, present from Gen. W. Q. Gresham.

Minie balls and buck and ball from Shiloh.

Newspaper—"Lauman's Own," Vol. 1, No. 1 (copy), printed and published by men of the 7th Iowa Infantry while at Ironton, Mo.

Pass—J. G. Lauman and staff, Vicksburg to Natchez, Sept. 26, 1863.

Permission—To J. G. Lauman to send shotgun north. Office Pro. Marshal, Memphis, Tenn. Jan. 13, 1864. Signed Geo. A. Williams, Capt. 1st U. S. Infantry, Provost Marshal.

Photographs—Barnes, Lieut. Thos. N., A. D. C.

Bronze tablet, "Return of the Victorious Troops," on Iowa Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument at Des Moines; photos not mounted.

Grant, General.

Gumbart, Capt. G. C., Artillery.

Lauman, General, at Memphis; in General's uniform; with staff—separate photos, autographed (3).

Logan, General.

Logan, Colonel, 32d Ill. Infantry.

McKee, Major Geo. C., 11th Ill. Infantry.

McPherson, General.

Mattheis, General.

Meade, General.

Pugh, Col., and staff, 41st Ill. Infantry.

Wallace, Gen. W. H. L.

Webster, General.

Unidentified (2).

Daguerreotype—Charles S. Sherman, Private Co. E, 7th Iowa Infantry of Keokuk, Gen. Lauman's orderly, known among the soldiers as "Old Beauregard;" standing.

Picket Plat—4th Div., Holly Springs, Jan. 7, 1862; ink sketch, signed Horatio H. Virgin, Maj. 33d Wisconsin Volunteers, Officer of the day.

Prayer Book—General Lauman used this throughout service and read burial service from it over our soldier dead; autographed. Descriptive note by Mrs. Lauman.

Reports—Morning report, 7th Iowa Infantry, Benton Barracks, November 26, 1861.

Revolvers—(2), captured at Ft. Donelson, replacing those lost at Belmont.

Four-shot Derringer, Sharps handle engraved "James M. Porter." Presented to Gen. Lauman's elder son, Charles N., opposite Island No. 10, on the way up the Mississippi from Memphis during the war. Porter was 2d Lieut. Co. H, 2d Iowa In-

fantry. "Oct. 3-4 Corinth—received 6 wounds but would not leave the field." "Promoted 5th Sergt. from Private for good conduct on the field."—Adj. Gen. Reps. Iowa.

Rowels, Mexican—Present from General Rawlins.

Saddle Cloth—Regulation U. S. Border, Colonel's eagle surmounted by star of General.

Saddle Cloth Ornaments—Probably used before U. S. Reg. prescribed plain gilt bands,—oak leaves, eagles, etc.

Scabbard—Nickel.

Shell—Piece of shell from Shiloh.

Shoulder straps—Brigadier General's, 1 pair.

Sharpshooter's or Squirrel Rifle—Captured at Shiloh, given to Charles N. Lauman.

Spurs—Gilt, present from General Grant.

Sword and Scabbard.

U. S. Shield—Bone, small, colored, made by soldier in Libby prison.

COPY OF MILITARY ESCUTCHEON OF BREVET MAJOR GENERAL JACOB GARTNER LAUMAN, U. S. VOLUNTEERS.

Col. Seventh Iowa Volunteer Infantry, July 14, 1861.

Brigadier General U. S. Volunteers, March 21, 1862.

"For conspicuous gallantry at Fort Donelson."

Brevet Major General U. S. Volunteers, March 13, 1865.

"For gallant and meritorious services during the war."

SERVICE.

Organizing regiment at Burlington, Iowa, June-July, 1861.

Mustered into U. S. service, July 24, 1861.

Ordered to St. Louis, Mo., August 6, stationed at Jefferson Barracks, Pilot Knob, Ironton, Cape Girardeau, Jackson, Norfolk and Birds Point, Mo.—Cairo, Ill.—Fort Holt, Mayfield Creek, Camp Crittenden and Fort Jefferson, Ky.

Assigned to Second (Oglesby's) Brigade, District of Southeast Missouri, October 14.

Expedition to Belmont, November 6 and 7.

Battle of Belmont, November 7.

Severely wounded by musket ball in thigh. Absent on account of wounds till January, 1862.

Reported for duty at Benton Barracks, Missouri, January 1, 1862.

Demonstrations against rebel defenses at Columbus and Fort Henry, Tenn., January 10-22.

Third Brigade, Second Division, District of Cairo, February 1, 1862. Tennessee Campaign, February—April. Operation against Fort Henry, February 2-6.

Capture of Fort Henry, February 6.

Commanding Fourth Brigade, Second Division, District of West Tennessee, February.

Investment of Fort Donelson, February 11-16.

Capture of Fort Donelson, February 16.

Temporarily in command of Second Division Army of Tennessee, March.

Assigned to command of Third Brigade, Fourth Division Army of Tennessee, April 5.

Battle of Shiloh, April 6-7.

Assigned to command of First Brigade, Fourth Division Army of Tennessee.

Siege of Corinth, Miss., April 30-May 30.

Pursuit to Booneville, march to Memphis, duty along Memphis and Charleston R. R., with headquarters at Bolivar, Moscow, and Memphis, till October.

Commanding expeditions to Grand Junction and LaGrange, September 20-22.

Near Middleton, October 4.

Battle of the Hatchis or Metamora, October 5.

To Memphis and assigned to command of Sixth Division, right wing, Army of Tennessee. Grant's Central Mississippi Campaign operating on Mississippi Central R. R. from Bolivar to Coffeeville, Nov.-Dec.

Commanding Fourth Division, Sixteenth Corps from December 24, 1862.

In command of line Memphis and Charleston R. R. from Mexico to Colliersville, headquarters at Memphis, till March 9, 1863.

Duty at Memphis till May.

Ordered to join Grant's forces in rear of Vicksburg.

Seige of Vicksburg, May 25-July 4.

Bolton's Ferry, July 5-6 (Big Black River), Clinton, July 8.

Jackson, July 9-12.

Placed on waiting orders till November.

Ordered to Philadelphia for duty as Provost Marshal, November 23.

Relieved and ordered to report at Memphis to General Sherman, commanding Department of Tennessee, December 7.

Placed on waiting orders at Burlington, Iowa, January 13, 1864.

Mustered out August 24, 1865.

Died February 9, 1867.

GREAT ICE AGES IN IOWA.

From a scientific angle the enlargement and improvement of the Capitol grounds promises to give prominence to a

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