

A Liberal Denial from a Cincinnati to the Grand Army of the Republic.

RELIYUE HOUSE, CINCINNATI, May 12.

To the Editor of the Commercial

I do not belong to the Grand Army of the Republic, yet I served in Captain James Ferguson's Light-horse Company, United States service, called out by the Secretary of War, then Governor Tiffin, to arrest the first arch traitor, Colonel Aaron Burr, who in 1804 and 1807, attempted to divide the Union. I look back a period of sixty odd years, and recall the hardships of my younger days. In September, 1813, I was a short time in service under General W. H. Harrison, approaching to, and at Fort Wayne, to rescue the brave garrison—to save it from the savage Indians and British army. At that time I was connected with the press, Liberty Hall and Cincinnati Gazette. In the winter of 1814-15 I was in the service at New Orleans—personally under the special orders of General Philomen Thomas, at Baton Rouge, and of General A. Jackson and Adjutant General Butler. Letters and documents of that day preserved will show.

I claim to have done my duty fifty or sixty years ago, and rejoice to look back to the early period of the settlement of the country, when my father, Rev. John W. Browne, came to this wild region, in 1798, the vast Northwest Territory.

I notice in the Commercial of to-day, a hint thrown out that Ohio has not done her duty to her sons killed and maimed in battle during the late rebellion. I have had one son killed in battle, Signal Officer Henry R. Browne, and another son, Symmes R. Browne, wounded in the gunboat service in June, 1862, on White River, Arkansas. The body of Henry R. Browne was brought home by his wounded brother. He was buried at Spring Grove Cemetery, and is with the honored dead; and on the 2nd inst., as in former years, there his father, mother, brothers and sisters go, to strew flowers over his grave, and on the graves of hundreds of other patriots whose lives have been sacrificed by the accursed rebellion.

I close by saying I will contribute my mite to build up a home for the infirm soldier, the widow and orphan children, and any committee of the Grand Army of the Republic, duly authorized to receive the same, may call on me for a thousand dollars to aid the noble cause.

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