

WILL H. FOUGHT, dealer in hardware, cabinet-ware and tin-ware, Geneva, was born in Mansfield, Richland County, Ohio, December 31, 1842. His father, Casper Fought, was a shoemaker by trade, at which he worked, being in limited circumstances. His mother, Susanna (Shull) Fought died when he was six years old. His father then broke up housekeeping, and he and a younger sister lived around among the neighbors. His father married again and lived but a short time afterward. Our subject worked at whatever he could find to do, and wherever he could find an opportunity to work and attend school. He came to Fort Recovery, Ohio, in the fall of 1860, and served an apprenticeship at the tinner's trade. When the war broke out he enlisted October 28, 1861, and went into rendezvous at Camp Chase, where his company was assigned to the Fortieth Regiment, Ohio Infantry. Upon the organization of his company he was made Corporal. He participated in many of the important battles of the war, serving in Eastern Kentucky until the spring of 1863, when they were transferred to the Army of the Cumberland. He was with Sherman in his march to the sea, was in the battles of Mission Ridge and Lookout Mountain. He was discharged at Pulaski, Tennessee, November 18, 1864. He then returned to Ohio and finished his trade, then went to work at Fort Recovery. When in that place he was married to Fannie Wellingsford, December 31, 1867, who died July 14, 1879. He was again married in February, 1882, to Miss Belle Flickinger, of Decatur, Indiana. They have one child - Kittie Marie, born at Geneva, November 18, 1884. Mr. Fought held the office of postmaster at Geneva, being appointed under President Arthur's administration. His commission was dated July 25, 1883, and he held the position until removed for offensive partisanship by President Cleveland, October 1, 1885. He is a member of John P. Porter Post, No. 83, G. A. R., being a charter member, and taking an active part in its organization. He has held the office of senior vice-commander and commander. At present he is on the department staff, holding the position of assistant department inspector, and as adjutant of his post. He has been a member of the township board.

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