

History of Cattaraugus County



Edgar Shannon

First Lieutenant and  
Quartermaster

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HON. EDGAR SHANNON\*

was born in Leon, Feb. 23, 1842. He was adopted by and lived with his uncle, Lorenzo Shannon, a substantial farmer and an old resident of the town of Leon. During the time he lived with his uncle he obtained a good English education by attendance upon the common school in the district, and in the two terms spent at the Randolph Academy.

From boyhood until the age of twenty-one he worked with his uncle on his farm, while not attending school, and engaged in teaching in the common schools in the vicinity a few terms during the latter part of the time.

In August, 1862, Mr. Shannon enlisted in Company B,

Soon after his discharge from the army Mr. Shannon became engaged in mercantile business in his native town, and soon merited the reputation of being "a successful country merchant."

In 1868 and 1869 he was elected supervisor of the town, serving two years in that capacity, to the general satisfaction of his townsmen. He was re-elected to and served in the same office in 1875.

In the fall of 1876 he received the Republican nomination for Assemblyman from the Second district of Cattaraugus County, and was elected by a large majority. He was renominated, and elected by an increased vote the following year. While in the Legislature, Mr. Shannon



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154th Regiment New York Volunteers, and served until the order for the general discharge of the volunteer forces.

On or about the 1st of March, 1864, having been for some time previous first sergeant, he was promoted to the rank of first lieutenant and quartermaster of the 154th Regiment, in which capacity he served until the close of the war.

During his military service in the corps commanded by Generals Hooker and Sigel, he was in the battles of Chancellorsville, Lookout Valley, and Missionary Ridge; was in the army of General Sherman in his march through Georgia and the Carolinas, and at the siege of Savannah.

served on several important committees, and made a record pleasing and satisfactory to his constituents.

It is needless to say that Mr. Shannon has always been a staunch Republican; his election as representative from the strong Republican Second district of Cattaraugus County sufficiently attests that fact.

Mr. Shannon is still engaged in the mercantile business, as the head of the firm of Shannon & Co., dry-goods merchants and general dealers. He was married April 15, 1866, to Miss Francelia Hunt, oldest daughter of Captain H. N. Hunt, of Leon, captain of Company K, 64th New York Volunteers.

His family at present consists of himself, wife, and one daughter.

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