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## Captain Thomas H. Soward

OWARD, CAPT. THOMAS H., Farmer, was born September 26, 1839, near the town of Minerva, Mason County, Kentucky. His parents were Alfred Soward and Mary Prudence Howard; the former a native of Mason, and the latter of Bracken County, Kentucky. His grandfather, Richard Soward, came from Maryland at an early day; first settled at Bryant's Station; served as a captain through the war of 1812, and for meritorious conduct was promoted major. Thomas H. Soward received his education at Augusta College, in Bracken County; in 1858, taught school five months, at Berlin, in that county; then served eighteen months as deputy, in the office of the clerk of the county; and, in 1860, began reading law in the office of Judge Joseph Doniphan, at Augusta. In the following year, he entered the United States army, as a private in Company S, Second Kentucky Union Cavalry, and served until the close of the war; was promoted second lieutenant of his company, for meritorious conduct in the field; by recommendation of Gen. Sheridan, was promoted First Lieutenant of Company B, of his regiment; was subsequently promoted to the command of his company; participated in the campaigns and leading engagements of the armies of the Cumberland and the Ohio; and was aid to Gen. Sheridan in the battle of Stone river. When the war closed, he returned to Mason County, and has since been actively engaged in agricultural pursuits. He has never sought or held a public office, and is an Independent in politics. Religiously, Captain Soward is connected with the Baptist Church.

