

Col. G. W. Lombard.

The Hillsdale Daily Leader of Sept. 8, in its biographical sketches of prominent Michigan soldiers, accompanies a portrait of Col. George W. Lombard with the following:

George W. Lombard, attorney at Hillsdale, was well and favorably known by everybody in this county and throughout southern Michigan at the time the firing of the first gun upon Sumpter aroused a whole nation to arms, as one of the most social, genial companions in the then village. This outrage and insult to the old flag fired his patriotism, and the musty tomes of the law no longer possessed fascination for him. He at once offered his services, and May 16, 1861, he mustered as captain of Co. E of that gallant old regiment, the Fourth Michigan Infantry, and immediately left for the front. For brave and meritorious services he received promotion to the lieutenant colonelcy, and later as the colonel of the regiment. After three years of faithful service the regiment veteranized and came home in the winter of 1863-4 on a brief furlough. Col. Lombard, after a few days at home with his family and friends, went back with his men for the final conflict, which was to bring peace or desolation to the country; but, alas for brave and gallant Lombard, the conflict was soon over. On May 5th, 1864, at the battle of the Wilderness, he received a mortal wound while leading and cheering his command, and died the next day. The country lost a faithful officer, and the people of this city mourned him as one of their own dead heroes. He was born in Jackson county, came to this county in September, 1856, practiced law with Capt. Geo. A. Knickerbocker and later with Col. C. J. Dickerson. The memory of Col. Lombard will never die in this community.

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