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Captain Henry Alban died about 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon at his home on E. Sandusky as the result of heart trouble to which he had been increasingly subject for some years. His death was sudden and apparently painless, occurring during the momentary absence of the attendant from the room. Mr. Alban had a severe attack of his old trouble about a month ago, at which time his condition was critical and his life despaired of. Later he improved rapidly and full restoration seemed probable until Sunday when a relapse came in the way of a further attack, succeeded yesterday by the fatal one.

The deceased was born on a farm near Canal Fulton, Stark county, Ohio, April 11, ~~1822~~<sup>1822</sup> and was therefore in his 73rd year. He was married to Mary Jane Hogan in April 1846 moving to Hancock county the following year. Upon arriving to this county he settled on a farm three miles north of Findlay, which continued to be his home until 1876 with the exception of several years, from 1854 to 1858, that he rented it and lived in a log cabin near the county infirmary, teaching school in the Grauel district in order to pay off the incumbrance remaining on his piece of land. In 1876 he removed to this city and built the handsome home on East Sandusky street, where he died.

Captain Alban was for many years one of the most prominent and successful educators of the county. He taught eighteen terms of school in the county and his services as an instructor were in great demand.

At the opening of the rebellion he was the second man in county to volunteer, after the fall of Ft. Sumter. He enlisted as a private when the first call for troops was made. When his time of enlistment expired, he at once set about to raise a company in this county, and such was his personal popularity that in three days he had secured an enlistment of 189 men, from which number the required quota was taken. The company was F. of the 21st regiment and Mr. Alban was unanimously constituted its captain. His record on the battle field was that of a

cool and competent commander, whose courage and patriotism was equal to the most trying emergency, and his superior qualities commended him to those in command in more than one of the great engagements of the war. At Chickamauga he was taken prisoner and spent seven months in Libby prison. Later he was taken to Macon, Ga. and thence to Columbia, S. C. where he was finally exchanged in February, 1865, after a total experience of seventeen months in rebel prisons. He returned home almost a living skeleton, and never fully recovered from the effects of his imprisonment. Capt. Alban's excellent soldier record recalls the fact that he came of revolutionary stock. His grandfather was a soldier in the revolutionary war and was for a brief time on the staff of General Washington. His father was a captain in the war of 1812 and was with Hull's army when it was betrayed and surrendered at Detroit.

His wife died in February, 1892 and his children three in number - two sons and one daughter - also preceded him in death. His father's family numbered nineteen children of whom he was the eighth. Five of his brothers and sisters moved to Hancock county, but of these a brother George B. Alban alone survives.

Captain Alban bought the interest of J. M. Beelman in the Republican in 1882 and for several years in association with the late E. G. DeWolfe, was its active business manager.

Although naturally retiring and desirous of avoiding public notoriety Mr. Alban was several times drafted into the service of his party as a candidate for public office. As the candidate for sheriff and later for representative at a time when his party was far in the minority. He ran hundreds ahead of his ticket. He served efficiently and with honor in the city council, to the school board, in the equalization board and in the health board of the city.

He was a man of inflexible integrity and tireless in the discharge of every duty, faithful to all obligations and possessed a mind refined and cultured by a lifetime of close application to study.

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Strict in his business habits and methods, he was yet generous to every worthy public object and every good cause.

To the Congregational Church, of which he was a devoted member, he gave largely and his life was full of those charities which were doubly beautiful because they hid themselves from the public gaze. He was a friend loyal and true.

The funeral services will be held at the house at 10:30 o'clock Saturday morning. Interment taking place at Maple Grove Cemetery.