

**PALMER, John McCauley**, soldier, b. in Eagle Creek, Scott co., Ky., 13 Sept., 1817. He removed to Illinois in 1832, and in 1839 settled in Carlinville. He was admitted to the bar in 1840, was a delegate to the State constitutional convention in 1847, a member of the state senate in 1852-'4, a delegate to the National Republican convention at Philadelphia in 1856, a presidential elector on the Republican ticket of 1860, and a delegate to the Peace convention at Washington, 4 Feb., 1861. He was elected colonel of the 14th Illinois volunteers in April, 1861, accompanied Gen. John C. Frémont in his expedition to Springfield, Mo., and was commissioned brigadier-general of volunteers on 20 Dec. He was with Gen. John Pope at the capture of New Madrid and Island No. 10, and afterward commanded the 1st brigade, 1st division of the Army of the Mississippi. In November, 1862, he was with Gen. Grant's army in temporary command of a division. Subsequently he led a division at the battle of Stone River, and for his gallantry there he was promoted to major-general of volunteers, 29 Nov., 1862. He participated in the battle of Chickamauga, and led the 14th corps in the Atlanta campaign, from May till September, 1864. He was governor of Illinois from 1869 till 1873.