

Major William Watson



As Portrayed By Andre Wagner



William Watson (1837-1879), was born in Bedford, Pennsylvania. He was the first of seven children born to Dr. William Hartley Watson, the other six being all girls. Raised by his father, he followed in his footsteps and attended Lafayette College. He also attended the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine. He enlisted as a surgeon in the 105th Regiment of Pennsylvania Volunteers at the age of 25. During his time in the Army of the Potomac, he took part in several battles including Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, the Wilderness, and Gettysburg. Major Watson is recognized most by his contribution from his personal letters he wrote home and were published. An excerpt from one of his letter home- You ought to be here to take a view of distant camp fires



scattered upon the surrounding hills. It is the most magnificent I ever beheld. There are thousands upon thousands of fires in view. The reflection of the light of the fires be tents resembles a large city in a state of illumination.



Andre Wagner has been a living historian since 2001. He has portrayed many personas over the years including Robert Lincoln and Francis Channing Barlow. Andre is also a member of the Keystone Guards, 147th PA Vol. Company G and also assumes the duties as Chief Surgeon on the staff of Birney's Division.