

A black and white photograph of a rowing team in a boat on a lake, with hills in the background. The team consists of about 15 men, some shirtless and some in light-colored shirts, sitting in a rowing boat. They are holding oars that extend into the water. The boat is white with a dark stripe along the side. The water is calm, and the background shows a range of hills or mountains under a clear sky.

Understanding Your Ancestor's Military History

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**It is not enough to find
the record**



Build the framework for your ancestor





Build the Framework

Using census records and vital records (if they exist) to build a timeline that has:

- Dates
- Places
- Events
- People
- Thoughts
- Sources



Build the Framework

Start with Excel Spread Sheet or Word Table

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5 Things You Should Do with Every Record

1. Source the Record
2. Examine the image, not just the Index
3. List ALL points of genealogical importance
4. What questions do you have?
5. File your notes and the image so that you can find them again later



Case Study: Using the Framework to start the story





James Calvin Donald(1836-1899)

Problem we are trying to solve:

Tell the story of James Calvin Donald's Civil War Experience

Start by developing a timeline of his life so that we know when and where he lived and where to look for records

Pvt James C. Donald

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James Calvin Donald was my great great grandfather. His wife was Elizabeth Jane Wallace. If you have



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Find A Grave, database and images
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The dates appear to come from the tombstone; locations unknown.

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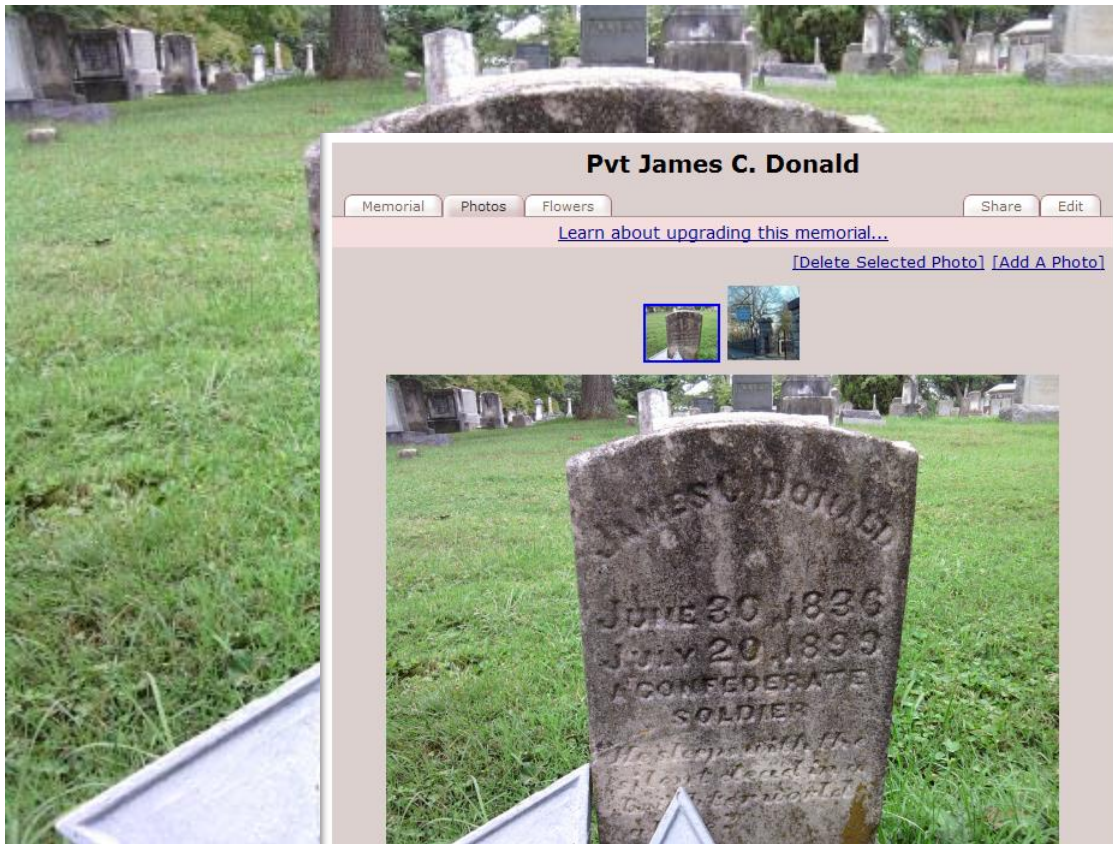


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4. What questions do you have?

- Nothing is sourced. Where did this information come from?
- Who was he married to?





A note about why I can use this photo in my presentation.

I took it.

Always get permission if it is isn't yours!

James Calvin Donald, son of John Donald and Nancy Matchett.

His wife, Elizabeth Jane Wallace, is buried in a location unknown.

His son, John Charlton Donald is buried in

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5. File your notes and the image so that you can find them again later

The screenshot displays a genealogy software interface. On the left, a profile card for James Calvin DONALD (1836 - 1899) is visible, identifying him as the great grandfather of Gilbert McClure GILLESPIE. The main area shows a 'Birth' entry for 30 Jun 1836 in Rockbridge, Virginia. Two overlapping windows titled 'Edit Source Citation For Birth of James Calvin DONALD' are shown. The background window has tabs for Source, Reference Note, Media, and Notes, with a link to '4 facts'. The foreground window is in the 'Notes' tab, featuring a rich text editor with a toolbar (bold, italic, underline, list, link, unlink, undo, redo, print) and a 1% zoom level. It contains a bulleted list of biographical details: James was born June 30, 1836 in Rockbridge County, Virginia; James died July 20, 1899 in Rockbridge County, Virginia; He mustered into the service in Company H, 4th Virginia Infantry on April 26, 1862; He transferred the 14th Virginia Cavalry on April 16, 1862; He was captured and held as a prisoner of war at Wheeling, West Virginia and exchanged between March 10 and March 12, 1865; Daughter was Laura Cecile Donald Gillespie (1877-1964). The foreground window also includes 'Copy', 'View Source Online', 'OK', 'Cancel', and 'Help' buttons.

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1836 - 1899

Great grandfather of
Gilbert McClure GILLESPIE

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492.544	Donald James W.M. 44		1	Farmer	✓
	— Elizabeth W.F. 35	Wife	1	Keeping House	
	— James H. W.M. 15	Son		Works on Farm	✓
	— Aurelia D. W.F. 11	Daughter		At Home	
	— Jno C. W.M. 7	Son			
	— Laura C. W.F. 3	Daughter			
	— Andrew M. W.M. 1/2 Yr				
493.545	Johnston James W.M. 64		1	Farmer	✓

1880 U.S. Census, Rockbridge County, Virginia, population schedule, Lexington Township, ED 65, p. 71 (penned), dwelling 492, family 544, James Donald household; database and digital images, *Ancestry.com* (<http://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 5 Feb 2014); FHL film 1,255,387; citing NARA microfilm publication, T9, roll 1387.

- James Donald, born about 1836, farmer, b. VA, p.b. VA
- Elizabeth, wife, born about 1845, keeping house, b. VA, p.b. VA
- James H, son, born about 1865, works on farm, b. VA, p.b. VA
- Aurelia D, daughter, born about 1869, b. VA, p.b. VA
- Jno C, son, born about 1873, b. VA, p.b. VA
- Laura C, daughter, born about 1877, b. VA, p.b. VA
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What Wars Did They Fight and Who Did They Fight With?





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Get Organized

Even if you are looking to find the story of one ancestor, it is probably worthwhile to search your tree, and determine who might be a likely candidate.

What are you looking for?

- Men
- Between born between 1816 and 1846. (This includes men between the ages of 15 and 45 in 1861).
- Men who were in the United States in the 1860 census.



Other Conflicts

World War II

- Men were eligible for the draft at 18. So men somewhere between the ages of 18 maybe up to 50 during 1942 and 1945. (abt 1890 – 1925)
- About 1/3 of eligible men served
 - http://dig.abclocal.go.com/ktrk/ktrk_120710_WWIIvetsfactsheet.pdf

World War I

- US was officially between 1917 and 1918. Men most likely born between 1879 and 1899. (Very rough).

Other Conflicts





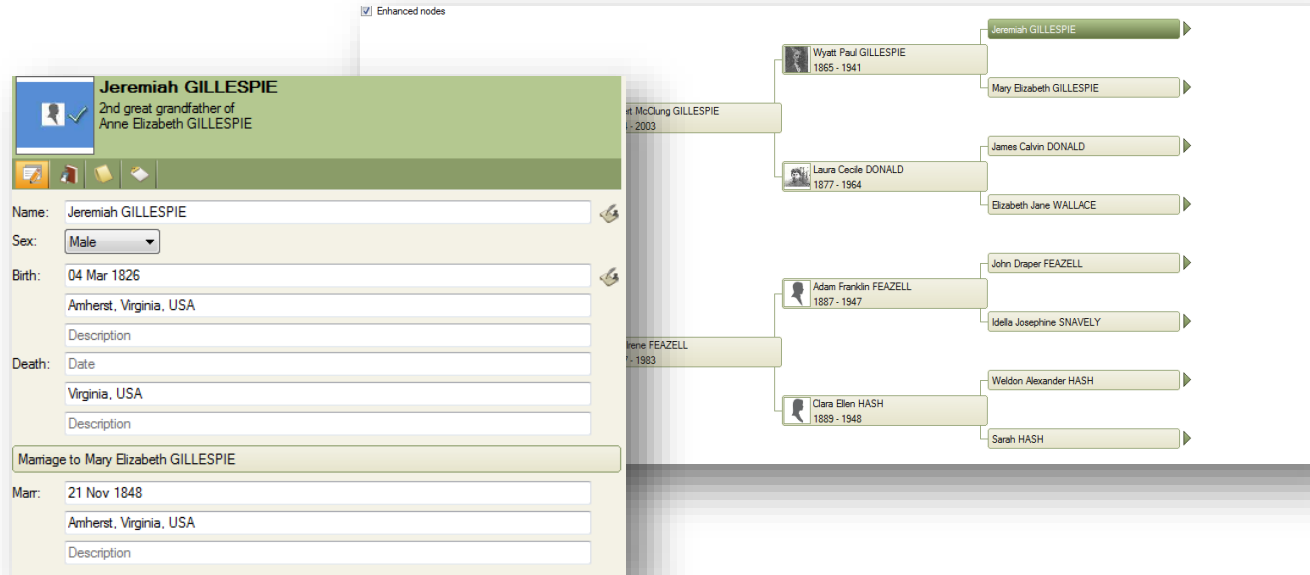
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Step 1: Examine Your Family Tree

I start walking up and down my family tree, looking for ancestor's in my direct line that might have served.





Step 1: Examine Your Family Tree

Jeremiah GILLESPIE
2nd great grandfather of
Anne Elizabeth GILLESPIE

Name: Jeremiah GILLESPIE

Sex: Male

Birth: 04 Mar 1826
Amherst, Virginia, USA
Description

Death: Date
Virginia, USA
Description

Marriage to Mary Elizabeth GILLESPIE

Marr: 21 Nov 1848
Amherst, Virginia, USA
Description

Jeremiah seems like a likely candidate.

He was born in 1826, and he would have been 35 in 1861.

He is in the 1860 census in Amherst, Virginia.

He is in the 1870 census in Amherst, Virginia.



Step 1: Examine Your Family Tree

Marriage: 21 Nov 1848 in Amherst, Virginia, USA			
Go	Children: 6	Sex	Birth
◀	Harriet Ann GILLESPIE	F	14 Jun 1850 in Amherst, Virginia, USA
◀	James R GILLESPIE	M	Apr 1851 in Virginia, USA
◀	William GILLESPIE	M	1853 in Amherst, Virginia, USA
◀	George C GILLESPIE	M	28 Jan 1856 in Amherst, Virginia, USA
◀	Sarah GILLESPIE	F	Feb 1860 in Amherst, Virginia, USA
▶	Wyatt Paul GILLESPIE	M	15 Jul 1865 in Amherst, Virginia, USA

Also, note the ages of the children.

Are there gaps between 1860 and 1865? That is a clue.



Step 2: Organize Your Family Data

Let's start a spread sheet to organize our data.

Possible Direct Ancestors that Fought in the Civil War											
First Name	Jeremiah										
Last Name	Gillespie										
Home in 1860	Amherst, Virginia										
Home in 1870	Amherst, Virginia										
Birth Year	1826										
Age in 1861	35										
Age in 1865	39										
Birth Years of children born between 1860 and 1865	1860, 1865										

- Where he lived in 1860 and 1870 help us determine what side he fought for, as well as where he might have enlisted.
- Gaps in ages of children help us decide if he was not at home in the 1860's.



Step 3: Finish gathering the likely suspects

	Possible Direct Ancestors that Fought in the Civil War					
First Name	Jeremiah	James Calvin	Aaron	Adam Boyd	Zebedee	Abram
Last Name	Gillespie	Donald	Fezell	Snavely	Hash	Hash
Home in 1860	Amherst, Virginia	Rockbridge, Virginia	Wythe, Virginia	Smythe, Virginia	Grayson, Virginia	Grayson, Virginia
Home in 1870	Amherst, Virginia	Record NA	Wythe, Virginia	Smythe, Virginia	Grayson, Virginia	Grayson, Virginia
Birth Year	1826	1836	1820	1832	1818	1830
Death Year	unknown	1899	Unknown	1902	1880	1902
Age in 1861	35	25	41	29	43	31
Age in 1865	39	29	45	33	47	35
Birth Years of children born in the 1860's	1860, 1865	1860, 1864, 1869		1868, 1869	1861, 1862, 1864, 1865	1866, 1870

First Name	Mastin	David	Lansford M	Thomas Lee	Peter Zimmerman
Last Name	Turner	Hamrick	Hopper	Payne	Baxter
Home in 1860	Cleveland, NC	Cleveland, NC	Spartanburg, SC	Gaston, NC	Gaston, NC
Home in 1870	York, SC	Cleveland, NC	Spartanburg, SC	Gaston, NC	Lincoln, NC
Birth Year	1843	1829	1825	1844	1821
Death Year	1926	1908	1870	1923	1884
Age in 1861	18	32	36	17	40
Age in 1865	22	36	40	21	44
Birth Years of children born in the 1860's	1867	1861, 1863, 1864, 1866, 1867	1862, 1866, 1868	None	None



Step 4: Pick someone and gather family data

James Calvin Donald

First Name	James Calvin
Last Name	Donald
Home in 1860	Rockbridge, Virginia
Home in 1870	Record NA
Birth Year	1836
Death Year	1899
Age in 1861	25
Age in 1865	29
Birth Years of children born in the 1860's	1860, 1864, 1869

Find his brothers:

	James and His Brothers					
First Name	James Calvin	John A	Benjamin Matchett	Robert	Samuel Wilson	Matthew Lyle
Last Name	Donald	Donald	Donald	Donald	Donald	Donald
Home in 1860	Rockbridge, VA	Rockbridge, VA	Rockbridge, VA	Rockbridge, VA	Rockbridge, VA	Rockbridge, VA
Home in 1870	Record NA	Rockbridge, VA	Rockbridge, VA	Record NA	Rockbridge, VA	Rockbridge, VA
Birth Year	1836	1839	1841	1845	1847	1852
Death Year	1899	1894	1881	1864	Aft 1920	Aft 1920
Age in 1861	25	22	20	16	14	9
Age in 1865	29	26	24	20	18	13
Birth Years of children born in the 1860's	1860, 1864, 1869		None	None	None	None



Step 5: Which side did they fight for?

Union States:

California, Connecticut, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Nevada, New Hampshire, New York, New Jersey, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, Wisconsin

Confederate States:

South Carolina, Mississippi, Florida, Alabama, Georgia, Louisiana, Texas, Virginia, Arkansas, Tennessee, North Carolina

Border States:

Delaware, Maryland, Kentucky, Missouri, West Virginia



Step 6: Let's see what we can find

<http://www.ancestry.com/militaryrecords>

Choose Civil War



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Enlistment Record

Now there is a lot of information.

Should I just attach this record,
or should I be summarizing as
well?

You know the answer.

U.S. Civil War Soldier Records and Profiles about James C Donald	
Name:	James C Donald
Residence:	Lexington, Virginia
Occupation:	Laborer
Age at Enlistment:	24
Enlistment Date:	20 Apr 1861
Rank at enlistment:	Private
State Served:	Virginia
Survived the War?:	Yes
Service Record:	Enlisted in Company H, Virginia 4th Infantry Regiment on 20 Apr 1861. Mustered out on 16 Apr 1862. Transferred to Company Preston's, Virginia 7th Cavalry Regiment on 16 Apr 1862. Mustered out on 28 Sep 1862. Transferred to Company G, Virginia 14th Cavalry Regiment on 28 Sep 1862.
Description:	height: 5 ft. 9 in., fair complexion, blue eyes, light hair.
Birth Date:	30 Jun 1836
Death Date:	20 Jul 1899
Death Place:	Lexington, VA
Sources:	The Virginia Regimental Histories Series
Source Information: Historical Data Systems, comp.. <i>U.S. Civil War Soldier Records and Profiles</i> [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations Inc, 2009. Original data: Data compiled by Historical Data Systems of Kingston, MA from the following list of works .	



Step 7: Summarize and update what you know

First, update your spread sheet.

Include the Unit's Served, Enlistment Date, Muster Out Date

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Birth Years of children born in the 1860's	1860, 1864, 1869		None	None	None	None
		Unit Served		Enlistment Date	Muster Out	
	James Calvin Donald	Company H, Virginia 4th Infantry Unit		20 Apr 1861	16 Apr 1862	
		Company Preston's, Virginia 7th Cav		16 Apr 1862	28 Sep 1862	
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Step 7: Update Your Other Spread Sheet

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Start Your Story



Let's start telling James Donald's Civil War Story.

James C Donald, was born on 30 Jun 1836.

Three days after Virginia seceded from the union, he enlisted in Company H, Virginia 4th Infantry Regiment on 20 Apr 1861, at the age of 24, three days after Virginia seceded from the Union.

He also served in Company Preston's Virginia 7th Cavalry Regiment and Company G, Virginia 14th Cavalry Regiment.

He was 5 foot 9, had a fair complexion, blue eyes, and light hair. He was a laborer.

He died in Lexington, Virginia on 20 Jul 1899 at the age of 63.

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Three Civil War Indexes to Look at

U.S Civil War Soldier Records and Profiles

American Civil War Soldiers

U.S. Civil War Soldiers, 1861 -1865

- From the National Park Service
- <http://www.itd.nps.gov/cwss>


The image shows three overlapping screenshots of Civil War soldier records for James C. Donald. The top screenshot is titled "U.S. Civil War Soldier Records and Profiles about James C Donald" and lists fields like Name, Residence, Occupation, Age at Enlistment, Enlistment Date, Rank at enlistment, State Served, Survived the War?, and Service Record. The middle screenshot is titled "American Civil War Soldiers about James Donald" and lists Name, Residence, and Occupation. The bottom screenshot is titled "U.S. Civil War Soldiers, 1861-1865 about James C. Donald" and provides detailed information about James C. Donald, including his side (Confederate), regiment (14 Virginia Cavalry), company (G), rank (Private), and film number (M382 roll 16). It also includes source information and a description of the database.

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Side:	Confederate
Regiment:	Virginia
State/Origin:	
Regiment Name:	14 Virginia Cavalry
Regiment Name Expanded:	14th Regiment, Virginia Cavalry
Company:	G
Rank In:	Private
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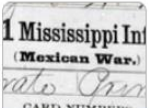
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The discipline of this Regt has heretofore been remarkable good, but recent violent acts in opposition to certain orders has detracted in a great measure from their usual good name. The regimental officers have done their duty in endeavoring to put a stop to these proceedings. The fault lies with the Company Officers, they are justly to be blamed. The remarks apply to each and every Company in this regt, with the exception of Co. "A", unless any information is very

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James Calvin Donald



Confederate

2 4 Va.

James B. Donald.

Plt, Co. H, 4 Reg't Virginia Infantry.

Appears on _____

Company Muster Roll _____

of the organization named above _____

for _____

Enlisted: _____

When: _____

Where: _____

By whom: _____

Period: _____

Last paid: _____

By whom: _____

To what time: _____

Present or absent: _____

Remarks: _____

The 4th Regiment Virginia Infantry was organized April 26, 1861, and accepted into the service of the Confederate States about July 1, 1861, with nine companies, A to I. Company B of the 5th Regiment Virginia Infantry was assigned to this regiment and served as Company K from about July 5 to July 24, 1861, when it was transferred to the 27th Regiment Virginia Infantry and became (2d) Company H. Company L was organized July 16, 1861. The regiment was reorganized April 22, 1862, when some of the men re-enlisted in other organizations.

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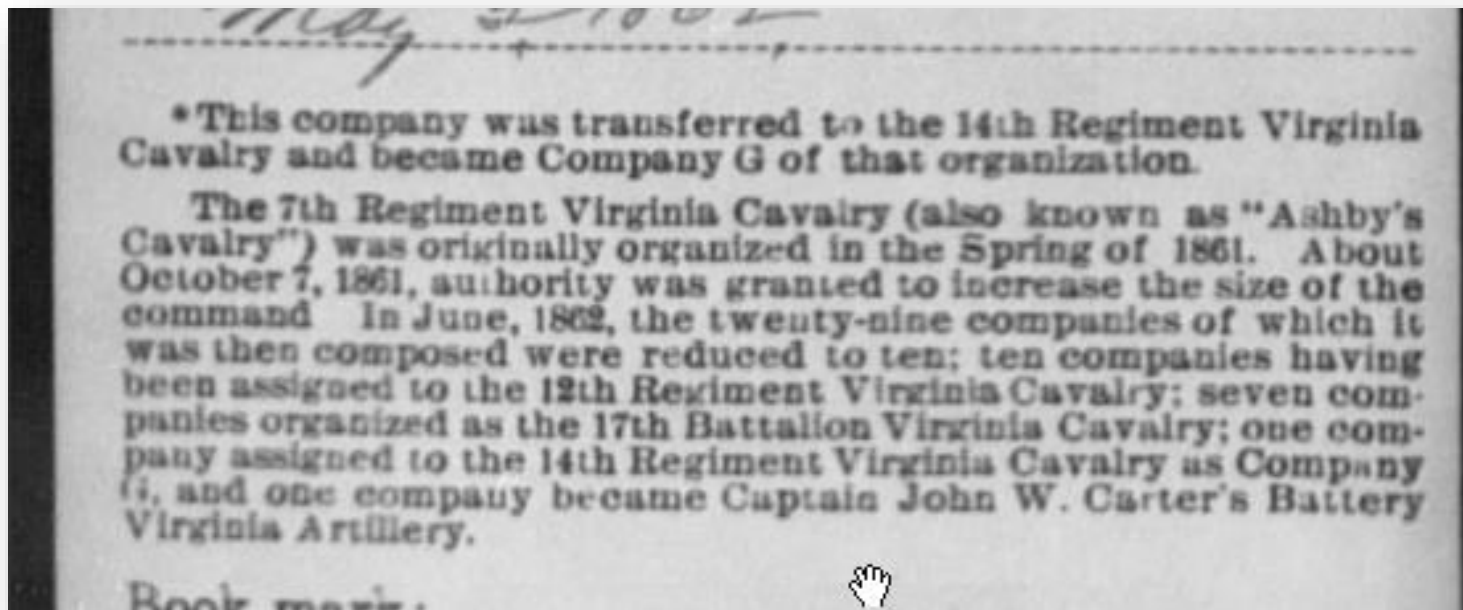
To what time _____

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Remarks: Transferred to Preston's Cavalry by order of Sec of War Sept. 28. Pay as furnished

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James Calvin Donald



James Calvin Donald

Donald
Co. G, 14 Va

(Confederate.)

Private

Number of men
Number of privates

See also 7 Va

(Confederate.)

D 14 Cav. Va.

James C. Donald
Priv., Co. G, 14 Reg't Virginia Cavalry.*

Appears on

Company Muster Roll

of the organization named above,

for Oct. 31, 1863 to Aug. 31, 1864.

Dated Oct 31

Enlisted:

When Apr. 16, 1864

Where Hawkes town

By whom W. R. Preston

Period 2 yrs or thereabouts

Last paid:

By whom Capt Cochran

To what time June 30, 1864

Present or absent Absent

Remarks: Captured in Rockbridge

*This company subsequently became Company G, 14th Reg't Virginia Cavalry. It was formerly Captain Preston's Company, 7th Regiment Virginia Cavalry. The company was divided and part of it organized May 11, 1864, as (G) Company F of this regiment.

The 14th Regiment Virginia Cavalry was organized by S. G. No. 96, A. & I. O. O., dated September 1, 1862, with nine companies, some of which had previously served in a field organization known as Jackson's Squadron Virginia Cavalry; the tenth company was formed of surplus men of the other companies. Two of these companies failed to join the regiment and others were assigned to their places.

(Confederate.)

D 14 Cav Va

James C. Donald
Priv. Co. G, 14 Reg't Va. leave & S.A.

Appears on a List

of Prisoners confined in Military Prison at Wheeling, Va. (also known as Atheneum Prison).

July 1/64

Age 25 years; height 5 ft. 9 in.

Complexion fair; eyes blue; hair light

Occupation Cooper

Residence:

Town

County Rockbridge

State Va

Arrested:

By whom Genl Hunter

Where Rockbridge Co Va

Date June 12, 1864

Charges

Remarks: Sent to Camp Chase @ July 3 1864

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RW Pearson

John Donald

(Confederate.)

20 | 27 | Va

J A Donald
Pvt, Co. 86, 27 Reg't Va Inf

Appears on a Descriptive Roll of
Prisoners of War
 at Camp Chase, Ohio.

Arrested: _____
 Where *Rockbridge Co Va*
 When *June 11*, 1864.

Received at Camp Chase, Ohio:
 When *July 3*, 1864.
 Whence *Wheeling Va*
 By whose order *Capt En Over*

Description:
 Height _____ ft. _____ in.; age _____
 Eyes _____; hair _____; complexion _____

Date of departure *May 13*, 1865.
 Remarks: *Released order*
Come Genl Prio May 8
1865

(Confederate.)

20 | 27 | Va

John A Donald
Pvt Co 86 27 Regt Va Inf

Name appears as signature to an
Oath of Allegiance
 to the United States, subscribed and sworn to at
 Camp Chase, Ohio, May 13, 1865.*

Place of residence *Rockbridge Co Va*
 Complexion *Wd*; hair *dk*
 Eyes *Blue*; height *5* ft. *6 1/2* in.
 Where captured *Lexington Va*
 When captured *June 12*, 1864.
 Remarks: _____

Benjamin Matchette Donald

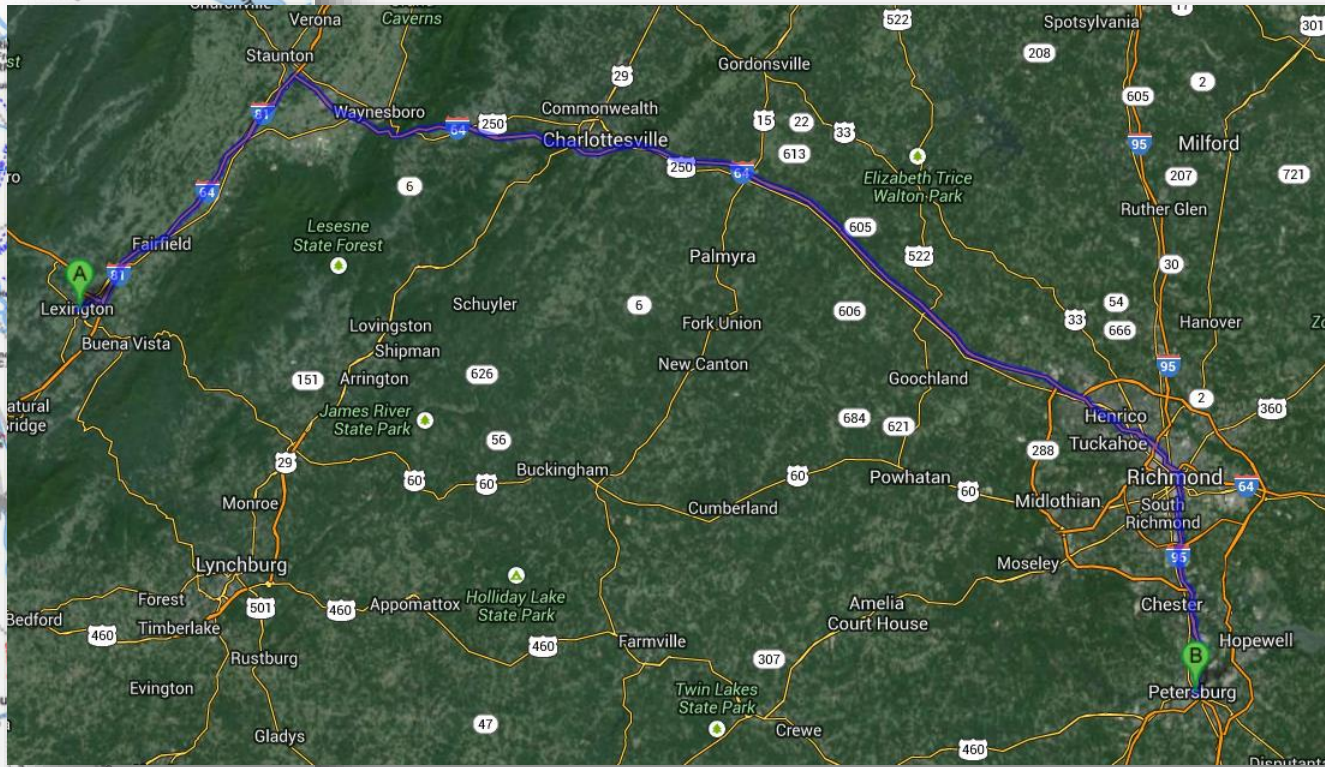
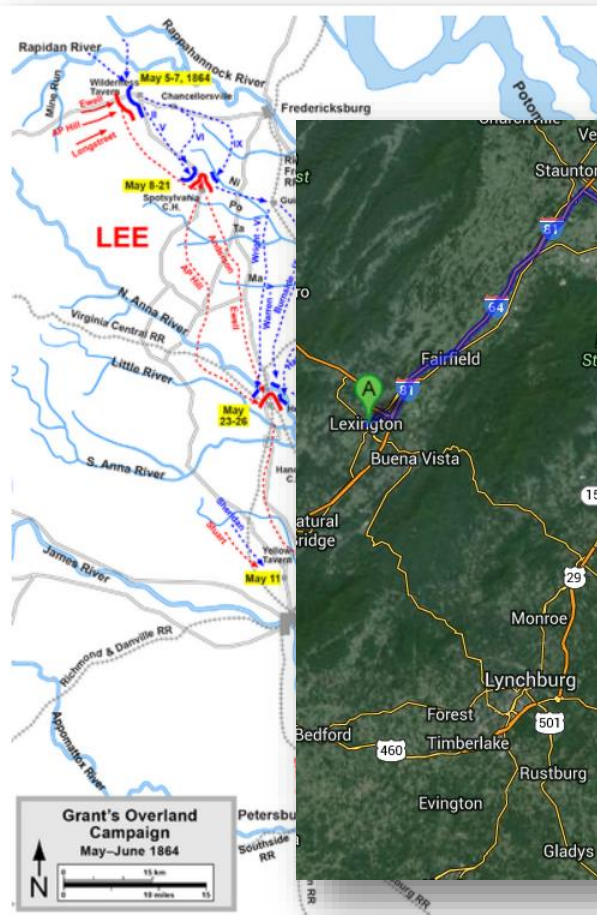


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21 27	21	20 29 Va
Benjamin J. Donald	Benjamin	B M Donald
Priv., (2d) Co. H, 27 Reg't Vir	Priv., (2d)	Priv. Co H 29 Reg 1 Va Inf
Appears on	Appears on	Name appears as signature to an
Company Muster Roll	Company	Oath of Allegiance
of the organization named above,	of the organization n	to the United States, subscribed and sworn to at
for	for	Camp Chase, Ohio, May 13, 1865.*
Dated Dec 31	Enlisted:	Place of residence Rockbridge Va
Enlisted:	When	Complexion Fair; hair 21
When Apr 15	Where	Eyes Blue; height 5 ft. 8 in.
Where Lexington	By whom	Where captured Lexington Va
By whom C. H. Matchette	Period	When captured June 12, 1864
Period 1 yr	Last paid:	Remarks:
Last paid:	By whom	
By whom Capt. E. H. Hatcher	To what time	
To what time Dec 1	Present or absent	
Present or absent Present	Remarks: Present	
Remarks: See arrest	Remarks: Present	
Dec 20		

What happened around June 12th?



On May 3, the Union Army of the Potomac, under General George B. McClellan, moved into the area. The Confederates, under General Robert E. Lee, were already in the area. The Union Army of the Potomac was the largest army in the world at the time. The Confederates were the only army in the world that was not the largest army in the world. The Union Army of the Potomac was the largest army in the world. The Confederates were the only army in the world that was not the largest army in the world.



(Confederate.)

D 14 Cao Va

James B. Donald
Born July 14, 1844, Ryk, Va.

Appears on a

List

of Prisoners confined in Military
Wheeling, Va.
Prison).

July 1/64

Age 25 years

Complexion fair

Occupation

Residence:

Town

County

State

Arrested:

By whom

Where

Date

Charges

Remarks Sent to Camp Chase
1864

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RW Pearson

Appears on

at Camp Chase

Arrested:

Where

When

Name appears as signature to an

Oath of Allegiance

to the United States, subscribed and sworn to at
Camp Chase, Ohio, May 13, 1865.*

Place of residence Rockbridge Co. Va.

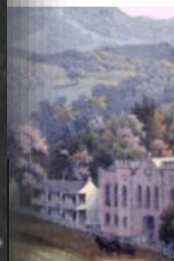
Complexion Fair; hair 21.

Eyes Blue; height 5 ft. 8 in.

Where captured Lexington Va.

When captured June 12, 1864.

Remarks:



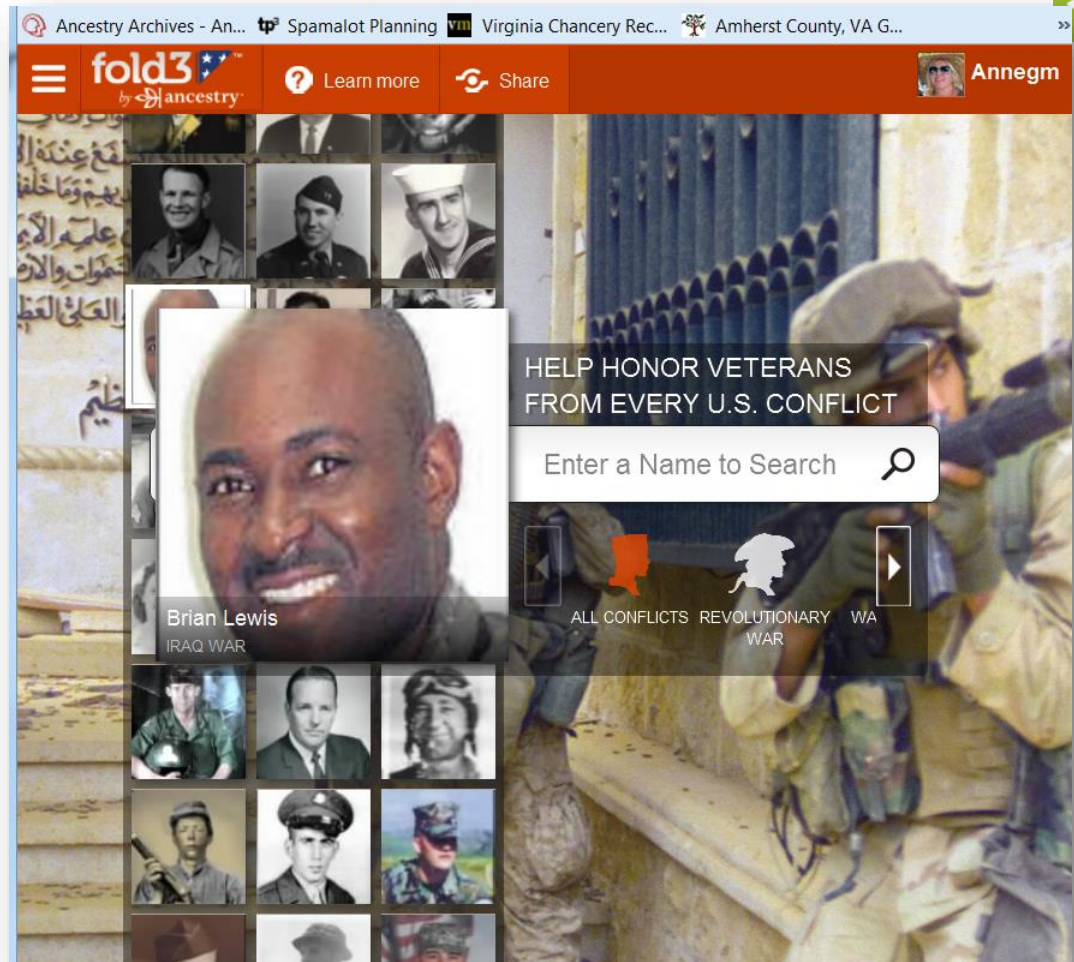
arsenal and a military training school, and the Institute was considered to be a legitimate military target. On June 12, Hunter ordered the burning of VMI.

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30 Jun 1836	Rockbridge, Virginia	Birth	James Calvin Donald	This is the date that appears on the tombstone; no idea who the informant is.	Tombstone from Find A Grave
1850	Rockbridge, Virginia	Census	James Donald	John (37), Nancy (37), James (14), Mary I (12), John (11), Benjamin (9), Ann E (7), Robert (5), Samuel W (4), Martha (0)	1850 Census
1860	Rockbridge, Virginia	Census	James C Donald	District 2, Rockbridge, Virginia. Family: John Donald (51), Nancy (44), James C (25), Robert A (25), Wilson S (13), Mary I (12), Sarah M (10) M Lewis (9), Mary M (2)	1860 Census
20 Mar 1860	Lexington, Rockbridge, Virginia	Marriage	James C and Elizabeth Jane Wallace	James was 23 and Elizabeth was 16	Marriage Index
17 Apr 1861	Virginia	Secession		Virginia votes to secede from the union	
20 Apr 1861	Virginia	Muster Date	James C Donald	Mustered into Company H, 4th Virginia Infantry;	U.S. Civil War Soldier Record and Profiles
16 Apr 1862	unknown	Transfer Date	James C Donald	Transferred to Company Preston's, Virginia 7th Cavalary	U.S. Civil War Soldier Record and Profiles
26 Sep 1862	unknown	Transfer Date	James C Donald	Transferred into Company G, 14th Virginia Calvary	U.S. Civil War Soldier Record and Profiles
12 Jun 1864	Rockbridge, Virginia	Captured	James C Donald; John Donald; Benjamin Donald	All three were captured and ultimately sent to Camp Chase in Ohio	Service Record
1 Jul 1864	Wheeling, West Virginia	Transferred	James C Donald	Sent to Military Prison (Anthenuem) in Wheeling West Virginia	Service Record
3 July 1864	Camp Chase, Ohio	Transferred	James C Donald	Private, Go G, 14th Regiment; Prisoner of War	Service Record
10 Mar 1865	Wheeling, West Virginia	Exchanged as POW	James C Donald		Find A Grave Memorial page; service record
1870	none	Census		Cannot locate the census	
1880	Lexington, Rockbridge, Virginia	Census	James Donald	Living in Lexington, working as a farmer. Family: James (44), Elizabeth, w (35), James H, s (15), Aurelia D, d (11), Jno C, s (7), Laura C, d (3), Andrew M, s (1m)	1880 census
20 Jul 1899	Rockbridge, Virginia	Death	James Calvin Donald; Laura Cecile Donald Gillespie	This is the date that appears on the tombstone; no idea who the informant is; Laura is listed as his daughter.	Tombstone from Find A Grave

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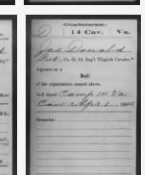
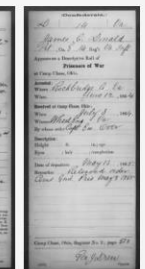
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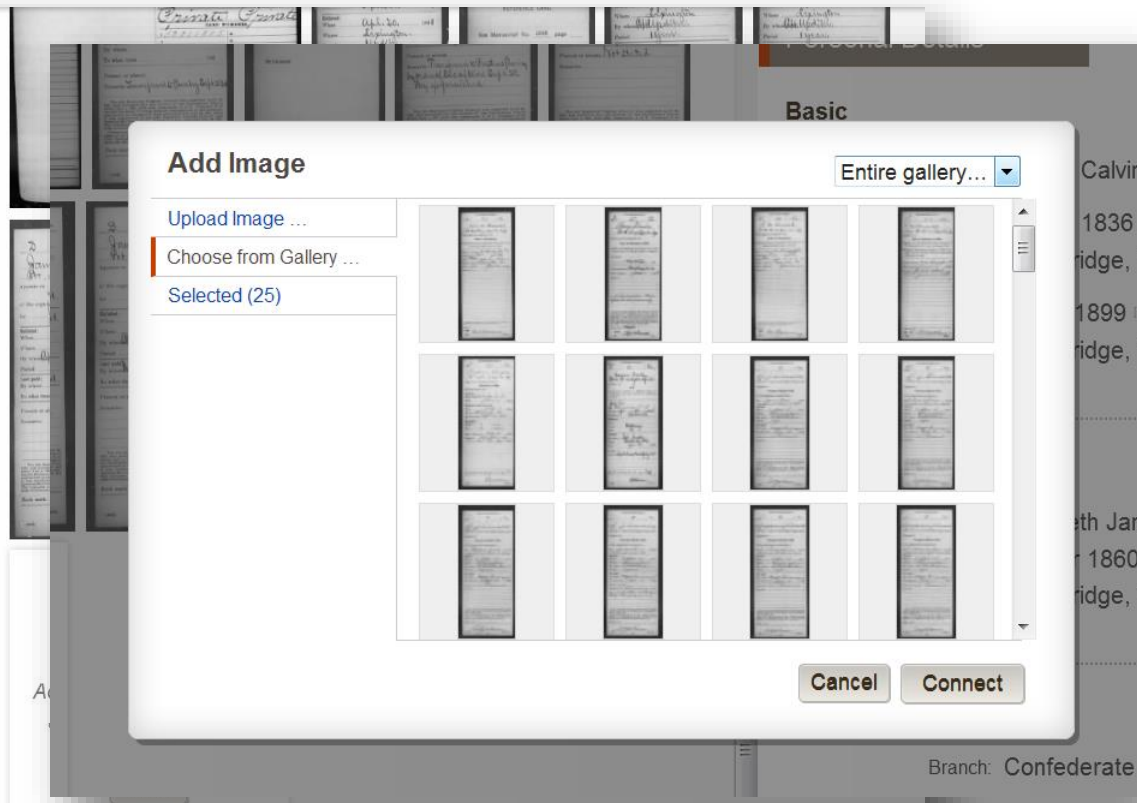


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James Calvin DONALD was my g-g-grandfather. He was the son of [John DONALD](#) and [Nancy MATCHETT](#). [John DONALD](#) was the son of James DONALD and Jennie Jane MCCORKLE. He was the great-grandson of Matthew DONALD and Eliabeth LYLE who are members of families that originally settled in Rockbridge, Virginia

Three of James' brothers, [John A DONALD](#), [Benjamin Matchett DONALD](#), and [Robert DONALD](#) fought for the Confederacy in the Civil War, along with James. All of them spent time in Yankee prison camps, and his brother [Robert DONALD](#) died in one.

James was married to [Elizabeth Jane WALLACE](#), daughter of [Charlton WALLACE](#) and [Martha Jane CASH](#)

I have been able to piece together a lot of the DONALD and LYLE family tree from a book published in 1912 about the LYLE's in early Virginia.

From: Lyle Family: The Ancestry and Posterity of Matthew, John, Daniel and Samuel Lyle, Pioneer Settlers in Virginia

Elizabeth Jane WALLACE was born about 1844 in Rockbridge, Virginia. Her birth year is based on various census reports. She was the daughter of Charlton WALLACE and Martha Jane CASH. She was the oldest of their six children.

James, 24, married Elizabeth, 16, in Rockbridge, Virginia on 20 Mar 1860.


James and Elizabeth lived in an interesting time in American history and were right in the middle

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vine W. Kunkle, at Pond Gap, Va.

Died of disease—Lieut. Sam. Cochran, of Augusta Co., John Balser, died in prison; Jos. Flint, Chas. Nicely, and Jas. Wilson; Gideon Marks, while a prisoner at Alton, Ill.

COMPANY "G" 14TH VIRGINIA CAVALRY

This company was largely composed of men already in the service who had re-enlisted before the passage of the "Conscript Law" in April, '62. It was organized some time that summer. Its membership was drawn from the "Stonewall Brigade," principally from the 4th regiment. Nineteen were from Rockbridge, fourteen of whom were members of the Rockbridge Grays.

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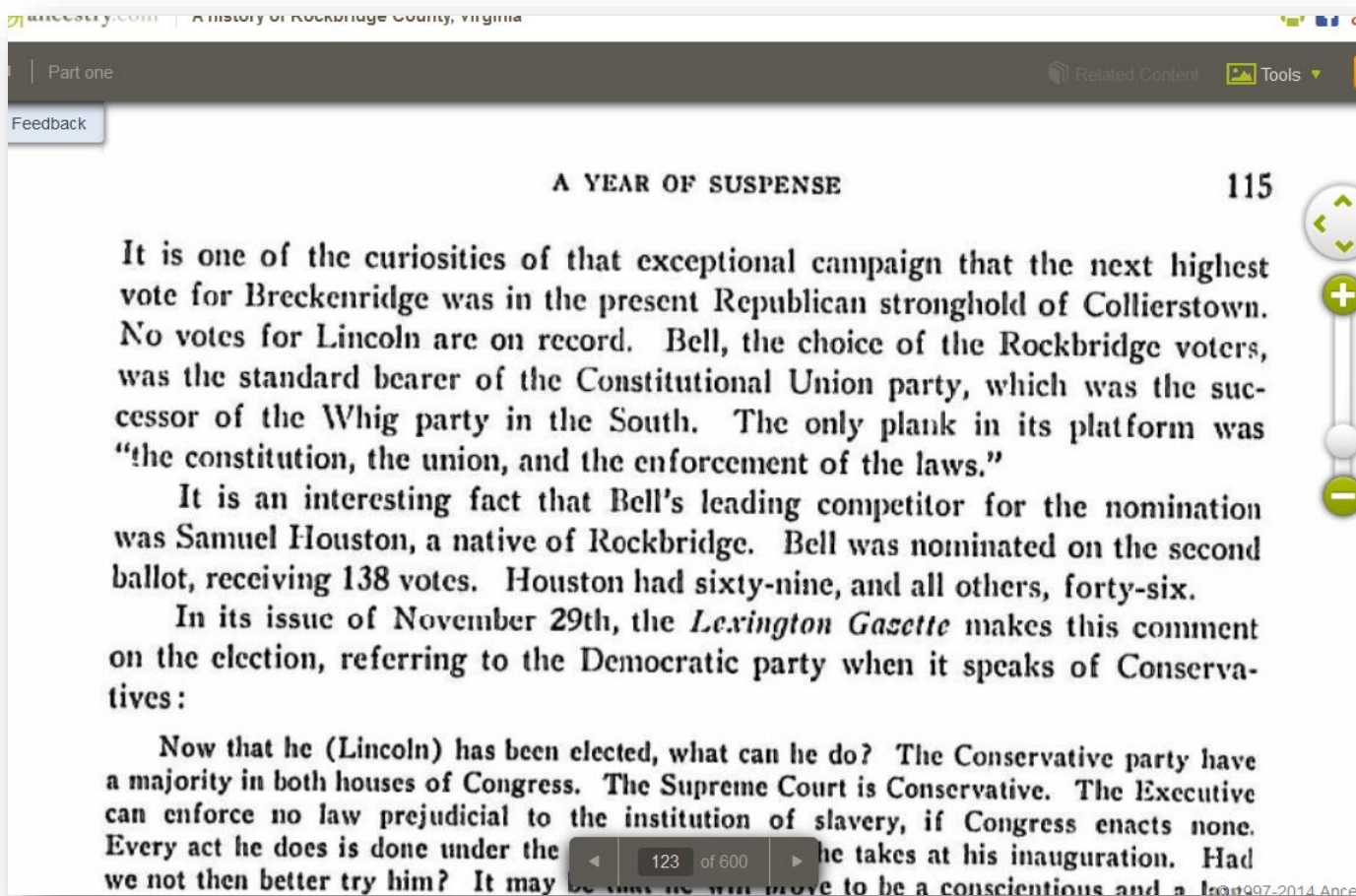
Captains—Walter R. Preston, of Montgomery Co., was the first Capt., and resigned and was succeeded by Alexander M. Peck, of Montgomery Co., who held the office until the surrender.

Lieutenants—1st, Chas. Norvell, of Lynchburg; 2nd, Chas. Keiffer, of Pulaski Co., (who never did much service with the company, being aide to Gen. Jenkins); 3rd, William W. Cornett, of Grayson Co., who acted in that capacity until the close of hostilities.

Sergeants—1st, John P. Tribett, of Rockbridge; 2nd, John Jameison Bunch, of Rockbridge; 3rd, John A. Bourn, of Grayson; 4th, John S. Perkins, of Grayson; 5th, David B. Davis, of Montgomery.

Corporals—1st, John W. Small, of Rockbridge; 2nd, Geo. W. Barnett, of Montgomery; 3rd, Bud Anderson, of Montgomery.

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DEATHS.

DONALD.—James C. Donald, aged sixty-three years, died Thursday afternoon at his home two miles south of Lexington. He had been in failing health for several years with Bright's disease and to nearly two months previous to his death was confined to his bed.

He was a brave Confederate soldier, having entered the war as a member of the Rockbridge Grays and afterwards served in the Fourteenth Virginia Cavalry. The last year of the war he was a prisoner in Camp Chase.

He was a quiet, unobtrusive man, a good citizen, and an exemplary Christian.

He is survived by his wife, who was a daughter of Charlton Wallace, of Natural Bridge, and four children—Mrs. James Brogan, Mrs. W. P. Gillispie, Messrs. J. C. and J. H. Donald, all of Rockbridge.

The funeral services, conducted by Rev. Henry P. Hamill, took place Friday afternoon from his late home, and interment was made in the Lexington cemetery. His comrades of Lee-Jackson Camp, of which he was a member, acted as pallbearers.

1. Source the record

"Deaths," *Lexington (Virginia) Gazette*, 26 Jul 1899, online archives, *Chronicling America* (<http://chroniclingamerica.org> : accessed 5 Feb 2014, page 3, col 4.

2. Examine the image, not just the index

Not too applicable



He is survived by his wife, who was

- Brogan, Mrs. W. P. .Gillispie, J. C. Donald, and J. H. Donald. All lived in Rockbridge
- He belonged to the Lee-Jackson camp.
- Rev. Henry P. Hamill officiated the funeral

Update the Spread Sheet



30 Jun 1836	Rockbridge, Virginia	Birth	James Calvin Donald	This is the date that appears on the tombstone; no idea who the informant is.	Tombstone from Find A Grave
1850	Rockbridge, Virginia	Census	James Donald	John (37), Nancy (37), James (14), Mary I (12), John (11), Benjamin (9), Ann E (7), Robert (5), Samuel W (4), Martha (0)	1850 Census
1860	Rockbridge, Virginia	Census	James C Donald	District 2, Rockbridge, Virginia. Family: John Donald (51), Nancy (44), James C (25), Robert A (25), Wilson S (13), Mary I (12), Sarah M (10) M Lewis (9), Mary M (2)	1860 Census
20 Mar 1860	Lexington, Rockbridge, Virginia	Marriage	James C and Elizabeth Jane Wallace	James was 23 and Elizabeth was 16	Marriage Index
17 Apr 1861	Virginia	Secession		Virginia votes to secede from the union	
20 Apr 1861	Virginia	Muster Date	James C Donald	Mustered into Company H, 4th Virginia Infantry;	U.S. Civil War Soldier Record and Profiles
16 Apr 1862	unknown	Transfer Date	James C Donald	Transferred to Company Preston's, Virginia 7th Cavalary	U.S. Civil War Soldier Record and Profiles
26 Sep 1862	unknown	Transfer Date	James C Donald	Transferred into Company G, 14th Virginia Calvary	U.S. Civil War Soldier Record and Profiles
12 Jun 1864	Rockbridge, Virginia	Captured	James C Donald; John Donald; Benjamin Donald	All three were captured and ultimately sent to Camp Chase in Ohio	Service Record
1 Jul 1864	Wheeling, West Virginia	Transferred	James C Donald	Sent to Military Prison (Anthenuem) in Wheeling West Virginia	Service Record
3 July 1864	Camp Chase, Ohio	Transferred	James C Donald	Private, Go G, 14th Regiment; Prisoner of War	Service Record
10 Mar 1865	Wheeling, West Virginia	Exchanged as POW	James C Donald		Find A Grave Memorial page; service record
1870	none	Census		Cannot locate the census	
1880	Lexington, Rockbridge, Virginia	Census	James Donald	Living in Lexington, working as a farmer. Family: James (44), Elizabeth, w (35), James H, s (15), Aurelia D, d (11), Jno C, s (7), Laura C, d (3), Andrew M, s (1m)	1880 census
20 Jul 1899	Rockbridge, Virginia	Death	James Calvin Donald; Laura Cecile Donald Gillespie	This is the date that appears on the tombstone; no idea who the informant is; Laura is listed as his daughter.	Tombstone from Find A Grave



Pensions and Casualty Reports





The Snavely's of Smyth County

Adam & Elizabeth

Nicholas SNAVELY
Born: 10 Apr 1811
Virginia
Died: 1898
Virginia

Marriage: 15 Sep 1831 in Wythe, Virginia

Go	Children: 7	Sex	Birth
◀	Adam Boyd SNAVELY	M	25 Aug 18
◀	Elizabeth SNAVELY	F	22 Sep 18
◀	Mary Ann SNAVELY	F	17 Jun 18
◀	William H SNAVELY	M	1842 in St
◀	Ferdinand Sprinkle SN...	M	Feb 1843
◀	Susan E SNAVELY	F	Apr 1845
◀	Alexander Campbell S...	M	15 Apr 18
	Add Child		

+ Add Mother

+ Add Parents

+ Add Parents

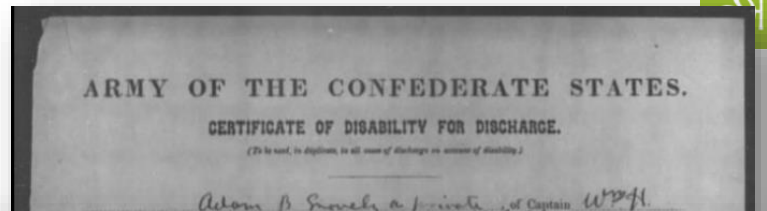
Joseph ROLSTON
Born: 29 Feb 1844
Indiana
Died: 01 Aug 1928
Trimble, Kentucky

Marriage: 05 Dec 1865 in Smyth, Virginia

Go	Children: 9	Sex	Birth	Death
◀	Mollie ROLSTON	F	Oct 1866 in Kentucky	Bet. 1902-1910 in Trimble, Kentucky; Not in 1910 Census; husb...
◀	William Lee ROLSTON	M	1869 in Kentucky	15 Dec 1942 in Bedford, Trimble, Kentucky
◀	Charles ROLSTON	M	1871 in Kentucky	
◀	Belle ROLSTON	F	Mar 1872 in Kentucky	
◀	John ROLSTON	M	1875 in Kentucky	
◀	Ferdinand ROLSTON	M	Mar 1876 in Smyth, Virginia	
◀	Columbus F RALSTON	M	20 Mar 1878 in Kentucky	25 Dec 1958 in Carroll, Kentucky; Age at Death: 80
◀	Chan RALSTON	M	Mar 1880 in Kentucky	
◀	Emma RALSTON	F	Jan 1884 in Kentucky	
	Add Child			

Nicholas & Mary Mollie
Born: Apr 1845
Smyth, Virginia
Died: 21 Apr 1904
Trimble, Kentucky

Adam Boyd Snavelly



(To be used, in duplicate, in all cases of discharge on account of disability.)

STATION: Rocky Gap
DATE: May 28th 1863

W. H. H. Danold
Commanding Company.

I CERTIFY, that I have carefully examined the said Adam B. Snavelly of Captain W. H. H. Danold's Company, and find him incapable of performing the duties of a soldier because of *(Here consult par. 1134, p. 945, and directions on Form 12, p. 269, Med. Dept. Gen. Reg.)* Scrophulous disease affecting his lungs and also his right leg. And therefore I recommend that he be discharged from service.

A. A. Rice
Surgeon.

William



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I CERTIFY, That the within named *Wm. H. Snawley*
Wm. H. Snawley Company (7) of the
Infantry, born in *Smith County*
 , aged *24* years, *5* feet, *10*
 hair, and by
Wm. H. McDonald
September 1861

shell, and balls about one o'clock P. M. on the 26th.
 The position thus obtained by the 23rd Batt was
 maintained until the enemy retreated. The fire
 was almost continuously engaged from the time
 the troops arrived on the field until about 12 M
 on the 27th inst. The following is the list of cas-
 ualties in the Battalion. Killed & Staff Killed -
 -Sergeant Major *Wm. H. Snawley* Co. A. Killed Private
 -James A. Wilson. Wounded Privates *Wm. S. Mum*
 (mortally). *Wm. Durman* (eye & shoulder) P. M.
 Bishop (in foot) Abraham Gross (both legs)

February 13, 1915.

Respectfully returned to the

Ans. Well: as I said I was shot a long in the fall of 1863 and after I was shot I was in such a condition that I was of no futher service, I was taken to Bristol, Tenn., and put in a kind of a hospital, where I remained about a month, then I was taken to a place in Washington County, Va., where they were using a large college for a hospital there I remained until about the middle of the summer of 1864 maby about August 1864 when they transferred me to Marion, Smith County, Va. and placed in a tent hospital, for a time until winter came on and there we was moved to some shelter, I remained in the hospital until about the last of Feby or the first of March 1865 when I was given a sick furlough and I went and stayed with ~~Marion~~ Nicholas Snively who lived about a mile from the camp and I was around there untill the ware closed, I would go to the camp almost daily or when I was able to get a way to get there I could not yet walk and I had a furlough that was for 60 days and it had not expired when the war was over.

Mr. Snively is still living and I understand lives in the same place.



Galvanized Yankees



(CONFEDERATE.)

G | 50

Inv. C. Gillaspie
Priv. Co. F, 50 Reg't Va.

Appears on

Company Muster Roll

of the organization named above,

for July 2 to Nov. 1
Not dated

Enlisted:

When July 2

Where Bethel Am.

By whom Maj. A. J. Roberts

Period 11 M

Last paid:

By whom

To what time

Present or absent Absent

Remarks: Sick at M. S.

(Confederate.)

G | 50 | Va

Inv. Gillaspie
Priv. Co. F, 50 Reg't Va.

Appears on a

Roll of Prisoners of War

at Point Lookout, Md., desirous of taking
of Allegiance.

Roll dated Not dated

Where captured In Wilderness

When captured May 5

Remarks: Born in Va.
years old, was not
in favor of Secession
wishes to take the
Cincinnati Ohio.

(Confederate.)

G | 50 | Va

J. C. Gallispie
Priv. Co. F, 50 Reg't Va.

Appears on a roll of

Prisoners of War

at Point Lookout, Md.

Date of arrival Belle Plain Va
May 17, 1864.

Where captured Spotsylvania Co. Va

When captured May 12, 1864.

Remarks: Joined the U.S. Service June 24
1864

Descriptive List of Deserters FORM FOR EXA

RECRUIT John C. Gillespie
born in Abbeville Co. Virginia, presented

1. Have you ever been sick? yes
When, and of what diseases? fever
2. Have you any disease now, and what? no
3. Have you ever had fits? no
4. Have you ever received an injury or wound upon the
5. Have you ever had a fracture, a dislocation, or a sprain
6. Are you in the habit of drinking? no
7. Are you subject to the piles? no
8. Have you any difficulty in urinating? no
9. Have you been vaccinated, or had the small pox?
Head

U.S. VOL.

John C. Gillespie
Recruit unmarried
Pos., Co. D, 1 Reg't U. S. Vol. Inf.

Appears on Returns as follows:


July 1864. Gain, Recruit. Arrived from
Point Lookout, Md. July 8/64.
Aug. 1864. Gain, Aug. 11/64, Norfolk, Va.
Recruit. (Pos. Co. D.)
Aug. 1864 to June, 1865. Absent sick in
Gen. Hosp. Portsmouth, Va. since
Aug. 14/64.
July 1865. Deserted Apr. 1/65, Portsmouth,
Va. (Co. Return.)
Deserted Apr. 1/65, Norfolk, Va.
(Battle Return.)



Spanish-American War



Household Continued

Supp. Quest. 

Line No.	Street, avenue, road, etc.	House number (in cities and towns)	Number of household in order of residence	House owned (O) or rented (R)	Value of home, if owned, or monthly rental, if rented	Does this household live on a farm? (Yes or No)	Name of each person whose usual place of residence on April 1, 1940, was in this household.	Relationship of this person to the head of the household, or wife, daughter, father, mother-in-law, grandson, lodger, inmate, etc.	COSEX (Leave blank)	Sex—Male (M), Female (F)	Color or race	Age at last birthday	Marital status—Married (M), Widowed (W), Divorced (D)	Attended school or college, and (if so) since March 1, 1939 (Yes or No)	Highest grade of school completed	COEDS (Leave blank)	If born in the United States, give State, Territory, or possession.	If foreign born, give country in which birthplace was obtained on January 1, 1907.	Distinguish Canadian-born from Canadian-born and Irish Free State (Eire) from Northern Ireland.	COODE (Leave blank)	Citizenship of the foreign born	City, town, or village having 1,000 or more inhabitants. Enter "R" for all other places.	COUNTY	STATE (or Territory or foreign country)
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2							—, Daisy M.	Sister	5	F	W	23	S	NO	4	30	North Carolina	76	Same House					
3							—, Gust K.	Sister	5	F	W	19	S	NO	4	30	North Carolina	76	Same House					
4							—, Otto B.	Brother	5	M	W	16	S	YES	11	9	North Carolina	76	Same House					
5							Dubois, Annie	Maids	7	F	neg	82	Wid	NO	0		North Carolina	77	Same House					
6		124 R	5	yo			Mrs. Shelly, Needy	Head	0	M	neg	28	M	NO	4	4	North Carolina	76	Same House					
7							—, Nettie	Wife	1	F	neg	21	M	NO	4	4	North Carolina	76	Same House					
8							—, Alexander	Son	2	M	neg	4	S	NO	0		North Carolina	76						
9							—, Betty G.	Daughter	2	F	neg	3	S	NO	0		North Carolina	76						
10							—, Margaret A.	Daughter	2	F	neg	7	S	NO	0		North Carolina	76						
11		125 R	12	yo			Louisefeldt, Clara B.	Head	0	M	W	23	M	NO	6	6	North Carolina	76	Same House					
12							—, Mary E.	Wife	1	F	W	22	M	NO	7	7	North Carolina	76	R	Cherokee	North Carolina			
13							—, Betty G.	Daughter	2	F	W	2	S	NO	0		North Carolina	76						
14							—, Robert G.	Son	2	M	W	7	S	NO	0		North Carolina	76						
15							—, Sam B.	Son	2	M	W	7	S	NO	0		North Carolina	76						



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For Persons Enumerated	
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4	Payne, G.
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CODE (Leave blank)

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VETERANS

Is this person a veteran of the United States military forces or the wife, widow, or under 18-year-old child of a veteran?

If so, enter "Yes"

If child, is veteran's father dead? (Yes or No)

War or military service

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yes yes SW

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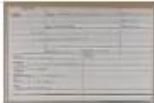










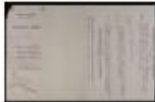
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SOLDIER GILLESPIE, TARLTON

BOUNTY LAND

85950 40 50

WIDOW GILLESPIE, MAHALA

21034 120 55

WO 18092

WC 18939

SERVICE PVT CAPT JETER'S CO VA MIL

ENLISTED AUG 29 1814

DISCHARGED OCT 21 1814

RESIDENCE
OF SOLDIER 1852 1853 AMHERST CO VA

REMARKS

RESIDENCE
OF WIDOW 1878 AMHERST CO)PO BIG ISLAND BEDFORD CO) VA

MAIDEN NAME
OF WIDOW MAHALA REYNOLDS

MARRIAGE OF
SOLDIER AND WIDOW MAY 27 1816 BEDFORD CO VA

DEATH
OF SOLDIER MCH 10 1868 AMHERST VA

DEATH



Moxville
Claim No. *18092*

Act of *March 9*

Cert. No. *189*

DEFERRED REGISTRATION

Distric *of* *Columbia* *Pay*, Fee *\$10.00*, No Contract

Application filed *25th April*, 18*78*.

Alleged service.

*Was drafted, and
served as a private in Capt. Peters Co. Brig.
Civil War of 1862.*

Record evidence
of service.

*"
3^d And report "Gordon Gillespie served in
Capt Peters Co. Va. Civil from 29th August
to 24th Oct. 1864." "discharged by Substitute."*

~~Register~~
~~of service.~~

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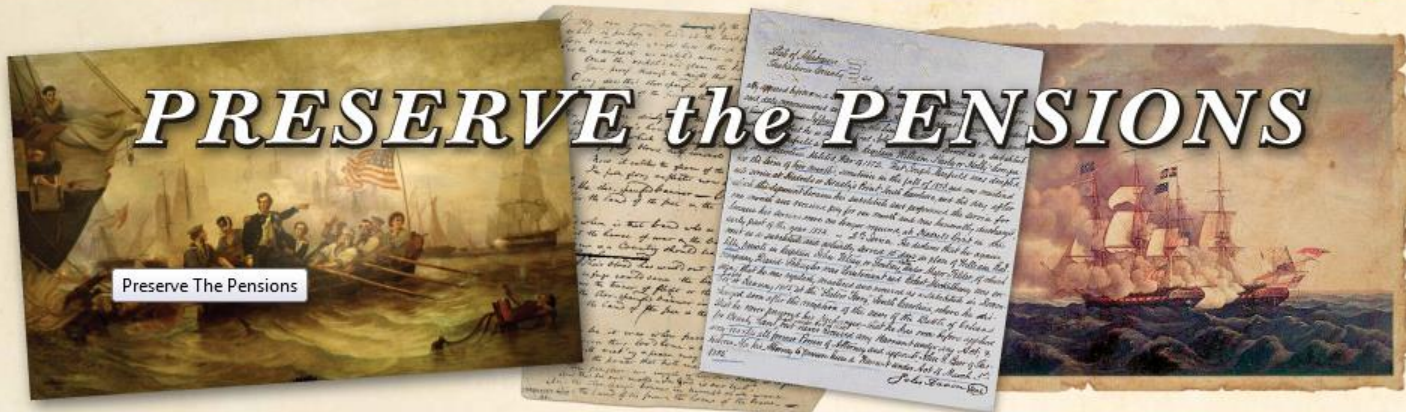
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Length of service

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Proof of identity.

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Case Study: Weaving the World into your Story





My grandmother was living in Kings Mountain, NC helping to raise her brothers and sisters.
Her parents had died in the 1920's.

I couldn't find a newspaper for Gastonia or Charlotte, but I did find High Point, NC which is less than a 100 miles away.

That Sunday of December 7th, 1941 was cold, but Monday was expected to be nicer.





The world was concerned about the Russians battle with the Nazi's.

FDR was sending messages to the "Jap Ruler."

The paper was full of peril but it was all somewhere else.

On that cold, clear day, the family no doubt put on their Sunday best and went to church, probably praying for a world seemingly gone mad.





That afternoon, before 1pm on the east coast, the Japanese had begun their attack on Pearl Harbor.

It is easy to imagine families gathered around the radio waiting for information on what had happened, wondering what was coming next. The evening newspaper, (remember when newspapers were published twice a day?) delivered the news:



The paper was full of late bulletins and initial reports.

Was Manila bombed? How many planes did the Japanese use? Would they attack again? Would the United States declare war?

Imagine waking up that clear cold Sunday morning planning what you would wear to church and going to bed with the knowledge that war had come to America

Late Bulletins

CANADIANS MEET

OTTAWA, Dec. 7.—(AP)—Prime Minister W. L. Mackenzie King called the Canadian cabinet to meet tonight to consider the Far Eastern situation.

UNIMAGINABLE

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 7.—(AP)—“It’s unimaginable!” That was the way Joshio Muto, Japanese consul general here, reacted to word the Japanese were bombing Honolulu and Manila.

“I had no intimation of it,” he cried.

“I don’t know what I shall do, yet, or whether there is anything I can do.”

“LICK HELL OUT OF THEM”

BILLINGS, Mont., Dec. 7.—(AP)—“The only thing now is to do our best to lick hell out of them,” Senator Burton K. Wheeler of Montana said today after learning of the Japanese attack on Hawaii and the Philippines.

JAP BURNS PAPERS

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 7.— —A Japanese attache of the Japanese consulate here this afternoon began hurriedly burning papers in the back yard of the consulate around which a police guard had been placed. The smoke was visible from the street as the attache piled papers on the flames.

U. S. FLYING

NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—(AP)—The air force of the United States in the Far East has taken to the air, an NBC observer reported by radio direct from Manila today.

BRITISH GUNBOAT SUNK

SHANGHAI, Monday, Dec. 8.—(AP)—The Japanese sunk the British Gunboat Petrel as it lay off the International Settlement waterfront.

Declaration Preceded By Surprise Attack On U. S. Possession In Pacific

**Despite White House Announcement, Reported Raid
On Manila Not Confirmed; Estimate 150 Tokyo
Planes In Raid On Pearl Harbor**

(By The Associated Press)

Imperial headquarters at Tokyo declared war late today against both the United States and Britain after Japanese bombers had attacked the great Pearl Harbor naval base at Honolulu and the Philippines.

President Roosevelt called an extraordinary meeting of the cabinet for 8:30 p.m. and congressional leaders of both parties have been summoned to join the conference at 9 p. m.

The White House said the President “is assembling all the facts as rapidly as possible and in all probability he will, as quickly as possible, make a full, informative report to Congress, probably in the form of a message.”

President Roosevelt is expected to ask Congress for a declaration of war tomorrow, according to a dispatch from Washington.

By the afternoon of the 8th, with 3,000 casualties, with serious destruction of the Navy, the Senate and the House joined together and voted for the U.S. was at war. There was only one dissenter.

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U.S. DECLARES WAR

Swift Action Is Taken By Joint Bodies

Senate Votes Unanimously For War Declaration Shortly After President Asks For Immediate Action; Both Houses Show Greatest Unity With Policy House Votes 388 To 1

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—(AP)—Congress voted a formal declaration of war against Japan today after President Roosevelt requested immediate action on an attack by Japan's "unprovoked and dastardly attack" on Hawaii.

A united Congress acted swiftly after the President had revealed that American forces lost two warships and 3,000 dead and wounded in the surprise dawn attack yesterday.

The Senate vote was 82 to 0.

The House began its roll call vote at 1:05 p. m. Eastern standard time.

Both branches had just cheered to the echo President Roosevelt's appeal for the declaration.

"I ask," the chief executive told a joint session, "that the Congress declare that since the unprovoked and dastardly attack by Japan on Sunday, December 7th, a state of war has existed between the United States and the Japanese Empire."

The President said that protocol was "a date which will live in infamy."

QUICK ACTION

Within 30 minutes after he finished the Senate had acted.

The momentous doings at the Capitol followed a White House announcement that Japan's sudden attack on Hawaii yesterday had cost the United States two warships and 3,000 dead and wounded.

Standing at the rostrum of the House chamber, the chief executive, in a scene such as had not been enacted since 1917, declared that Japanese leaders had "incited armed forces to a dastardly and unprovoked attack and that 'infamy' attends

3,000 Casualties In Pacific War



U. S. BATTLESHIP REPULSE ATTACKED — Reports from the home seat Japanese planes set fire to the United States battleship (above) at a surprise raid on Pearl Harbor near here and Honolulu.

Japan Attack More Serious Than Supposed

Military Action Against Hawaii Is Still Going On; Americans Rally To Defense

(By The Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—The House declared that American forces lost two warships and 3,000 dead and wounded in the Japanese attack on Hawaii.

The House then said that the surprise dawn attack on the day's early yesterday resulted in the capture of an oil barge, the destruction of a destroyer, damage to other vessels and destruction of a submarine and destroyer at a considerable loss of men.

It added that several Japanese planes and submarines had been recovered.

This news amounted to a war declaration was drafted for action.

After introduction to the Congress by Speaker Clegg, the House approved the bill by a vote of 388 to 1.

Charles McNulty (D-Iowa), of the Foreign Relations Committee, proposed the war resolution, saying he stood on his own feet.



JAPANESE BURN STATE PAPERS—Shortly after President Roosevelt rejected Japan's attack on the United States

Nazis Blame U. S. For War

German Government Spokesman Says President Is Responsible

Thailand Allows Troops Of Japan To Pass Through



NEW YORK CITY UNDERGOES TWO AIR ALARMS

NEW YORK, Dec. 8. — (AP) — The great metropolitan area of New York City was put on an air raid alert twice within an hour shortly after noon today amid varying and unconfirmed reports of an imminent attack by hostile planes.

The first alarm sounded at 1:35 P. M. (EST) and the all clear followed 20 minutes later. But at 2:05 P. M. the wailing of police and fire sirens sounded another warning.

A Portland, Me., source which did not want

to be named, said at two o'clock that "hostile forces" were on their way to New York.

The small radio beam at the Norfolk, Va., municipal airport was shut down and all Norfolk police were ordered on the alert following a report that enemy planes, possibly headed toward this important defense area, were approaching the Atlantic Coast. Precautionary measures were taken at the Langley Field air base.

The vital Panama Canal underwent a warn-

ing, according to a Panamanian broadcast heard in New York by NBC which said Japanese aircraft were reported flying over the Panama coast this morning but no bombs were dropped.

The vast stretch of Long Island from the city to Montauk Point also braced itself for the reported possible attack. A military school closed in New York and thousands on Long Island were sent home.

The New York information center on de-

fense said that so far as they knew, there was absolutely no reason for the second alarm and said that the Metropolitan area had been all clear since the previous "all clear" signal was sounded.

Acting on information received from Governor's Island, headquarters of the first army, that hostile planes were reported two hours out of New York at noon (EST) all planes at Mitchell field took to the air and facilities were evacuated from the military reserva-

tion, although air corps detectors had not confirmed the presence of planes.

Navy press officers said they had not received a report on any hostile planes. They rushed the news to the office of Admiral Adolphus Andrews, commander of the third naval district and commander of the North Atlantic coastal frontier, which extends from Halifax to Hatteras.

Andrews was not available for immediate comment. (Continued on page 5.)

WEATHER

U. S. Weather Bureau, American Meteorological Society, and National Weather Service, Washington, D. C., Dec. 8, 1941.

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BERLIN READY TO DECLARE WAR ON U. S.

Japan Fully Expects Nazi Announcement

Germans Say "Clarifying Statement" Will Be Made Soon On Jap-U. S. War

NEW YORK, Dec. 8. — (AP)—An NBC broadcast from Stockholm, Sweden, predicted this morning that Germany would declare war on the United States within two hours. The broadcast was by David Anderson, NBC cor-



THE WAR TODAY

By DEWITT HUCKENRIE

"With war a momentary possibility five weeks ago were U. S. defenses in Pacific caught flat-footed by Japanese? But our forces await declaration of war before taking offensive action!"

Japs Claim US Margin In Pacific Shattered; FR Will Speak Tonight

Tokyo Says Land, Sea and Air Forces Widening Scope of Attacks on Great Britain and United States Outposts

Bold Japanese Ferry Carried To Shores of West Coast by Planes Over San Francisco Area



Every day newspapers delivered another new screaming headline. By the 10th, Germany and Italy had declared war on the U.S.

What was the family thinking? My four great uncles: Floyd, age 31; Tommy, age 28; Robert, age 26; and Otto, age 18; would serve in World War II.

What were they thinking as they read those initial reports? By the 10th of December, editorials and editorial cartoons were already resolute in their desire for victory



The newspapers were still full of society gossip, movie ads, Christmas shopping specials and ideas were in the pages.

It is easy to believe that those items were not consumed with the same interest and enthusiasm.

It is hard to believe that the thought of Christmas held the same idea of magic and delight that year. Preparing for the war effort had already started



**It is not enough to find
the record**