

# Billy Yank or Johnny Reb : Your Civil War Ancestors

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

**You have to know the  
story**

# BIRTH YEARS *of* VETERANS



Which wars  
were your  
ancestors in?

# A few facts

- Started April 12, 1861 and ended May 9, 1865
- Last shot was fired June 22, 1865
- About 2.2 million men served in the Union forces
- About 1 million men served in the Confederate forces
- Union: 365,000 died; 282,000 wounded; 182,000 captured
- Confederates: 290,000 died; 137,000 wounded; 437,000 captured,
- 80,000 slaves died; 50,000 civilians died



# Who fought?

- For the Union, not everyone.
- For the Confederacy, by the end, all able bodied men between 16 and 60.





**What Side did they fight  
for and who did they fight  
with?**

# For the Union, being in the draft registration is not proof of service

U.S., Civil War Draft Registrations Records, 1863-1865  
New York > 25th > Vol 3 of 7

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Class I comprises all persons subject to do military duty between the age of twenty and thirty-five years, and all unmarried persons subject to do military duty above the age of thirty-five years and under the age of forty-five. Class II comprises all other persons.

SCHEDULE II.—CONSOLIDATED LIST of all persons of CLASS II, subject to do military duty in the 25 Congressional District, consisting of the Counties of Ontario and Saratoga State of New York, enumerated during the month of June, Ann J. Rinner, Provost Marshal.

RESIDENCE.	NAME.	DESCRIPTION.			PLACE OF BIRTH. (Naming the State, Territory, or Country.)	FORMER MILITARY SERVICE.	REMARKS.
		AGE 1st July, 1863.	WHITE OR COLORED.	PROFESSION, OCCUPATION, OR TRADE.			
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# Do check the 1890 Veterans Schedule

1890 Veterans Schedules for Smith Aires

Missouri > Sullivan > Duncan

## Special Schedule.—Surviving Soldiers, Sailors, and Marines, and Widows, etc.

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From  
Schedule No. 1.

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DISABILITY INCURRED.

REMARKS.

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Browning Missouri

Rheumatism. Disease of heart-

Sight is Very bad

Browning Missouri

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Has not Applied for Pension

Browning Missouri

Chronic Diarrhea Wounded leg

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Browning Mo

Perpetual Chronic Diarrhea

Totally Disabled

Browning Mo

Partial loss of right eye

Broken down three fourths disabled

Rager Mo

Disease of heart-

Totally Disabled

Rager Mo

Stroke

Three fourths Disabled

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# Do check the 1890 Veterans Schedule

Persons who served in the Army, Navy, and Marine Corps of the United States during the war of the rebellion (who are survivors), and widows of such persons, in Augusta County Jail, County of Augusta, State of Virginia, enumerated in June, 1890. M. W. Bucher Enumerator.

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**Where do you begin?**

# Researching Your Civil War Ancestor

1. Examine your family tree
2. Organize your family data
3. Gather the likely suspects
4. Pick someone and gather their brothers, cousins
5. Which side did they fight for
6. Start searching for records
7. Summarize and update what you know
8. Update your story

# 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.

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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.

 **Jeremiah GILLESPIE**  
2nd great grandfather of  
Anne Elizabeth GILLESPIE



**Name:** Jeremiah GILLESPIE

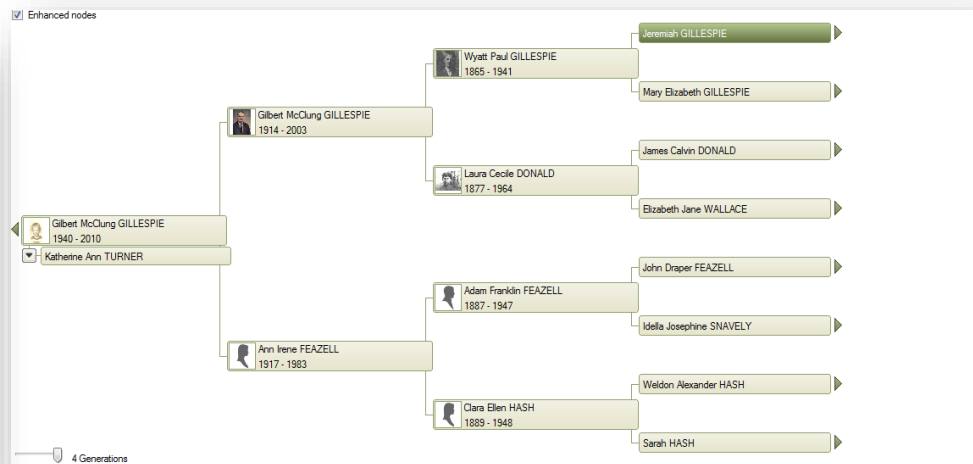
**Sex:** Male

**Birth:** 04 Mar 1826  
Amherst, Virginia, USA  
Description

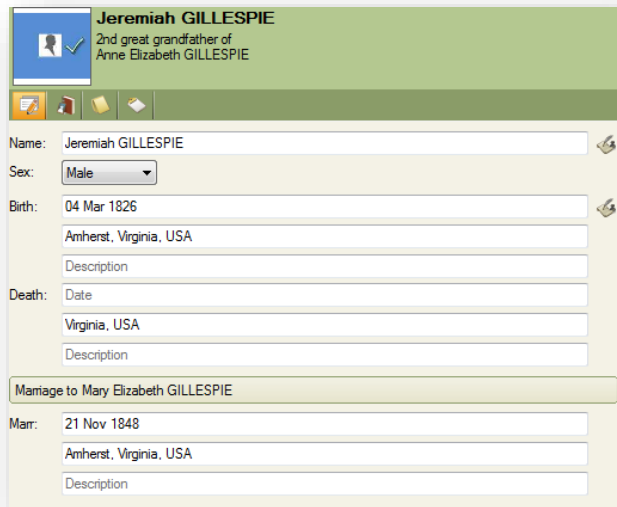
**Death:** Date  
Virginia, USA  
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**Marriage to Mary Elizabeth GILLESPIE**

**Marr:** 21 Nov 1848  
Amherst, Virginia, USA  
Description



# Step 1: Examine Your Family Tree



The screenshot shows the profile page for Jeremiah GILLESPIE on the Ancestry.com website. At the top, there is a green header with a profile picture icon and a checkmark, followed by the name "Jeremiah GILLESPIE" and the text "2nd great grandfather of Anne Elizabeth GILLESPIE". Below this is a navigation bar with icons for home, family, photos, and documents. The main content area is divided into sections for personal information and marriage details. The personal information section includes fields for Name, Sex, Birth, and Death, each with a corresponding input field and a small icon. The marriage section is titled "Marriage to Mary Elizabeth GILLESPIE" and includes fields for the marriage date and location.

Field	Value
Name	Jeremiah GILLESPIE
Sex	Male
Birth	04 Mar 1826 Amherst, Virginia, USA
Death	Date Virginia, USA
Marriage to Mary Elizabeth GILLESPIE	Marr: 21 Nov 1848 Amherst, Virginia, USA

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

<b>Marriage:</b> 21 Nov 1848 in Amherst, Virginia, USA			
<b>Go</b>	<b>Children: 6</b>	<b>Sex</b>	<b>Birth</b>
◀	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	Charlton	Aaron	Adam Boyd	Zebedee	Abram
Last Name	Gillespie	Donald	Wallace	Feazell	Snavelly	Hash	Hash
Home in 1860	Amherst, Virginia	Rockbridge, VA	Natural Bridge, VA	Wythe, VA	Smythe, VA	Grayson, VA	Grayson, VA
Home in 1870	Amherst, Virginia	Record NA	Natural Bridge, VA	Wythe, VA	Smythe, VA	Grayson, VA	Grayson, VA
Birth Year	1826	1836	1823	1820	1832	1818	1830

Possible Direct Ancestors that Fought in the Civil War								
First Name	Mastin	Drury	Thomas	David	Lansford M	Thomas Lee	Robert	Peter Zimmerman
Last Name	Turner	Turner	Carroll	Hamrick	Hopper	Payne	Payne	Baxter
Home in 1860	Cleveland, NC	Henderson, NC	York, SC	Cleveland, NC	Spartanburg, SC	Gaston, NC	Gaston, NC	Gaston, NC
Home in 1870	York, SC	York, SC	did not survive	Cleveland, NC	Spartanburg, SC	Gaston, NC	Cleveland, NC	Lincoln, NC
Birth Year	1843	1814	1829	1829	1825	1844	1813	1821
Death Year	1926	unknown	1865	1908	1870	1923	1896	1884
Marriage Year	1865	1838, 1867	abt 1849	1858	1848	1875	1839	22 Apr 1843
Age in 1861	18	47	32	32	36	17	48	40
Age in 1865	22	51	36	36	40	21	52	44
Birth Years of children born in the 1860's	1867		1851, 1854, 1856	1861, 1863, 1864, 1866, 1867	1861, 1866, 1868	None	1860, 1866	None
Enlistment	6 May 1862			6 May 1862	22 Sep 1863	22 Mar 1862		15 Mar 1862
Left Service			1,865		18 Nov 1864	9 Apr 1865		
Known Units	CO. D, 55th NC Infantry		CO. G, 5th South Carolina	CO. D, 55th NC Infantry	CO H, 28th Infantry	CO. H, 49th NC Infantry		CO K, 49th NC Infantry



## Case Study: James Calvin Donald

# 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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Virginia, USA  
Death: Jul. 20, 1899  
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Lexington (Lexington City County)  
Lexington City  
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James Calvin Donald was my great great grandfather. His wife was Elizabeth Jane Wallace. If you have

## 1. Source the record

*Find A Grave*, database and images  
(<http://findagrave.com> : accessed 5 Feb 2014), memorial page for Pvt James C. Donald, Find A Grave Memorial no. 34346979, citing Stonewall Jackson Memorial Cemetery, Lexington, Virginia.

## 2. Examine the image, not just the index

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### 3. List ALL points of genealogical importance

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### 4. What questions do you have?

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

Source Citations: 570

-  State Line Baptist Cemetery, Cherokee, South Carolina, James William Hamrick (1860-1937), Find A Grave (<http://findagrave.com> : ...
-  Stonewall Confederate Cemetery, Winchestr, Virginia, James P Ackerly (1837-1862), Find A Grave (<http://findagrave.com> : accesse...
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-  Stonewall Jackson Memorial Cemetery, Lexington, Rockbridge, Virginia (1853-1859), Find A Grave (<http://findagrave.com> : access...
-  Stonewall Jackson Memorial Cemetery, Lexington, Rockbridge, Virginia, Alexander R McCorkle (1773-1851), Find A Grave (<http://fi...>
-  Stonewall Jackson Memorial Cemetery, Lexington, Rockbridge, Virginia, Ann Irene "Judy" Feazell Gillespie (1917 - 1983), Find A Gr...
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-  Stonewall Jackson Memorial Cemetery, Lexington, Rockbridge, Virginia, Burrell H Hays (1832-1898), Find A Grave (<http://findagrav...>
-  Stonewall Jackson Memorial Cemetery, Lexington, Rockbridge, Virginia, Capt Thomas McCorkle (1804-1879), Find A Grave (<http://f...>
-  Stonewall Jackson Memorial Cemetery, Lexington, Rockbridge, Virginia, Eva Dold Bebe Gillespie (1901 - 1992), Find A Grave (<http...>
-  Stonewall Jackson Memorial Cemetery, Lexington, Rockbridge, Virginia, Gilbert McClung Gillespie (1914 - 2003), Find A Grave (<http...>
-  Stonewall Jackson Memorial Cemetery, Lexington, Rockbridge, Virginia, Harriet Ann Gillespie (1853-1920), Find A Grave (<http://find...>
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-  Stonewall Jackson Memorial Cemetery, Lexington, Rockbridge, Virginia, Ida Zollman Smith (1876-1948), Find A Grave (<http://findag...>
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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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**James Calvin DONALD**

1836 - 1899

Great grandfather of  
Gilbert McClure GILLESPIE

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30 Jun 1836  
Rockbridge, Virg  
Description

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492.544	Mary W.F. 89	Martha	1	Farmer	✓
	Donald James W.M. 44	Wife	1	Keeping House	
	Elizabeth W.F. 35	Son		Works on Farm	✓
	James H. W.M. 15	Daughter		At Home	
	Aurelia D. W.F. 11	Son			
	Jno C. W.M. 7	Daughter			
	Laura C. W.F. 3				
	Andrew M. W.M. 12 Apr				
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
- Andrew M, son, born Apr 1880, b. VA, p.b. VAo

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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
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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
20 Apr 1861	Virginia	Muster Date	James C Donald	Mustered into Company H, 4th Virginia Infantry; no idea where this information came from	Find A Grave Memorial page
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1870	none	Census		Cannot locate the census	
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# Step 4: Pick someone and gather family data

- James Calvin Donald
- Find his brothers:

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

	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?

- **Confederate States:**

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

- **Border States:**

- Delaware, Maryland, Kentucky, Missouri, West Virginia

- **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

# Step 6: Let's see what we can find

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# Step 6: Start looking!

- Enlistment Record
- Now there is a lot of information.
- DO NOT JUST ATTACH THIS TO YOUR TREE!

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Name:	James C Donald
Residence:	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, Virginia
Sources:	The Virginia Regimental Histories Series

# 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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		<b>Unit Served</b>		<b>Enlistment Date</b>	<b>Muster Out</b>	
	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	
		Company G, Virginia 14th Cavalry Reg		28 Sep 1862	Unknown	

# Step 8: Update Your Timeline

Date	Location	Event	People	Thoughts	Source
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
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Death Place:	Lexington, Virginia
Sources:	The Virginia Regimental Histories Series

## Start Your Story

James C Donald, was born on 30 Jun 1836.

Three days after Virginia seceded from the union, he enlisted in Company H, Virginia 4<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> Cavalry Regiment and Company G, Virginia 14<sup>th</sup> 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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U.S. Civil War Soldiers, 1861-1865 about James C. Donald	
Name:	James C. Donald
Side:	Confederate
Regiment	Virginia
State/Origin:	
Regiment Name:	14 Virginia Cavalry
Regiment Name Expanded:	14th Regiment, Virginia Cavalry
Company:	G
Rank In:	Private
Rank In Expanded:	Private
Rank Out:	Private
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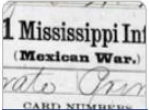
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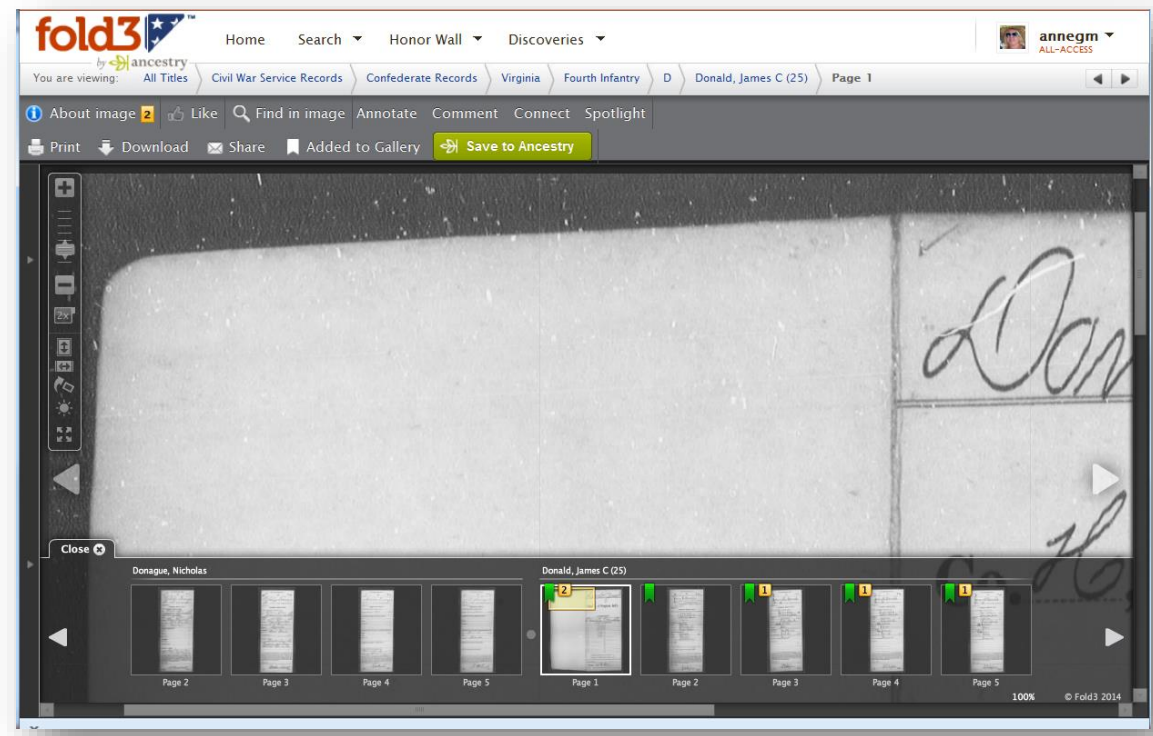
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Donald

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James B. Donald.

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

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Company Muster Roll \_\_\_\_\_

of the organization named above \_\_\_\_\_

for \_\_\_\_\_

Enlisted: \_\_\_\_\_

When: July 1, 1861

Where: Lexington

By whom: April 1861

Period: 1 year

Last paid: \_\_\_\_\_

By whom: Maj. S. I.

To what time: June 30, 1861

Present or absent: Present

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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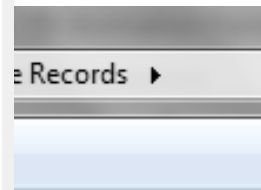
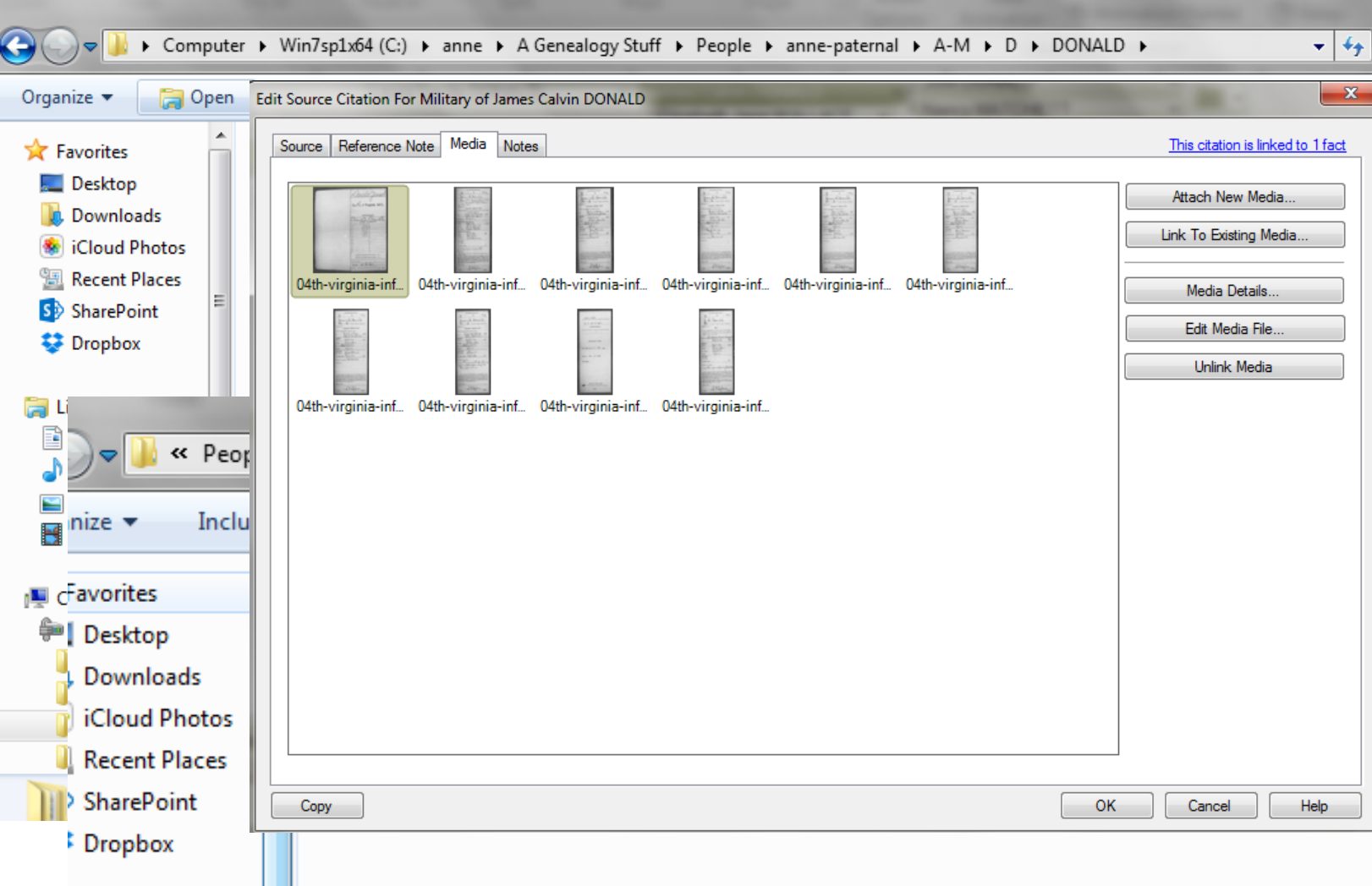
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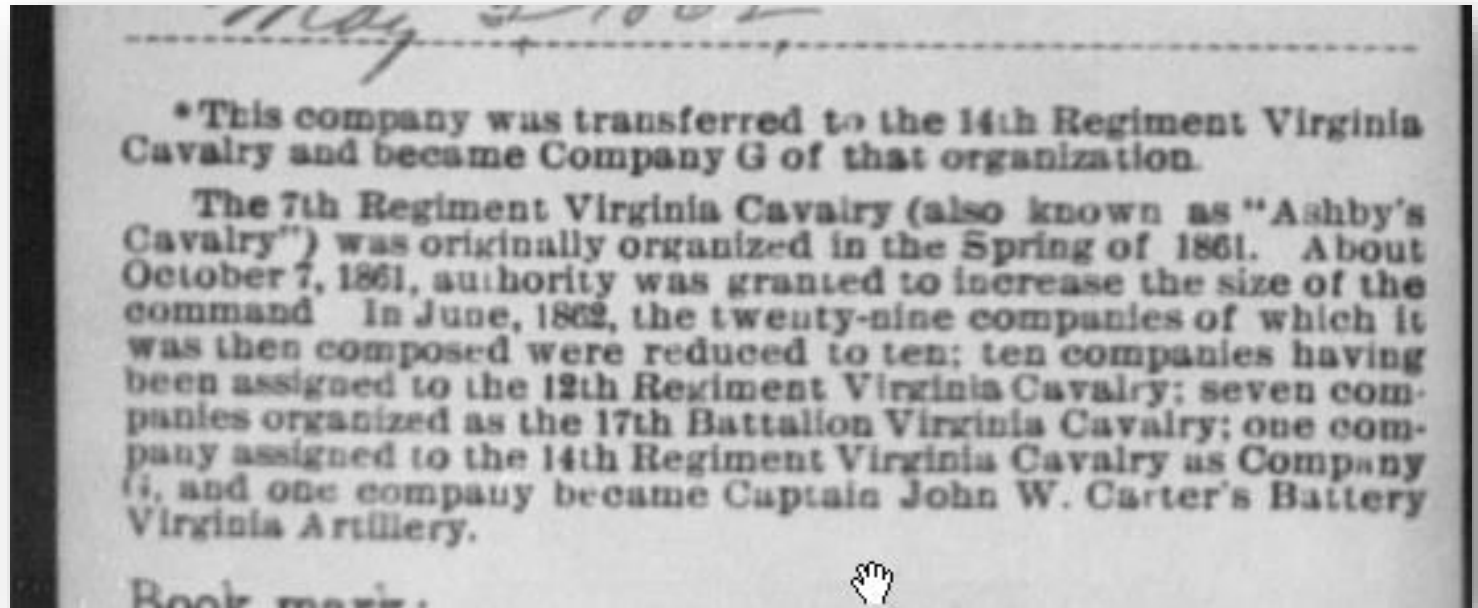
To what time: \_\_\_\_\_

Present or absent: \_\_\_\_\_

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



# James Calvin Donald



James  
Calvin  
Donald

Donald  
Co. G, 14 Va.

(Confederate.)

Private

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Number of pay

BRIDGE MARK:

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(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, 1863

Where Hawkes town

By whom W. R. Preston

Period 2 years & 3 months

Last paid:

By whom Capt. Cochran

To what time June 30, 1864

Present or absent Absent

Remarks: Captured in Rockbridge

\*This company ~~previously~~ 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, 1863, 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. Cavalry & Co.

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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R. W. Pearson

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John  
Donald

(Confederate.)

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*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*  
*Cons Genl Pris May 8*  
*1865*

(Confederate.)

20	27	Va
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*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

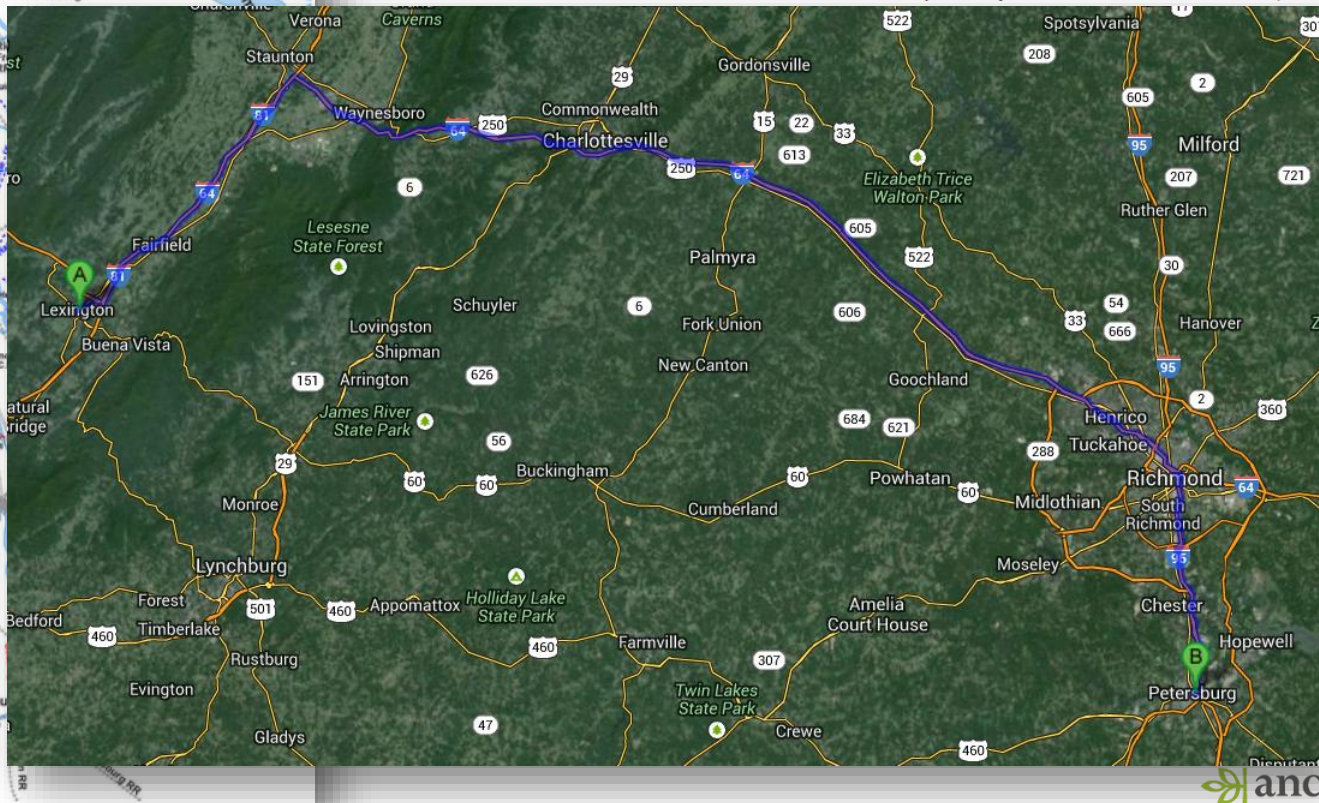
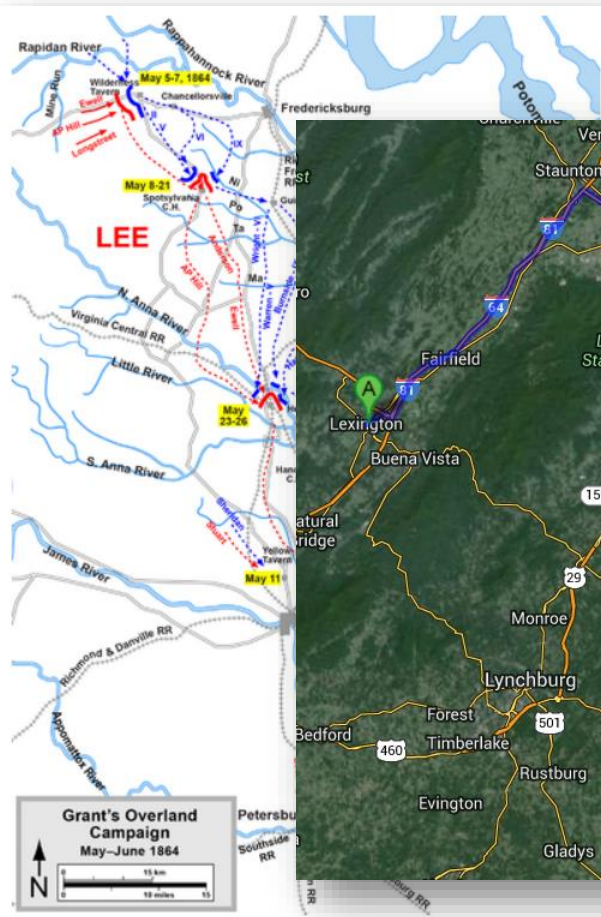
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for	for	Camp Chase, Ohio, May 13, 1865.*
Dated Dec 31	Enlisted:	Place of residence Rockbridge Co. Va
Enlisted:	When	Complexion Fair; hair Bl.
When Apr. 15	Where	Eyes Blue; height 5 ft. 8 in.
Where Lexington	By whom	Where captured Lexington Va
By whom 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 Dec 20	Remarks: Present	

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(Confederate.)  
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James B. Donald  
Born 14 Aug 1844 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

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Name appears as signature to an

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Where captured Lexington Va

When captured June 12, 1864.

Remarks:



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### 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**.

### COMMISSIONED OFFICERS

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.

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It is one of the curiosities of that exceptional campaign that the next highest vote for Breckenridge was in the present Republican stronghold of Collierstown. No votes for Lincoln are on record. Bell, the choice of the Rockbridge voters, was the standard bearer of the Constitutional Union party, which was the successor of the Whig party in the South. The only plank in its platform was "the constitution, the union, and the enforcement of the laws."

It is an interesting fact that Bell's leading competitor for the nomination was Samuel Houston, a native of Rockbridge. Bell was nominated on the second ballot, receiving 138 votes. Houston had sixty-nine, and all others, forty-six.

In its issue of November 29th, the *Lexington Gazette* makes this comment on the election, referring to the Democratic party when it speaks of Conservatives:

Now that he (Lincoln) has been elected, what can he do? The Conservative party have a majority in both houses of Congress. The Supreme Court is Conservative. The Executive can enforce no law prejudicial to the institution of slavery, if Congress enacts none. Every act he does is done under the


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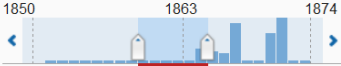
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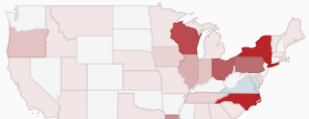
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### 1. Source the record

"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

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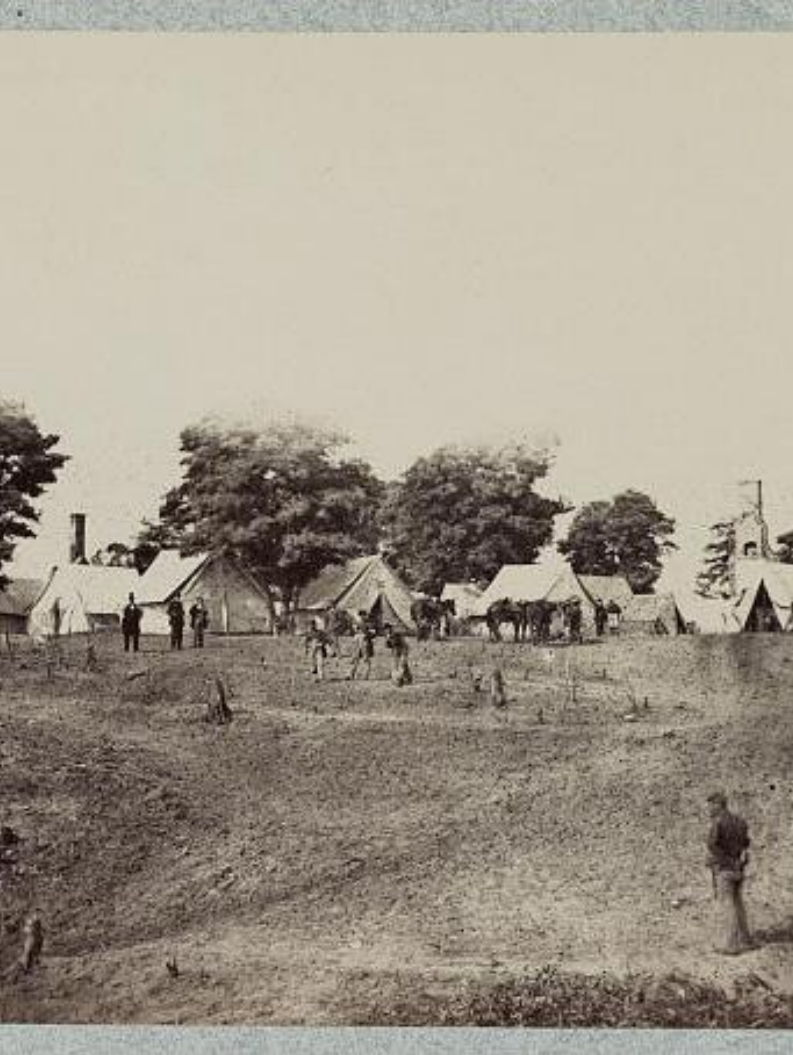
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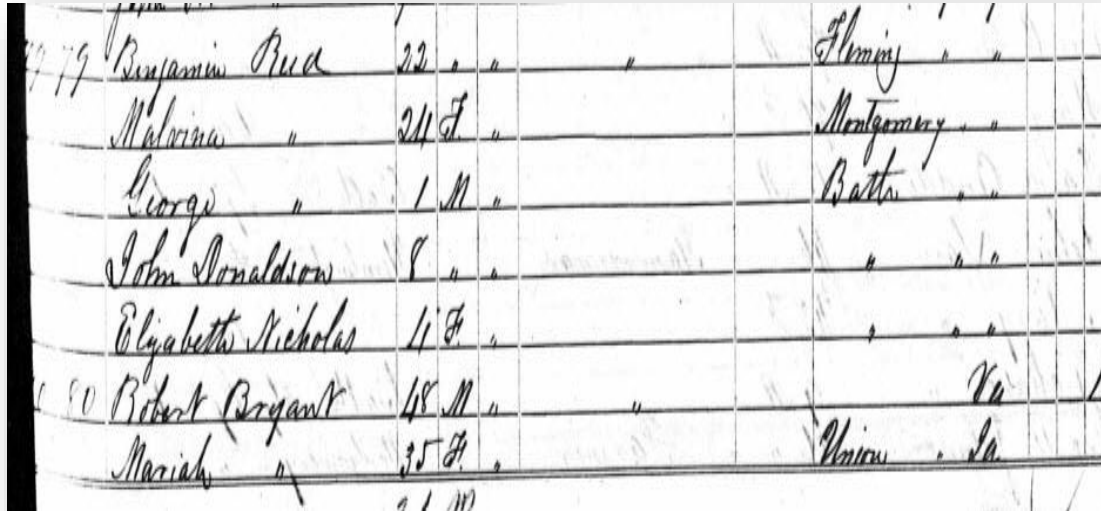


# Robert Bryant

## Age Is No Object

# Robert Bryant

- Robert Bryant lived in Kentucky in 1860 and was born in 1802 in Virginia.
- Too old to serve?
- Here in the 1850 census:



A handwritten 1850 census record from a family in Union, La. The record is written on a grid with columns for name, age, sex, and birthplace. The family members listed are Benjamin Rued, Malvina, George, John Donaldson, Elizabeth Nicholas, Robert Bryant, and Mariah. Robert Bryant is 48 years old, male, and born in Va. The family is living in Union, La.

Name	Age	Sex	Birthplace
Benjamin Rued	22	M	Flmng
Malvina	24	F	Montgomery
George	1	M	Batha
John Donaldson	8	M	"
Elizabeth Nicholas	11	F	"
Robert Bryant	48	M	Va
Mariah	35	F	Union La


# Robert Bryant

	Robert and his Sons					
First Name	Robert	William	Augustus	John	James	Stephen
Last Name	Bryant	Bryant	Bryant	Bryant	Bryant	Bryant
Home in 1860	Nicholas, KY	Nicholas, KY	Nicholas, KY	<not found>	Nicholas, KY	Nicholas, KY
Home in 1870	<na>	<na>	Fleming, KY	<not found>	Fleming, KY	Fleming, KY
Birth Year	1802	1845	1848	1849	1853	1858
Death Year	1863	1863	<na>	<na>	<na>	<na>
Age in 1861	59	16	13	12	8	3
Age in 1865	63	20	17	16	12	7
Birth Years of children born in the 1860's	None	None	None	None	None	None

# Robert Bryant

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NAME: **Robert Bryant**

BIRTH: abt 1812

MILITARY: 1862

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Name:	<b>Robert Bryant</b>
Birth Date:	abt 1812
Age:	50
Enlistment Date:	1862
Military unit:	Seventh Cavalry, Bl-Ce

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*B.B.* | **7 Cav.** | **Ky.**  
*Robert Bryant*  
*Robert*, Co. *K*, 7 Reg't Kentucky Cavalry.  
Age *50* years.  
Appears on \_\_\_\_\_  
**Company Muster-in Roll**  
of the organization named above. Roll dated  
*Paris Ky Aug 16, 1862.*  
Muster-in to date *Aug 16, 1862.*  
Joined for duty and enrolled:  
When *July 15*, 186 .  
Where *Camp Miller*  
Period *3* years.

*B.B.* | **7 Cav.** | **Ky.**  
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*Robert*, Co. *K*, 7 Reg't Kentucky Cavalry.  
Age *50* years.  
Appears on **Co. Muster-out Roll**, dated  
*Adopted June July 10, 1865.*  
Muster-out to date \_\_\_\_\_, 186 .  
Last paid to *Dec 21, 1862.*  
**Clothing account:**  
Last settled \_\_\_\_\_, 186 ; drawn since \$ \_\_\_\_\_ 100  
Due soldier \$ \_\_\_\_\_ 100; due U. S. \$ \_\_\_\_\_ 100  
Am't for cloth'g in kind or money adv'd \$ \_\_\_\_\_ 100  
Due U. S. for arms, equipments, &c., \$ \_\_\_\_\_ 100  
Bounty paid \$ \_\_\_\_\_ \$100; due \_\_\_\_\_ 100  
Valuation of horse, \$ \_\_\_\_\_ 100  
Valuation of horse equipments, \$ \_\_\_\_\_ 100  
Remarks:  *Died in Hospital  
at Louisville Ky Feb 8.  
1863.*  
Book mark *Discharged on Surg.*

# Robert Bryant

**ARMY OF THE UNITED STATES.**

**CERTIFICATE OF DISABILITY FOR DISCHARGE.**

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

*Robert Bryant* of Captain *E Price's*  
Company, (*1st*)

*Vol & Co* was enlisted by  
the *Second* Regiment of *Inf*  
on the *fifteenth* day of *Jan*  
in *Augusta Co* in the State of  
years of age, *five* feet *four*  
*Black* hair, and by occupation who  
months said soldier has been unfit for duty

STATION: *Camp Keen*  
DATE: *January 25th 1863* *Elmer Price* Capt  
Commanding Company.

I CERTIFY, that I have carefully examined the said *Robert Bryant* of  
Captain *Elmer Price's* Company, and find him incapable of performing the duties of a soldier  
because of (After consult par. 1200, p. 274 and directions on Form 12, p. 105, Med. Dep. Gen. Reg.) *old age; he is*  
*sixty four years of age. He is also aff*  
*licted with Rheumatism. He is worn out.*  
*Frankfort Jan 27th 1863* *W L Sharp* Surgeon *1st Regt*

DISCHARGED, this *Second* day of *February* 186*3*, at *Lexington* by  
*D Gillman* Brig Gen  
Commanding the Post.

NOTE 1.—When a probable case for pension, special care must be taken to state the degree of disability.  
When it is shown that the soldier desires to be addressed may be here added.

# Robert Bryant

NAME OF SOLDIER:					Bryant, Robert				
NAME OF DEPENDENT:					Wife, Bryant, Maria				
SERVICE:					K 7 Ky. Cav. -				
DATE OF FILING		CLASS	APPLICATION NO.	CERTIFICATE NO.		STATE FROM WHICH FILED			
1863 May 11		Invalid	21190	82035					
ATTORNEY:									
REMARKS:									

# Robert Bryant

I Further Say, That I was married to the said Robert Bryant  
at M. C. Bryants in the State of Indiana on the 28<sup>th</sup>  
day of October 1832 by one H. H. Baerndanburg  
a Justice of the Peace that my name before marriage was Mariah McCollum  
and that ever since the death of my said husband I have remained a widow, as will appear by proof hereto annexed;  
and that there is a public record of my marriage.

That during the existence of the aforesaid marriage there were born to me and my said husband, the following named children:  
Mary Ann Bryant born the 28<sup>th</sup> day of July 1832  
Margaret M. Bryant born the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of Oct. 1835; Malinda Bryant born the 1<sup>st</sup> day of May 1842. William B. Bryant born March 28<sup>th</sup> 1842. Robert A. Bryant born on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of Feb. 1847. Hester A. Bryant born the 30<sup>th</sup> of Aug. 1851. J. W. Bryant born on the 17 Sep. 1853  
Stephen Bryant born the 29 Sep. 1857

I Further Say, That I have in no manner engaged in, or aided or abetted, the rebellion against the United States, but have ever been loyal and faithful to the Government.

I make this application in order to obtain the benefit provided by the Act of July 14, 1862, or other Acts of Congress.

Mariah Bryant

# Robert Bryant

	Mary A. Bryant	17	F	M.
	Margaret "	14	"	"
	Charlotte "	11	"	"
	Malinda "	7	"	"
	William "	6	M	"
	Augustus "	5	"	"
	John "	1	"	"

218	219	Robert Bryant	67	M
		Maria Bryant	45	F
		Malinda Bryant	18	F
		Wm Bryant	15	M
		Augustine Bryant	12	M
		Heester Bryant	8	F
		James Bryant	6	M
		Stephen Bryant	5	M

# Robert Bryant

DECLARATION AND IDENTIFICATION IN DUE FORM.

## PROOF EXHIBITED.

Service.

The soldier was enrolled July 15<sup>th</sup> 1861, and is reported as follows:

By the Adjutant Genl. U.S.A., "Discharged at Louisville, Ky., Feb'y 24<sup>th</sup> 1863."

Death.

By the Surg. Genl. U.S.A., "Died March 8<sup>th</sup> 1863, at Louisville, Ky. of Dysentery."

Testimony of Capt. Price, that the disease of which he died was contracted in the service, and time of day, and that he was in good health at time of enlistment. Testimony of family physicians corroborate that of Capt. Price, that soldier was sound and healthy at time of enlistment.

Marriage.

Copied from copy of Public Record from which it appears that Robert Bryant and Dorah McCallum were married Oct. 24<sup>th</sup> 1854, which agrees with claimant's declaration.

Names and dates of birth of children.

Shown under 16 years old, names and ages given.

Loyalty.

Shown.

Joint Affidavit.

We, John W. Proctor and L. B. Abney  
each of lawful age, and residents of the (1) Town of Elizaville  
in the State of Kentucky upon our oaths declare, that Robert Bryant  
was a man of good sound Physical health at the  
time of his enlistment. we make these statements from  
personal knowledge having been prior to said  
soldiers enlistment his family Physicians, that  
we were personally well acquainted with him for  
years prior to his enlistment and know his physical  
Condition at enlistment from actual observation and  
therefore make our statements respecting him, as  
medical advisors in the family.

We further state that we have carefully  
read over and fully understood the import  
and meaning of all the facts embodied in  
this Certificate, to which we cheerfully assent and  
freely subscribe, under oath and in due form  
of law, that we have no interest whatsoever in  
this matter

L. B. Abney M.D.  
J. W. Proctor M.D.  
Affiants

# Robert Bryant

That the following is a correct list of the names, dates of birth, and residence of all the children of her said deceased husband, who were under the age of sixteen years at the time of the death of her said husband, and who are now living, viz:

*Hester Ann Bryant*....., born *31 August*.....185*1*....., living at *Home with applicant*  
*James W. Bryant*....., born *14 Sept*.....185*3*....., living at.....*do*  
*Stephen R. Bryant*....., born *29 Sept*.....185*7*....., living at.....*do*  
....., born.....18....., living at.....  
....., born.....18....., living at.....

*That she has not abandoned the support of any one of their children under sixteen years of age, nor permitted any one for whom increase is claimed to be adopted by any person or persons, or that they are the only legitimate children of herself & her deceased husband now living.*

She therefore claims an increase of pension to the amount of \$ *6.00* per month, under section two of Supplementary Pension act of July *25<sup>th</sup>*....., 1866.

She also declares that she has remained a widow ever since the death of said *Robert Bryant*....., and that she has not in any manner been engaged in, or aided or abetted the rebellion in the United States; and she hereby appoints W. O. PHILLIPS, of Poplar Plains, Kentucky, as her lawful attorney, and authorizes him to present and prosecute this claim, and to receive and receipt for the certificate that may be issued in satisfaction thereof.

*W. O. Phillips*

# Robert Bryant

*James*  
No. 22  
*Maria Bryant*  
*Maria Bryant*  
WIDOW  
*Robert*  
Rank *Private*  
Regt. *7th Ky*  
*Savins*  
Rate per Month, \$  
Commencing *9th*  
Additional sum of \$2 per  
the following children, until  
16 years, commencing *2d*  
*James W 16*  
*Stephen A 20*

## GENERAL AFFIDAVIT.

State of Kentucky  
County of Fleming } SS.  
In the matter of the claim of Maria Bryant widow of Robert Bryant  
(Character of Claimant)  
for increase pension on account of child, Hester A.  
(Name of Claimant, the Name and Service of Soldier)  
Personally came before me, a Justice of the Peace in and for the  
(Justice, Notary, Judge, Clerk or Deputy Clerk)  
County and State aforesaid, Maria Bryant of Covington, Ky.  
(Here write the name of the Affiant, or of each Affiant, together with the Post Office address.)

person of lawful age, who, being duly sworn, declare, in relation to the aforesaid claim, as follows:

I am the claimant in abovenamed claim and hereby certify that there is no public record nor church records of baptism giving the date of birth of my child, Hester A. and I am unable to furnish the testimony of any persons who were in attendance or present at her birth for the reason that they are all dead.

# Robert Bryant

By last marriage	Hester A.	(Sixteen, August 31, 1851)	July 25, 1866.
	James W.	(Sixteen, August 30, 1857)	July 25, 1866.
	Stephen R.	(Sixteen, September 17, 1853)	July 25, 1866.
		(Sixteen, September 16, 1869)	July 25, 1866.

In view of cert dates & full age

Payments on all former certificates covering any portion of same time to be deducted.

All pension to terminate, 18, date of

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**RECOGNIZED ATTORNEY:**

Name <u>Milo B. Stevens &amp; Co.</u>	Fee \$ <u>2.10</u> Agent to pay.
P. O. <u>Cleveland, Ohio.</u>	Articles filed <u>none</u> , 18

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**APPROVALS:**

Submitted for admission October 28, 1893, W. H. Darlington, Examiner.

Approved for <u>Refuse to include</u> , origin of	Approved for _____; death resulted from
<u>minor child Helen A.</u> accepted,	_____ due to
<u>M. S. Robush</u>	_____ which has been legally accepted,
<u>October 31</u> , 1893, Legal Reviewer.	_____, 18, Medical Reviewer.



# Pensions and Casualty Reports

THE STATE OF TEXAS, }

COUNTY OF

Ellis

To the Honorable County Judge of Ellis County, Texas.

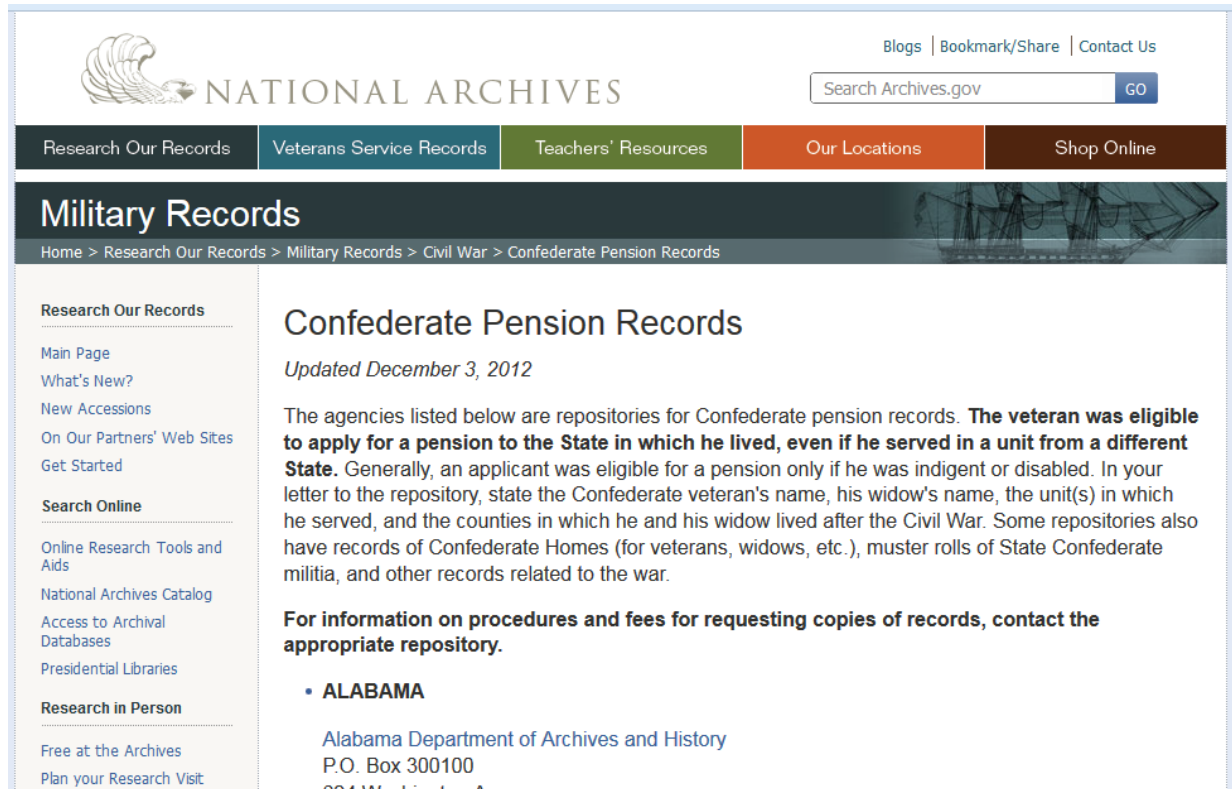
Your petitioner, Capt. W. D. Coggins, respectfully represents that he is a resident citizen of Ellis County, in the State of Texas, and that he makes this application for the purpose of obtaining a pension under the act passed by the Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Texas, and approved May 12, A. D. 1899, the same being an act entitled "An act to carry into effect the amendment to the Constitution of the State of Texas, providing that aid may be granted to disabled and dependent Confederate soldiers, sailors, and their widows under certain conditions, and to make an appropriation therefor," and I do solemnly swear that the answers I have given to the following questions are true.

NOTE—Applicant must make answer to all of the following questions, and such answers must be written out plainly in ink.


- Q. What is your name? Answer William D. Coggins
- Q. What is your age? Answer 42 yrs. 3 months
- Q. In what County do you reside? Answer Ellis
- Q. How long have you resided in said County and what is your post office address? Answer Have been a resident of said Co. 42 yrs. 3 months
- Q. Have you applied for a pension under the Confederate Pension Law heretofore, and been rejected? If so, state when and where. Answer No
- Q. What is your occupation if able to engage in one? Answer Brick Laying
- Q. What is your physical condition? Answer Bad
- Q. If your physical condition is such that you are unable by your own labor to earn a support, state what caused such disability. Answer Weakness of eyes & old age
- Q. In what State was your command originally organized? Answer Texas
- Q. How long did you serve? Give date of enlistment and discharge. Answer 3 yrs Apr 1862 - Mar 1865
- Q. What was the name or letter of your company and name or number of your regiment? Answer Co. D, Morgan's Battalion
- Q. State whether you served in the infantry, artillery, cavalry, or the navy. Answer Cavalry
- Q. State whether or not you have received any pension or veteran donation land certificate under any previous law, and if you answer in the affirmative state what pension or veteran donation land certificate you have received. Answer No
- Q. What real and personal property do you now own, and what is the present value of such property? Give list of such property and value. Answer Not Any

## Pensions

# Confederate Pensions



The screenshot shows the National Archives website. At the top, there is a logo for the National Archives and a search bar. Below the logo, there are navigation links: "Research Our Records", "Veterans Service Records", "Teachers' Resources", "Our Locations", and "Shop Online". The main heading is "Military Records". Below this, there is a breadcrumb trail: "Home > Research Our Records > Military Records > Civil War > Confederate Pension Records". The left sidebar contains links for "Research Our Records" (Main Page, What's New?, New Accessions, On Our Partners' Web Sites, Get Started), "Search Online" (Online Research Tools and Aids, National Archives Catalog, Access to Archival Databases, Presidential Libraries), and "Research in Person" (Free at the Archives, Plan your Research Visit). The main content area is titled "Confederate Pension Records" and includes a date "Updated December 3, 2012". The text explains that the agencies listed are repositories for Confederate pension records and provides instructions on how to apply for a pension. It also includes contact information for the Alabama Department of Archives and History.

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## Military Records

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### Confederate Pension Records

*Updated December 3, 2012*

The agencies listed below are repositories for Confederate pension records. **The veteran was eligible to apply for a pension to the State in which he lived, even if he served in a unit from a different State.** Generally, an applicant was eligible for a pension only if he was indigent or disabled. In your letter to the repository, state the Confederate veteran's name, his widow's name, the unit(s) in which he served, and the counties in which he and his widow lived after the Civil War. Some repositories also have records of Confederate Homes (for veterans, widows, etc.), muster rolls of State Confederate militia, and other records related to the war.

**For information on procedures and fees for requesting copies of records, contact the appropriate repository.**

- **ALABAMA**  
[Alabama Department of Archives and History](#)  
P.O. Box 300100  
624 Washington Avenue

<https://www.archives.gov/research/military/civil-war/confederate/pension.html>

## Confederate Pensions

Pensions were granted in the state where the soldier lived, not his state of military service. Pensions were granted to Confederate soldiers, their widows and minor children by the following states. Images available on [FamilySearch.org](https://www.familysearch.org)

State	Disability	Indigent Soldier	Widows	Minor Children
Alabama	1867	1891	1886	1891
Arkansas*		1891	1915	1915
Florida*		1885	1889	
Georgia*	1870	1894	1879	1894
Kentucky*	1912	1912	1912	1912
Louisiana*	1890	1890	1890	
Mississippi	1898	1898	1898	
Missouri	1911	1911	None	None
North Carolina	1867	1885	1885	1885
Oklahoma*	1915	1915	1915	1915
South Carolina*	1887	1887	1887	
Tennessee*	1891	1905	1905	
Texas*	1881	1899#	1889	1889
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Arkansas

California

Colorado

Connecticut

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Delaware

District of Columbia

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Idaho

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Indian Territory

Indiana

Iowa

Kansas

Kentucky

Louisiana

Maine

Maryland

Massachusetts

Michigan

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Engineers & Mechanics

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SERVICE:					Late rank, 2nd Co. 6, 5 Regt Ky. Cav.				
TERM OF SERVICE:					Enlisted, 1 Discharged, 1				
DATE OF FILING.	CLASS.	APPLICATION NO.		LAW.	CERTIFICATE NO.				
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## Alabama Civil War Service Database

Last Name: **Edwards**

Date of Birth:

Birth Information:

Date of Death:

Death Information:

Discharge Date:

Discharge Information:

Branch:

Regimental Unit: **48th Alabama Regiment**

Company Unit: **F**

Co. Unit Name:

Pension Rec: **yes**

Authority: **Pension record card Cullman County; Alabama pension number 30226.**

First Name: **A** MI: **J**

Marital Status:

Occupation:

Enlistment Date:

Enlistment Information: **Sergeant.**

Engagements:

Engage. con't:

Remarks: **Pension application filed by Mrs. S. A. M. Edwards, widow, witnessed by D. L. Fortner and John McCoy.**

Remarks con't:

Other Info:

Form 1. Pension application prescribed by the State of Texas, and to be filled out by the applicant and filed with the County Clerk of each county.

Form No. 1. Approved October 1, 1900.

APPLICATION of Indigent Soldier or Sailor of the late Confederacy for pension under the Act of May 12, 1890. He shall use no other blank but this.

THE STATE OF TEXAS,  
COUNTY OF Ellis

To the Honorable County Judge of Ellis County, Texas:

Your petitioner, Confederate Soldier, respectfully represents that he is a resident citizen of Ellis County, in the State of Texas, and that he meets the qualifications for the pension provided by the act passed by the Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Texas, and approved July 12, A.D. 1890, the same being as amended by the act passed by the Legislature of the State of Texas, providing that such may be granted to disabled and dependent Confederate soldiers, sailors, and their widows under certain conditions, and to make an appropriation therefor, and I do solemnly swear that the answers I have given to the following questions are true.

NOTE—Applicant must make answer to all of the following questions, and such answers must be written out plainly in ink.

1. What is your name? Answer: Robert Lee Coggins
2. What is your age? Answer: 45 years
3. In what county do you reside? Answer: Ellis
4. How long have you resided in said county, and what is your post office address? Answer: Since 1880, at Dallas, Texas
5. Have you applied for a pension under the Confederate Pension Law heretofore, and been rejected? If so, state when and where. Answer: No
6. What is your occupation if able to engage in one? Answer: Retired Soldier
7. What is your physical condition? Answer: Bad
8. If your physical condition is such that you are unable by your own labor to earn a support, state what caused such disability. Answer: Wounds received at Battle of Gettysburg
9. Is your State now your permanent abode? Answer: Yes
10. How long did you serve? Give date of enlistment and discharge. Answer: Sept. 1862 to March 1865
11. What was the name of your company and name or number of your regiment? Answer: Company B, 1st Texas Cavalry, 1st Division, 1st Army Corps, Confederate Army
12. State whether you served in the infantry, artillery, cavalry, or the navy. Answer: Infantry
13. State whether or not you have received any pension or other benefits from the Government under any pension law, and if you have state what pension or veteran benefits had on file and you have received. Answer: None
14. What real and personal property do you now own, and what is the present value of such property? Give list of such property and value. Answer: None

# Pension Applications

<http://www.tsl.state.tx.us/arc/pensions/samplcpi.html>

Sample Pension Application - Texas State Library and Archives Commission

# Cluster Research

Q. What is your name? Answer *William Ivy Coggins*

Q. What is your age? Answer *77 Years - June 1898*

Q. In what County do you reside? Answer *Ellis*

Q. How long have you resided in said County and what is your post office address? Answer *Have been a resident of said Co. 42 yrs. Tellico Tex.*

Q. Have you applied for a pension under the Confederate Pension Law heretofore, and been rejected? If so, state when and where. Answer *No*

Q. What is your occupation if able to engage in one? Answer *Brick-laying*

Q. What is your physical condition? Answer *Bad*

- Pension applications often mention other individuals.
- They often give the physical characteristics and condition of the applicant, along with his occupation.

FORM No. 1. Amended October 1, 1902.

APPLICATION of Indigent Soldier or Sailor of the late Confederacy for pension under the Act of May 12, 1899. Hereafter use no other blank but this.

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

COUNTY OF

To the Honorable County Judge of Ellis County, Texas.

Your petitioner, Captain J. D. Coggin, respectfully represents that he is a resident citizen of Ellis County, in the State of Texas, and that he makes this application for the purpose of obtaining a pension under the act passed by the Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Texas, and approved May 12, A. D. 1899, the same being an act entitled "An act to carry into effect the amendment to the Constitution of the State of Texas, providing that aid may be granted to disabled and dependent Confederate soldiers, sailors, and their widows under certain conditions, and to make an appropriation therefor," and I do solemnly swear that the answers I have given to the following questions are true.

NOTE—Applicant must make answer to all of the following questions, and such answers must be written out plainly in ink.

- Q. What is your name? Answer J. D. Coggin
- Q. What is your age? Answer 49 years
- Q. In what County do you reside? Answer Ellis
- Q. How long have you resided in said County and what is your post office address? Answer Have been a resident of said Co. since 1865. Leicester
- Q. Have you applied for a pension under the Confederate Pension Law heretofore, and been rejected? If so, state when and where. Answer No
- Q. What is your occupation if able to engage in one? Answer Brick-laying
- Q. What is your physical condition? Answer Bad
- Q. If your physical condition is such that you are unable by your own labor to earn a support, state what caused such disability. Answer Weakness of eyes & old age
- Q. In what State was your command originally organized? Answer Texas
- Q. How long did you serve? Give date of enlistment and discharge. Answer 3 yrs. Apr. 1862 - May 1865
- Q. What was the name or letter of your company and name or number of your regiment? Answer Co. D, Morgan's Battalion
- Q. State whether you served in the infantry, artillery, cavalry, or the navy. Answer Cavalry
- Q. State whether or not you have received any pension or veteran donation land certificate under any previous law, and if you answer in the affirmative state what pension or veteran donation land certificate you have received. Answer No
- Q. What real and personal property do you now own, and what is the present value of such property? Give list of such property and value. Answer Not any

What is your name?

What is your age?

In what County do you reside?

How long have you resided there?

Have you applied for a pension before - or been rejected?

What is your occupation?

How long did you serve?

## DECLARATION OF A WIDOW FOR RESTORATION OF PENSION.

(Act of March 3, 1863, Amending Section 4758, Revised Statutes.)

State of Kentucky  
County of Daniels

I, the 29 day of July, A. D. one thousand nine hundred and two  
personally appeared before me, a Notary Public within and for the county and  
state aforesaid, Malinda Nelson of 75 years,  
a resident of Whitsonville County of Daniels  
State of Kentucky who, being duly sworn according to law, makes the following declaration  
for the purpose of having her name restored to the pension roll under the act of March 3, 1863, amending section  
4758, Revised Statutes:

That she was formerly married to David S. Thornton  
who died Nov 7 1862 by reason of wound or injury received or disease contracted  
while serving as Private in Co. B. 5th Regt Ky. Cal. in the war  
1861 to 1865 That she was his lawful wife during the period of his service in said war, and  
that she remained his lawful wife to the date of his death.

That her pension was paid by the United States pension agent at Hodginton D. C. Pickens  
and that the number of her pension certificate was Fourteen Cent That she never received any other pension  
from the United States nor made any other application for pension.

(If she was ever married or made a widow, her present or

(If she was ever married, her name, rank, and station should be stated.)

That her pension terminated because of her marriage to George S. Nelson  
That said marriage took place June 26 1864 at Near Whitsonville Ky  
That said husband died Nov. 26 1871 at Near Whitsonville Ky

X (a) That said George S. Nelson was and lawfully was her husband and within said Nov 26 1871 her present or

husband died Nov 26 1871 at Near Whitsonville Ky

(If she was ever married or lawfully was, it should be given.)

That she not marry again after the death of the widow except to George S. Nelson

(If she was ever married or lawfully was, it should be given.)

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That she is without other means of support than her daily labor and an actual net income not exceeding two  
hundred and fifty dollars per year.

That her present address is Whitsonville  
County of Daniels State of Kentucky

Malinda Nelson  
(Signature of declarant)

Attest: (1) J. J. Smith  
(2) L. F. Brooks

## PENSIONER DROPPED.

United States Pension Agency,

LOUISVILLE, KY.

JAN 9 1909, 190

Certificate No. 19524Class WIDOWPensioner Malinda ThorntonSoldier David S ThorntonService Sgt 73 3 Ky V. 6

The Commissioner of Pensions.

SIR: I have the honor to report that the

above-named pensioner who was last paid

at \$1.20 to May 4, 1908has been dropped because of death,May 15, 1908

Very respectfully,

A. H. Wood

United States Pension Agent

NOTE.—Every name dropped is to be then reported at once,  
and when cause of dropping is death, state date of death  
when known.

# 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 1832 in Smyth, Virginia
◀	Elizabeth SNAVELY	F	22 Sep 1833 in Smyth, Virginia
◀	Mary Ann SNAVELY	F	17 Jun 1835 in Smyth, Virginia
◀	William H SNAVELY	M	1842 in Smyth, Virginia
◀	Ferdinand Sprinkle SNAVELY	M	Feb 1844 in Smyth, Virginia
◀	Susan E SNAVELY	F	Apr 1845 in Smyth, Virginia
◀	Alexander Campbell SNAVELY	M	15 Apr 1846 in Smyth, Virginia

Add Child

+ Add Parents

Mary Mollie PICKLE

Born: 27 Apr 1815  
Virginia

Died: 1894  
Virginia

Nicholas & Mary Mollie

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

# Adam Boyd Snavelly

## ARMY OF THE CONFEDERATE STATES.

### CERTIFICATE OF DISABILITY FOR DISCHARGE.

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

Adam B. Snavelly a Private of Captain W. H. H.

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

STATION: Rocky Gap  
DATE: May 28<sup>th</sup> 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 H Snavely

Publication (45)	Category (3)	Location (17)
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I CERTIFY That the within named Wm H Snavely  
 Major of Captain Wm Kellingers Company (7) of the  
 Regiment of Infantry, born in Smyth county  
Virginia, aged 24 years, 5 feet, 10  
eyes dark hair, and by  
Capt Wm J McDaniel

shell, and balls about one o'clock P. M. on the 26<sup>th</sup>.  
 The position thus obtained by the 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 27<sup>th</sup> inst. The following is the list of cas-  
 ualties in the Battalion. Killed & Staff Killed -  
 -Sergeant Major Wm H Snavely Co A. Killed Private  
 -James A. Wilson. Wounded Privates Wm J Mum  
 (mortally). Wm Durman (eye & shoulder) P. M.  
 Bishop (in foot) Abraham Gross (both legs)

[illegible]

CONFEDERATE

Statement of Service Reference Slip.

(Source of communication.)

Snavelly

(Name.)

7. 23 Va Inf

Snavelly, 18

1st Lt Sgts Co 7,

Battn Va Inf.

1. Sep 14. 1861

21/64 Roll last on

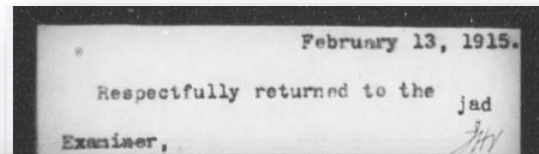
Captured at Union-

ter, 19 Sep 1864.

also Frederick

Snavelly.

# Joseph Ralston (h/o Susan Snavelly)



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 dailly 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.

# Union Pension Records : Family Search Wiki

## Pension Laws

Act of July 14, 1862 - Started the General Law pension system for Civil War veterans who had sustained war-related disabilities. Pensions became available to widows, children under 16 years of age, and dependent relatives of soldiers who died in military service from war related injuries.

Act of January 25, 1872 - The veteran or his dependents permitted to collect a lump sum payment based on the date of death or discharge from the service. This payment was in addition to the monthly pension payment.

Act of 1890 - The pension based only on veteran's age and time of service.

Act of February 6, 1907 - Pension approved based on a veteran's age and length of service. <sup>[1]</sup>

## Civil War Pension Index Cards

### Organization Index

The "[Organization Index to Pension Files](#)", an index to pension applications, is available online. Officially called the "Organization Index to Pension Files of Veterans Who Served Between 1861 and 1900" (NARA T289). Despite the name, the records actually cover veterans who served in the US Army between 1861-1917. Each card gives the soldier's name, application and certificate numbers, state of enlistment, and might include rank and death information. The majority of the records are of Civil War veterans, but the collection also includes records for veterans of other wars from the same time period.


See "Civil War 'Widows' Pensions" section below for information on how to obtain the actual pension records.

### General Index

The "[General Index to Pension Files](#)" officially the "General Index to Pension Files, 1861-1934" (NARA T288) is available online. This index is similar to the "Organization Index" mentioned above. It is arranged in a different format, however, and the information on the cards is slightly different. The index is arranged by the veteran's or widow's name and his unit, rank, date and application number, certificate number if accepted, and state of filing. As mentioned above, the pension files that this index and the "Organizational Index" refer to have not been filmed and are only available at the National Archives in Washington, D.C.

See "Civil War 'Widows' Pensions" section below for information on how to obtain the actual pension records.

# Union Pension Records : Fold3



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# Galvanized Yankees

(CONFEDERATE.)

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Va.

*Geo. C. Gillaspie*

*Priv.*, Co. *F*, 50 Reg't Va. Infantry.

Appears on

Company Muster Roll

of the organization named above,

for *July 2 to Nov. 1*, 1861.  
*Not dated*

Enlisted:

When *July 2*, 1861.

Where *Oriskany, N.Y.*

By whom *Maj. A. J. Robertson*

Period *11 m*

Last paid:

By whom

To what time, 1861.

Present or absent *Absent*

Remarks: *Sick at W. D. S.*

(Confederate.)

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Va.

*Geo. C. Gillaspie*

*Priv.*, Co. *F*, 50 Reg't Va.

Appears on a

Roll of Prisoners of War

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

Roll dated *Not dated*.

Where captured *in Wilderness, Va.*

When captured *May 5*, 1864.

Remarks: *Born in Va. 24*

*years old, was never*  
*in favor of Secession,*  
*wishes to take the Oath*  
*at Cincinnati Ohio.*

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In the year 1861 William  
Gillaspie and John Gillaspie  
giving the warrent her- con for  
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of amherst on the 2<sup>d</sup> day of  
July 1861 60 of J. J. Miller  
Gardner we left by net boat

(CONFEDERATE.)

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

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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.)



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**A Digest of the Military and Naval Laws of the Confederate States, From the Commencement of the Provisional Congress to the End of the First Congress Under the Permanent Constitution.**  
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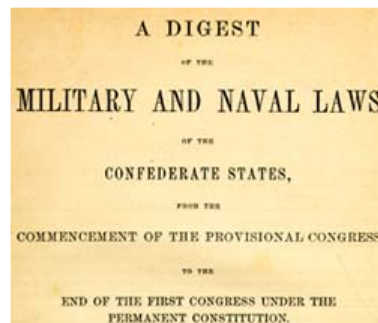
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**Chancellorsville**

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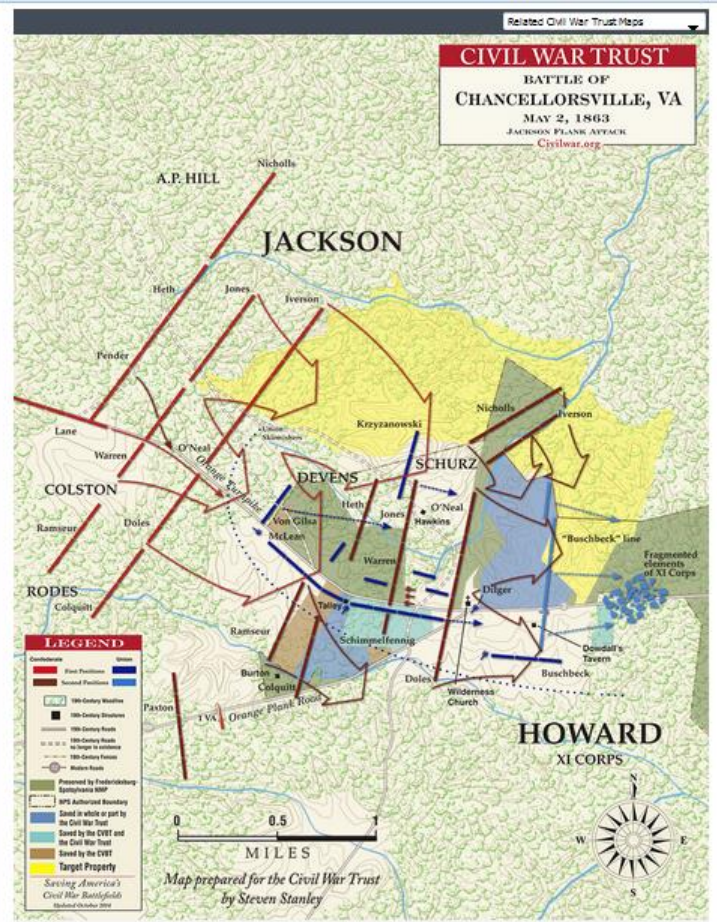
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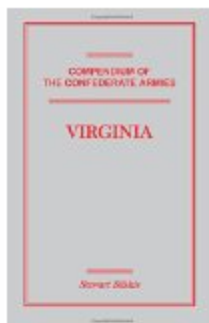
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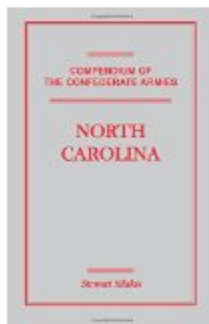
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 Gen. ... Gen. ... D.C. ...



# Grand Army of the Republic

Formed in April 6, 1866; Extinction August 2, 1956

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# United Confederate Veterans

Formed in New Orleans, 10 June 1889.



# Members of the Amite County Confederate Veterans Association

Names	Rank	Co	Regiment	Post Office
G.D. Cobb	Sgt	8	24 Miss	Booneville Miss
W.B. Ellis	Corp	8	24 "	Summit
Geo. A. Shaw	Sgt	8	" "	Liberty
J.J. Keston	P	8	" "	Indian Mound La
C. Harrell	"	8	" "	Liberty Miss
P.L. Mason	"	8	" "	"
J.M. Myland	Corp	8	" "	Olio "
J.H. Myers	P	8	" "	Glaster
W.M. Wain	P	8	" "	Boone
J.M. Whittington	P	8	" "	Glaster
W.H. Webb	P	8	" "	Liberty
Chas. E. Davis	Adj	8	" "	"
W.H. Griffin	P	8	" "	"
John Stewart	P	8	" "	Gillsburg
F.H. Myers	P	8	" "	Magnolia
M.S. Myers	P	8	" "	McComb
J.H. Buckner	P	8	" "	Wicks
Wm. Brown	P	8	" "	East Fork
Wm. Montgomery	P	8	" "	Glaster
M.V. Newman	P	8	" "	Olio
Leg. B. Whittington	P	8	33 <sup>rd</sup> Miss	Booneville
Chas. Carroll	Sgt	8	" "	Liberty
R.E. Hancock	P	B	Amite County Cavalry	Booneville
F.H. Shattuck	Sgt	C	7 <sup>th</sup> Miss	Liberty
H.S. Crawford	Lt	H	4 <sup>th</sup> "	Crittville
Leaborn Gordon	P	8	" "	Smithdale
J.H. Locher	corp	7	9 <sup>th</sup> Illinois	Booneville
Chas. Hall	Lt	B	33 <sup>rd</sup> Miss	Gillsburg

Federal

Amite County, Miss.  
Confederate Veterans,  
Amite County Courthouse,  
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# The Argos Reflector (Argos, Indiana) · Thu, Aug 13, 1891

## THE GRAND ARMY.

### Proceedings of the Silver Jubilee in Detroit.

The Grand Parade—Washington Gets the Next Encampment—Palmer Chosen Commander—Other Officers Elected, Etc.

#### THE BOYS IN BLUE.

DETROIT, Mich., Aug. 5.—Tuesday was a day which will be long remembered by the grizzled veterans of the Grand Army of the Republic. As the opening day of the twenty-fifth annual encampment, it marks a quarter of a century in the growth of the organization, and every soldier realizes that it must also mark the apex in the prosperity of that great order, which, year by year, has enveloped in its fraternal fold every state of the great union from Maine to Texas and from Florida to Washington.

As the tried and trusty soldiers of '65 were ever eager for the battle, so the veterans of '91 were eager for the grand parade which was to recall so many reminiscences of former days. Before the morning sun had kissed the spangled arches and emblazoned in glory the golden decorations that marked the line of march, the grand army bands were abroad, and the measured tread

music was dying in the distance as Maryland, some 390 strong, passed the stand.

As the Nebraska Grand Army of the Republic, 500 strong, with Department Commander Teeter and Gov. Thayer passed the grand stand it was impossible to tell whether the cheers were for the governor, the soldier boys, or that venerable figure which always provokes the cheers of the volunteer soldiers Paul Vandervoort, past national commander in chief.

Of course Michigan, with its 15,000 veterans, received the ovation of the day. The division was officered by Department Commander C. L. Eaton, Adjt. Gen. K. W. Noyes and Quartermaster General Spicer.

Iowa came next to the Wolverine State 300 strong, and marching with military precision to the ever popular tune "Yankee Doodle." Department Commander C. L. Davidson, Adjt. Gen. Longley and Quartermaster - Gen. Tamplin headed the column.

New York, 2,500 strong, came next, and was the recipient of an enthusiastic greeting. They were headed by Department Commander C. H. Freeman, Adjutant General W. W. Bennett, Quartermaster General A. R. Penfield and W. W. Van Keuran, an octogenarian member of the post and veteran of the Mexican

war, had been exerted in the decorations which adorned the interior in emblematic order.

A few minutes before the hour of opening, Gen. Veazey and his staff entered the hall and were escorted to the grand stand. The appearance of the commander in chief was the signal for generous applause and a minute later the two bands burst forth in an inspiring military air in harmony with the martial scene. Rapping the assemblage to order, the commander in chief announced the formal opening of the twenty-fifth annual encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, and directed the adjutant general to call the roll of departments. Every state and territory in the union—not even excepting far-off Alaska—was represented and the roll showed the fullest attendance of delegates in the history of the organization.

The opening address of the commander in chief was listened to in rapt attention by the assembled veterans. He said:

COMRADES—This is the silver anniversary of a birth, not of a wedding. The wedding occurred when the bridegrooms, the youth of the land, enlisted in its defense. Abraham Lincoln celebrated the marriage nuptials. Columbia was the bride. Her vesture was the nation's flag. The pledge to establish that flag over the domain of secession was the pledge of her hand. When the pledge was

the ballot was announced: Washington, 369; Lincoln, 333.

DETROIT, Mich., Aug. 7.—Immediately after the meeting of the G. A. R. encampment

Thursday morning the election of a commander in chief was declared the first business. There were four candidates: John Palmer, of Albany, N. Y.; A. G. Weissart, of Milwaukee, Wis.; W. P. Smedbury, of California; S. H. Hurst, Ohio.

Benjamin E. Bryant, of Wisconsin, placed Weissart in nomination in an eloquent speech. Weissart's nomination was seconded by the states of Illinois, Iowa, Indiana and Kentucky.

Corporal Tanner, of New York, placed Palmer in nomination, and Massachusetts, New Jersey and Pennsylvania seconded Palmer's nomination.

J. J. Hollingsworth, of Ohio, nominated Hurst, and W. L. Barnes, of California, nominated Smedbury.

The election by secret ballot was a very slow and tedious process. The first ballot gave Palmer, 322; Weissart,



CAPT. PALMER.

## THE JUBILEE OVER.

Close of the Silver Encampment of the Grand Army—General Palmer Assumes Command—The Women's Corps Elect Officers.

DETROIT, Mich., Aug. 8.—Tattoo has been sounded over the silver encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic. John Palmer has been elected commander in chief to succeed Wheelock G. Veazey, Washington has been decided upon as the place for holding the next encampment, and the convention has completed its labors, adopted the usual resolutions and votes of thanks, and has adjourned.

At the opening of the Grand Army of the Republic encampment Friday the first business was the report of the committee on the John A. Logan and Phil Sheridan monuments. The Logan monument fund now reaches \$65,000, and is closed. For the Sheridan they have \$50,000 in hand.

Reports of committees on adjutant generals and other officers' reports were approved. Past Commander in Chief Burdett, of Washington, presented reports on a variety of subjects, deprecating in particular the action of the members in endeavoring to secure the influence of the organization toward any interference in matters belonging to the various departments of the Grand Army of the

MEMPHIS, TENN. COMMERCIAL APPEAL 6-10-37

## Confederates Discuss Another Reunion

Scoffing at the idea this is their last reunion, Confederate veterans gathered yesterday in Jackson, Miss. Discussing the next meeting were (left to right) Enoch Smith, of Columbia, S. C., who invited the veterans to meet in Columbia next year; General Homer Atkinson, of Petersburg, Va., U. C. V. commander-in-chief; Mrs. A. M. Wilson, head of the Confederate States Memorial Association; Charles W. Bell, of Little Rock, aide to General M. D. Vance, of Little Rock, and General Vance.





*Times-Picayune*, From May 19-22, 1903, New Orleans hosted a huge reunion of the United Confederate Veterans, culminating in a grand parade on May 22 along the city streets. The line of old soldiers, shown here on St. Charles Avenue, stretched for six miles, the parade took more than two hours to pass a given point, and it attracted a crowd, larger than the numbers that turned out for Carnival. The newspapers for the week are filled with reports of the veterans' doings--parties, dinners, meetings, speeches, and, of course, the grand parade.

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# REMARKS.

At the beginning of the war claimant is  
man of about 40, a naturalized citizen of  
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furnishing store at Point Isabel, Texas. In  
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- 1<sup>st</sup> My name is John Henry Schaffer - my  
is Brownsville Cameron County Tex  
my occupation is a Tailor -
- 2<sup>nd</sup> I am the Claimant -
- 3<sup>rd</sup> I was born in Saxony under the dominion  
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