

COURTS OF ENQUIRY WEST MILFORD MILITIA 1862-1866
PART II

In 1969 Mrs. Elizabeth Williams, daughter of Bennett Rider, presented to Dr. Robert Wilson the minutes of the Courts of Enquiry of the West Milford Unit of the Virginia (W. Va.) Militia 1862-1866. Dr. Wilson presented the minutes to the Harrison County Historical Society.

A search in the State Library of Virginia in Richmond gave the Society the laws governing the militia in 1858 and in 1861. The way the Courts of Enquiry of the 137th Regiment (21st in 1864) of the militia applied the laws will be Part I of a manuscript "Courts of Enquiry West Milford Militia 1862-1866" to be sent members of the Harrison County Historical Society as a part of the Newsletter Spring 1974.

Part II of the manuscript is a list of names that appear in the minutes. The names do not make up a roster of the companies of the regiment. They probably include the names of a majority of the men enrolled in the militia unit since men were fined for infractions such as failure to report to company drill and for irregularities in uniform or accoutrements. The list includes officers, those who were paid for services, and those exempted from service because of physical unfitness.

A handwritten manuscript poses problems:

The Virginia militia law of 1858 required that the clerk of the courts of enquiry "keep a fair record of the proceedings". Both Robert Jackson, clerk 1862-1865, and Bennett Rider, clerk 1866, wrote legible hands, but that of Robert Jackson was florid.

In Jackson's record it is impossible to distinguish between I and J as initials only. He consistently fails to run the lower loop of the J below the line. I probably stands for Isaac, but J could stand for James, John, and Joseph. For the same reason it is difficult to distinguish between Jas for James and Jos for Joseph.

It is also difficult to determine N, M, and W as single initials and as the first letter of a family name. A and H present the same problem. Jackson must have wound up like a minor league pitcher for his capital letters.

Jackson consistently uses fs for ss; Rider uses it occasionally.

Problems with family names:

Spelling of family names is sometimes phonetic: e.g. Stalenger, Stalnaker, Stonacher.

Problem with the generation:

There may be some Juniors in the list of men fined by the court. The same name appears in two different companies of the militia. It is possible that the men moved from one neighborhood to another in the period 1862-1866.

Officers of the West Milford Militia 1862-1866:

Colonel

Haymond, S.

Lieutenant Colonel

Davis, D. H.
Westfall, Joal L.

Major

Davisson, William I?J?
Lang, L. L.

Captain

Boring, Samuel I?J?
Brake, D. C. I?J?
Carder, George? L.
Conley, L. M.
Corpenning, N.
Flesher, Hiram
Law (Low), (John D.?)
McKinney, Joseph
Swisher, O. T.

Lieutenant

Bailey, Adam E.
Blake, S. S?L?
Burnside, J. W.
Davisson, Marselles (Marcellus?)
Green, James E.
Hall, Stephen
Helmick, I?J? M.
Law, John D.
Lowther, John D.
Morris, James H.
Roy, Thomas B.
Somervill (Sommerville), William
Stalenger (Stalnaker, Stonacher),
Walter
Stout, William G.
Walker, Joseph
Washburn, Lloyd
Young J. A?

2nd Battalion
Capt. McKinney's Company
 1864 - Company C

Anglins, Martin	Jenkins, Emasiah	Morrison, George
Bean, John W.	Knabenshue, Joseph S.	Norman, James B.
Brite (Bright), Matthew (Mathew)	Lanham, Presten	Post, Enoch
Carmack, George	Lewis, Albert I?J?	Queen, Armstead
Caster, Vincent	Lewis, Jasper, W?N?	Queen, Lemuel
Eib, Mengie	Lewis, Joseph E.	Queen, Peter
Freymire, Harrison	Lewis, Wilson	Reed, Alexander
Gregery, Miflen	Lite (Little?), Andrew	Rohr, Henry
Grim, James	Little, James	Sheets, John
Howes, Daniel	Little, John S.	Smith, Levi
Hunt, W. H. H.	McCraday, William	Tucker, Josiah
Frymire, John	McPherson Joseph	White, John
	Morris, George F.	Woolard, William H.

Names of men exempt from service in the Militia by reason of physical unfitness 1862-1866

Arnold, Simon G.	Hall, Osker F.	Norman, James B.
Bailey, James H.	Hansford, William D.	Norman, Sotha H.
Barnett, Smith	Hayns, Martin B.	Pitman
Beech, Presley B.	Helmick, John R.	Post, Enoch, Jr.
Blair, John D.	Highland, W. G.	Price, William H.
Blake, Thomas I?J?	Hill, John H.	Priest, John M.
Boring, Samuel I?J?	Horner, John J.	Queen, Allen
Carder, George W.	Horner, William H.	Reed, Fielden
Carder James F.	Huff, William J.	Rexroad, Jess
Coffindaffer, James B.	Jenkins, James P.	Reynolds, William W.
Colrider, Henry	Knight, Granvill	Rider, Samuel H.
Conley, James	Lewis, John	Rollins, Robert
Corpenning, Noah	Light, Andrew	Romine, Martin V.
Cottrill, Mortimer	Lorentz, Marcelles	Sandy, James H.
Cox, Isaac N?W?	Lowther, G. A.	Shirley, John W.
Cummins, Elza	McConkey, Jonas	Skinner, Richard
Davis, M.H.	McPherson, James	Smith, John A.
Dawson, Sylvester	McWhorter, Walter	Stout, Benton
Dennison, Minter B.	Maddox, James	Sullivan, A. J.
Dyson, William I?J?	Monroe, B. T.	Sullivan, John
Flesher, Leonidus	Morris, Eli	Swisher, L. D.
Fletcher, Lewis	Morris, Elijah F.	Tiennally, I?J? S.
Furbey (Furby?), W. P.	Morrison, Daniel H.	Varner, James W.
Greynolds, Henry	Moss, L. R.	Walker, William W.
Grim, James	McWhorter, Newton J.	Winden, George C.
Grow, George	Norman, Granvill H.	Wolf, John P.
Gusman, Jerome	Norman, Isaac H.	Wright, Thomas G.

Names of men serving various functions of the West Milford Militia 1862-1866. Some of these men were paid for their services.

<u>Provost Marshall</u>	<u>Surgeon</u>	McWhorter, Newton? J.
Hall, Stephen (pro tem)	Carder, Dr. H. S.	Paugh, William C.
Highland, Thomas	Jones, Dr. James	Yerkey, E. M.
	McKeehen, Dr. B. F.	
<u>Adjutant</u>	<u>Printer</u>	<u>Drummer</u>
Carder, George L.	Haymond, S.	Bailey, Blackwell
Cheuvront, J. P.		Burns, James
	<u>Fife Major</u>	Highland, James T.
<u>Sergeant Major</u>	Pritchard, J. I?J?	Lorentz, Ranson
Whetmore, William		McWhorter, M. G.
	<u>Fifer</u>	Post, Stephen
<u>Clerk</u>	Burns, John	Romine, Vanburen
Jackson, Robert	Keesling, Samueling	Westfall, E. D.
Rider, Bennett D.	(Samuel?)	

1st Battalion
Capt. Boring's Company
1864 - Company H

Names of men who were fined by the courts. Note: This is not a roster of the militia.

Allen, James
Bailey, Inman
Brown, John W.
Brown, William
Cain, James
Chadwell, Henry
Cottrill, George W.
Cottrill, Joseph
Cox, Isaac N?W?
Davis, John W.
Davisson, George W.
Desesk, Meradeth
Edwards, John E.

Furcy, James R.
Hardway, Andrew
Hefner, Harvey
Helmick, C. W.
Highland, James T.
Highland, Lloyd
King, Van
Lowther, Allen
Lynch, Hiram
Lynch, Jacob
Ramage, William N?
Medsker, Calvin
Mitchell, Lafe

Perrill (Parrell),
Thomas
Pritchard, I?J? W.
Sisk, Meredith
Smith, A. I?J?
Snyder, Elmore
Snyder, Festes
Starkey, Jesse W.
Starkey, Presley
Starkey, Thomas M.
Sumerville, Solomon
Thornberry, Jacob
VanHorn, Moses T.
West, I?J?
Williams, John

1st Battalion
Capt. Carder's Company
1864 - Company A

Bailey, Adam E.
Bailey, Blackwell
Bailey, Car
Bailey, Elias I?J?
Burnside, James, Jr.
Eurnside, William
Campbell, James A.
Carder, Dennis
Carder, Joal W.
Carder, Thomas I?J?
Childers, E. I?J?
Clemans, L. E.
Cottrill, Jacob

Curry, Harvey
Greynolds, John
Greynolds, Levi
Grinsley, Barnett W.
Hill, Isaac
Horner, John I?J?
Horner, Thomas
Lyons, Richard M?N?
Morris, Harrison H.
Norman, Seamer
Paugh, Richard M?N?
Perine, Dav(id?)
Perine, Jacob

Perine, Stanton
Pickerel, Isaac P.
Purvines, John A.
Purvines, S. W.
Queen, A?
Ramage, William
Richards, Lewis B.
Starkey, Thomas M.
Stout, Noah
Straley, George P.
Suttle, Stephen
Thorp, Isaac
Woody, Fountain

1st Battalion
Capt. Flesher's Company
1864 - Company F

Ball, George
Blake, L. S.
Blake, Thomas
Blake, L. W.
Blake, Van
Cain, George
Carder, T. I?J?
Coffindaffer, James B.
Conley, James
Cottrill, Luther L.
Davis, Alph (ss?)ius
Davis, Clinton H.
Davis, Edgar
Davis, Hiram W?N?
Davis, Levi B.
Davisson, L.B.
Dawson, John

Dawson, Lemuel
Fullenier, William
Furby, Robert R.
Golden, Rush
Hailey, Thomas T.
Holden, Judson
Horner, John I?J?
Jenkins, James P.
(Jenkins, James T?)
Jett, Burget
Jett, I?J? E.
Lorentz, Ranson
McCartney, Isaac
Murphey (Murphy),
Bailey
Norman, Isaac H.
Norman, William

Paugh, James
Perine, Jacob
Priest, John M.
Reed, Alex
Romine, James
Romine, John D.
Romine, Vanburen
Sandey, George W.
Sims, Martin
Smith, Lewis
Smith, William
Snider (Snyder),
William
Swisher, I?J? F.
Tracy, Lewis
Walker, Joseph
White, Morris
White, Pinson
Young, Hamilton

1st Battalion
Capt. Swisher's Company
1864 - Company G

Bailey, P. P.
Bassel, Daniel
Cottrill, George
Cottrill, James
Cottrill, Joseph
Cottrill, Shedrick
(Shadrick?)
Curry, John H.
Davisson, Andrew
Davisson, Edgar
Davisson, Granville W.
Dawson, I?J? B.
Fletcher, I?J? D.

Griggs, Hamilton
Henkle, Henry C.
Henkle, Moses
Henkle, Stephen
Kennady (Kenedy),
Lane
King, G. W.
McEntire, Adolphus
Mackentire, James
Paugh, William
Riley, Jery (Jerry)
Riley, John S.
Runion, William
Sims, I?J? B.

Sims, Martin
Smith A. I?J?
Smith C. G.
Smith I?J? E.
Smith, T. M.
Vanhorn, Austen R.
Ward, Martin
Ward, William G.
Waugh L. D.
Waugh, Samuel
West, Thomas I?J?
West, William M.

2nd Battalion

Capt. Brake's Company

1864 - Company D

Angland, William B.	Feeril (Ferril), Robert	Robinson, Joseph
Batton, John M.	Fowler, John W.	Robinson, William
Bean, John	Fox, Sintclair	Ross, James
Betts, Granvill	Gilbert, Frank	Ruckman, John
Bird, Wesley M.	Hall, Osker F.	Shuttleworth, F. A.
Blair, James M.	Hardman, W. A.	Shuttleworth, H. A.
Blair, John D.	High, Elh (K?)annon	Skags, Joshua M.
Blair, William P.	Jackson, Thomas	Smith, Daniel P. H.
Brooks, Charles	Jenkins, Emanah	Smith, Edward
Conley, James E.	Kildow, Joseph C.	Stewart (Stuart),
Conley, William	Norman, Richard W?N?	Charles
Cottrill, George	Parks, Robert	Stewart, James
Cottrill, Hiram B.	Patrick, Henry Fitch	Sullivan, William S.
Cottrill, Morris	(Fitzpatrick?)	Tolbert, Levi
Davis, George	Patrick, Joseph	White, Elijah
Davis, Jacob R.	Paugh, John C.	White, John
Davis, Jasper W.	Paugh, Joseph	Winden, George C.
Davis, William	Pratt, John	Wright, James H. P.
Dawson, David	Radcliff, Stephen	Young, D. Sylvester
Dugless, Andrew	Radcliff, Thomas	Young, James W.
(Douglass?)	Robinson, Charles L.	Young, John

2nd Battalion

Capt. Conley's Company

1864 - Company B

Bassel, James	Hufferd, Solomon	Riggs, Luther
Batton, John	Jemison, Benjamin H.	(Lowther?)
Batton, William	(Jamison?)	Romine, Clement W?N?
Blair, George B.	Jamison, William D.	Roy, Thomas B.
Conley, Edward	Lowther, George	Sheets, E. F.
Cookman, William	Lynch, John P.	Sheets, Washington G.
Cottrill, Evan	Lynch, Peter	Sleath, John M.
Cottrill, Joseph	Miley, John W.	Smith, William
Cottrill, Michael	Miley, Joseph	Stout, Daniel
Cottrill, Morris	Murphy, James	Sullivan, A. J.
Cottrill, Samuel	Nutter, Abraham	Vanhorn, John W?N?
Crook, James	Panner, James W.	Weeks, Julieus
Davis, H. M. L.	Paugh, Benton	White, Morris
Golden, Judson	Paugh, Daniel	White, Tincen
Hansford, B. R.	Paugh, George	Wolf, Daniel
Hazelton, David	Paugh, James	Wolf, Isaac
Holden, Peter	Paugh, William B.	Wolf, Jacob M.
		Wolf, Michael

2nd Battalion

Capt. Corpenning's Company

1864 - Company E

Adams, J. R.	Green, William E.	Norman, Granville H.
Barnett, Robert	Greynolds, George	Norman, James B.
Barnett, William A.	Grubb, Thomas	Norman, James M.
Betts, William	Grupes, John H.	Norman, Joseph
Blair, Lewis	Hamerick, William	Oldaker, Isac (Isaac?)
Bond, Joseph	Hickman A. P.	Paterick, Joseph
Booth, John	Hickman, James M.	Paugh, Alexander
Booth, William	Hickman, John S.	Pross (Propts),
Cain, Franklin	Hickman, Maranda	Mahlan (Mahlon?) A.
Cain, Jerome	Holden, Lloyd W.	Ross, Franklin
Cottrill, Michael	Kenady (Kenedy,	Ruckman, William B.
Cottrill, William	Kennady), I?J? T.	Stewart (Stuart),
Divers, William W.	Mathand, John	James H.
Furby, Allen	Mathany, John	Stout, Benjamin B.
Golden, Burr	(Matheny?)	Stout, Elmore
Golden, Isaac K.	Moss, L. R.	Vanhorn, John W?N?
Golden, Scott	Norman, Elias	Wolf, Chestin