

John Ballenger

Birth: 1819

Death: April 20th, 1903 from Old Age

Burial: Possibly Oakwood Cemetery, Richmond City, Richmond, Virginia.

Plot: If buried in Oakwood Cemetery, the plot is Sec. B, Row N, Grave 25

Memorial ID: If buried in Oakwood Cemetery, the Memorial ID is 86342887

Additional information: John Ballenger enlisted on March 10th, 1847 from the Fairfax County Courthouse at the age of 28. He was the son of John and Ann Ballenger and was born in Fairfax County VA. After being discharged, Ballenger was given a bounty land warrant in Daysville Loudoun County VA. John and Ann had four children together: James W (born October 4th, 1855), Sarah A (born October 16th, 1857), and John Milton William Stephen, who were twins born on November 20th, 1867 in Ohio. According to a record from 1890, Ballenger was discharged on July 27th, 1848 and served a total of 1 year, 4 months, and 17 days.

1847	Ballenger John	3-1	Private	1	Mar 10	1847	Mar 10	1848	Virginia	Virginia	Virginia						
	Anna	3	Wife		Mar 10	1848	Mar 10	1848	Virginia	Virginia	Virginia						
1848	William S.	6-3			Nov 20	1867	Nov 20	1868	Ohio	Virginia	Virginia						
1848	John Ballenger		Private	1	Mar 10	1847	July 27	1848				Bounty Land					

Andrew J. Brown

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Birth: November 20th 1827, District of Columbia

Death: November 1, 1904

Burial: Congressional Cemetery, Washington, D.C.

Plot: 37 - 169

Memorial ID: 49373486

Additional Information: Andrew J. Brown enlisted on March 1st, 1847 at Fairfax Courthouse, VA at the age of 19. He returned from the war and married Anna Maria Griffeth on August 7th, 1850 in Washington D.C. As of 1888, He resided at 1215 E St Southeast Washington D.C. with Anna Maria and worked as a laborer. In 1890, Brown was dropped from the Mexican War pension, and received a pension for the Civil War, indicating that he served in said war. There is a record of Andrew J. Brown being a union soldier in the 6th Battalion, District of Columbia Infantry, Company C. This same person was promoted to sergeant at some point during his service. At age 76, Brown died of Pneumonia.

Brown Andrew J, Capitol Hill, DC
Brown Andrew J, lab, 1215 E se
Brown Andrew J, 1215 E St SE, Washington, DC



Samuel Brown

pg. 86

Birth: 1828

Death: Unknown

Burial: Unknown

Plot: N/A

Memorial ID: Unknown

Additional Information: Samuel Brown enlisted on March 1st, 1847 at the age of 19. He was sick for a large chunk of time he spent at war. He was first sick in his quarters in February, 1848, and was later admitted to a hospital in Saltillo, Mexico in June of 1847, and again in April of 1848. Despite his troubles, Brown was given a Bounty Land Warrant in Washington, D.C. whilst caring for Charles Bishop.

Winfield Scott Bruce

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Birth: 4/03/1824, Fauquier County, VA

Death: 03/11/1912, Sperryville, VA

Burial: Likely Sperryville Cemetery, Sperryville,
Rappahannock County, Virginia

Plot: N/A

Memorial ID: Martha's ID @ Sperryville - 210711621

Additional Information: Bruce was born in Fauquier County, VA. He enlisted on 4/2/1847 at Harper's Ferry, VA at the age of 23. After serving in the war, he married Artemecia Fox on 2/3/1849 in Fauquier County, but remarried only 3 years later to Martha F. Bruce on 1/13/1852 in Rappahannock County, VA. Winfield and Martha lived in Sperryville, Rappahannock County for the rest of their lives. Winfield then enlisted for Civil War service under Company B, 6th VA, on 5/8/1861, and was a part of the Rappahannock Calvary. On 7/26/1861, Winfield got promoted from Corporal to Sergeant. In 1862, he was briefly under arrest from May to June, with no charges listed, with General Trimble. He became wounded on 10/1/1863, almost one entire year after he was previously injured from falling off of a horse. That incident took place on November 20th, 1862 and resulted in his hip being dislocated. On 2/28/1865, Bruce was reported as a deserter, yet made it to the final roll on 3/21/1865. When he made it back to Sperryville, he was a carpenter and lived with Martha, their son Landon, his father Reuben, and his mother Mariah. Landon was born in 1864. Winfield experienced a valvular lesion of the heart and died in Sperryville. Martha would pass 6 years after Winfield, on March 18th, 1918, and would also die in Sperryville.

Death of **Winfield Scott Bruce**

Mr. **Winfield Scott Bruce**, a veteran of the Mexican and Civil Wars, died at his home in Sperryville, Va., Rappahannock county, March 11th in his 85th year. He was an uncle of Mrs. J. W. Donaldson and Miss Sallie **Bruce** of this place and is survived by his widow and one son, Herbert L. **Bruce**. He traveled extensively and was a brilliant scholar and gentleman of the old school, a democrat and primitive baptist by faith.

John Byrnes

pg. 89

Birth: 1814

Death: Possibly October 1, 1907

Burial: Possibly Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Arlington County, Virginia

Plot: Sec: 17 Site: 17300

Memorial ID: 49129992

Additional Information: John Byrnes enlisted on March 15th, 1847 in Alexandria, Virginia at the age of 33. In December of 1847, he was ordered to forfeit a month of his pay by sentence of general court-martial. After the war, Captain Thrift was sent a bounty land warrant, which was then placed under the care of Byrnes. The grave listed is possibly his, but it is difficult to verify because of the lack of information known about Byrnes post-Mexican-American War.



James Churchill

pg. 99

Birth: 1818

Death: Unknown

Burial: Unknown

Plot: N/A

Memorial ID: Unknown

Additional Information: Churchill was enlisted on March 1st, 1847 at the age of 29. Not much more is recorded about Churchill, but he did get court-martialed on 10/20/1847. The charge he received was for "Sleeping On Post". He pled guilty to this charge, but made the following remarks in his defense: "I was not detailed for guard till 7 o'clock in the evening and went on post immediately. I went on picket after being relieved, between 9 & 12 o'clock and had been drinking during the day." The court found him guilty, and forced him to forfeit one month's pay, continue his usual duties, and perform company police duty for one month. Again, Churchill was court-martialed one month later on 11/20/1847, in Buena Vista, Mexico. He was charged with Desertion because he tried leaving around the 12th of November, 1847 from Saltillo, Mexico and his company station. He proceeded to Monterey and was arrested on the 14th of November, 1847. He pled guilty, was sentenced to forfeit 3 months worth of pay and to be put to hard labor with a ball and chain attached to his leg, in the Provost Guard, for a three month period. In 1848, he received a Bounty Land Warrant for Greenport, Long Island.

William Tobias Dantt

pg. 112

Birth: 1828

Death: 01/25/1873

Burial: Mount Olivet Cemetery, Washington D.C., District of Columbia.

Plot: N/A

Memorial ID: 5143604

Additional Information: William T. Dantt enlisted on March 1st, 1847 at the age of 19. A Bounty Land Warrant was granted to William L. Dantt, Washington City, D.C. After serving in the war, Dantt was very active in terms of occupations. He served in the Civil War and was the President's Mounted Guard under Captain Samuel W. Owen in Washington, D.C. in 1861. He then became a grocer in 1863, then a carpenter in 1865, and then went back to being a grocer from 1869 onwards. Additionally, William Dantt's last name may actually be Dant because his marriage record with Sarah E. Watson, whom he married on March 13th, 1849, indicates such and names at the time were not standardized. Below is their marriage record from the National Archives. According to Dantt's Findagrave description, he was the son of Thomas E. and Martha B. Outteridge. While Dantt originally married Sarah E. Watson, their marriage didn't last and Dantt found a second wife named Mary Ann. After divorcing Mary Ann, he married a woman named Mary Ellen and they had a son. He later went on to die of smallpox, along with his infant son and Mary Ellen.

216,225	William Dant	21	u	Lobur	Wittfeld	5		
	Sarah	19	F			5		

<https://www.familysearch.org/tree/person/details/LR54-TPK> (Dantt's family tree)

John Thomas Day

pg. 114

Birth: 05/21/1828, Calvert County, Maryland

Death: 07/20/1893 (maybe born on the 30th according to other sources)

Burial: Chestnut Grove Cemetery, Herndon VA

Plot: N/A

Memorial ID: 17129114

Additional Information: John Thomas Day was enlisted on March 1st, 1847 at the age of 20. He was the son of Robert and Mary Day, and was born in Calvert County, MD. By 1850, and possibly before the Mexican American War started, Day went to medical school. In 1860, Day resided in Fairfax County, VA, and was working as a physician, and is described as “corpulent, weighing approximately 275 pounds” and having blue eyes. Another patient of his described him as “tall and straight with iron-gray hair and beard. He drove a span of horses with several dogs barking at their heels.” John Thomas Day cared for patients from Dranesville to Langley, and his brother (who was also a physician) worked south and west of Dranesville. John Thomas Day married a woman named Elizabeth Stanford. Day was a supporter of succession and voted for it on 4/23/1861 in Dranesville Fairfax County, VA. Dr. Jack, as most people referred to John Day, noted him as being friendly, allowing people who could not afford treatments upfront to pay in installments or even barter. In fact, Private William Robey, as seen in this document, was treated by John Day in 1867 for two days and paid his bill in three installments over the span of eight years. However, he had a hatred for Union men and murdered some in Fairfax County, which landed him in Old Capitol Prison, Washington D.C. It is said that he made an 18 inch knife to use in order to cut out Union men's hearts; specifically, according to an article about the Day brothers by Barbara Glakas, John Day and others “were accused of seeking out and attacking four Union pickets in the vicinity of Lowes Island, about six miles north of Herndon. Two of the Union pickets ended up being killed. Recounted from statements on the General Records of the Department of State, one woman reported that William Day [John’s brother] had stripped the clothes off of the dead bodies, boasted about having

taken them from the ‘damn Yankees’ and gave the clothes to his own slaves. John Day was reported to have sent a man named Jimmy back to bury the two stripped dead men; Jimmy later reported that he buried one man but the other had already been ‘eaten up’ by hogs. Yet another man stated that William Day was ‘the most bitter secessionist in the neighborhood, that he has been particularly active and influential in the persecution of Union men.’ Another resident said William Day attempted to gather men to form a company to go to Bull Run. When one man expressed reluctance about going, Dr. Day responded that if he did not go ‘that he would have me, dead or alive.’ Still another resident reported that Dr. William Day had used his influence in favor of the rebellion and said, ‘In my opinion, Wm. B. Day had done more against the Union than any other man in town.’”

John Day and his brother were arrested on 11/27/1861 for the alleged killing and robbery of federal soldiers at Lowes Island. There, William and John feared for their lives because they heard carpenters hammering and making noise, and assumed that a gallows was being built to hang the two of them, so John often loudly prayed out of hope to avoid being hanged. John Day was eventually released after he took an oath of allegiance to the United States, and William Day was let out in 1862 as a prisoner exchange, though his charges were never fully proven. Despite these charges, in 1892, John Day became the first elected treasurer to the Fairfax County Medical Society. Additionally, he founded St. Timothy's Episcopal Church in Herndon, VA and after his death, a stained glass window was added in memory of him. He died of heart disease in Dranesville Fairfax County VA, and his funeral featured both an Episcopalian service and a Masonic Ritual, and had many attendees.



JOHN THOMAS DAY, M.D.

1828-1883

1883

DEATH OF A PHYSICIAN.—Dr. John T. Day, a well-known physician in the country surrounding this city, died suddenly at his home in Dranesville Thursday night. He had suffered from heart trouble for some time.

Robert N. Dyer

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Birth: 02/22/1827

Death: December 23, 1890 OR May 10, 1895 (as listed on Findagrave)

Burial: Arlington Cemetery, Arlington County, VA, USA.

Plot: Section 13 Site 12503

Memorial ID: 36978693

Additional Information: Robert N. Dyer was enlisted on March 15th, 1847 at the age of 23. He was the son of John D. and Mary E. N. Davis (or Dyer). After serving in the war, he received a Bounty Land Warrant from Captain Thrift, then married Alice before the year 1860. That same year, his occupation was listed as House Carpenter and he had been married to his second wife, Rebecca Travers, whom he married on October 8th, 1851, and had an eight year old daughter named Elizabeth, a six year old daughter named Alice, a three year old son named William, and a three month old daughter named Virginia. He served in the Civil War beginning on September 1st, 1862 in Pendleton County, West Virginia under McNeill's Rangers, which was a Confederate military unit. There, he served for a little over eight months. In that time, he had a daughter named Ida, born around 1865, who later died in June of 1887. He overall had three separate wives: Rebecca, and then Sarah Abbott. He married Sarah on September 26th, 1888. According to *Off to War*, Dyer died two years later on December 23rd, 1890, however, there are conflicting sources that say otherwise. For example, his grave says that he died on May 10th, 1895. It's not clear which date is more accurate. James W. West, who was in the same company as Robert Dyer described Dyer as being about six feet tall; he had light hair, light complexion, and blue eyes; he had a crooked foot. Sarah Dyer died on April 29th, 1907.



Joel Richard Dykes

pg. 122

Birth: 1827 Stafford County

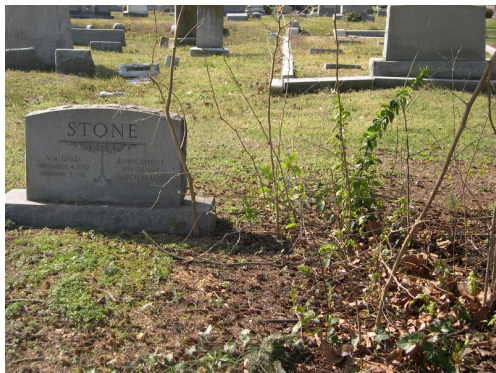
Death: 01/03/1888 Norfolk VA, Kidney Disease

Burial: Cedar Grove Cemetery, Norfolk VA

Plot: CG Ext; Blk 46; Lot 4; spc 2N

Memorial ID: 66772710

Additional Information: Joel R. Dykes enlisted on April 3rd, 1847 in Cumberland, MD at the age of 20. From February to April 1848, he was on detached service as a Teamster in the Quartermaster Department, by order of Colonel Hamtramck. A Bounty Land Warrant was sent to Joel R. Dykes, White Ridge P.O. in Stafford County, VA. After his service, he married Clara F. Sizer on 11/28/1850 in the City of Richmond, VA. In 1860, he lived in Henrico County and was a Carpenter. On November 4th, 1871, Ada P. Dykes was born, the daughter of Joel and Clara Dykes. In 1887, he resided on Brambleton Ave. Norfolk, VA with Clara. He then passed on January 3rd, 1888 due to Bright's Disease, which is now known as Kidney Disease. In *Off to War*, Dyke's physical description was listed as "5'10, fair complexion, dark eyes, light hair."



CERTIFICATE OF DEATH
COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, DIVISION OF VITAL STATISTICS

Form No. 24103
Registered No. 24103

1. PLACE OF DEATH
a. COUNTY: Virginia
b. CITY/TOWN: Virginia Beach
c. STATE: Virginia

2. USUAL RESIDENCE (When absent, date of residence makes later address)
a. CITY/TOWN: Virginia Beach
b. ADDRESS: 206 Fiftieth Street

3. NAME OF DECEASED
a. NAME: Ada Dykes Stone
b. SEX: Female
c. RACE: White
d. MARRIAGE STATUS: Widowed
e. DATE OF BIRTH: Nov. 4, 1871
f. AGE AT DEATH: 16 years, 8 months, 29 days
g. OCCUPATION: Housewife (retired)

4. DATE OF DEATH: Jan. 3, 1951
5. PLACE OF DEATH: 206 Fiftieth Street, Virginia Beach, Va.

6. CAUSE OF DEATH: Coronary Thrombosis
7. MEDICAL CERTIFICATION: 2 days

8. ANTICIPATED CAUSE: 2 months

9. SIGNATURE OF REGISTRAR: R. W. Whitman

10. SIGNATURE OF PHYSICIAN: H. J. Oliver

11. ADDRESS: Norfolk, Va.

1827	1827	Dykes, Joel	17	M	49	1	Carpenter	Virginia, Va.
		Clara F.	17	F	46	1	Wife	Virginia, Ireland
		Ada P.	17	F	11	1	Daughter	Virginia, Va.

Henry Evans

pg. 127

Birth: 1811

Death: Many graves list a Henry Evans, and without many other details, finding the correct one is difficult.

Burial: Possibly Sandyvale Cemetery

Johnstown, Cambria County, Pennsylvania

Plot: N/A

Memorial ID: If buried at Sandyvale Cemetery, 50974327

Additional Information: Henry Evans enlisted on March 1st, 1847 at the age of 36. A Bounty Land Warrant was sent to him in Cumberland. He was likely a Person of Color, as someone with the same name and similar birth year is listed in the 1870 census as "Mulatto." Listed in "death" and "burial" is his possible grave, though it is hard to verify.

6/5	734	Evans Henry	39	Mr	Mr	Labourer	2,000	150	Virginia
		" Caroline	31	S	Mr	Keeping house			D.C.
		" Henry	6	Mr	Mr	At home			"
		" Sarah	3	Mr	Mr	" "			"
		" Virginia	1 1/2	S	Mr	" "			"

Evans, Henry

Fairfax's
L. Thrift's Co., 1 Virginia Vols.
(Mexican War.)

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See also

John P. Evans

pg. 127

Birth: 1823, Washington D.C.

Death: 11/20/1891, Unison Loudoun County.

Burial: Unknown

Plot: N/A

Memorial ID: Unknown

Additional information: John P. Evans enlisted on March 1st, 1847 , at the age of 24. In July 1848, Evans forfeited one month's pay by sentence of general court-martial. No reason for forfeiting his pay was offered in *Off to War*, however. Later, a Bounty Land Warrant was sent to John Evans. After the war, John P. Evans married Rowena E. (Drish) Castle in Loudoun County, Virginia, in 1866. Rowena unfortunately passed away on August 24th, 1887 and was buried at Union Cemetery in Leesburg in Loudoun County, Virginia. Evans quickly remarried to Mary M. Harper in Alms House Loudoun County in 1888. In a Survivor Claim, Evans stated that he had a fractured bone from a gunshot wound, and that he did not vote for secession. During the Civil War, he resided in Baltimore, Maryland.

Evans John P	n	M 36											Virginia	Virginia	Virginia
Rowena E	n	F 31	Wife										Virginia	Virginia	Virginia
Castle Mattie	n	M 21	Step Son										Virginia	Virginia	Virginia
Archie	n	M 16	Step Son										Virginia	Virginia	Virginia

John Evans	37	M		↓	Tinner					D. Columbia					So	1857
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^Baltimore census

Patrick Gately

pg. 145

Birth: 1815 in Athlone, Ireland (listed as Altlone in *Off to War*)

Death: Unknown, since he ran away from home, but Mary Gately filed for widow's compensation on March 26, 1890.

Burial: Unknown

Plot: N/A

Memorial ID: Unknown

Additional Information: Patrick Gately enlisted on March 15th, 1847 at the age of 32. *Off to War* explains that this gentleman wrote a sweet poem to his wife during his time in Mexico, detailed below this description. After the war, he enlisted as a Marine aboard the U.S. Frigate *Raritan*, and worked as a scuttle-butt. However, he was discharged on August 21, 1851 because he was thrown against a gun and hurt his back. After his service, at about 70 years old, he abandoned his wife and child after "He had been on a terrible spree immediately previous for about two weeks... The last time I saw him about 28 years ago, he came home about 9 o'clock in the morning and changed his clothes. He was still intoxicated and I endeavored to get him to eat some Breakfast, but he positively refused. Without saying anything about where he was going or intended to do, he left the house at the back door went across the fields and disappeared from view." (*Off to War*). The poem Gately wrote for Mary Gately, though goes as follows:

"To my Mary,

I know my love you always loved, but never loved in vain
My only pet you must not fret, I may return again
So now my dear be of good cheer my words may yet come true
No earthly store would keep me from my lovely boy and you.

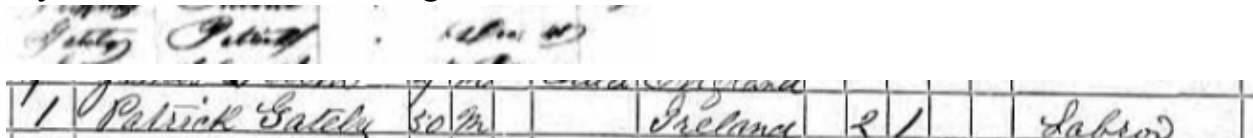
My only pet you must not fret with every breath you draw.

Your love would soon return if peace was proclaimed by law.
Tho, in a foreign country his journey he's soon pursue
And leave the trifling foe behind to meet his Johnny dear & you.

Johnny dear and darling whatever shall you do.
Your mother is broken hearted, Boy, what shall become of you.
Your father is in the battlefield away in Mexico.
Where many a valiant heart has gone to face the daring foe.

My dear pay no attention to the base and slanderous crew.
Who first said I went away to be rid of you.
May God pour down his vengeance on the false and filthy crew.
Who try's to plague my faithful wife when I am far from you.

My dear have better courage and do not be afraid."



James E. Givens

pg. 149

Birth: 12/11/1816

Death: Possibly 4/30/1862, Richmond City, Virginia

Burial: Possibly Oakwood Cemetery

Richmond, Richmond City, Virginia

Plot: Sec. A, Row H, Grave 17

Memorial ID: 232819498

Additional information: James E. Givens enlisted into the Mexican War on March 1st, 1847 at Fairfax Court House. In December of 1847, Givens was sentenced to forfeit one month of his pay by sentence of general court martial. No reason for this forfeiture was given. When not serving, he lived in Washington D.C. with his wife, Isabella Dunn. They married on 6/4/1840. From 1862 to 1863, he was a clerk and lived at 343 Massachusetts Ave. Washington D.C.

Given James E., clerk, bds 343 Mass av

James Griffith

pg. 157

Birth: 1809

Death: April 22, 1882

Burial: Mount Olivet Cemetery. Washington, District of Columbia, District of Columbia, USA

Plot: N/A

Memorial ID: 190435384

Additional information: Griffith's mother, father, and himself immigrated from England at an unknown date. James was the age of 38 when he enlisted for the war on 3/01/1847 at Fairfax Courthouse VA. Griffith married his wife, Mary Jane McGee, on 11/05/1834. One family tree from Familysearch shows Griffith's children, which tells us that Mary Jane and James had three children (ordered oldest to youngest): Sarah E (1843), James Edward (1849), and Margaret A (1853).

230	250	James Griffith	31	m	Farmer	see	England			
		Mary Jane	41	f			Dist. Colo.			
		James G.	11	m			do		1	
		Margaret A.	7	f			do			
		Pitch Cheney	27	m	Long Labour		Pennsylvania		1	
		Sarah E.	17	f			Dist. Colo.		1	
		Clara L. Simpson	18	f			do			
		John Allen	47	m	Blacksmith					1

(8-11-11)

OLD WAR

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NAME OF SOLDIER:

Griffith, James

NAME AND CLASS OF DEPENDENT:

Griffith, Mary Jane (widow)

SERVICE:

RANK: *Pat*
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ENLISTED

DISCHARGED

(MAY 1864)

ADDITIONAL SERVICE:

DATE OF FILING.

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APPLICATION NO.

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BOURTY LAND:

W. H. BERRY

John R. Gunnell

pg. 158

Birth: 08/23/1825, Fairfax County VA

Death: 05/20/1906, Fairfax County VA

Burial: Unknown

Plot: N/A

Memorial ID: Unknown

Additional information: John R. Gunnell enlisted on March 1st, 1847 at Fairfax Court House at age 22. He was promoted to 2nd Corporal from 3rd Corporal, but lost his rank by sentence of a garrison court-martial on 10/22/1847. In 1850, he resided in Fairfax County and was a farmer. It should be noted that Gunnell did own slaves in the 1850's and into the 1860's. He had 6 siblings, but one in particular is important: James Lucien Gunnell. He was three years younger than John and in 1850, he married Catherine Virginia Swink. Catherine was only 14 years old when they wedded and just a year later (1851), she would give birth to their first son, William T. She then gave birth to Martha Ann in 1852, however, she only lived to be 1 year old. Catherine then had one more child in 1854: a son named George West. In 1866, James Lucien Gunnell would pass away and only 2 years later Catherine remarried to John R. Gunnell, James's older brother. They married on 9/27/1868. John served in the Civil War as a 2nd Lt. in Company G, 8th Virginia infantry. It is recorded that he had a stomach wound at Hatcher's Run on 3/31/1865 and was discharged on oath on 6/29/1865 from Petersburg Hospital. His obituary states "last surviving member of Thrift's Co. Mexican War"



William Hagan

pg. 159

Birth: 1820 from Ireland

Death: Unknown

Burial: Unknown

Plot: N/A

Memorial ID: Unknown

Additional information: William Hagan enlisted on March 1st, 1847, at the age of 28. Though William Hagan was enlisted for the war, he actually served the majority of his time as a teamster in the Quartermaster's Department, and was considered absent on detached service on and off from August 22, 1847 until around December 1847. A Bounty Land Warrant sent to Captain Thrift was sent to the care of William Hagan. In 1860, at the age of 40, the census listed his occupation as laborer. This could be him and his family in a census record in 1850, though *Off to War* does not list any spouses or children that William Hagan had. The birthdate and birthplace match.

431	1033	William Hagan	30	m	Sailor	Ireland	1		
		Sarah	21	f		Virginia	1		
		George	1/2	m					1

Charles Fenton Haines (Haynes) pg. 159

Birth: 11/23/1825

Death: 07/20/1887

Burial: Unknown

Plot: N/A

Memorial ID: Unknown

Additional information: Charles F. Haines was born in Loudoun County VA and was the son of Joseph and Mary Haines. He enlisted on March 2nd, 1847 at Fairfax Courthouse VA at the age of 25. From December 1847 until April 1848, he was absent on detached service as a Teamster in the Quartermaster Department. On November 6th, 1855, Haines married Mary J. Ingram in Loudoun County. He moved to Point Rocks, Frederick County, MD with Mary and became a farmer. *Off to War* describes Haines as “5'6, dark complexion, hazel eyes, black hair.” His family tree is available in FamilySearch, and details his five siblings: Elizabeth Haines (1809-1893), Washington Haines (1815-1895), Mary Ann Haines (1816-1896), and Joseph Addison Haines (1820-1880). Charles F. Haines himself never had children, and his location of death is unknown.

William H. Jenkins

pg. 184-185

Birth: 1824

Death: Possibly 06/14/1891, Alabama

Burial: Possibly Oakwood Cemetery, Montgomery,
Montgomery County, Alabama.

Plot: Scott's Free Ground 1

Memorial ID: 207693846

Additional information: Jenkins married a woman named Elizabeth Dove (no date). At age 23, he enlisted at Fairfax Courthouse on 3/1/1847. In 1850 he lived in Fairfax County, VA and was a farmer. At this point he lived with Elizabeth and his children: Washington, Lydia A. , Elizabeth, Samuel, Gilson, John W. , Caroline. By 1860, he lived with his wife (Elizabeth), his children: Washington, Samuel, Gilson, Elizabeth, John W. , Charles W. , and Mary. Additionally, Jenkins voted for secession on 4/23/1861 at Dranesville, Fairfax County, VA.

George Kerr

pg. 192

Birth: 1823

Death: Possibly 07/07/1893

Burial: Unknown

Plot: N/A

Memorial ID: Unknown

Additional information: George Kerr enlisted on March 1st, 1847 at the age of 24. A Bounty Land Warrant was sent to him in Washington, D.C. It is possible that George Kerr was an African American man, as there are some documents of a George Kerr in Lynchburg, Virginia that say that a “colored” laborer died of unknown causes on July 7, 1893. It is possible that this George Kerr married Mary Perry on June 4, 1874 in Rockbridge County, Virginia.

31	Kerr, George	1	1	July 7 th	1893	Unknown
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Caleb Kitchen

pg. 194

Birth: 11/11/1829

Death: 04/01/1888

Burial: Bellfountaine Cemetery, St. Louis, MO (may have been relocated or built over).

Plot:

Memorial ID: Sarah Ann Mill's grave ID-178341177

Additional information: Caleb Kitchen was born in Rockville, Montgomery County, MD. At age 18, he enlisted for the Mexican War at Fairfax Courthouse, VA, on March 15th, 1847. From October 1847 until April 1848, Kitchen was absent on detached service as a Teamster in the Quartermaster Department by order of Colonel Hamtramck. He was sent back to Fairfax County and became a laborer. Kitchen married his first wife Elizabeth Kidwell on November 17th, 1849 and continued living in Fairfax County until he married his second wife Sarah Ann Mills on 01/21/1853 in Georgetown D.C. He enlisted as a private for the Civil War in Company D, 40th Missouri Infantry Regiment. However, he came back without an index finger on his right hand; it was shot off in Spanish Fort, Alabama. This was reported in the month of April in 1865. After his discharge, he resided in St. Louis, MO and National Soldiers Home at Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas. He was buried at Bellfountaine Cemetery St. Louis, MO. However, currently no such cemetery is recorded in Findagrave. After Caleb died, Sarah filed a widow's claim on 6/11/1888 in Dranesville, Fairfax County, VA. She was born on 12/08/1834 and died on 4/27/1926. She is buried in Cedar Hill Cemetery, Suitland, Prince George's County, Maryland; it is possible that Caleb Kitchen

was relocated to her burial site.

Laleb Kitchen, 227

MILITARY HISTORY.

Time and Place of each Enrollment.	Rank.	Company and Regiment.	Time and Place of Discharge.	Cause of Discharge.	Kind and Degree of Disability.	When and Where Contracted.
<i>Sanford Va</i> <i>1864</i>	<i>Pvt</i>	<i>B Co</i> <i>40th Mo. Inf</i> <i>then in Mexico</i>	<i>St Louis Mo.</i> <i>1865</i>	<i>Close of war</i>	<i>Chronic Bronchitis</i>	<i>Service Discharge.</i>

DOMESTIC HISTORY.

WHERE BORN.	Age.	Height.	Complexion.	Color of Eyes.	Color of Hair.	OCCUPATION.	Residence Subsequent to Discharge.	Married or Single.	P. O. Address of Nearest Relative.
<i>Maryland</i>	<i>55</i>	<i>5/8</i>	<i>Fair</i>			<i>Laborer</i>	<i>711 0-</i>	<i>Married</i>	<i>Son</i> <i>Asphalon Kitchen</i> <i>3524 N Broadway</i> <i>St Louis</i>

Abner J. Lakenan

pg. 196

Birth: 10/19/1826

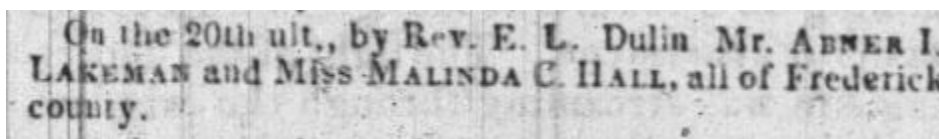
Death: 01/13/1892

Burial: Saint Peter's Lutheran Church Cemetery, Mount Williams, Frederick, Virginia, United States of America

Plot: N/A

Memorial ID: 162188177

Additional information: Abner Jesse Lakenan enlisted on March 1st, 1847 at the age of 21. He went on to have seven recorded children, six of them being girls. He also, along with serving in the Mexican American War, was a Confederate private in Company E, Virginia 51st Militia Infantry Regiment during the Civil War. Unfortunately, Abner Lakenan and his son have both had their last names misspelled and mistranscribed numerous times, as it is misspelled in *Off to War*, and in multiple census records, marriage certificates, obituaries, death certificates, Civil War records, and in the Virginia Genealogist magazine at least once. According to an upload on *Find a Grave*, the person who uploaded Abner Lakenan's grave information alleges that the misspelling is likely due to "transcription error or misprint or misunderstanding by a census taker or clerk in recording the name and even by some distant family members."



April and JeMM on Find a Grave)

(courtesy of

James J. Mansell

pg. 205-206

Birth: About 1828

Death: Possibly 12/28/1901

Burial: (possibly) Greenwood Cemetery

Pultney Township, Belmont County, Ohio, USA

Plot: N/A

Memorial ID: 148986948

Additional information: James J. Mansell enlisted on April 5th, 1847 from Brownsville, Pa. at the age of 19. There is no listed reason as to why he enlisted through Pennsylvania and why he was put in Company L if he was not a Virginian. It is possible that James Mansell served in the Civil War as well, considering that the grave pictured above, which lists the same name, says such. It is unknown if this is the correct grave, though, because Mansell traveled frequently and was likely an English immigrant, making his birthdate and other important information hard to find. He lived in Brownsville, PA., Cumberland, MD., Ohio, and possibly more locations.

<i>Mansell James J</i>	<i>He re Jun 1820 71 3rd</i>	<i>Maryland</i>	<i>England</i>	<i>England</i>
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NAME OF SOLDIER: <i>Mansell, James J.</i>				
NAME OF DEPENDENT: <i>Widow,</i> <i>Minor,</i>				
SERVICE: <i>U. S. A. 4th W. Va. Inf.</i> <i>and Mex. War</i>				
DATE OF FILING: <i>1891 July 1</i>	CLASS: <i>Invalid,</i> <i>Widow,</i> <i>Minor,</i>	APPLICATION NO. <i>1026960</i>	CERTIFICATE NO. <i>712682</i>	STATE FROM WHICH PAID: <i>Ohio</i>
ATTORNEY: <i>F. S. Mason</i>				

John A. McDonald

pg. 213-214

Birth: 1828

Death: Unknown

Burial: Unknown

Plot: Unknown

Memorial ID: Unknown

Additional information: John A. McDonald enlisted at Rely House, VA, on April 2nd, 1847, at age 19. 7 months into his service, he was court-martialed on November 15th, 1847 in Buena Vista, Mexico. He received 4 charges total:

1. Unsoldierlike and Disorderly Conduct
2. Abusive language to his superior officer
3. Mutinous Conduct
4. Resisting Lawful Authority

On November 6th, 1847, he went onto the streets of Saltillo and began to swear and say that he did not give a damn about anybody. Additionally, he swore that he would be a good match for Sergt. Lewis B Philips, "a damned old son of a bitch", and that he would kill him. He refused to listen to anybody's orders and threatened to kill anybody that would touch him. He also threatened desertion. McDonald pleaded not guilty to charges 1, 2, and 4, but he did plead guilty to charge 3. He was confined to the Guard House in December 1848, and was very noisy and loud, cursing up a storm. It got to the point where he had to be tied up and beat. The court found him guilty of all charges and sentenced him to forfeit one month's pay. He also had to do hard labor with a ball and chain attached to his leg for 2 months. By April 1848, he became sick in hospital. Finally, he was sent back to Washington D.C., where he still received a Bounty Land Warrant despite his disorderly conduct.

James R. Millan

pg. 219

Birth: 02/06/1816

Death: Unknown

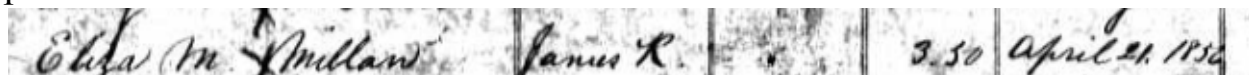
Burial: Unknown

Fairfax Unknown

Plot: N/A

Memorial ID: Unknown

Additional information: James R. Millan was the son of George and Ann (DeBell) Millan. He enlisted on March 18th, 1847 at the age of 30 from Fort Washington Maryland. James R. Millan married Eliza Minerva Draper, and had a son named George. It is possible that James Millan served in the Civil War, but there is little information in that regard. In the 1850 census, James Millan did not claim an occupation in 1850. His wife died in 1856, as pictured above.



Eliza M. Millan James R. 3.50 April 21, 1856

Armistead Thorton Mills

pg. 221

Birth: 07/22/1822

Death: 07/23/1892, Fairfax County, VA

Burial: Fairfax cemetery, unmarked grave

Plot:

Memorial ID: 203339698 (second wife's Findagrave)

Additional information: Armistead was born to Peter and Cynthia Mills. He enlisted at age 25 in Alexandria, VA on March 15th, 1847. On April 25th, 1848, he was absent on detached service as a Hospital Attendant by order of Colonel Hamtramck. Mills was given a Bounty Land Warrant and came back to Fairfax County, VA. His first marriage was to Elizabeth E. Germon (also spelled Jerman) on December 28th. 1850 in Washington D.C. His first daughter with Elizabeth was named Johanna and born in 1855. Elizabeth and Armistead were separated by 1860 and he remarried on 09/06/1870 to Cornelia Frances Gheen in Washington D.C. They would go on to have two sons together: Robert F. and Harry Holmes. On April 23rd, 1861, Armistead Mills voted for succession at the Fairfax County Courthouse. In the 1870 census, Mills was cited as being a wagon maker, and by 1880 his occupation was cited as wheelwright. In a survivor's claim from 1887, Armistead is described as 5'11, black hair, gray eyes. He later died in 1892 due to consumption, or in today's terms, tuberculosis. He is buried in an unmarked grave at Fairfax Cemetery.

1841	Mills Armistead	W. M. 60		1	Wheelwright	Virginia	Va	Va
	Cornelia	W. F. 30	Wife	1	Keeping House	Virginia	Va	Va
	Robert F.	W. M. 6	Son	1	At Home	Virginia	Va	Va
	Armistead	W. M. 1	Son	1	At Home	Virginia	Va	Va
	William	W. M. 2	Son	1	Without Occupation	Virginia	Va	Va

Henry Mills

pg. 222

Birth: 1818

Death: 05/1880

Burial: Possibly Rowanty, Dinwiddie, Virginia

Plot:

Memorial ID:

Additional information: Henry Mills enlisted on March 15th, 1847 from Alexandria, VA at the age of 29. He had three sons: One named George, born in 1836; Jacob, born in 1848; and Abram, born in 1852. They were noted in the below 1880 census record of being Black.

4417	Henry Mills (Farmer)	Hen Mills King of Ch. House Va	Virginia	L 1st Va Mex. War	15th Mar 1847	27 July 1848
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266 238	Mills Henry	B. 4 '65			Farmer	✓			1/2	1/2
	= George	B. 4 '32	Son		Farm hand	✓			1/2	1/2
	= Jacob	B. 4 '20	Son		Farm hand	✓			1/2	1/2
	= Abram	B. 4 '16	Son		Farm hand	✓			1/2	1/2

Dagobert B. O'Bannon

pg. 232

Birth: May 21, 1822

Death: March 11, 1898

Burial: Greenville Cemetery in Greenville, Washington County, Mississippi

Plot: Lat: 33 23 30.7; Long: 91 03 10.4

Memorial ID: 31934552

Additional information: Dagobert B. O'Bannon was born in Fairfax County, VA. He enlisted into the Mexican War on March 1st, 1847 at Fairfax Courthouse at the age of 19. A Bounty Land Warrant was later sent to him from Captain Thrift. After the war, he married Sarah Ann Wilson on March 21st, 1853 in Washington D.C. He enlisted again for the Civil War in Company H, 6th VA Cavalry, called the "Black Horse Troop". He was promoted to 1st Lieutenant on July 1st, 1861. 2 years later on July 21st, 1863, O'Bannon was captured at Chester Gap, VA and sent to Old Capitol Prison, then to Johnson's Island (Lake Erie) on October 20th, 1863. He was exchanged on March 14th, 1865 at Point Lookout Prison, MD. From 1870 and onward, he lived in Greenville, Washington County, Mississippi. He became a planter with a considerably large amount of land and personal property (~\$10,000 in land, ~\$4,000 in personal property). On October 13th, 1870, O'Bannon married Mary P. Heard in Washington, MS. Additionally, he had 8 children with Mary.

-Henry H

-Columbus C

-William P

-Laura O'Bannon tucker

-Jennie W

-Julia I

-Bennett Alonzo

-Mary P (child, not wife)

O'BANNON, DE GOBERT B
Virginia
1st Lt., Co. H, 4th Va. Cav. Reg., from
July 1, 1861;



Charles Patterson

pg. 236

Birth: 1813

Death: Unknown

Burial: Unknown

Plot: Unknown

Memorial ID: Unknown

Additional information: Patterson enlisted at Ft. Washington on March 26th, 1847 at the age of 34. A Bounty Land Warrant was given to the care of Patterson from Captain Thrift. It is possible that Patterson was an African American who served in the war, as there are a few records from the Freedmen's Bureau that mention a Charles Patterson, though it is difficult to verify if the Freedmen's Bureau record is the same as the Private in the Mexican American War.

James Bussell (Col^d) vs. Charles Patterson (Col^d)

Charge . . . Default of Payment

James Bussell (Col^d) Plaintiff states that he sent a hime to Charles Patterson for ten dollars for which he has never been paid

Charles Patterson (Col^d) Defendant. States that he is a carpenter by trade. acknowledges the debt has not the money to pay it. will pay the amount in ten days.

The Court unanimously decided that Charles Patterson (Col^d) Defendant be allowed ten days to settle the account, and received a note for said time.

Malinda Grimes (Col^d) vs. Dolly King (Col^d)

Charge . . . Destruction of Private Property

Malinda Grimes (Col^d) Plaintiff. states that Dolly King (Col^d) killed a hog belonging to her and threatened to beat her, on her changing her will it.

Dolly King (Col^d) Defendant. states that she knows nothing of a hog belonging to Malinda Grimes Malinda Grimes charged her with killing her hog, and she told her she did not. had not seen her hog. did not threaten to beat her. Malinda Grimes abused her and threatened to beat her

There being no further testimony the Court decided Unanimously that both parties be bound over to keep the peace for six months

Adelaide Bristow (Col^d) vs. Dan^d Jackson (Col^d)

Charge . . . Nonpayment for labor

Adelaide Bristow (Col^d) states that she hired her daughter to Dan Jackson. who worked for him for four months and three weeks at the rate of four dollars per month and that Jackson had never paid her for her services Danil Jackson (Col^d) states that he has paid part of the wages by giving her school clothing owed the girl fourteen ^{two} dollars did not have the money to pay now. would pay the amount in twenty days.

There being no further testimony the Court unanimously decided that the Defendant Danil Jackson pay Plaintiff the sum of fourteen ^{two} dollars and that he be allowed ten day for the payment of one half and twenty days for the payment of the balance. (Notes received)

Record of proceedings of the Freedom Court for the County of York State of Va. for August 22^d 1866. carried pursuant to Special Orders No 106. Bureau R P and L N^o 20 over Com^o State of Va. Richmond Va July 5th 1866.

Judges being absent and sick no Court was held

Thomas Ratcliffe

pg. 247

Birth: 1828

Death: 01/21/1899

Burial: Trinity United Methodist Church Cemetery
King George, King George County, Virginia

Plot: Unknown

Memorial ID: 40539116

Additional information: Thomas Ratcliffe enlisted on March 24th, 1847 from Fort Washington, Maryland, at the age of 19. In October 1847, he was sentenced to forfeit \$3.50 by sentence of garrison court-martial. Later, a Bounty Land Warrant was sent to him in Washington, D.C. It is plausible that Thomas Ratcliffe died on January 21st, 1899, as there is a grave in Findagrave that mentions a Thomas Maurice Ratcliffe, who was born on August 11th, 1829 in Charles County, Maryland and died on the aforementioned date. Charles County is adjacent to Prince George's County, and near the border of Fort Washington, where Private Thomas Ratcliffe enlisted for the Mexican American War.



George F. Richards

pg. 249

Birth: 08/23/1823

Death: 06/05/1904

Burial:

Plot:

Memorial ID:

Additional information: George F. Richards enlisted on March 1st, 1847 at the age of 22. In December of either 1845 or 1846, it is noted that at Jonathan McGarity's house, Richards accidentally fired a shotgun and heavily damaged his right hand. He also moved to Missouri and then Montana, and during his time in Missouri he lived on Cherokee Nation tribal land. His wife, Catherine Horseman was from "Indian Territory" in present-day Oklahoma, and therefore was very likely Cherokee herself.

26	26	Richards George F.	Head	22	in Aug	1823	76	78	Virginia	Rhode Island	Virginia
		Dennis	Head	22	in Dec	1853	44	in 114	Virginia	Virginia	Virginia

Henry Claggett Richards

pg. 250

Birth: 1828, Leesburg Loudoun County, VA

Death: Unknown

Burial: Unknown

Plot: Unknown

Memorial ID: Unknown

Additional information: Richards first enlisted into the Mexican War on 03/01/1847 at Fairfax Courthouse, VA at age 19. After the war, he was sent to Washington D.C. and then shortly enlisted into the U.S. Navy in 1850 at Norfolk, VA. He served on board Frigate U.S.S. Raritan for about 9 months and then went on an Amazon Exploring Expedition for about 18 months. He used the name Henry C. Richards for the Mexican War and his Navy travels before 1857. He reenlisted into the Navy under the name "Henry Claggett". He became an Ordinary Seaman and Seaman on Sloop of War U.S.S. Saratoga. He later was transferred to Ironclad *U.S.S. Sangamon*. In the month of September, 1863, Claggett was discharged from the Naval Hospital in Norfolk, VA. Two months later, he would enlist as a private into Company C 43rd Battalion VA Cavalry, AKA Mosby's Rangers. He was captured, presumably by Union soldiers, and was sent to Ft. Warren, Boston, MA. He was held there until the end of the Civil War. His physical description, listed in *Off to War*, was 5'6, light complexion, brown eyes, gray hair (1887).

John R. Richards

pg. 250

Birth: 1819

Death: POSSIBLY 07/04/1864

Burial: POSSIBLY Arlington National Cemetery

Plot: POSSIBLY Section 13 Site 5464

Memorial ID: POSSIBLY 35560575

Additional information: John Rose Richards is the brother of George F. Richards, a private who also served in the Mexican-American War. John Richards enlisted on April 1st, 1847 at the age of 27. His name was accidentally omitted on his last muster roll, but he still received a Bounty Land Warrant, which was sent to Washington, D.C. In 1850, he resided in Fairfax County and was a farmer. In the same census record, he was married to Mary A., had a son named Dulany M., and a daughter named Priscilla. There is a record that states John R. Richards's daughter lived in Custer, Montana (the same place his brother lived after marrying Catherine Horseman), and whose wife is listed as "Eleanor E. Guantt" and daughter "Priscilla Guantt Terrett." The record states that Priscilla died in 1929 due to cerebral hemorrhage. No other death information could be found on older members of the Richards family.

Original Record for State Registrar
STATE OF MONTANA
 Bureau of Vital Statistics
Standard Certificate of Death

Do not write in this space
M.C. 1345

1. PLACE OF DEATH
 County Custer Registered No. _____
 Township _____ or Village _____
 City Missoula City No. _____ St. _____ Ward _____
 Length of residence in city or town where death occurred 13 yrs. _____ mos. _____ days How long in U. S. if of foreign birth? _____ yrs. _____ mos. _____ days

2. FULL NAME Marcella Stuart Bennett
 (a) Residence: No. 213 1/2 St. _____ Ward _____
 (b) Place of death: _____ (If nonresident give city or town and State)

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

3. SEX Female 4. COLOR OR RACE White 5. MARRIAGE (write the word)
Widow

6. DATE OF BIRTH (month, day, and year) Aug. 19, 1876
 7. AGE Years _____ Months _____ Days _____ If less than 1 day, _____ hrs. _____ min.

8. Trade, profession, or particular kind of work done, as spinner, sawyer, bookkeeper, etc. Homemaker
 9. Industry or business in which work was done, as silk mill, saw mill, bank, etc. Retired
 10. Date deceased last worked at this occupation (month and year) _____ 11. Total time (years) spent in this occupation _____

12. BIRTHPLACE (city or town) Virginia (State or country)
 13. NAME John R. Richards
 14. BIRTHPLACE (city or town) Virginia (State or country)
 15. MAIDEN NAME May C. Stuart
 16. BIRTHPLACE (city or town) Virginia (State or country)

17. INFORMANT John R. Richards (Address) Missoula City, Mont.
 18. BURIAL, CREMATION, OR REMOVAL Place Missoula City Date Oct 4, 1929
 19. UNDERTAKER J. C. Jones (Address) Missoula City, Mont.
 20. FILED 102 1029 M. M. Munn Registrar (Address) Missoula City, Mont.

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

21. DATE OF DEATH (month, day, and year) Oct 1, 1929
 22. I HEREBY CERTIFY. That I attended deceased from March 1, 1929 to Oct 1, 1929
 I last saw her alive on Oct 1, 1929; death is said to have occurred on the date stated above, at 7:15 p.m.
 The principal cause of death and related causes of importance in order of onset were as follows:
Cerebral Hemorrhage
 (70)

Contributory causes of importance not related to principal cause:
Hardening of Arteries

Name of operation _____ Date of _____
 What test confirmed diagnosis? _____ Was there an autopsy? _____
 23. If death was due to external causes (violence) fill in also the following:
 Accident, suicide, or homicide? _____ Date of injury _____
 Where did injury occur? _____ (Specify city or town, county, and State)
 Specify whether injury occurred in industry, in home, or in public place.
 Manner of injury _____
 Nature of injury _____
 24. Was disease or injury in any way related to occupation of deceased?
 If so, specify _____
 (Signed) Ladie B. Lundberg D.
 (Address) Missoula City, Mont.

See instructions on back of certificate.
 N. B.—WRITE PLAINLY, WITH UNFADING INK, IN PLAIN TERMS, SO THAT IT MAY BE PROPERLY CLASSIFIED. EXACT STATEMENT OF OCCUPATION IS VERY IMPORTANT.
 PHYSICIANS SHOULD STATE CAUSE OF DEATH EXACTLY. PHYSICIANS SHOULD STATE CAUSE OF DEATH EXACTLY.
 See instructions on back of certificate.

40	248 508	John R. Richards	31 M	Sumner	1880	Virginia
41		May C. Richards	31 F			Virginia
42		John R. Richards	31 M			Virginia

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William Hamilton Robey

pg. 253

Birth: May 23, 1825, Moorefield, West Virginia

Death: April 18, 1881, River Falls, Wisconsin

Burial: Mount Zion Cemetery - River Falls, Pierce County, Wisconsin, USA

Plot:

Memorial ID: 103979062

Additional information: William Robey was born in Moorefield, Hardy County, West Virginia. As a boy and young adult, he liked to travel and explore the eastern parts of the United States, particularly the mountains. At age 22, he enlisted for the Mexican American War on 03/16/1847 in Alexandria, Virginia. He was deemed unfit for war and was sent back the next year to Alexandria. In 1850, Robey married a woman who had his first son, in St. Louis Missouri. However, she fell ill and died only 1 year and 5 months into their marriage. In 1854, Robey married Nancy Brubaker Patterson and had 7 children together. He would then move in 1860 to Green County, Ohio and stay for 3 years. Next he would go to Wayne County, Indiana. Finally, he and his family moved to Pierce County, Wisconsin. After he moved to Wisconsin, he dedicated the rest of his life to Christ and preaching the gospel. He began to follow Christ in 1854 when he united with the Brethren while living in Hampshire County, West Virginia. On his deathbed, delirious, he still prayed. He died of Cancer on the face and passed away in River Falls, Wisconsin. Although he lived in many different places throughout his life, he ended up at one point in Alexandria for reasons that aren't very clear besides his love for adventure. One could guess that he didn't have any intention of settling in Virginia.



Samuel Sheckles

pg. 268

Birth: 1828

Death: 05/14/1900

Burial: Congressional Cemetery

Washington, District of Columbia, District of Columbia,
USA

Plot: 136-237

Memorial ID: 49404174

Additional information: Samuel Sheckles enlisted on 03/01/1847 at the age of 19. After serving in the Mexican American War, Samuel Sheckles was admitted to the National Soldier's Home in Hampton, Virginia at only 49 years old because of "rheumatism and age." At the age of 70 in 1898, Sheckles was transferred to an insane asylum in Washington, D.C., with no reason for admission listed; however, the gravesite details on Find a Grave explain that he had senile dementia, which is very likely the reason behind his transfer to an asylum. According to the record of his headstone, which says on Ancestry that it was provided for deceased Union Civil War veterans, Samuel Sheckles also served as a Union soldier during the Civil War, and was able to do so because he claimed his bounty land grant in Washington, D.C.

<i>Sheckles Samuel</i>	
Regt. Co. <i>L</i>	<i>1</i> Regt.
<i>War Dept. (Mex. War)</i>	
Cemetery <i>St. Elizabeth Asylum,</i>	
at <i>Anacostia, D. C.</i>	
Grave _____	
Date of death <i>May 14 - 1900</i>	
Headstone supplied by <i>Lee Marble Works,</i>	
<i>Lee, Mass.,</i>	
Contract dated <i>Aug. 25, 1902.</i>	

Abijah B. Smith

pg. 276

Birth: 1827

Death: Unknown

Burial: Unknown

Plot: Unknown

Memorial ID: Unknown

Additional information: Abijah B. Smith enlisted on March 30th, 1847 at the age of 20 at Fort Washington, Maryland. He received a Bounty Land Warrant, which was sent to Washington D.C.

James L. Smith

pg. 277

Birth: 1827

Death: Possibly 05/01/1872

Burial: Mount Olivet Cemetery Washington, District of Columbia, District of Columbia, USA

Plot: N/A

Memorial ID: 244861323

Additional information: James L. Smith enlisted on April 3rd, 1847 from Cumberland, MD at the age of 20. Not much information is listed about James L. Smith, but it is very likely that he is buried in Mount Olivet Cemetery, where many veterans of the Mexican American War and Civil War were buried. He also may have been African American, and served in the 43rd U.S. Colored Infantry in Washington, D.C. for the Civil War.

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Smith, James
Co. C, 43 U.S. Col'd Inf.
Private Private
CARD NUMBERS.
1 5873164 20
2 5870257 20
3 5873352 20
4 9148776 20
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Ebenezer E. Stark

pg. 282

Birth: 1828

Death: Unknown

Burial: Unknown

Plot: Unknown

Memorial ID: Unknown

Additional information: Stark enlisted on March 1st, 1847 from Fairfax County Courthouse at the age of 38. He received a Bounty Land Warrant, which was sent to Washington City, D.C. No other information was found on Stark; he may have gone under another name after/before serving.

John Waugh

pg. 303

Birth: 1821

Death: 08/22/1893

Burial: Presbyterian Cemetery, Darnestown, Maryland.
(Listed in *Off to War* but no grave was found)

Plot:

Memorial ID:

Additional information: John Waugh enlisted on March 8th, 1847 at the age of 26. He was described in *Off to War* as being five feet and seven inches tall, with brown hair, black eyes, and a “dark complexion,” which could imply that he was African American. His occupation was listed as Ferryman in 1847 before he went on to serve in the Mexican American War. He married Emily Ponder in 1855, but she died in 1859, so then he went on to live with Miranda Lowe, another widow, until she died in 1879, and married Ellen V. Lowe on 9/18/1884. Ellen Waugh is buried in Darnestown, Maryland, and the details of her death are on Find a Grave. However, John Waugh’s details cannot be found in this cemetery. Neither seem to have a marker here.

<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/251574916/ellen-v-waugh>

Frances S. Wilson

pg. 312

Birth: 1805

Death: Unknown

Burial: Unknown

Plot: Unknown

Memorial ID: Unknown

Additional Information: Wilson enlisted on March 31st, 1847 in Fort Washington, Maryland at the age of 42. In December 1847, he was ordered to forfeit one month's pay by sentence of garrison court-martial. In February 1848, he was ordered to forfeit half a month's pay by sentence of garrison court-martial. A Bounty Land Warrant sent to Captain Thrift was given to the care of Frances S. Wilson.

Charles B. Wren

pg. 316

Birth: 03/25/1818

Death: Unknown, but known that they have their own family burial grounds, so the grave for him may be there.

Death date could not be found on any site.

Burial: Possibly The Mount Cemetery. Churchill, Fairfax County, Virginia, USA.

Plot:

Memorial ID:

Additional information: Charles B. Wren was enlisted in the Mexican American War on 03/16/1847 at the age of 28, but just three months later faced charges for being drunk on duty in Buena Vista, Mexico. The specification said "In this that Private Charles B. Wren, of the 13th Company, Virginia Regiment of Volunteers, was found drunk on his Guard at the Hacinda, near Buena Vista, Mex. On the 8th day of June 1847. To which charge and specification the prisoner has pled guilty." Wren had to do hard labor for one month under the Provost Guard, and later paid \$3.50 for his sentence. Charles B. Wren also served in the Civil War as a private in Company F in the 6th Virginia Cavalry.

CERTIFICATE OF DEATH
COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS
STATE BOARD OF HEALTH

21988

1 PLACE OF DEATH
COUNTY OF Fairfax
MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT OF Providence
OR
INC. TOWN OF _____
OR
CITY OF _____ (No. _____ ST. _____ WARD _____)
(If death occurred in a hospital or other institution, give its NAME instead of street and number)

2 FULL NAME William H. Wren
(A) RESIDENCE (Usual place of abode) No. Ladywood, Va ST. _____ WARD _____
(If non-resident give city or town and State)
Length of residence in city or town where death occurred 87 yrs. 1 mos. 8 ds. How long in U. S., if of foreign birth? yrs. mos. ds.

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

3 SEX Male 4 COLOR OR RACE White 5 SINGLE, MARRIED, WIDOWED, OR DIVORCED (write the word) Widowed
5A IF MARRIED, WIDOWED, OR DIVORCED, HUSBAND OF (or) WIFE OF Anne C. Wren
6 DATE OF BIRTH (MONTH, DAY, AND YEAR, WRITE NAME OF MONTH) August 10, 1942 1942
7 AGE YEARS MONTHS DAYS IF LESS THAN 1 DAY, HRS OR MIN. 87 1 8
8 OCCUPATION OF DECEASED (A) TRADE, PROFESSION, OR PARTICULAR KIND OF WORK Retired
(B) GENERAL NATURE OF INDUSTRY, BUSINESS, OR ESTABLISHMENT IN WHICH EMPLOYED (OR EMPLOYER) _____
(C) NAME OF EMPLOYER None

9 BIRTHPLACE (CITY OR TOWN) Falls Church, Va
(STATE OR COUNTRY) Virginia

10 NAME OF FATHER Charles Wren
11 BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (CITY OR TOWN) Unknown
(STATE OR COUNTRY) Virginia

12 MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER Catherine Lindsey

13 BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (CITY OR TOWN) Unknown
(STATE OR COUNTRY) Virginia

14 INFORMANT S. A. Green
(Address) East Falls Church, Va

15 FILED Sep 12, 1929 Ellad. Money REGISTRAR

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

16 DATE OF DEATH (MONTH, DAY, AND YEAR, WRITE NAME OF MONTH) Sept. 18 1929
17 I HEREBY CERTIFY, THAT I ATTENDED DECEASED FROM on Sept 18, 1929 TO _____, 19____
THAT I LAST SAW HIM ALIVE ON Sept. 18, 1929

AND THAT DEATH OCCURRED, ON DATE STATED ABOVE, AT 10:30 AM, THE CAUSE OF DEATH* WAS AS FOLLOWS:
Angina Pectoris
89

(DURATION) _____ YRS. a few hrs. OS.
CONTRIBUTORY (SECONDARY) Senility

(DURATION) _____ YRS. _____ MOS. _____ DS.
18 WHERE WAS DISEASE CONTRACTED IF NOT AT PLACE OF DEATH? _____

DID AN OPERATION PRECEDE DEATH? no DATE OF _____
WAS THERE AN AUTOPSY? no

WHAT TEST CONFIRMED DIAGNOSIS? Clinical
(SIGNED) George B. Fadelcy M. D.
9-18-29 (ADDRESS) E. Falls Church, Va

*State the DISEASE CAUSING DEATH, or in deaths from VIOLENT CAUSES, state (1) MEANS AND NATURE OF INJURY, and (2) whether ACCIDENTAL, SUICIDAL, or HOMICIDAL.

19 PLACE OF BURIAL, CREMATION, OR RE-MOVAL DATE OF BURIAL Family Burial Grounds Sept. 20-29

20 UNDERTAKER money & Feolin
Address Kenner Va

MARGIN RESERVED FOR BINDING

N. B.—WRITE PLAINLY, WITH UNFADING INK (WRITING FLUID)—THIS IS A PERMANENT RECORD. EVERY ITEM OF INFORMATION SHOULD BE CAREFULLY SUPPLIED. AGE SHOULD BE STATED EXACTLY. PHYSICIANS SHOULD STATE THE CAUSE OF DEATH IN PLAIN TERMS, SO THAT IT MAY BE PROPERLY CLASSIFIED. EXACT STATEMENT OF OCCUPATION IS VERY IMPORTANT.

*This image is Charles Wren's son's death record, which indicates that they have a family burial somewhere in Virginia, though it may be unmarked and/or unmanaged.

John T. Wright

pg. 317

Birth: 1815

Death: Unknown

Burial: Unknown

Plot: Unknown

Memorial ID: Unknown

Additional information: John T. Wright enlisted on March 16th, 1847, from Alexandria, Virginia, at the age of 32. From February 1848 until April of the same year he was absent from the war on furlough by order of Colonel Hamtramck and employed under Colonel March, who was a beef contractor. A Bounty Land Warrant was later sent to him to Washington D.C. Because of a lack of information on Findagrave, finding any information on Wright that is verifiably true is difficult. It is possible he had a wife named Sarah Young, whom he married on September 15th, 1834. However, the record of this is inaccessible beyond FamilySearch, so it is not possible to verify if this bit of information is true to the John T. Wright from *Off to War*. Below, however, is the citation of the record in the event that another person may be able to access it:

"District of Columbia Marriages, 1811-1950", , *FamilySearch*
(<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:VNT9-5C1> : Sun Mar 10 19:46:17 UTC 2024), Entry for John T Wright and Sarah Young, 15 Sep 1834.

DIED/DISCHARGED (pgs. 60-85)

Mahlon Mills, Private

pg. 222

Birth: 1824

Death: 08/19/1847

Burial: Unknown

Plot: Unknown

Memorial ID: Unknown

Additional information: Mahlon Mills was enlisted on March 15th, 1847 at the age of 23 from Alexandria, Virginia, but became sick in June 1847, then died two months later in Buena Vista, Mexico.

Robert Mills, Private

pg. 222

Birth: 1824

Death: 08/23/1847

Burial: Unknown

Plot: Unknown

Memorial ID: Unknown

Additional information: Robert Mills enlisted on March 18th, 1847 from Fort Washington, Maryland at the age of 23. He later died that August in Buena Vista, Mexico.

Samuel Trott, Private

pg. 294

Birth: 1827

Death: 08/17/1847

Burial: Buena Vista, Mexico

Plot: Unknown

Memorial ID: Unknown

Additional information: Samuel Trott enlisted on March 15th, 1847 at the age of 20 from Fairfax Courthouse. He later died in action in Buena Vista, Mexico. It is believed that he may have been the son of Reverend Samuel and Elizabeth Jane (Williams) Trott of Fairfax Station, Virginia. There is a memorial that honors those who fought in the Battle of Buena Vista, an extremely bloody battle that ended in victory for America. However, it is unlikely that Trott has a marked grave for his death, since the Mexican American War resulted in many deaths that America did not have the manpower nor ability to take home.

Charles West, Private

pg. 305

Birth: 1815

Death: 08/06/1847

Burial: Buena Vista, Mexico

Plot: Unknown

Memorial ID: Unknown

Additional information: Charles West enlisted on March 1st, 1847 at the age of 32 from Fairfax Courthouse. He died in action in Buena Vista, Mexico. There is a memorial that honors those who fought in the Battle of Buena Vista, an extremely bloody battle that ended in victory for America. However, it is unlikely that Charles West has a marked grave for his death, since the Mexican American War resulted in many deaths that America did not have the manpower nor ability to take home.

Richard Young, 2nd Lieutenant pg. 318

Birth: 1818 (listed as 1817 in Findagrave)

Death: 07/09/1850

Burial: Bethel Regular Baptist Church, Great Falls, VA.

Plot: N/A

Memorial ID: 145107149

Additional information: Young enlisted on March 1st, 1847 from Fairfax Courthouse at the age of 29. He was originally a Third Sergeant, then promoted to Second Lieutenant at an unknown date. He then resigned on October 31st, 1847, serving for only seven total months. He died “at his mother’s” on July 9th, 1850 at the age of 33.

John B. F. Barnard

pg. 67

Birth: 1821

Death: 12/21/1875

Burial:

Greenbush Cemetery, East Greenbush, Rensselaer
County, New York, USA

Plot:N/A

Memorial ID: 111939435

Additional information: John B.F. Barnard enlisted at an unknown date and his place of enlistment is also unknown. However, he was discharged on August 30, 1847 from a surgeon's certificate, and was married to Abby Sibley by October 20, 1847 in Danielsonville, Connecticut. After the war, Barnard resided in Greenbush, Rensselaer County, New York. There, his occupation was listed as an "express agent," which was an esteemed courier capable of processing and handling important, extremely valuable documents and items. His daughter, Caroline M.F. was born in Maine circa 1851, and son George S. was born circa 1853. Interestingly, John Barnard is buried with Abby, his wife, along with his daughter, Caroline, and *two* sons: Charles M. Barnard, and Edward L. Barnard, but no George Barnard.



John A. Bennett, Private

pg. 71

Birth: 1813

Death: Unknown

Burial: Unknown

Plot: N/A

Memorial ID: Unknown

Additional information: Bennett enlisted on March 18th, 1847 at Fort Washington at the age of 34. He was discharged only 49 days later on April 29th, 1847. The order for discharge came from an adjutant general.

Thomas Berry

pg. 72

Birth: 1831

Death: Possibly 06/11/1879

Burial: Possibly Henrico County, Virginia

Plot:

Memorial ID:

Additional information: Thomas Berry was enlisted on March 1st, 1847 at the young age of 16 at the Fairfax Courthouse (however, *Off to War* mentions that he was 19 when he was enlisted, meaning that Berry had to have faked his age to serve in the war). On March 24, 1847, Berry was discharged by order of the adjutant general. It is likely that the Adjutant General discharged Thomas Berry because he learned that he faked his age to get into the war. By 1850, his occupation was listed as ship carpenter, then cooper in 1860, and back to ship carpenter in 1870. His mother was Elizabeth Silmone Berry, and his father was Thomas Berry. He may have had a sister named Margaret as well. It is possible that Thomas Berry was Black.

Berry Thomas | 1831 | June 11 | a | Embassy | 1879 | Unknown | Henrico Co | a-10000

James J. Conroy

pg. 105

Birth: 1828

Death: Possibly 09/25/1868; possibly 09/29/1872

Burial: Possibly Mare Island Cemetery

Vallejo, Solano County, California, USA; possibly Saint Agnes Cemetery, Menands, Albany County, New York, USA

Plot: Possibly Section B, Row 15, Plot 220

Memorial ID: Possibly 15710887; possibly 184364105

Additional information: James J. Conroy was enlisted on March 1st, 1847 at the age of 19 at the Fairfax Courthouse but became sick in June of 1847. In October 1847, James J. Conroy paid \$3.50 “by sentence of garrison court-martial,” and then was discharged in August 1848. He was described as being “five feet, four and a half inches tall, dark complexion, blue eyes, and dark hair.” His occupation was recorded as being a carpenter. It is possible that James J. Conroy was from Ireland and married Elizabeth Conroy. The couple had six children in the 1870 census: James W. (14, and possibly went by William as that is listed as the Conroy’s only son in 1860), Martha (11), Mary (8), Lawrence (5), Francis (3), and Agnes (1).

411	421	Conroy James J	41	m	W	Carpenter	160	Ireland	/	/		
		" Eliza	20	f	W	Keeping house		"	/	/		
		" James W	14	m	W	At-Home	76	"	/	/		/
		" Martha	11	f	W	" "		"	/	/		/
		" Mary	8	f	W	" "		"	/	/		
		" Lawrence	5	m	W	" "		"	/	/		
		" Francis	3	m	W	" "		"	/	/		
		" Agnes	1	f	W	" "		"	/	/		
		Annell Ann	67	f	W	" "		Ireland	/	/		



Possibly his grave

Jacob Q. Creamer

pg. 109

Birth: 1804

Death: Possibly 05/25/1866; possibly 08/01/1887

Burial: Possibly Christ Lutheran Church Cemetery
Kulpsville, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania; possibly
Lindenwood Cemetery Fort Wayne, Allen County,
Indiana, USA

Plot: Possibly Plot T if buried in Indiana

Memorial ID: Possibly 80901980 (Pennsylvania
location); possibly
65236288 (Indiana location)

Additional information: Jacob Creamer was enlisted on March 1st, 1847 at the age of 43 at the Fairfax Courthouse, became sick in June 1847, then was discharged on August 30th, 1847 after being deemed disabled. Most notably, Jacob Creamer was 43 years old when he served in the Mexican-American War, which could have been a contributing factor to his disability while in battle.



The image above could be his grave.

James C. Deneal

pg. 115

Birth: 10/05/1825

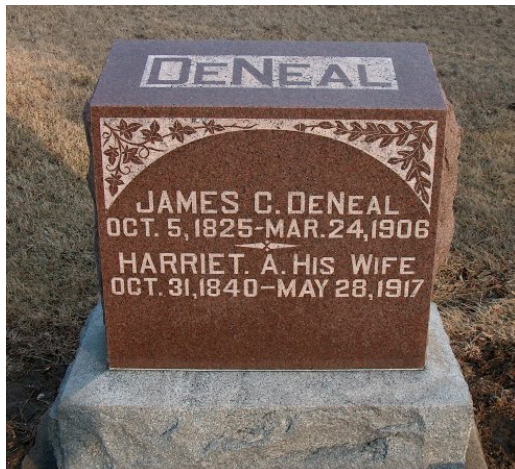
Death: 03/24/1906

Burial: Walnut Corner Cemetery, Danville, Vermilion County, Illinois.

Plot: N/A

Memorial ID: 33722010

Additional information: James C. Deneal was discharged August 30, 1847 in Saltillo, Mexico on a surgeon's certificate of disability. His date and place of enlistment are unknown. He first married Elizabeth McGranahan, who died May 1st, 1857 in Lafayette, Indiana. Deneal later married Elizabeth McGranahan's sister, Harriet McGranahan on December 15th, 1859 in Vermilion County, Illinois. At the age of 55 in 1880, Deneal was listed as being sick from being "billious," which at the time likely referred to having a bad temper, but could potentially mean he was nauseous or vomited frequently. In the 1880 census, James C. Deneal had five children: David (18), Samuel (16), Walter (9), Austin (6), and Harry (7 months). In 1906, James Deneal died of "nephritis," which is kidney inflammation.



Maury Fenwick **(possibly Richard Maury**
Augustus Fenwick) **pg. 131**

Birth: 03/23/1826

Death: 04/10/1907 (though his grave says March of 1907)

Burial: Congressional Cemetery, Washington, D.C.

Plot: Range 33 site 233

Memorial ID: 42202620

Additional information: Fenwick, a brown-haired and hazel eyed man, enlisted on March 1st, 1847 at the age of 21 from the Fairfax Courthouse, but was discharged January 31st, 1848 on a surgeon's certificate of disability. After his discharge, he married Emeline L. on October 11, 1849, in Washington, D.C. In 1863, Fenwick listed his occupation as policeman. In 1868, his occupation was listed as treasury detective. Between his two occupations, Fenwick served in the Civil War in Company M, 2nd D.C. battalion. In 1874, Maury Fenwick listed his occupation as painter. On April 10th, 1907, Fenwick died from "senile debility," which likely means some form of Alzheimer's or dementia. He had five children: Anna M. (died at age 4 in 1854), Robert Washington (died at age 6 in 1859), Addie Maud Fenwick Jewell (died at age 43 in 1902), Charles M. Willard "Daisy" D Jewell (died at age 67 in 1937), and Estelle "Stella" (died at age 13 in 1885).



William Kelly

pg. 192

Birth: 1817

Death: Unknown

Burial: Unknown

Plot: Unknown

Memorial ID: Unknown

Additional information: Kelly enlisted on March 16, 1847 from Alexandria, Virginia, at the age of 30. In the book, *Off to War*, there is a quote from June of 1847 that says “this man reported upon the last muster roll as a deserter has since joined the company having been left by accident at New Orleans.” In February of 1848, Kelly was absent due to being sick, and was discharged two months later on April 21st, 1848 on a surgeon's certificate of disability.

George M. McCoy

pg. 212

Birth: 1823

Death: Unknown

Burial: Unknown

Plot: Unknown

Memorial ID: Unknown

Additional information: George McCoy enlisted on March 2nd, 1847 from the Fairfax Courthouse at the age of 24, got sick in June of 1847, and was finally discharged on August 30, 1847 at Saltillo, Mexico after being deemed disabled. Not much is known about McCoy after his discharge, and it is not known whether he returned to Virginia or decided to live elsewhere.

Joseph Tuttle

pg. 295

Birth: 1823

Death: Unknown

Burial: Unknown

Plot: Unknown

Memorial ID: Unknown

Additional information: Joseph Tuttle enlisted into the war on March 1st, 1847 from Fairfax Courthouse at the age of 24, and was absent in June 1847 due to illness while at Fort Washington, Maryland. It is stated that since April of 1847, he had been sick, and was finally discharged August 30, 1847 on Surgeon's Certificate of Disability. Not much information is provided anywhere about Joseph Tuttle's whereabouts after being discharged.

James W. West

pg. 305

Birth: 11/02/1827

Death: 12/30/1898

Burial: Oakwood Cemetery, Falls Church, VA.

Plot: N/A

Memorial ID: 79561807

Additional information: James West was described as being “5’6”, fair complexion, blue eyes, [and] brown hair.” West enlisted on March 15th, 1847 at the age of 19 from Alexandria, VA. He was sick in June of 1847 in Saltillo, Mexico and was discharged on October 16, 1847 due to being deemed disabled by a surgeon. He married Eliza M. He later served in the Civil War as a sergeant in Company B, in D.C.’s 5th Infantry from April 22, 1861 to June 11, 1861, joining the Quartermaster Department in Alexandria from 1861-1863. By the 1870s, James West began working on highways in Falls Church with his new wife, Catherine, and son Frank (though in the 1880 census, three daughters and no sons are mentioned: Lena, Laura, and Marion West). Finally, from 1885 until 1887, he lived with Samuel Dove and then from 1887 and onwards lived with Meade Battaile.



James Newall

pg. 230

Birth: 1828

Death: Unknown

Burial: Unknown

Plot: Unknown

Memorial ID: Unknown

Additional information: Newall enlisted on March 1st, 1847 at the age of 19 from Fairfax Courthouse, but then deserted on April 22, 1847 in New Orleans, Louisiana. There is a Mrs. James Newell who died in October 1896 and is buried in Cypress Grove Cemetery, New Orleans, Louisiana, which is likely James Newell/Newall's wife. However, there are no details about this person being buried next to anybody named James Newell/Newall. There is also a James Newell buried at the Union Highland Cemetery in Coal Creek, Fremont County, Colorado, who was born in Ireland. The memorial ID is 79511203.

