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P. B. Gattis	Nat Harris
L. B. Gattis	M. C. Howard
N. T. Meteslf	F. M. Hodges
C. D. Mathews	Robert Hamlin
J. Mosier	Henry Horn
Fred Miller	P. L. Hilton
Richard Medlin	G. W. Jones
J. McGorry	Robt. Kendell
John McKennon	Alex Laughlin
W. R. Milton	W. Lawrence
Elias McWaters	G. G. Harvey
Smith Murphy	S. M. Neely
E. Newberry	A. R. Dile
J. N. Orr	M. A. McLeod
Richard Ross	J. W. Rowland
J. J. Robins	Levi Steton
John Robertson	J. L. Shaw
W. Pulliarn	A. C. N. Shely
C. W. Powell	J. S. Thompson
H. Pharr	Lee Trotman
W. Priddy	A. Vineyard
Josiah Pittman	Jas. Wilson
Frank Patterson	A. D. Williams
W. A. Pollard	W. C. Williams
H. T. Peterson	J. M. Werd
S. B. Peterson	P. W. West
Sam Gooch	J. Woodell
S. R. Harris	J. R. Yates
	J. O. Gray

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Reuben Davis	Tobias Castleberry
Wm. Dickey	Wm. Dozier
Oliver Carothers	E. Green
Wm. Boyle	Jas. McCauley
Arch Mayfield	Henry Birdsong
Richard Ross	R. J. P. Arrendale
John Elliott, Sr.	T. Boyce
Ed Elliott	R. O. French
Hugh Brown	W. A. J. Williams
E. Powers	Frank Gray
John J. Watson	Jas. Patterson
Den Miller	Jas. Hobbs
Lewis Miller	J. Moore
T. P. Langham	Robt. Harper
Stephen Andrews	Wm. Cunningham
Chas. Kepps	Ed Ledly
H. T. Calhoun	Jas. Harris
Roster of Robson Rebels:	John Harris
Robert Robson	John Hoskins
H. J. Harper	Griffin Ross
M. P. Marshall	Henry Cox
G. P. Rice	Henry Wilson
D. A. Belsha	Geo. Scallions
J. T. Arrendale	Anderson Squires
W. C. Arrendale	Wm. McCrery
---- Eastridge	Thos. Smith
	Stanford Smith

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Robson Rebels Con'td

Bellfield Love	Alex Burnett
Cade Dogen	P.H. Womble
Wiley Cunningham	Geo. T. Peagram
W.B. Fuller	Calvin Womble
Mervin Sherrill	J.H. Houston
J.W. Tatum	Den Johnston
Jes. Tremble	John Furguson
Robt. Jones	Robt. McCartney
A.C. Newberry	Richard Hicks
John Allen	J.T. Smith
Henry Dunn	C.G. Coper
Fleasant Dunn	J.M. Hunter
Robt. Roland	Wm. French
Issac Teague	A.P. Laughlin
S.S. Noel	G.W. Terrill
Thos. Little	R.D. Gerault
Hampton Little	J.D. Young
Wm. Morris	Wm. Marshall
Geo. R. Payne	Jasper Marshall
Joe Payne	John Miller
J.R. Murphey	
W.A. McDaniel	
R.F. Harreston	
Allenn Neely	
Lewis Hariston	
Francis Gray	

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Roster of Company I Ballentine's Right:

A.R. Turner
C.C. Peets
A.C. Fonda
R.J. Clopton
J.H. Dogen
A. Dority
J.E. French
R.B. Fraries
J.R. Lovell
J. McCarty
R.T. Payne
J.B. Peterson
W.E. Robitrsch
J.K. Smith
Issac Smith
S.S. Starnes
P.D. Turner
E.M. Womble
D.D. Herdin
J.A. Wilks
Geo. Little
Thos. McGinnit
G.F. Lawrence
Syen Blythe
Josiah Ashly

TALE HATCHIE COUNTY, WARS

Roster of Confederate Veterans taken from Pension lists:

Joel E. French	Jerry Emerson
Allen H. Webb	George Criswell
Sam Osborne	Cade Dogan
George W. Lance	A.H. Alvis
G.W. Coleman	Sileen Buckley
S.R. Harris	John M. Bailey
Wm. Donshoo	P.L. Allbritton
C.W. Kendell	U.F. Barton
James M. Bailey	T.R. Chapman
W.N. Carlisle	N.I. Ferris
W.P. Sullivan	P.M. Hall
Peter H. Dubois	B.S. Mann
John Jackson	G.W. Waits
Turner Havens	J.B. Goodson
Peter M. Hall	Johnnie Jacks
W.W. Harris	Patrick Griffin
Jas. O. Ferguson	J.W. Harris
H.C. Bruce	Hugh E. Lavender
James Sculley	H.H. Little
B.F. Saunders	J.T. Mabry
J.B. Nelson	John K. Minyard
W.J.S. Turner	Augustus Nelson
W.S. Young	John E. Noel
Philip S. Hall	Wm. P. Willshire
C.W. Draper	S.A. Alvis
Hardy Dogan	Ass Armstrong

T.B. Duke	J.A. Stevens
J.S. Emerson	R.E. Wynne
James B. Goodson	W.A. Worsham
J.K. Clarkson	Jas. M. Yarbrough
Sidney Beckwith	H.H. Bloodworth
J.P. Page	J.M. Bloodworth
J.W. Saunders	J.T. Brodnax
W.W. Malone	A.M. Gentry
J.S. Denley	J.M. Hendrix
William Saunders	B.F. McGarrity
J.S. Moorman	J.P. Scallion
J.H. Chambers	D.B. Tackly
John A. Holland	Robt. H. Brown
E.B. Rowe	E.S. Mullen
E.P. Turner	W.S. Ellett
Geo. Turner	C.C. Harris
H.A. Wilson	A.C. Houston
L.F. Arbuckle	J.E. Blake
John Arbuckle	J.C. Boothe
Wm. H. Adams	W.B. Branscome
A.L. Crosthwaite	E.L. Long
E.F. Driskall	W.H. Parker
P.B. Herron	Frank Patterson
W.W. Huffman	J.A. Tennison
W.M. Laster	T.H. Womble
B.M. Laughlin	W.C. O'Leary
J.H. Rowland	James R. Baldwin

THE INDEPENDENT COUNTY, TEXAS

L.M. Tillman
 S.M. Brickerstaff
 Wm. H. Arrendale
 William Marshall
 W.T. Waldrup
 Fletcher Moorman
 W.S. Noble
 P.L. Prewitt
 R.A. Ellett
 H.W. Rockett
 J.M. Howard
 W.H. Arrendale
 J.R. Baldwin
 Frank Birdsong
 J.E. Moser
 R. D. Tillman
 J.A. Wrenn
 M.L. Respass
 W.E. Shumaker
 C.L. Fruit
 G.R. Clarkston
 F.C. Williams
 B.J. Smith
 H.C. Martin
 Miles Havens
 H.P. Smith
 W.J. Smith
 Green B. Arbuckle

J.W. D. Hickey

 Servants:
 Hardy Dogan
 Honey Dogan
 Cary Rayburne
 Peter Watkins
 John Pounds
 Henry Worley
 Edmon Boyle
 Harvey Boyle
 Archie Henson
 Alex Juilon
 Frank Noel
 Sippio Taylor
 Albert Holman
 Manuel Minter
 Robert Avant
 Bill Sturdivant
 William Newton
 Walter Fisher
 Randall Talbert
 Paget Hower
 Davis Byrd
 John Davis
 Elic Wilson
 Robert Brown
 William Hoke

Servants Continued

Joe Coleman

Mills Booth

Black Matthew

Soldiers with compny numbers:

J.T. Brodnex --- Co. A 2nd Mississippi Regiment --- 1862

Francis E. Bradshaw --- unknown

J. Burch --- Co. G 27th Mississippi Regiment -- 1861

G.M. Cox --- Co. C Ward's Battallion

J.H. Campbell --- Co. A 7th Alabama Cavalry --- 1863

C.C. Jackson --- Co. H 4th Tennessee Regiment --- 1862

J.C. Kuykendall --- Co. H 17th Mississippi Regiment -- 1861

H.J. Lowery --- Co. S 1st Mississippi Regiment --- 1864

H.C. Martin --- Co. C Mississippi State Troops --- 1862

H.J. Minyard --- Co. A 47th Mississippi Regiment --- 1862

J.C. Tate --- Co. F 21st Mississippi Regiment

R.J. Thompson --- Co. H 12th Mississippi, Regiment --- 1864

Dr. A.A. Wheat --- Co. A Surgeon Kentucky Regiment --- 1862

W.H. Allen --- Co. S 5th Mississippi Regiment --- 1862

A. Dogan --- Co. D 27th Mississippi Regiment --- 1861

H.H. Dogan --- CO. D 27th Mississippi Regiment -- 1861

E.F. Driskell --- CO. F 4th Mississippi Regiment --- 1864

J.W. Farrel ---- 18th Mississippi Regiment --- 1862

J.H. Houston 000 Co. B Mississippi Regiment -- 1863

J.M. Jones --- Co. B 25th South Carolina Regiment -- 1865

A.J. Neely ---- 29th Mississippi Regiment --- 1862

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L.S.P. Roberson --- 53rd North Carolina Regiment -- 1865
 E.B. Rowe --- Battallion, Co. B. --- 1862
 T.H. Womble --- Co. B 29th Mississippi Regiment
 C.T. Worley --- Co. B 21st Mississippi Regiment -- 1862
 J.A. Wrenn --- Co. I 33rd Mississippi Regiment --- 1862
 G.R. Clarkston --- Co. H 54th Mississippi, Regiment --- 1862
 C.R. Chatman --- Co. S 21st Mississippi Regiment -- 1861
 L.R. Peters --- CO. A 42nd Mississippi Regiment --- 1861
 C.S. Smith --- Co. I 34th Mississippi Regiment -- 1861
 E.P. Turner --- 4th Mississippi Regiment --- 1861
 L.F. Arbuckle --- McLendon's Artillery --- 1863
 H.H. Bloodworth --- Mississippi Battery --- 1863
 J.N. Bloodworth --- Co. C Ward's Artillery --- 1863
 ----- Burt --- Co. B Georgia Artillery ---- 1862
 G.W. Coleman --- Co. E 3rd Mississippi Regiment --- 1863
 A.L. Crosthwaite --- CO. I 7th Mississippi Regiment -- 1861
 John S. Denley --- Co. I 18th Mississippi Regiment --- 1861
 D.W. Denmond --- Co. I 1st Mississippi Regiment -- 1862
 J.M. Hawood --- Co. G 1st Mississippi Regiment -- 1862
 S.R. Harris --- Co. B 1st Mississippi Regiment --- 1862
 E.E. Herron --- Co. A 2nd Missouri Regiment --- 1861
 J.A. Turner ---- Co. F 1st Mississippi Regiment -- 1861
 E.D. Frierson --- Co. E 27th Mississippi Regiment -- 1861
 H.M. Marshall --- Co. E 1st Mississippi Regiment -- 1862
 J.N. Nichols --- Co. B 18th Mississippi Regiment -- 1861
 M.M. Respress --- Co. E 14th Alabama Regiment -- 1862
 J.W. Whitten --- 42nd Mississippi Regiment --- 1861

H.A. Wilson --- Co. D 29th Mississippi --- 1861
 C.G. Williams --- Co. A 44th Mississippi Regiment
 R.E. Wynne ---- Co. G 29th Mississippi Regiment --- 1862. (1)

H.C. Cox	A.M. Pressgrove
J.H. Wheeler	E.H. Bonner
J.G. Goss	John B. Hanks
C.J. Cox	
W.P. Cox	Servants:
J.W. Farned	Archer Betts
H.B. Gowen	Alf Johnson
Jno. A. Lay	Henry C. Right
S.R. Lindley	Bob Brown
J.A. Morgan	Allen Rayburn
Joel D. Rice	Albert Ford
Nash Shook	Lindsey Thompson
T.O. Seubrock	Hemp Carr
J.M. Trimble	Jesse Williamson
L.F. Orrell	Gordon Gooch
S.A. Dean	Porter Carter
M.A. Adkins	Henry Clay Rice
J.H. Alford	Jim Eden
J.M. Burt	Manuel Minter
Edwin D. Frierson	Riley Staton
A.J. Newton	Joe Coleman

(1) Record of Pensions, Vol. I, Tallahatchie County, in office of Chancery Clerk, Court house, Charleston, Miss.

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George Moore
Henry Brown
Matt Black
Jim Butler
Mills Booth
Robert Brown
Boyd Davis
Walter Fisher
Cherley Harris
William Hoke
Frank Noel
Abram Nelson
Rendell Talbert
Elex Wilson
H.M. Gaston
Tom Minter
Eli Griffin
Harry Bell
B.J. Taylor
Jim Eaton
Henry Wright
Allen Rayburn. (1)

(1) Record of Pensions, Vol. II, Tallahatchie County, in office of Chancery Clerk, court house, Charleston, Miss.

List of Soldiers Continued

J.A. Dogen --- Co. D Rayburn Rifles 27th Miss. Regt.
S.R. Harris --- Co. D 1st Mississippi Cavalry
Wm. Bell Marshall --- 1st Mississippi Cavalry
H.C. Staton --- Co. D 1st Mississippi Cavalry
J.S. Thompson --- Co. D 1st Mississippi Cavalry
M.M. Mullen --- Co. K 29th Mississippi Regiment
W.W. Sheely --- Co. D Rayburn Rifles 27th Mississippi Regiment
Jesse Sullivan --- Co. D Rayburn Rifles 27th Mississippi Regiment
J.M. Stewart --- Co. D 24th Mississippi Regiment
Wm. Arndale --- Co. B Robson Rifles 29th Mississippi Regiment
H.A. Summers --- Co. D Rayburn Rifles 27th Mississippi Regiment
J.H. Bull --- Co. D 27th Miss Regiment Rayburn Rifles
J.D. Rice ---- Co. D 27th Mississippi Regiment Rayburn Rifles
W.H. French --- Co. D 27th Mississippi Regiment Rayburn Rifles
Smith Stafford -- Co. D 27th Mississippi Regiment Rayburn Rifles
Thomas McKinney -- Co. D 27th Mississippi Regiment Rayburn Rifles
R.H. Rowland --- Co. B 29th Mississippi Regiment Robson Rifles
J.T. Osakes -- Co. E 30th Mississippi Regiment Yazoo Greys

Mrs. Prince, Mother of ...
code a horse in that is called ...
(1) Miss ...

Records and Exploits of Individuals

Charles T. Worley enlisted at Charleston at the beginning of the War between the States, and was in Company F Tallahatchie Rifles, serving during the war, except the last eleven months, when he was captured and placed in prison at Point Lookout, off the coast of Maryland. His three brothers also served during the war; George, killed at the battle of Gettysburg, and James at the battle of the Wilderness. John, while in the service became ill and was sent home on a furlough, dying soon after. (1)

Elisha Prince, Lovic Prince, and James Prince, and a younger brother, Holcomb Prince, were in the war. Holcomb was captured and spent the last eleven months in Rock Island prison, Elisha and Lovic were killed in the battle of Gettysburg, and James was wounded and died in Little Rock, Arkansas, on the way home.

Mrs. Prince, mother of these men, dressed in men's clothes, rode a horse in what is called the blockade and took food and

(1) Miss Evie Cox, Cascilla, Miss.

clothing to her sons at the risk of her life. The clothes were made by her own hands of cotton and wool she had spun, knit and woven principally at night as she worked by light made of pine torches. Another patriotic deed Mrs. Prince did was when she hid three Confederate soldiers who had been captured by the Federals and escaped. They were trying to get back to their brigade, and the Federals were hunting for them, so she concealed them in the loft of her house and gave them food and water until they could make their escape.

Henry Worley, a slave of Charles Worley's father, went into the War with the Worley boys, and Charles Worley gave him all of his valuables, watch, etc, when he was placed in prison. The negro took good care of these things and gave them all back to them when he returned from the war. Henry Worley gave this faithful old servant a home as long as he lived. (1)

Mrs. Emily Burnett relates this interesting story about an uncle of hers who went to war at its beginning, but was soon

(1) Mrs. Mary Corothers, Charleston, Miss.

captured by the Federals, and being of a friendly nature, soon won their friendship. He was Alfred McPherson, father of Tom McPherson, Oakland. After being captured, he was sent to Camp Dougless. The Federals soon gave him work as a mechanic, by which employment he made enough money to pay the return fare home of several of his boy friends after the close of the war. James, a brother of Alfred's, was killed in the battle of Gettysburg. His people did not know what had become of him until three years after the war, when a relative received in some way, a paper giving a list of the dead, and this list included James' name.

Mrs. Burnett's two brothers-in-law, George and Alex, twin brothers, Tallahatchians, were also in the war. George was killed at Gettysburg, and the family never knew what became of his brother, Alex.

F. Richardson Chapman served four years and suffered many hardships, being wounded twice, once in the hand and once in the neck, the latter time being left on the battlefield as

dead. He took part in the battles of Bunker Hill and Gettysburg. As he was lying upon the battlefield, supposedly dead, some Federals came along and one remarked, "I believe I'll knock that man in the head with my gun"; the other one replied, "There is no need as he is already dead." Mr. Chapman, hearing these words, remained very quiet, although one of the men shot his hat full of holes. After they had gone a party of Confederates came along and carried him to a hospital. (1)

Robert Harold Roland, County Treasurer in 1903, enlisted in the Confederate Army at the beginning of the war and served until the end. Under Captain McLendon, he took part in the battle of Chickamauga. He received several honorable discharges for disability, but each time, after regaining health, he went back to the army. He was with General N.B. Forrest at the close of the war. (2)

William Henry Robinson, a member of the Tallahatchie Rifles, fought in the battle of Chickamauga, was wounded, captured,

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- (1) Mrs. Harriett McNulty, Charleston, Miss.
 (2) Mrs. Will Early, Charleston, Miss.

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and placed in prison at Rock Island, Illinois.

John Hutson Alford enlisted at Charleston when very young. He was under the command of Captain Ashley, taking part in the battle of Shiloh; he served the duration of the war. (1)

Richard P. Ross, a member of Company D Twenty-seventh Mississippi Regiment, was wounded at Franklin, Tennessee, taken prisoner, and carried to Camp Chase, Illinois, where he died. (2)

Merritt Morgan Mullen, a member of Company K Twenty-ninth Mississippi Regiment, enlisted in the Confederate Army in the spring of 1862, in Carroll County, at the age of fifteen years. He fought in the battles of Resaca, New Hope, Lookout Mountain, Kenesaw Mountain, Jonesboro, Dalton, and Missionary Ridge, and was captured on the night of November 30, 1864, at Franklin, Tennessee. He was placed in prison at Fort Douglass, Illinois, and remained there until the close of hostilities.

Upon one occasion he went three days without food or water. His parents had heard that he was dead, and had given up hope of his

(1) Mrs. Lillie Henry, Charleston, Miss.

(2) Mrs. Mary Bernes Smith, Woodville, Miss.

ever returning; but on June 28, 1865, he came home. He lived in Carroll County for four years after, then, moved to Tallahatchie County where he spent the remainder of his life.

M.M. Mullen had four older brothers in the Confederate service who volunteered before he did; they were Benjamin, Jack, Jim and William Morgan. Only three returned from the war; Jack was killed in action, and Ben died later of an infection. (1)

Home Conditions During War

During the War between the States people who were left at home underwent many hardships; they were forced to go as far as Memphis to obtain supplies, seldom reaching home with them, as their wagons were robbed on the way back. Salt was so scarce people were compelled to dig up the dirt from the smoke-houses and drain the salt from it like dripping lye from ashes. Corn cobs were burned and ashes were used for soda. Persimmon seeds, with two small holes drilled through them, were used for buttons. All makeshifts were gladly used that the best might be sent to

(1) Mrs. George Mullen, Cascille, Miss.

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the soldiers.

When raids by the Federals upon homes were common occurrences, naturally every one wanted a place of safety in which to hide valuables. One of these places was located at what is now Tallahassee, about three miles north of Charleston, and is known as "Wolf Hollow". It is near the house of Walter Burnette. At such times most every one near hid their silver, jewels, and even musical instruments, including their pianos, in this place. During these raids food, and quilts for saddle blankets were sometimes taken. The home of D.A. Horton was raided while he was in the fighting line, and his wife and four small children were staying in the home of a sister east of Oakland. When Mrs. Horton saw one of her fine quilts under the saddle of a Federal, she recognized it and, after going to her home, found all her food, chickens, hogs, everything worthwhile taken.

An old citizen of the county, who was a young girl at the time of the war, says she remembers her mother hiding their silver and nest in the woods to save them. The Federals came by,

went through the house and took a comfort which had just been tacked, searched everything in the house, and then went into the lot and rode off with one of her father's best horses. (1)

George H. Payne, whose father was a doctor, did not go to the war, as he was needed at home, but served his country by taking care of the sick, and feeding the soldiers. George, a child of four at the time, remembers when a troop of Confederate soldiers were stationed at Dogwood Flat Church, near their home, and he states that at every meal they fed from fifteen to twenty soldiers. (2)

Upon one occasion the Federals raided the Gooch home, six miles east of Charleston. They went to the gin, burned their cotton, took all of the meat from the smoke-house, and took with them Edwin Gooch, a slave, who was never heard of again. (3)

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- (1) Mrs. Anne Buntin, Charleston, Miss.
 (2) George H. Payne, Payne, Miss.
 (3) Henriette Gooch Williamson, Charleston, Miss. (colored)

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Colonel Robert St. Clair Rayburn was forced to take his family and house-hold servants, and camp in the swamps several days, while the northern officers had their headquarters in his home.

Colonel Rayburn spent large sums for the cause of the South. He bought five hundred kegs of powder for the state of Mississippi, at the beginning of the war, and also helped to uniform Company F Tallahatchie Rifles. (1)

A citizen of the county relates that she remembers one instance when the Federals raided the valley. Her mother, seeing them approach, wrapped her in her apron to hide her. Upon coming into the home, one of the Federals took his sword and cut out a piece of the old log fire-place; while another cut off her pet rooster's head. (2)

(1) Mrs. M.H. Laughlin, Grenada, Miss.

(2) Elvira Collins, Charleston, Miss.

Distinguished Individuals

WILLIAM HENRY FITZGERALD was an important figure in the part taken by Tallahatchie County during the War between the States. He organized the first company from Tallahatchie County, The Tallahatchie Rifles, of which he was captain. He entered the war on July 31, 1861, going to the Confederate Army in Virginia, where he served throughout the four years of the struggle. At the close of the war he was Lieutenant-Colonel of the Twenty-first Mississippi Regiment, Humphreys Brigade, Longstreet's Corps. He was commanding a division the day General Lee surrendered, and with the division was captured, carried to Washington, D.C., and there confined to prison. Colonel Fitzgerald was in prison on the night of Abraham Lincoln's assassination and was hurried away with other prisoners the next morning and confined on Johnson's Island, where he remained until he was paroled, July, 1865. (1)

(1) Mrs. Mattie Fitzgerald Maynard, Clerksdale, Miss.

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CAPTAIN W. SCOTT ESKRIDGE, at the beginning of the war commended a cavalry company, the Tillatoba Greys. After serving one year as captain of this company he returned to Tallehatchie County and organized a second company of cavalry. Later he was transferred to Bellentine's Regiment, where he served the duration of the war. Captain Eskridge was outstanding in all military activities in his regiment, and was one of the leading professional men in the county in the years following the war.

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WILLIAM BALL MARSHALL, of Ashby's Cavalry, first joined with Wise's Legion in 1861, in western Virginia, served until it went out of commission, and then joined Ashby's Cavalry, with which he served until 1862. Then leaving Virginia he joined First Mississippi Cavalry, Pinson's Regiment, where he served until wounded at Moscow, Tennessee. (1)

PATRICK HENRY HOUSTON of Company F Tallehatchie Rifles, although a private, distinguished himself for his courage and

(1) Mrs. Mary Barnes Smith, Charleston, Miss.

daring during the battle of Gettysburg. Union War Records show him captured at Harpers Farm, April 6, 1865, and released at Point Lookout, Maryland, June 6, 1865, per G.O. 109 A.J.O.

Some of the battles that he participated in were: Wilderness, Seven Pines, Williamsburg, Savage Station, White Oak Swamp, Malvern Hill, Sharpsburg, Fredericksburg, Marye's Heights, and Gettysburg. (1)

Letters From Soldiers

"Yorktown, Virginia
April the 8th, 1862.

Dear Father.

"I have nothing but good news. We are fighting here and have been for four days with the greatest success. We are repulsing the enemy at every point. I have been out for ten days with a scouting party, and notwithstanding the hardships I have been through I have enjoyed myself finely. We were attacked last Friday morning some ten miles below here at the Tverdas Mills by General Wood with twenty thousand men, and from there

(1) Mrs. C.R. Elliott, New Orleans, La.

we retreated to Yorktown, the enemy charging on our rear guard all the way, doing but little damage. They came up within shooting distance and camped for the night, and Saturday morning the fight was renewed with great vigor, and continued until yesterday evening, when they retired in consequence of a heavy shower. But the pickets were fighting all night last night; the enemy's camp is in sight of ours and it is thought they are re-inforcing. General Johnston landed here yesterday with twenty thousand men and is about to outflank the enemy. Our loss is very light up to this time. The loss of the enemy is thought to be very heavy. We have lost only seven men killed, and several wounded, and I heard General McGruder say that we had killed three hundred Yankees and taken six hundred prisoners. A private has but little chance to see or know anything outside of his company. One of our company was wounded slightly in the hand, the Colonel's horse was shot through the leg.

"It is a mystery to me how I have escaped so far, for balls have been whistling around my head equal to a swarm of

mad bees. Me or Jim one has made one Yankee bite the dust, we were both standing side and side and saw him crawling on the ground and both of us fired on him, and at the crack of our guns he rose to his feet and jumped into the air about six feet and fell to the ground flat on his face. Two of his comrades carried him off. The colonel slapped me on the shoulder and said that I was into him. Neither of us claimed him. I wounded one that I know of, for I saw him fall and get up, and hobble off. Well, I have written all of the war news, doubtless you have heard of the battle of Pittsburgh where General Beauregard gained a complete victory, taking six thousand prisoners and one hundred pieces of artillery. I think a few more such victories will convince old friend Abe that we do not intend to be whipped by him and his cowardly set of soldiers.

"I want you to write soon and let me know where Dick is. This leaves myself and Jim well. We received a letter from sister Mary a few days ago. Mr. Greer has gone to the battlefield and she wants to come to you. I am going to send her some money to

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pay her way; Jim is going to do the same. We both have money for that purpose. We can send her ten dollars apiece, and more if necessary. I can get money just as long as there is any in the company. Father, you must write soon. I think the battle has closed for today. It is raining here hard so it is impossible to fight. I will write again soon as we are done, if allowed, and I hope that God will carry me through safe. I put all my trust in Him for I know that He is all that can protect me from the hand of my enemy. Give my love to all the family, and kiss Delia for me, and tell her I am coming home Christmas to see her, so I must come to a close.

I remain your obliging son until death,

B.T. Mullen.

"Farewell but not forever, and if forever, Fare the Well.

B.T. and J.H. Mullen." (1)

(1) Letter in possession of Mrs. George Mullen, Cascilla, Miss.

"Columbus, Kentucky
October 15, 1867 ???

"Dear Sister,

I sent myself this morning to write you a few lines to let you all know that I am well, or very near. I haven't been able for duty in one month though I have left the hospital, I can't think of anything to write that will interest you.

"There have been several brushes between our battery and the Lincoln's and gun boats, in which the boats were struck several shots and drove back several of the Lincolns. Bomb shells were thrown into our lines, though did not do the least damage. The Bolivar troops had a fight ten miles on the Missouri side in which we gained a small victory. The Yankees lost some three or four killed; seven wounded, and some four horses. Our loss is one man wounded in the arm, three horses killed, one wounded. We have no excitement in camp, everything calm. Colonel Blythe's house took fire yesterday and burned down. His sister-in-law,

who was here on a visit with his wife, lost the most of her clothes, sixty dollars in money. The health of this company is only tolerably good. Mother, I want you to send me two pairs of winter pants, one westcoat, and one pair of socks. Send them soon as possible, try and send them in the box with Allen Womble's clothes which W.D. Roane is sending him, don't fail to send them soon. I will close; write soon, you don't write very often, it seems, try and see if you can't write some oftener.

G.W. Burnette
to Miss S. Burnette"

"Miss Kitty, if you and your mother don't answer my letter which I wrote you I will never write again.

H.A. Womble."

On the back side of this letter is pictured a cannon, also the poem "Run Yenk Or Die." (1)

(1) Miss Alice Jones, Charleston, Miss.

MEXICAN WAR

Roster of Mississippi Regiment

Certified copies of the field and staff officers and company rolls of the Second Mississippi Regiment, active in the Mexican War, were received from the War Department through E.C. Welthall, March 31, 1887. The regiment was mustered in at Vicksburg, in July, 1848, and officered as follows:

Reuben Davis, Colonel
Ezra Price, Major
Thos. S. Munce, Adjutant
William Berksdale, A.S.C.
D.A. Kinchloe, Asst. Surgeon
G.H. Lipscomb, Quartermaster-Sergeant
James C. Wilson, Sergeant-Major
Robert H. Hunter, Fife-Major
Charles Clark, Colonel
John A. Wilcox, Lieutenant-Colonel
Beverly Matthew, Adjutant
C.M. Price, Assistant Quartermaster
Thomas N. Love, Surgeon
W.P. Baughn, Sergeant-Major
Zechariah Kelly, Principal Musician
William E. Warren, Quartermaster-Sergeant

Companies:

A --- A.K. Blythe, Captain
 C --- Enos Elder, Captain
 E --- Alexander M. Jackson, Captain
 G --- Charles Clarke, Colonel
 I --- Alfred A. Overton, Captain
 B --- Joseph H. Kilpatrick, Lieutenant-Colonel
 D --- Joel M. Acker, Captain
 F --- William I. Daniel, Captain
 H. --- Adam McWillie, Captain
 J. and K --- Benjamin C. Buckley, Captain.

Detachments of Second Regiment:

First Detachment -- 38 men -- William Estelle, Captain.

Second Detachment -- 13 men -- Jesse G. Steele, First Lieutenant.(1)

(1) Democratic Herald, Charleston, Miss., Oct. 25, 1900

SPANISH AMERICAN WAR

Although Tallahatchie County was represented by men who took part in the Spanish-American War, it had no direct effect on the citizens of the county, as no soldiers from Tallahatchie were wounded in this war. A few veterans receive government pensions.

Names of Enlisted Men

Adams, B.T.	----- Saucer
Adams, J.C.	Spencer, Dadd
Barnes, Shade	Saunders, Jim
Burkhalter, W.A.	Trewells, Spencer
Crenshaw, W.R.	Turner, Ollie
Fielder, Sam	Wilshire, Willard
Gentry, Frank	
Johnson, Clyde	
Johnson, Louis	
Lee, Robert	
McMullen, W.O.	
Newton, Eugene	
Pressgrove, Tub	
Priddy, David	

Letters From Veterans

"Company F- 4th Infantry
 Manila, P.I.
 November 2, 1900

" Dear Mr. Dudley (Editor)

"If you will allow me space in your valuable paper I will say something about the Philippines, and my journey to this country from New York, although there are a great many things of interest about which I cannot write. After spending five months in a port in New York City we boarded the transport Sumner, and set sail for the Philippines on the first of April, reaching Gibraltar on the fourteenth. Gibraltar is an English port on the southern coast of Spain, and said to be the strongest in the world. After being in port for two days we passed through the Strait of Gibraltar into the Mediterranean Sea. Our next stop was at Malta. This is a city of the oldest type, being surrounded by a very thick wall. The inhabitants were of all races and color. There you will find Jews, Moors, and negroes, or any other nationality of people you may care to see. The streets of Malta are very narrow, and are filled

with
 cattle, goats, sheep, and all other kinds of domestic animals.

We were given a warm greeting by the English soldiers here, and had a good time for two days. Resuming our journey we reached Port Said, Egypt, several days later. Port Said is situated at the entrance of the Suez Canal, and is known as one of the most wicked cities in the world. The inhabitants were mostly negroes, so black that their faces glittered. They were the dirtiest class of people that it has ever been my misfortune to meet. The only mode of conveyance of traveling around the city was in carts drawn by men. You can pay five cents and they will carry you to any part of the city. If you couldn't see, you wouldn't know but that you were being drawn by a Kentucky thoroughbred. The railroad trains of Egypt look more like little toy trains than anything else. Some of the cars are only eight feet long. After spending several days at Port Said we again started on our journey, this time through the Suez Canal. As far as eye could reach on either side there was nothing but desolate sand -- not a shrub, or vegetable of any kind could be seen. Occasionally, we would pass a naked savage running up and

down the sandy beach. You could throw him a piece of bread and he would jump up and down, clap his hands and sing as though he had not seen anything of the kind for a week. The natives look more like wild animals than human beings. We finally got through the canal and entered the Red Sea, and passed on through into the Indian Ocean. We stopped two days at Ceylon, and two days in India, leaving here we traveled through the China Sea, and sailed into the beautiful blue waters of Manila Bay on the first day of June. We saw the wreck of the Spanish Fleet, which Admiral Dewey sunk in May, 1898. We were soon in port and going ashore. We stayed over night in Cavite, I came to the San Francisco De Malibon, where I found a company of sun burnt looking fellows quartered in bamboo shacks. The life of a soldier in the Phillipines is like that of the transgressor - it is hard. The sentry, while at his post, walks in the rain, his only consolation being that the greater quantity of the wet element will miss him. The insurrection on the island is worse than when we first came over. One can scarcely get out of town without being ambushed. The other night while the

writer was asleep dreaming of the sweet comforts of home and what the future might be, he was suddenly awakened from peaceful slumber by the sharp report of a Mauser. In came the sergeant and hustled the boys outside. We were lined up, right-faced, and marched off through the rain and mud. One of the boys said, "Jim, did you see that picture in front of the Recruiting Office on Fourth Street? It didn't look like us, did it?" The sergeant broke in with, "Oh, quit your d--n kicking," and on we went. The night was so dark we couldn't see the heavens, much less anything in front. Through mud knee deep, a fellow occasionally going up to his neck, we pressed on in a way that would make a preacher bite his lip to keep from using cuss words. Not a single ladrone could be found. They had "vamosed" as the natives call it. Just about the time you think you are up against the real thing, they are gone, "vamosed." For fear I will tire the reader, I will quit for the present. With best wishes to the editor, relatives and friends,"

Very truly,
W.A. Burkhalter."

(1) Democratic Herald, Charleston, Miss., Dec. 1900

TALLAHATCHIE COUNTY, FLORIDA

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"Company G-6th U.S. Infantry
Dumaguete, P.I.

"My Dear Mother,

"I know you have received one of my three letters by now - one mailed in Gibraltar, Spain, one at Columbo, Ceylon, and one at Iloilo, Panay Island. I have at last reached my company. We are on Negres Island, about four hundred miles south of Manila. It is said to be the most healthy place in the whole Philippines. We are in a small town with the sea on one side and a ridge of very high mountains on the other, making a very pretty place. The quarters are an old Spanish Convent, very large, roomy, and cool, with a Catholic church at one end, which the natives use daily. We are having little or no trouble now and haven't had for a year or more. We have two companies here; Company F, and my company, G. Have native police. Of course, we have to be very careful. The war is as good as over here. We reached Columbo, Ceylon Island, on the 20th of December. It was the prettiest place I ever saw. Eight days later while I was writing this we got orders to go by boat to the southern end of the island where some trouble was expected. Twenty

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went but did not fire a gun. We marched back sixty miles but stood it all right. We were at Singapore, Malay Peninsula, only a few hours, no one got off on account of cholera. The next stop was Manila, we stayed there two or three days though I didn't see much of the place, just the business part. It looked very much like our cities, then we went to Iloilo, Panay Island, and stayed ten days. I wrote you from there. Then we went to Bacolod - it was only forty miles and we went in a small sail boat towed by a launch. Ought to have made it in an hour, but we were caught in a storm. Got separated and we had to stay out nearly twenty-four hours before we could land. I got very hungry but we finally landed and stayed one week, and then we came here. I have had a very long trip, and when I come home I will have been clear around the world. I think I have seen enough of it too. This is a very desolate place, I don't suppose there is a stamp within four hundred miles of here, and we have no communications with the outside world, only by some chance boat. It may be ten days before this letter leaves. Be sure and write me all the news for six months back.

TALAHATCHIE COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

I will close."

Your son,
W. Oscar McMullen."(1)

WORLD WAR

Army Units From County

There were no units formed in Tallahatchie County for the World War, however, Colonel J.A. Blount organized the First Mississippi Field Artillery, which later became 140th Field Artillery, which was composed of Tallahatchie County boys.

The First Mississippi Field Artillery was composed of the following batteries: Battery A, Water Valley; Battery B, Jackson; Battery C, Greenwood; Battery D, Hattiesburg; Battery E, Mississippi College; Battery F, Meridian; Supply Company, Scooba; Headquarters Company, Grenada; Medical Detachment, Grenada.

This regiment was commanded by Colonel E.B. Boyd, and later by Colonel W.C. O'Farrell. The various batteries were trained at their home stations until some time in August, 1917, when they were sent to Jackson, where they remained until October 1. The

regiment was sent then to Camp Beauregard, Louisiana, for training. In March, 1918, a great number of the privates were sent across as replacements. The regiment left Camp Beauregard July, 1918, for Camp Mills, New York, and sailed from that place to west France the latter part of August. The regiment remained at Brest ten days, and was sent to Messac, France, where it remained about three weeks; and from there it was sent to Coequadan for intensive training, completed its training on November 5, and was waiting for transportation when the Armistice was signed. In November, after the Armistice was signed, the regiment was sent to Camp Du Du Valdehan, France; leaving there about May 15, for Marseilles, and sailed from Marseilles on the "Duke D' O'Osta, Italian boat, going by the way of Gibraltar, where the boat remained about three days. From Gibraltar to New York. Most of the drafted men were discharged at Camp Mills, New York. The regiment left Camp Mills by special train and came to Jackson, where it was entertained by the citizens of Jackson, then later mustered out of service at Camp Shelby.

The 140th Field Artillery was the only regiment from the state of Mississippi that went intact; other regiments organized and went in as replacements. Headquarters Company and the Medical Detachments were made up of privates from Grenada, Tallahatchie, Panola, and Carroll counties. The troops who were sent over as replacements saw actual service in France. The officers of Headquarters Company were: Captain L.L. Hodges; First Lieutenant, J.A. Blount, who was later promoted to the rank of Captain, and assigned to command Battery D of 140th Field Artillery. Captain L.L. Hodges, Grenada County, resigned early in 1918, and was succeeded by Captain Bob Smith, Hattiesburg.

Only one man from Headquarters Company and the Medical Detachment died in service. The 140th Field Artillery lost only seven men while overseas -- three from gun explosions; four from disease. A great number of these men in the 140th were later commissioned as Second Lieutenants. First Lieutenant, J.A. Blount, after being promoted to captain, was discharged as Major in Reserves.

He was later promoted to the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel in the 140th Field Artillery. The 140th was the best equipped regiment in the United States, being equipped with the famous French "75" millimeter guns.

Names of Enlisted Men

Will G. Harvey, Jr. -- A.E.F.	Sylvester S. Deaton --- A.E.F.
John Lavender, --- A.E.F.	Tom H. Harris
John Vanburen, (Colored)	Harry Crow --- U.S.N.
Sam P. Jones --- A.E.F.	Aubrey W. Patterson -- U.S.N.
Herbert G. Houston	David P. Kihnel
Cephas Denman --- Marine	Frank Newman
Richard Taylor	Roy Amacker
Sam L. Polk	Halbert Harris ---- U.S.A.
Harper Lee Allison	Lacy Allison --- U.S.A.
John Sossomen	Charles M. Brunson -- U.S.A.
Clifton Priddy --- A.E.F.	Joe Frazier
Hubert E. Telford	William Moorman
Clarence W. Kihnel	Julian E. Ashmore
Rex Buchensen --- U.S.N.	Robert Lee Allison
James E. Rice	John Richard Hall
Lee O. Blycock	Thomas J. Zeek
Harry R. Whitten	Thomas Kent (colored)
Dexter Moorman	Oby Galloway (colored)
Webster Buchensen --- A.E.F.	Alex Duke --- A.E.F.

Alex Biles (colored)	Thomas Scott
Griffin Haskin (colored)	James E. Farned --- A.E.F.
Carl Gray	Lawrence Vance --- A.E.F.
Oran Marshall Robinson	James Burke . (1)
Frank Kincaid	William Otto Moore
Charles Spencer Friddy	Ollie Adams
W.D. Kuykendall --- A.E.F.	Sylvian Byars
Carl Manuel	Reuben C. Davis
Fonda Rowland	Johnnie O'Bryant --- A.E.F.
Wright Williams	Johnnie M. Howard --- A.E.F.
Issac S. Clerk	Willie Garden --- A.E.F.
Jim Laughlin	Rex Hunt --- A.E.F. (1)
Dupree Etheridge	Bryon Albritton
Pryor B. Newman	John Alexander
Net. Z. Prout --- A.E.F.	Alvin Burnett
Robert M. Whitten --- A.E.F.	Shufford Beardin
George Wilkes (colored)	Junior Brown
Pearl Henry	Timothy M. Bounds
Zesland Benjamin Thigpen	Hamilton Caldwell
Joseph P. Dogan	Russell L. Crow
Clarence W. Thomas	Rodney R. Crow
Dillard Newman---- A.E.F.	Thomas Oscar Cox
Jesse Sullivan	James H. Cheatham
Thomas W. Thomas	Tom Jim Dixon
Thomas G. Kuykendall --- A.E.F.	Harry Dogan
Lindsey R. Crow --- A.E.F.	David Dogan

Elmore Dean	Wiley Roy Terry
Daniel Ellis	Owen W. Thompson. (1)
Walter Eskridge	First Quota of Drafted Men:
David Ellis	F.C. Kincaid
Alex Galloway	Roan T. Trull
Marion Grantham	S.B. Russell
Albert C. Hunt	John George Lewis
Glenn Houston	L.F. New
Sury Hoskins	Jodie Howard
Warner L. Henson	A.T. Gunter
Joel D. Rice Howell	Charles F. Gray
Dewitt L. Jackson	S.R. Zinn
Butler Kent	B.S. Fedric
Daniel Knight	W.L. Adams
Van Lowry	John H. Williams, Jr.
Walter Loggins	L.S. Collier
Joe Marshall	Henry Brewer
William Moor	S.B. Carr
Alton Morgan	T.B. Otts (2)
Carl Norvell	Second Quota of Drafted Men:
William Henry Osborne	J.M. Hobbs
Eddie Linder Price	James Henson
Aubrey W. Patterson	J.B. Hill
Morris H. Rosen	Jas. A. Ross
Henry C. Stone	Fonda Duboise
Elbert F. Stringer	

(1) World War Record Book, Chancery Clerk's Office, Charleston, Miss
 (2) Democratic Herald, Charleston, Miss., Sept, 5, 1917.

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