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LEAVES FROM THE ASH TREE

Personal Reminiscences and Anecdotes Drawn from the Archives
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Item I Fresno County Militia Roll of 1862

The tradition of the Militia or Home Guard dates from the beginning of this nation. Civilians formed armed groups to protect lives and property and to repel invasion and quell rebellion.

In California the Militia Law was enacted in 1849. Historian Bancroft writes, "The militia law of 1849 declared subject to enrollment for military duty all free white men between the ages of 18 and 45, excepting such as had served a full term in the army or navy, or were members of volunteer companies within the state."

The militia law was revised on the 17th of May, 1861, and the State Militia was organized into six divisions and twelve brigades, with provisions for equipment and regulations for drilling and calling into action.

The Fresno County Militia Roll was recorded in the second year of the Civil War. We also have the Rolls of 1863 and 1865 in our Archives.

Report of the War Department, Part 4, 1865-1866 records this order from President Lincoln, on the 4th of August, 1862. "That a draft of three hundred thousand militia be immediately called into the service of the United States, to serve for nine months, unless sooner discharged."

From the Adjutant General's office, August 9, 1862, came the order as to how this should be done. If a State was unable to fill its quota of volunteers to serve in the war, the deficiency would be made up from men on the militia rolls by drawing of names from a box, similar to a jury box. The rolls would be compiled by officers appointed by the Governor of the State, such as tax assessors or the Sheriff of the County.

It is interesting to speculate what might have happened if the Fresno County militia had been called into action to quell a rebellion in this area. The voices raised in defence of the Confederacy were loud and determined. Between Merced and Los Angeles the settlers were of southern descent and sympathy. The Federal troops stationed at Fort Miller, Camp Babbitt and Fort Tejon in 1863 and 1864 were evidently an effective deterrent to any rebellion planned in the central and southern part of this state.



Historian Vandor states that California had no call made upon it to furnish men to fight the Confederacy. The volunteer California Hundred and California Battalion were attached to the Massachusetts regiment. Other men from California fought or were stationed in the west.

The following list is copied as written on the Rolls. The correct spelling of some of the names is on file in our Archives. Lines drawn through the name indicates exemption from duty. Partly illegible names are followed by (?).

Atkins, E. P.	Berron, Charles	Dunagan, D. C.
Ault, J. M.	Bird, John	Denney, J. E.
Alder, Saml.	Baker, Charles H.	Dunlap, T. J.
Aikers, Anderson	Berry, John	Dunlap, J. W.
Aikers, Henry	Bailey, Wm. M.	Donaldson, Wm.
Andrews, B. A.	Baldwin, John. H.	Davis, Jesse
Aikers, Harvey	Benson, Edward	Dennis, Leroy
Ash, Jeremiah	Brown, Charles	Dennis, Saml.
Anderson, William	Bochman, E.	Douglass, C. G.
Abel, Green	Barnet, Henry	Duff, F. B. C.
Aldridge, Julius	Burroughs, W. H.	Deakin, Wm.
Adshad, William	Bransford, Robt.	Daulton, Henry C.
Angelo, Bigniole	Bacon, J. P.	Darwin, A. M.
Anderson, A. J.	Cherry, C. F.	Dennis, Edward
Appling, P. C.	Carroll, Hugh A.	Dunn, Michael
Appling, Edward	Chambers, Henry	Dunlap, James
Achl�y, W. R.	Childers, Oliver	Esrey, Justin
Adams, W. R.	Caldwell, Wm. C.	Esrey, Jonathan
Arnold, Benjamin P.	Chines, Augustus	Edgar, J. R.
Arnold, James	Converse, C. P.	Englis, F. W.
Anderson, Charles	Cado, Antonia P.	Folsom, Ira B.
Blasingame, J. A.	Crow, B. H.	Froelick, Otto
Bozeman, Preston	Coffee, Saml. B.	Flanagan, John
Bozeman, John	Gernelius, -Robert	Ferole, Henry
Burrell, Cuthbert	Cuningham, A.	Folsom, J. B.
Bolling, Wm. C.	Crooks, Wm. H.	Finch, Geo. W.
Bliss, C. H.	Capata, Joseph	Faust, P. C.
Blomberg, Henry	Cocochran, C. A. (?)	Fielding, William
Bubb, J. P.	Collins, James G.	Faymenville, -Wm.
Bullock, A. C.	Colmore, J. P.	Ferguson, E. C.
Baden, Jacob	Chidester, Saml.	Fager, Richard
Burns, Joseph	Carter, Geo. P.	Garton, William
Birhrenheimer, H. (?)	Christy, Wm. W.	Goar, James
Baker, James	Crow, William	Glenn, William
Block, August	Cessil, Theodore	Glenn, Richard
Besore, John	Crosby, Wm. E.	Gibson, William
Bear, William	Carmack, Jefferson	Grayson, John B.
Barton, John	Cox, John	Grieve, Edmond
Berry, Benjamin, E.	Cuming, Wm. J.	Gibson, T. B.
Bacon, Benjamin	Crump, J. G.	Gaster, Stephen
Bethel, James	Carman, Jacob	Gillmore, John
Bounds, Alkanah (?)	Chisister, J. G.	Gould, G. L.
Baker, John H.	Croucher, William	Griswold, John
Baird, Alfred	Converse, Charles	Green, George

Goforth, Geo. S.
Gailey, Thomas
Gibbs, J. E.
Gideon, John
Hughes, L. G.
Huckaby, David
Howard, H. E.
Hickey, J. C.
Hill, Wm. W.
Holland, D. D.
Holland, C. S.
Howell, A. D.
Hill, Spencer H.
Harp, W. B.
Hill, William
Hawn, G. A. (?)
Hanford, John (?)
Hopkins, E. T.
Henerica, Henry
Hensley, J. J.
Hildreth, E. J.
Hughes, John
Hazeltime, William
Hogan, S. L.
Henry, Simon W.
Hart, Charles A.
Hatch, Charles H.
Harris, James
Hubbard, John
Hensley, Sam. J. J.
Ingram, William
Jones, C. J.
Johnson, J. W.
Jones, James R.
Jones, Thomas
James, Jefferson
Johnson, Woodson
Jeffries, Thos. M.
Jones, Samson
Johnson, Peter
Jeffries, W. H.
Johnson, Benjamin
Johnson, Andrew
Kincaid, Saml. C.
Kincaid, E. S.
Kerns, James
Kennedy, Alexr.
Krauss, Charles
Kinsman, Joseph M.
Krug, William
Knowles, Fred.
Knowles, Frank
Kittleman, David
Kemble, Newell
Kinsman, Oliver

Lewis, Henry
Lowry, Leonadas
Laremore, Robt.
Lehleln, Frederick
Lewis, Saml, H.
Lewis, Wm. H.
Leroy, Charles
Leach, Julius
Lyall, Ambrose
Lewis, Wm. M.
Lewis, Jonathan
Lineberger, John H.
Langdon, Saml.
Lanford, Elijah
Lane, J. P.
Leslie, James
Lanford, Ira J.
Lally, J. F.
McLoud, John
McKenney, Nelson
Marks, T. S.
Morrow, Jesse
Mayfield, John
Middleton, Thomas
Marks, Miles C.
McIntosh, Saml.
Matthews, Laben
Martin, William
McKenney, Andy
Mockbee, J. W.
McCullough, George
McCoy, Wm. B.
Miller, W. H.
McKeown, C. S.
Maxwell, John W. C.
Michael, Charles
McKenzie, James
Moore, J. T.
Maxwell, Gilbert
McGee, Henry
McCreary, Wm. A.
Macey, Benjamin
Masters, Hermon
McCardle, James
Mayer, L.
Munn, Thomas
Murphy, Perry
Markley, J.
Medley, Marion
Medley, Joseph
Meredith, John
Morgan, David
Nevius, R. (?)
Norris, Benjamin
Neely, A. H.

Nichols, J. R.
Oaks, David C.
O'Connor, J. B.
Ouslem, Tavner
Patton, J. E.
Pierson, Isaac
Perry, Ed.
Parrys, John
Phillips, Austin
Potter, Jos.
Perea, Joaquin
Parsley, Richard
Patterson, John A.
Plaskett, Wm. L.
Potts, W. H.
Paden, Edward
~~Parker, W. H.~~
Payne, T. J.
Phillips, Frank
Proffett, D. A.
Phillips, Perry C.
Parsons, Joel
Parsons, A.
Phinnecey, Michael
Quin, Martin
Quigley, H. M.
Rousseau, Wm.
Royal, Joseph
Rowe, Frank
Reed, Andrew
Rigby, James
Ray, David T.
Richardson, S.
Reed, Stephen B.
Rea, Jonathan
Rasmason, Peter
Reed, James
Richards, James
Rice, Archibald
Roberts, Cornelius
Rimell, John
Ridgeway, Jerry
Ritchie, A. A.
Robinson, A. M. C.
Stallo, T. C.
Simpson, John G.
Steddum, James M.
Story, John W.
Spencer, J. M.
Spencer, J. M.
Statham, Albert
Sanders, B. F.
Shore, Thomas
Slinkard, J. B.
Street, Richard
Simpson, C. D.

Schroeder, John	Taylor, Richard	Wagner, Joseph
Simon, John P.	Thomas, William	Winkelman, Thomas
Stroud, Ira	Trumbull, Robt.	Williams, John W.
Sagehorn, Wm.	Trenery, Prior T.	Warren, N. G.
Smith, Geo. F.	Trussel, Wilson	Ward, W.
Sutherland, James	Upton, S. B.	Witten, Wm. N.
Smoot, S. M.	Urquhart, James	Yancey, Charles A.
Smoot, Wm. H.	Vinsonhaler, Thos. B.	Yates, Frederick
Schroeder, Julius G.	Vanlear, M. H.	Yarbrough, Albert
Studer, Lewis	Vanvolkenburg, J. A.	Zuber, W. W.
Shultz, J. M. C.	Wheeler, Augustus	Sarvers, Elijah
Stockton, J. D.	Wootten, William	Sullivan, Henry
Sweeney, Robt.	Woods, J. S. L.	Wyatt, William
Smyth, John S.	Woods, John W.	Craven, Joshua
Stanley, J. N.	Witt, William L. L.	Reeves, F. G.
Stevens, Alden	Ward, R. H.	Rivers, Louis
Smith, James	Willey, William	Rhodregas, Brigador
Shannen, J. M.	Wagner, Lewis	Atkins, Henry
Shank, Robt.	Woods, George D.	Bubb, William
Stephenson, H.	Wright, Enos A.	Bubb, W. H.
Simpson, Thos. W.	Wadsworth, Saml.	Delor, Thomas
Stevenson, C. H.	Wilson, Geo.	Denney, J. C.
Snyder, Charles	Wilson, Marion	Davis, C. P. (or D.)
Sharpton, Geo.	Woodruff, Wm.	Draper, Josiah
Trumbull, David Dr.	Walker, James	Dennis, Franklin
Thorn, A. J.	Walker, Frank	Fink, Peter
Turman, Charles R.	Wilson, James F.	Frakes, Saml.
Taylor, David	Wagner, George	Fry, J. R.
Thompson, J. C.	Workman, Joseph	Garat, John
Taylor, Wm. B.	Walters, W.	Hensley, John P.
Thornberry, S. B. C.	Wallis, R. P.	Parks, Robert

Subsequent Militia List

Alexander, Christian	Music, Jessee	Ross, Jessee
Bowman, Frederick	Parsons, Joel	Sutherland, John
De Shiel, Wm. A.	Proctor, Marion	Sutherland, Wm. Sr.
Houston, Louis	Rhodes, Daniel	Sutherland, Wm. Jr.
Kleiber, Wm.		Wright, Clayborn

Item II

Report of the Grand Jury
June 17, 1858

To the Hon. Court of Sessions
Fresno County, California

"The Grand Jury would most respectfully submit the following report after a carefull examination of the books in the Clerks, Auditors and Treasurers office. We find them kept in a business like manner, and we further find the financial affairs of the County in a good condition, and the accompanying Report of the Auditor to be correct. The prisoner confined in the Jail are well cared for under the circumstances exist-

1800S REFERENCE ONLY

PIONEER SETTLERS OF THE SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY

Extracted by Kathy Burrow

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Pioneers settle in a region for many reasons. Good farmlands and commerce are often the main reasons or maybe it was because they followed the migration of their church and neighbors. Perhaps they were escaping family headaches or were among that hardy group of men who heeded the call of the west for gold and adventure. Whatever the reason we need to look at all record sources to complete the stories of our first pioneer. You never know where that clue will be that leads you back to their point of origin. As I was looking through the early Fresno records a list came across my desk that gave not only names but also places of residence outside of the Fresno area in 1851. On the list I found a couple of very familiar names. Unusual surnames of kids I had gone to school with in Fresno. This led me to wonder how many of the men who fought in the Indian Wars of 1851 had liked the country and decided to settle here.

In December of 1850 the Indians began an uprising killing 2 clerks keeping a trading post owned by James D Savage on the Fresno River, then in Mariposa County some distance above what was known as Leaches Store in 1889. A week later on the 2 January 1851 a group of thirty men were engaged in a battle by the same Indians at a trading post owned by Cassady and Lane a few miles below Millerton. (These same two men also owned a mining camp a few miles above Millerton.) As a consequence of these uprisings a volunteer Battalion under Major James D. Savage was called in Mariposa on January 24, 1851. These men were mustered into the service of the State of California by James Burney, Sheriff of Mariposa. These men were in California from all over the United States. It is said that many of the men in company A under the command of Captain Kuykendall were said to be sailors and unfamiliar with horses.

I have listed the men of these companies not in Alphabetical order but by Residence so that a comparison can be made of which men came from which area's of the United States. So often people traveled with acquaintances or family members even in the west and so a comparison of where everyone came from can be very helpful.

Following is Muster Roll of a Volunteer Battalion under the command of Major James D. Savage, mustered into the service of State of California by James Burney, Sheriff of Mariposa. January 24, 1851. These men were in California from all over the United States and will be listed by (1) Company and (2) Previous Residence whenever the information was provided. As always not all company clerks kept the same notes so the information varies from one Company to another.

James D Savage Company

Company A.			
Residence	Name	Rank	Age
Alabama, Clark County	Scott, John I.	First Lieutenant	33
Australia	Hill, Richard	Private	32
Australia	Hill, R E	Private	32
Boston, Massachussetts	Ellis, John	Private	23
Boston, Massachussetts	Fulton, Frances	Private	21
California	O'Donel, Joseph	Private	30
California, Monterey	Forbz, Hector M.	Ord. Sergeant	49
California, Santa Barbara	Millhouse, Gustavis	Private	25
Charles Town Massachussetts	Freeman, Wm. F.	Private	21

City of York	Dudley, W.	Private	32
Covington, Rhode Island	Green, Wm.	Private	29
District of James Town C.C..	Davis, Walter L.	Private	28
Illinois, Morgan County	Wright, Wm.	Private	28
Iowa, Genesee	Hazeleig, Charles	Private	20
Kentucky, Henderson County	Stone John E.	Private	19
Louisiana, Caddo parish	Puples A.H.	Private	28
Louisiana, New Orleans	McKey, Thomas	Private	28
Louisiana, New Orleans	Still, Vendel	Private	28
Louisiana, New Orleans	Wilson, Robert	Private	26
Louisiana, St Landre Parish	James, John	Private	29
Maine, Hanson	Potter, James W.	Private	32
Massachusetts, Boston	Brison, James	Private	21
Massachusetts, Boston	Small Wm. B.	Private	32
Massachusetts, Camdon Co.	Bell, George	Private	25
Massachusetts, Southwich	Aldrich, Julius	Private	24
Mississippi, Franklin	Riley John S.	Private	30
Mississippi, Holms county	Petchford, Washington	Private	19
Mississippi, Natchez	Selar, John	Private	28
Missouri, Lexington	Stone Samuel S.	Private	22
Missouri, St Louis	Criper, Henry	Private	34
Missouri, St Louis	Gostner, Joseph	Private	29
Missouri, St Louis	Hunter, William C.	Private	26
Missouri, St Louis	Leach, Lewis (Dr.)	Private	28
New Jersey, Monmouth	Myers, Charles P.	Private	26
New Jersey, Newark	Hugh, Martin	Private	25
New York City	Barrett, Joseph	Private	20
New York City	Cheniles, Henry	Private	27
New York City	Fearon, Samuel	Private	23
New York, Albany	Leander, Joseph	Private	25
New York, Buffalo	Pilkington, Mathew	Private	34
New York, Erie County	Burgess, Joseph	Private	31
New York, Genesee	Smith Hiram C.	Private	18
New York, Jefferson County	Westcott, Varnum	Private	25
New York, Steubon County	Brundige, V.D.	Private	21
New York, Steubon County	Smith, Elisha M.	Second Bvt.	25
Norfolk Co. Massachusetts	Fulsome, Daniel	Private	21
Ohio, Clark County	Huffman, Henry A.	Private	25
Ohio, Lawrence County	Sutton John D.	Private	34
Pennsylvania, Carlisle	Rheem, Charles W.	Private	
Pennsylvania, Philadelphia	Hermann, John	Private	30
Philadelphia (a black boy)	Gidean, Charles	Private	23
Steuben Co. New York	French, Clent	Private	25
Texas, Cass County	Robertson, W. W.	Private	25
Texas, Dallas County	Thomas Isaac P.	Private	25
Texas, Fanning County	Isham, Claburn	Private	30
Texas, Harris County	Kuykendall, John I.	Captain	36
Texas, Harris County	McSlay, Andrew	Private	33/38
Texas, Jasper County	Lewis, Samuel H.	Private	22
Texas, Lamar County	Miller R.F.	Private	18
Texas, Leon County	Loyd, Sim M.	Private	30
Texas, Lion County	Hunter, Bob	Private	38

Texas, Newton	Seybola, Conrad	Private	23
Texas, Red River County	Rodgers, Thomas T.	2nd Lieutenant	45
Texas, Travis County	McKenzie David	Private	21
Texas, Cass County	McFadden, O.P.	Private	24
Troy, New York	Crookshank Wm. T	Private	28
Vermont, Calais	Blanchard, Aaron	Private	29
	Burnham, H.	Private	
	Luker, Wm.	Private	
	McCloud, Wm.		
Company B.			
Remarks	Name	Rank	Age
	Bowling, John	Captain	
	Chandler, Reuben T.	First Lieutenant	
	Gilbert, Thomas J.	2nd Lieutenant	
	Hancock Thomas J.	2nd Bvt	
	Hawkins, John J.	1st Sergeant	
	Gray, James	1st Corporal	
All the Time	Adams, Edward S.	2nd Corporal	
All the time	Allen, Joseph A.	Private	
	Anderson, Phillip	Private	
	Beadley, Thomas N.	Private	
	Black Norman	Private	
	Black, John C.	Private	
	Burnell, Lafayette H.	Private	
All the Time	Brooks, Israel H.	3rd Corporal	
	Brown Wm P.	Private	
	Blakely, Everett C.	Private	
	Berdon, Joseph S.	Private	
	Chambers, James H.	Private	
	Crenshaw, George H	Private	
	Crenshaw, Wm. A.	Private	
All the time	Cameron, Alexander M.	3rd Sergeant	
Place taken by R. McKee Mar 20th	Clark, Francis B.	Private	
	Chase, George	Private	
	Drinkwater, Nelson	Private	
	Davis, Wm. H.	Private	
	Edmunson, John C.	Private	
	Fermon, Edward	Private	
	Flanegan, Patrick	Private	
	Folsome, Joseph B.	Private	
	Ford, George M.	Private	
	Fisher, Wm. P.	Private	
	Fairchilds, John	Private	
All the time	Gordon, Ennis B.	2nd Sergeant	
A D Fireball substituted Mar. 10th	Graham, Jesse J.	Private	
	Gray, Augustus A.	Private	
Place taken by G W Camron	Hill, Pembleton	Private	
	Howard, Wm. H.	Private	
Time served out by P Hussery	Hall, Robert L.	Private	
	Hale, Johnson B.	Private	

	Houghton, Edward W.	Private	
	Hunt, John L	Private	
	Hayes, Wm H.	Private	
	Kerr, John C.	Private	
	Kerney, James	Private	
	Lendrum, George	Private	
	Lyles, Isaac	Private	
	Lloyd, George W.	Private	
	Lustor, Sterling H.	Private	
Time Served out by Clint French	Lowring, James	Private	
	McKenney, Andrew	Private	
	McKenney James M.	Private	
	McGarrah, James	;	
	Miller John I	Private	
	Morris, Thomas	Private	
Time Served out by Joseph Young	Mallard, Charles W.	Private	
	Nolin, Joseph	Private	
	O'Neill, John	Private	
	Peirpont, Daniel L.	Private	
	Perry, Willis C.	Private	
	Roundtree, Wm. A.	Private	
	Rankin John I.	Private	
	Rainholt, Peter A.	Private	
	Roane, James H.	4th Captain	
	Stracy, Alpha H.	Private	
	Slaughter, Edward J.	Private	
	Spencer Champion H.	Private	
	Starkey, John R.	Private	
	Shaw, John B.	Private	
	Stone, Thomas H.	Private	
(Feb 10th)	Shepherd, Joseph	Private	
	Tannahill, Benjamin H.	4th Sergeant	
	Thompson, Robert H.	Private	
Company C.			
Residence	Name	Rank	Age
California, San Jose	Coy J.	Private	23
California, San Jose	Coy Mathew	Private	21
Collinville City	Stevens, Elbert C.	Private	24
England	Burry E.J.	Private	22
England	Jones J.W.	Private	24
England, York	Hodgson, John	Private	32
France	Barrow, Julian	Private	35
France	Huchett A.C.	Private	39
France	John, A.	Private	19
France	Poittesin, Arista	Private	37
France	Saucer, Ferdinand	Private	43
France	Simeon, Augustus	Private	29
Illinois, Bonce County	McGathy James C.	Private	24
Illinois, Bonce County	McGathy James S.	Private	25
Illinois, Will county	Kirkpatrick, I.	2nd Corporal	29

Mississippi, Aberdeen County	Valentine, Chas. T	Private	30
Mississippi, Jackson	Fletcher Crawford	2nd Bvt	26
Missouri, Calaway County	Soto, Jose	Private	19
Missouri, Callaway County	Hart, James W.	Private	20
Missouri, Cooper County	Rail, Edmond	Private	20
Missouri, Cooper County	Talbott, Thomas J.	Private	22
Missouri, Fulton	Russell F.W.	2nd Lieutenant	22
Missouri, Fulton County	Gray, J.F.	Private	22
Missouri, Fulton County	Rodgers, Charles A.	Private	24
Missouri, Hallaway County	Bishop S.A.	1st Sergeant	25
Missouri, Henry County	Lewis, Henry D.	Private	29
Missouri, Jackson County	Long, Thomas A.	Private	20
Missouri, Johnson County	Wingfield A.A.	3rd Sergeant	25
Missouri, Johnson County	Draper, William	Private	21
Missouri, LaFayette County	Winfield, Chas R.	Private	25
Missouri, Linn county	Prather, George	Private	19
Missouri, Montgomery County	McEwing Felix	Private	24
Missouri, Perkatgues County	Varney, George	Private	26
Missouri, St. Clair County	Sims, Parris	Private	48
New Mexico, Santa Fe.	Chandelera	Private	40
New York	Parkinson, John	Private	29
New York	Smith, James	Private	23
New York City	Canfiled Ct.	Private	39
New York City	Ecleston, Robert	Private	21
New York City	Fifer M.W.	Private	28
New York City	Godkin, Thomas	Private	25
New York, Antonia County	Durle R.G.	4th Sergeant	24
New York, Columbia County	Reynolds, I. S.	4th Corporal	25
New York, Fulton County	Lee H.	1st Corporal	24
Pennsylvania	McVicker, Henry	Private	40
Pennsylvania, Lancaster	Bachman, B.F.	Private	21
Pennsylvania, York County	Winters, John D.	Private	31
South Carolina, Beauford District	Ferrell, Hugh W.	1st Lieutenant	21
Texas	Dill, William	Captain	30
Texas, Harrison County	Pate, Frances	Private	27
Virginia, Augusta	Taylor, George	2nd Sergeant	27
Virginia, Augusta County	Carson, William	3rd Corporal	21
Virginia, Fauquabar County	Randolph Wm. F.	Private	20
Virginia, Patterson County	Slavin, Charles S.	Private	27
Virginia, Petersburg	Kenny, Thomas B.	Private	28

