DEDICATION

Melville Marshall Barnes was a loyal and devote Confederate soldier, dedicated to the cause for which he fought. Until his death in 1917, he never forgot his comrades in arms and with deliberate care and love he preserved historical papers, pamphlets and books for the benefit of generations to come.

Because he cared, this book has been preserved and cherished through these many years and is being published at this time in his memory.

The account of his imprisonment at Camp Douglas during the War Between the States is exactly as he wrote it, and his original manuscript, as well as a letter written by him to his father, Robert Alexander Barnes, from Point Lookout, Maryland dated 1865 is in my possession and carefully preserved.

Mel Barnes returned to Nashville from his imprisonment on July 2, 1865. Strangely enough, and certainly by coincidence, I found myself writing the above dedication one hundred and nine years later on July 2, 1974, the twenty-fifth anniversary of my marriage to his grandson, Thomas Marshall Barnes.

BEVERLY PEARSON BARNES
Member of the Francis Nash Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution

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PREFACE.

On October 12, 1895, a number of Confederate Veterans met in the rooms of Cheatham Bivouac to discuss the propriety of forming a military company. Comrade Wm. Aimison was called to the chair, and Comrade H. W. Randall was appointed secretary. After an interchange of opinion it was determined that an organization should be perfected. The reasons given were that it would keep alive the ties of friendship formed amid the tempestuous scenes; it would show to the people that we believed we were right, and that time had only strengthened that conviction; it would be a valuable accessory in everything that redounded to the interest and welfare of the Confederate soldier; it would be a source of pride not only to him, but to those that came after him. So after repeated meetings, on November 14, 1895, they were sworn into the service of the State, with Samuel Mays as Captain, M. S. Cockrill as First Lieutenant; Thos. Gibson, Second Lieutenant, and J. B. O'Bry'an, Third Lieutenant. The object of this booklet is that every comrade can have a counterfeit presentment of his fellow-comrades and their record. The passage of time reminds us that soon each one of us will
pass from the stage of action, and the few remaining years of life will be cheered by occasionally opening and perusing its leaves. In after years, perhaps, it may fall into the hands of some one who will be able to trace his or her lineage back to one of its members and become a source of pride to them; or to the curio hunter that will prize it as a valuable relic; containing as it does the records of those who figured in that fierce conflict until the end. The sketches here given are of men who were true to the cause from the beginning to all time.
Biographical Sketches,

CAPT. M. S. COCKRILL.

Born May 29, 1838, near Nashville, Tenn. Volunteered in the Confederate States Army on May 13, 1861, at Nashville, Tenn., in Company A, First Tennessee Artillery, Captain Arthur M. Rutledge. Slightly wounded at Fishing Creek on January 19, 1862, and at Shiloh on April 6, 1862. Served on Staff of General John C. Brown two years, and on Staff of Major General C. L. Stevenson last year of the war, and was paroled at Greensboro, N. C., May 1, 1865.
LIEUT. WM. AIMISON.

Born in Marseilles; France, on March 27, 1836. Volunteered in October, 1861, in the 44th Tennessee Infantry; was detailed as a sharpshooter for Major Hawkins' Battalion. Was transferred to the Eastern army under General Lee, and was paroled at Appomattox. Wounded at Murfreesboro; buried alive at the Howlett House Battery near Petersburg by shot and shell from monitors, and was rescued by comrades who are now living in Nashville. Brigade was captured in 1864 and was sent to Elmira, N. Y., for eleven months; exchanged in March, 1865. Was in the battles of Shiloh, Perryville, Murfreesboro, Missionary Ridge, Ringold, Chickamauga, and from Richmond to Petersburg.
LIEUT. MELVILLE M. BARNES.

Was born near Nashville, in Davidson County, Tenn., April 3, 1845. Enlisted in Company A, 4th Confederate Tennessee Infantry, June 7, 1861. Was honorably discharged from this regiment after 18 months' service; joined Battery A, 1st Tennessee Artillery; remained to close of war. Wounded slightly. Captured Oct. 28, 1864, and sent to Camp Douglas. Started on exchange in March, 1865, but was stopped at Point Lookout, Md. Paroled June 23, 1865. But few regiments, if any, did more hard fighting, endured greater hardships and suffered greater mortality than the 4th Tennessee, every field and company officer being lost at Chickamauga.
LIEUT. I. J. HOWLETT.

Was born near Nashville, Tenn., April 4, 1839. Volunteered in the 3d Tennessee Infantry, Confederate States Army, April 1, 1861, and with permission raised a company and was elected Captain; was attached to the 48th Tennessee Infantry. Was captured at Fort Donelson, February 16, 1862, and taken as prisoner of war to Camp Chase, and Johnson's Island, Ohio. Was exchanged at Vicksburg, Miss., September 16, 1862. Paroled at Greensboro, N. C., May; 1865.
LIEUT. SPENCER EAKIN, Q. M.

SURGEON J. B. NEIL.

SERGEANT HARRY HEIGHT.

Was born in Madison County, New York, January 24, 1832. Came to Tennessee in 1855. Volunteered in the 3d Texas, Confederate States Army, May, 1861. Was in the battles of Oak Hills, Mo.; Elk Horn Tavern, Ark.; Iuka and Corinth, Miss., and others. Slightly wounded at Hatchie Bridge, Miss. Was captured in September, 1864, and at the close of hostilities was discharged from Camp Douglas, June 24, 1865.
SERGEANT GEO. H. HOWES.

SERGEANT W. D. BARNES.

Born on the 30th of April, 1846, in Maury County, Tenn. Volunteered in Company E, 1st Tennessee Cavalry, September 15, 1863. Served with the command during the balance of the war. Was in the battles around Atlanta and Bentonville, then fought Gen. Sherman to the sea. Was never wounded nor taken prisoner. Was paroled with General Wheeler's Cavalry on April 25, 1865, at Charlotte, N. C.
SERGEANT M. N. BROWN.

SERGEANT W. H. MOODY.

Born August 7, 1841, in Williamson County, Tenn. Volunteered in Company D, 1st (Maney) Tennessee Infantry, May 9, 1861, at Franklin, Tenn., and served through the entire war. Was wounded at Perryville, Fort Pillow and Athens, Ala. Paroled May 22, 1865, at Corinth, Miss.
ENSIGN J. B. TALBOTT.

ORDNANCE SERGEANT A. B. SPAIN.

Born in Nashville, Tenn., February 1, 1845. Volunteered in Company C, 1st (Maney) Tennessee Infantry, at Camp Cheatham, in 1861. Discharged at Tupelo, Miss., in 1862, on account of disability.
CORPORAL PAT. M. GRIFFIN.

Was born in Galway, Ireland, March, 1844, and came with his parents to the United States in 1847. Joined the "Sons of Erin" at Nashville April, 1861. This company later on became Company H, 10th Irish Tennessee Infantry. Was Lieutenant commanding Company H in the Georgia campaign. Was wounded twice. Was one of the three members of his company left after the battle of Peachtree Creek. After the fall of Atlanta he was detailed for one of Gen. Hood's headquarter scouts. He was captured three times, escaped once and exchanged once, and paroled at the close of the war. Was in twenty-four general engagements.
CORPORAL J. Y. GILL.

Was born at Petersburg, Tennessee, August 26, 1837. Entered the Confederate service at Fayetteville, Tenn., September, 1861, in Company E, 55th Tennessee Infantry. After the battle of Shiloh the regiment was consolidated with the 44th Tennessee. Distinguished himself at Perryville, Oct. 8, 1862; placed in command of Companies C, E and F on the field. Was promoted soon after on staff of General B. R. Johnson. Was captured at Murfreesboro, December 31, 1862. Prisoner at Camp Chase and Fort Delaware until May, 1863. Was wounded at Chickamauga, September 19, 1863. Was paroled at Madison, Ga., in May, 1865, by General Bradley T. Johnson,
CORPORAL R. B. HUGHES.

Born October 17, 1841, in Williamson County, Tennessee. Volunteered in Company H, 20th Tennessee Infantry, Confederate States Army, May 28, 1861. Went through the war and was in the following battles: Barboursville, Ky.; Murfreesboro, Tenn.; Chickamauga, Ga.; Fishing Creek, Ky.; Missionary Ridge, Ga.; Peachtree Creek, New Hope Church, Kennesaw Mountain, Resaca, Rocky Face, Jonesboro, Ga.; Fairfield, Tenn., and many other small engagements. Was severely wounded at Jonesboro, Ga., on August 31, 1864. Was with General Johnston when he surrendered at Greensboro, N. C., April 26, 1865. Was First Lieutenant of his company.
CORPORAL RALPH J. NEIL.

Was born in Rutherford County, Tenn., February 9, 1841. Volunteered in same county May, 1861. Was sworn into service in the Confederate States Army at Camp Trousdale in Company E, 20th Tennessee Infantry. Was wounded three times severely, and three times slightly. Was paroled at Greensboro, N. C., at the surrender of General Joseph E. Johnston in April, 1865,
J. O. ALLEN.

Was born in Davidson County, Tennessee, December 3, 1843. Volunteered October 10, 1861, at Camp Weakley, near Nashville, in Company D, 1st Tennessee Cavalry, Confederate States Army. Was in the battles of Shiloh, Britton's Lane, Chickamauga, and in the hundred days' battle from Rocky Face Ridge to Atlanta; also in the battles and skirmishes on Sherman's march to the sea. Was paroled on May 3, 1865, at Charlotte, N. C.
JOHN P. BENNETT.

JOSIAH TURNER BALLANFANT.

Was born October 1, 1845, near Culleoka, Tennessee. Joined the 4th Tennessee Cavalry (Starnes), Confederate States Army, in May, 1862, Company F. W. S McLemore, Captain commanding. Wounded in the battle of Chickamauga, September, 1863. Transferred to Morton's Battery in May, 1864. Wounded again at Harrisburg, Miss., in July, 1864. Surrendered at Gainesville, Ala., May 11, 1865, to General Canby.
Was born in Davidson County, Tennessee, on the 25th day of November, 1847. Volunteered in the Confederate service about June 1, 1863, and was attached to Company B, 2d Kentucky Battalion Cavalry. Served through East Tennessee and Georgia campaign to Atlanta, then with Gen. Wheeler back to Tennessee and to Saltville, Va.; was then attached to Company 3, Starns' 4th Tennessee Cavalry, following Sherman from Stone Mountain to Savannah and Columbia, S. C., and then crossed into North Carolina and formed part of President Davis' escort. Paroled May 11, 1865, at Washington, Ga. Never wounded.
JOSEPH M. CORBETT.

JAMES I. CLARK.

SID J. CALDWELL.

Was born March 27, 1845, in Talbot County, Ga. Enlisted at Butler, Ga., October 1, 1862, as Corporal of Company I, 64th Georgia Infantry. His first service was in Florida under Gen. Fen-nigan. Participated in battle of Ocean Park. From there he was sent to Savannah, Ga., and Charleston, S. C., thence to Petersburg, Va., participating in the fighting in front of Petersburg. Slightly wounded July 30, 1864, in charge of Carter, with all of the company killed or wounded except seven. Was captured August 16, 1864, at Fussell’s Mills, near James River; sent to Point Lookout prison; received sick parole and exchanged, arriving at Peters burg just prior to evacuation of Richmond; surrendered at Appomattox, Va., April 26, 1865.
JOHN L. DISMUKEES.

Was born in Davidson County, Tennessee, March 4, 1844. Enlisted in Company B, 18th Tennessee Infantry, April, 1861. Was taken prisoner at Fort Donelson, escaped from Camp Butler, rejoined his regiment after it was exchanged; was in all the engagements from Murfreesboro to Atlanta. His name was placed on the roll of honor for gallantry at Chickamauga; was made Ensign of the regiment with the rank of First Lieutenant. Afterwards he was elected a Lieutenant in Col. Carter's Regiment of Cavalry, and at the battle of Franklin was severely wounded. Was mustered out at Gainesville, Ala., May, 1865,
Born in Bedford County, Tennessee, August 16, 1842. Enlisted in Company A, 24th Tennessee Infantry, June 20, '1861, and was engaged in the following battles: Shiloh, Perryville, Murfreesboro, Chickamauga, Missionary Ridge and all the battles from Dalton to Atlanta and Jonesboro, Ga., Franklin and Nashville, Tenn., and Bentonville, N. C. Was never wounded or a prisoner. Surrendered with Gen. Joseph E. Johnston at Greensboro, N. C.
W. B. GOODRICH.

MARCELLUS M. GEE.

Born in Orange County, Va., December 10, 1841, and moved to Tennessee in 1842. Volunteered in Company D, 1st Tennessee Cavalry, Confederate States Army, January, 1862. Was in the following battles: Shiloh, Iuka, Corinth, Jackson, Britton's Lane, Holly Springs, and others. Was never wounded nor prisoner of war. Discharged at Grenada, Miss., January 1, 1865, on account of disability.
Q. R. GEE.

A. H. GROSS.

Was born in Grundy County, Tennessee, on the 6th of January, 1842. Volunteered in 1st Tennessee Artillery, May, 1861. Was in the following battles: Fishing Creek, Shiloh, and in most of the battles in East Tennessee and Virginia. Was never wounded nor taken prisoner. Was only absent from his company once. Surrendered at Christianburg, Va., April 10, 1865.
J. W. GILLMAN.

WM. T. DURRETT.

Was born September 24, 1842, in Sumner County, Tennessee. Joined Company D, 14th Tennessee Infantry, May 25, 1861, at Springfield, Tenn. Wounded at Richmond, Va., June 27, 1862, also at Fredericksburg, Va., December 13, 1862. Taken prisoner at Petersburg, Va., April 2, 1865, and sent to Johnson Island, O. Released from prison June 18, 1865.
J. B. HARPER.

Born in Smith County, Tennessee, December 25, 1844. Volunteered in Company A, Jones' Battalion, Confederate Army, which afterwards became the 55th Tennessee Infantry. Wounded at New Hope Church June 1, 1864. Never recovered from the wound, consequently was never paroled or discharged.
L. C. HESSEY.

Born in Davidson County, Tennessee, June 26, 1844. Volunteered in Company I, 20th Tennessee Infantry, Confederate States Army. Was wounded at Missionary Ridge and Jonesboro, Ga. Was taken prisoner of war at Franklin jnst after the battle of Nashville, and sent to Camp Chase, Ohio. Was released May 12, 1865.
WILLIAM A. HAMILTON.

OWEN HENRY.

HENRY C. IRELAND.

Was born in Nashville, Tennessee, March 11, 1843. Enlisted May 7, 1861, at Nashville, Tenn., in Company A, 4th Confederate Tennessee Infantry, and was paroled May 1, 1865, at Greensboro, N. C. Was a prisoner of war four months, from December, 1862, to April, 1863. Was wounded four times as follows: Missionary Ridge, Tenn.; Resaca, Ga.; Atlanta, Ga., and Nashville, Tenn. A few weeks before the surrender his old regiment with the remnants of several other regiments were consolidated and called the 1st Tennessee; hence he lost his old identity and returned home as a member of the gallant old 1st Tennessee.
FRANK B. KENDRICK.

J. T. KEY.

Was born in Jacinto, Miss., on the 6th day of September, 1846. Enlisted in Company D, 6th Mississippi Cavalry, Confederate States Army. Was in the following battles: Athens, Sulphur Springs, Pulaski, Elk River, and others. Was never captured nor wounded. Was paroled at Bigley Camp, Miss., latter part of May, 1865.
H. C. MATTHEWS.

Was born on the 15th day of April, 1841, in Davidson County, Tennessee. Joined Company 2d Tennessee Infantry, April 15, 1861, at Nashville, Tenn. Was in the following battles: Ivansport, Va., Murfreesboro, Chickamauga, Missionary Ridge, Dalton, and all the battles round Atlanta, Franklin and others. Was taken prisoner at Murfreesboro, January, 1865, and carried to Camp Chase, Ohio. Was wounded at Chickamauga and Atlanta. Paroled from Camp Chase May 1, 1865.
W. W. MILAM.

JAMES McGONNIGAL.

Was born in Rutherford County, Tennessee, September 1, 1842. Enlisted in the 18th Tennessee Infantry, May 10, 1861. Was taken prisoner at Fort Donelson February 16, 1862, and taken to Camp Butler, Ill. Exchanged at Vicksburg, Miss., in the fall of 1862. Was in the battle of Stone River, and was wounded twice in said battle. Was taken prisoner at Milton, Tenn., in the fall of 1863, and escaped at Lebanon some four weeks later. Did what he could for the South in his crippled condition until the end came in 1865.
THOS. H. MANEY.

R. W. MULLINS.

Was born in Rutherford County, Tennessee, June 26, 1843. Volunteered in Company I, 4th Tennessee Infantry, Confederate States service, at Germantown, Tenn., on the 15th day of May, 1861. Was in the following battles: Shiloh, Murfreesboro, Chickamauga, Missionary Ridge, Resaca, Kennesaw, Atlanta, etc. Wounded at Shiloh and Resaca. Was voted a medal for conduct on battlefield at Murfresboro; elected Ensign by the regiment at Dalton, and appointed Aid-de-Camp at Franklin. Was taken prisoner at Nashville and released from prison at Johnson Island on the 20th day of June, 1865.
JOHN WILLIAM McCONNELL.

Was born near Lebanon, Tennessee, November 6, 1841. Enlisted May 20, 1861, in Company K, 16th Tennessee Infantry. Was in the following battles: Cheet and Sewell Mountains, Va., Buford's Landing and Gardner's Corner, S. C.; Corinth, Miss.; Mumfordsville and Perryville, Ky. Was wounded at Chickamauga, Ga., Missionary Ridge, Tenn., Rockface, Resaca, and Snake Gap, Ga. Was taken prisoner at Calhoun, Ga., the last of May, 1864, and sent to Alton, Ill. In the latter part of February, 1865, was sent to Richmond, Va., and from that place was paroled.
G. S. MOODY.

Born in 1838, in Williamson County, Tennessee. Volunteered in Company D, 1st Tennessee Infantry, in 1861, at Franklin, Tenn., and served through the entire war, and was paroled in 1865.
G. M. MARGART.

Was born in Charleston, S. C., on the 4th day of July, 1848. Enlisted in the Confederate States Army in August, 1861, in Company A, 4th Regiment South Carolina Volunteers. Participated in nearly all the battles fought by the Army of Tennessee. Was wounded at the battles of Chickamauga and Atlanta. Witnessed the first gun fired of the war, and was in the last battle, Bentonville, N. C. Surrendered on the 2d day of May, 1865 at Greensboro, N. C., under General Joe E. Johnston. Claims the honor of being the youngest volunteer in the Confederate Army.
JOHN T. MOORE.

Was born near Union City, Obion County, Tennessee, June 24, 1845. Joined Company K, 3d Kentucky Cavalry in the early spring of 1862 at Lebanon, Tenn. Was in every engagement and skirmish the regiment participated in until taken prisoner. Some of these were Hartsville, Woodbury, Tenn.; Lebanon, Ky.; Green River, and others in Indiana. Was taken prisoner in Ohio July 17, 1863, and was in Camp Chase one month, and Camp Douglas twelve months, and was exchanged February 29, 1865. After two weeks' furlough was mounted and, under Major Alston, served until the end. Was one of the body guard of President Davis from Saulsbury, N. C., to Washington, Ga.
W. T. MUNROE.

Born in Sirah, Cumberland County, Virginia, February 12, 1833. Joined the Confederate States Army after the fall of Fort Donelson, with Cleburne's old regiment, the 15th Arkansas, and stayed with it until after the battle of Shiloh. Not being sworn into the service, went back to Arkansas, joined an independent company and stayed with it until disbanded, then enlisted in the 1st Arkansas Mounted Rifles, and was with them until the battle of Nashville, where he was captured and sent to Camp Chase, Ohio, at which place he stayed until he was released, May 20, 1865.
Born in Wilson County, Tennessee, February 28, 1841. Enlisted in Company K, 7th Tennessee Infantry, Archer's Brigade, Heath's Division; A. P. Hill's Corps, at Nashville, May 20, 1861. Was wounded at Seven Pines in 1862. Also on Weldon Railroad, south of Petersburg, Va., on August 9, 1864. Taken prisoner of war at Petersburg, Va., April 3, 1865. Confined in prison at Point Lookout, Md., from which place he was released by special order from President Andrew Johnson on May 20, 1865, and arrived at his old home in Wilson County, Tenn., May 20, 1865.
BEN W. PETWAY.

Was born in Wilson County, Tennessee, October 1, 1839. Volunteered in Company K, 20th Tennessee Infantry (Battle's Regiment). Mustered in the Confederate States service on June 12, 1861, at Camp Trousdale. Was wounded in left hip at Shiloh, and also wounded in left knee on July 22, 1864, in front of Atlanta, and left on battlefield as dead, and was picked up by the enemy on the morning of the 23d and remained in hospital at Atlanta three months, and was transferred from there to Camp Douglas in November, 1864, and again transferred to Point Lookout, Maryland, in April, 1865, and was released from prison on the 20th of June, 1865.
GEO. A. NEAL.

W. J. POTTER.

W. T. PARKER.

Was born in Williamson County, Tennessee, in the year 1840. Volunteered in the Confederate Army October 20, 1861, in Company I, 44th Tennessee Infantry. Was in the battles of Shiloh, Mumfordsville, Perryville and several other small engagements. Was taken prisoner in Hickman County, Tenn., and sent to Camp Chase, Ohio, August, 1863, and was confined there until May 10, 1865. Never was wounded, but endured many hardships while in prison.
Born in Fluvanna County, Virginia, on the 9th day of December, 1845. Volunteered in Company D, 25th Virginia Infantry, October, 1863. Was in the following battles: Newmarket Heights, Fort Harrison, Fort Gilmore, Brook Church, south of Drury's Bluff, and Sailor's Creek. Was taken prisoner at Sailor's Creek on the 6th day of April, 1865, and sent to Point Lookout, and paroled from there about the 15th of June, 1865. Was never wounded.
J. K. P. RIDLEY.

Was born in Williamson County, Tennessee, December 17, 1844. Volunteered in Company E, 20th Tennessee Infantry (Battle's Regiment), December, 1862, at Murfreesboro, Tenn. Was wounded in the battle of Murfreesboro, and was in every battle the old 20th engaged in after he joined until the close of the war. Was paroled with General N. B. Forrest's command at Gainesville, Ala., on the 10th day of May, 1865.
GEORGE A. REDDICK.

Born in Nashville, Tennessee, June 16, 1843. Enlisted in the Confederate Army at Nashville, Tenn., May, 25, 1861, in Company L., 1st Tennessee Infantry. Wounded at the battle of Murfreesboro, December, 1862; Kennesaw Mountain (Dead Angle), June 27, 1864. Taken prisoner at the battle of Nashville in 1864, and sent to Camp Chase, Ohio. Paroled from Camp Chase in April, 1865.
J. C. SHUMATE.

Was born in 1844, near Antioch, Davidson County, Tennessee. Volunteered in the Confederate Army, September 8, 1862, at Murfreesboro, Tennessee, in Company C, 20th Tennessee Infantry. Received no wounds and was not in prison. Paroled at Washington, Ga., May 1, 1865.
S. B. SHEARON.

Was born in Nashville, Tennessee, June 1, 1839. Volunteered in Company B, 1st (Maney) Tennessee Infantry, Confederate Army, May 10, 1861. Served under General R. E. Lee in the campaign of Western Virginia until December, 1861, when his command was ordered to reinforce General Jackson in the Shenandoah Valley. In February, 1862, was transferred to General Sidney Johnston, then at Shiloh. Participated in the retreats and advances of General Bragg, and was wounded at Perryville, Ky. Was in prison at Louisville. Was exchanged at City Point in March, 1863. Was on sick leave the remainder of the war, and was paroled on May 10, 1865, at Meridian, Miss.
GEO. W. STEWART.

Born in Nashville, Tennessee, November 6, 1842. Volunteered in 1st Tennessee Light Artillery at Knoxville, 1861. Never wounded. Participated in the following battles: Mill Spring, Nashville, Iuka, Shiloh, Corinth, Missionary Ridge and quite a number of other battles during the war. Was taken prisoner near Newmarket and taken to Camp Douglas and remained a prisoner until close of the war.
ALEX SPEIER.

ABRAM SETLIFF.

H. T. SINNOTT.

Born in Richmond, Virginia, on the 6th day of July, 1845. Volunteered in Company E, 44th Virginia Infantry, on the 12th day of May, 1861. Served two years, and was then transferred to Company B, 43d Virginia Cavalry. Paroled at Richmond, Va., on the 10th day of June, 1865. Was wounded five times. Was taken prisoner twice, but escaped each time.
LAWSON W. SMITH.

Was born in White County, Tennessee, June 2, 1836. Enlisted in Company B, 16th Tennessee Infantry, at Estill Springs, May 17, 1861. Was with the regiment from its organization to the surrender of the army of Johnston in May, 1865. Was slightly wounded at Murfreesboro and Chickamauga. Was elected Lieutenant just after the battle of Murfreesboro.
BALIE PEYTON STEELE.

Was born in Bedford County, Tennessee, September 23, 1836. Volunteered in the Confederate Army at Nashville, Tenn., April 28, 1861, in Company B (Rock City Guards), 1st Tennessee Infantry. Was severely wounded at the battle of Perryville, October 8, 1862. Was made prisoner of war and paroled October 10, 1862. Was exchanged at City Point, Va., May, 1863. Was again made prisoner and paroled at Marion, Ala., May 17, 1865. Lee and Johnston having surrendered he returned to his home at Shelbyville, June 27, 1865.
JAMES B. SMITH.

Born May 17, 1842, in Winston County, Miss.; volunteered May, 1861, in Company A., Rock City Guards, First Tennessee Infantry, C. S. A. Was sent to Virginia and served one year under Gen. Stonewall Jackson; was then sent to Gen. A. S. Johnston; was in the following battles: Romney, Winchester, Valley Mountain, Va.; Shiloh, Perryville, Murfreesboro, Chickamauga and all others under Gens. Bragg and Joseph E. Johnston, until captured; was wounded twice; was captured at Kennesaw Mountain and sent to Camp Douglas. Paroled from prison June, 1865.
JAMES H. THOMPSON.

Born in Panola County, Mississippi, on May 12, 1846. Volunteered in Company E, 29th (Walthal's) Regiment, Mississippi Infantry, at Oakland, Mississippi, on March 16, 1862. Was in the following battles: Mumfordsville, Ky.; Murfreesboro, Tenn.; Chickamauga, Ga.; Lookout Mountain, Tenn., and two or three others. Was captured on November 24, 1863, while in charge of a portion of the picket line at the base of Lookout Mountain; sent to Rock Island, Ill.; sent to Richmond, Va., and paroled on March 29, 1865. Was never wounded, but did eat rats while in prison.
W. T. THOMAS.

Was born October 2, 1841, in Stewart County, Tennessee. Volunteered in Company B, 50th Tennessee Infantry. Was taken prisoner of war at Fort Donelson and was sent to Camp Douglas, and remained in prison until September 7, and exchanged at Vicksburg, Miss. The regiment was reorganized at Jackson, Tenn., and he was elected First Lieutenant of Company I, and commanded the company until January, 1864. He was engaged in the following battles: Skirmish near Fort Donelson, Fort Donelson, Chickasaw Bayou, Port Hudson, La.; Raymond, Miss.; Jackson, Miss.; Chickamauga, and Missionary Ridge. Was discharged from the army January, 1864.
MARCUS B. TONEY.

Born near Lynchburg, Virginia, August 19, 1840. Volunteered April 15, 1861, in Company B (Rock City Guards), and mustered into service May 10, 1861, in the 1st Tennessee Infantry, Confederate States Army. Participated in the campaigns of 1861 and 1862 in Virginia under Generals Lee and Jackson. Was captured in the battle of Perryville, Ky., October 8, 1862, and exchanged at City Point, Va., April, 1863. Participated in the battles of Chickamauga, Missionary Ridge, and in July, 1864, was transferred to the army of Northern Virginia, and took part in the Seven Days Wilderness campaign. Was again captured at Spottsylvania, May 12, 1864. Paroled July 8, 1865. Author of "Prison Life in the North."
J. WILEY WILLS.

Was born in Nashville, Tenn., November 4, 1844. Volunteered in Company C (Rock City Guards), 1st Tennessee Infantry. Was in the following battles: Perryville, Shiloh, Chickamauga, Missionary Ridge, Dead Angle, and all the battles to Atlanta, Franklin and Nashville. Wounded at Dead Angle. Was paroled at Greensboro, N. C., May, 1865.
R. L. WHITUS.

Was born December 11, 1842. Volunteered in Company A, 24th Tennessee Infantry, Confederate States Army, June 20, 1861. Was in the battles of Shiloh, Perryville, Chickamauga, Murfreesboro, Missionary Ridge, and all the battles from Dalton to Atlanta, where he was taken prisoner and remained in prison until May 12, 1865. Was never wounded.
NAT F. GOOCH.

(The Committee regrets that they did not receive Comrade Gooch's biography.)
V. B. MOORE.

Was born May 29, 1839. Enlisted in Company B, 50th Tennessee Infantry, August, 1861, and at the battle of Fort Donelson was taken prisoner and sent to Johnson Island, and was exchanged at Vicksburg, Miss., and reinlisted for the war. Was badly wounded in a railroad wreck the night before the battle of Chickamauga and was offered a discharge, but refused, and served until the close of the war. Was on detached service at the time of the surrender at Augusta, Ga.
P. H. MANLOVE.

Was born in Davidson County, Tennessee, May 8, 1838. Enlisted in Company B (Rock City Guards), 1st Tennessee Infantry, April, 1861, in Nashville, Tenn. Was wounded at the battle of Nashville, December 16, 1864, while in command of Companies A, B and C, consolidated. Was taken by Comrade John Watson to his mother's at Franklin, being unable to walk. Was sent to Fort Delaware, where he was detained until June 1, 1865, and released by order of President Johnson.
Confederate Veterans.

J. R. WEAVER.

J. J. ANDREWS.


WILLIAM WALLACE EVANS.

Was born in Davidson County, Tennessee, March 15, 1840. Joined Company A., 20th Tennessee Infantry, Confederate States Army, in April, 1861. Heard the whistle of the enemy's bullets for the first time at Rock Castle, in Kentucky. Colonel Battle, seeing the men dodging, said, "Come boys, don't dodge them." About this time a cannon ball passed pretty close to him, when he dodged. The men, seeing this, cried out, "Don't dodge, Colonel," when he said, "Dodge the big ones, boys, but don't dodge the small ones." Was in the following engagements: Fishing Creek, Ky.; Shiloh, Tenn.; Vicksburg, Miss.; Baton Rouge, La.; Murfreesboro, Tenn.; Hoover's Gap, Tenn., and Chickamauga, Ga., where he received a very severe wound, which disqualified him for the remainder of the war, and was paroled at Augusta, Ga., a few days after the surrender of General Joe E. Johnston.
HUGH P. BAIRD.

Born in Rutherford County, Tennessee, October 29, 1843. Volunteered in Company C, 45th Tennessee Infantry, Confederate States Army, in 1861. Was wounded in the left arm. Was discharged at Dalton, Ga., in 1865, on account of disability.

JOHN S. MARTIN.

Was born in Sumner County, Tennessee, on the 9th day of September, 1833. Was in the Ordnance Department under Colonel Wright and Governor Harris until the surrender of Nashville to the Federals. Remained with Colonel Wright at Atlanta, Ga., until October, 1862, then joined Battery A, 1st Tennessee Artillery, commanded by Captain Hugh L. McClung. Was taken prisoner at Morristown, Tenn., November, 1864, and sent to Camp Douglas, where he remained until May, 1865.

K. P. SANDERS.

Born in Rutherford County, Tennessee, October 2, 1835. Volunteered in the Confederate Army, June 6, 1861, in Company —, 20th Tennessee Infantry. Wounded at Fishing Creek, and was discharged December 26, 1862, on account of wounds.
JAMES N. PENUEL,

Born October 20, 1840, near Nashville, Tennessee. Enlisted in Confederate Army at Gallatin, Tenn., October 19, 1861, in Company D, 7th Tennessee Cavalry. Was taken prisoner and sent to Camp Chase, Ohio, and from there to Fort Delaware. Was discharged from prison June 13, 1865, by order of President Johnson, after all our armies had surrendered.

W. J. SCRUGGS,


N. J. HAMPTON.

GEO. W. HOGAN.

Was born in Davidson County, Tennessee, August 22, 1842. Volunteered in Company —, 55th Tennessee Infantry, Confederate States Army, and remained with the above command until after the battle of Shiloh, and was then honorably discharged July 4, 1862, on account of disability. After recovering re-enlisted in Captain Baxter's Battery of Light Artillery, and remained in active service until close of war, May 18, 1865.

R. T. TOWNS.

Was born January 6, 1842, in Davidson County, Tennessee. Volunteered December 1, 1861, at Nashville, Tenn., in the Confederate Army, Harden Artillery. Was neither wounded nor taken prisoner during the war. Was paroled May 1, 1865, at Augusta, Ga.
S. S. HIGH.

Was born in Smith County, Tennessee, December 8, 1843. Volunteered in Company G, 28th Tennessee Infantry, Confederate States Army, September 7, 1861, at Camp Zollicoffer. Was wounded at Murfreesboro on Friday evening in a charge on the Federal lines. Participated in the following battles: Fishing Creek, Shiloh, first siege of Vicksburg, Baton Rouge, Murfreesboro, Chickamauga, Missionary Ridge and in all the battles under Generals Johnston and Hood, and was one of the two of Company G who remained to the end of the war, and was paroled at Greensboro, N. C., May 1, 1865.

S. J. WILLIAMS.

Born on the 11th day of November, 1838. Volunteered in Company B, 20th Tennessee Infantry, at Nashville, Tenn., on the 17th day of May, 1861. Was wounded at New Hope Church, Ga., and at Franklin, Tenn. Was paroled at Marion, Ala., on the 1st day of June, 1865.
MONROE GOOCH.

Born in the year 1844, in Davidson County, Tennessee. Entered the Confederate Army as cook with Capt. Wm. Sykes of the 45th Tennessee Infantry, and remained with him and Capt. Henry Irby, and true to the cause until the close of the war, and is now proud to be numbered with the Veterans of 1861-1865. He had permission to visit his home at the time of Hood's raid into Tennessee, and could have remained, but true to his principles, he returned to Capt. Sykes, and remained until the surrender.
MEMORABILIA OF A
CONFEDERATE SOLDIER

On the 28th day of October 1864, while engaged in battle with the enemy (the Yankees) near Morristown, Tennessee, I was taken a prisoner of war and sent to a Northern prison at Chicago, Illinois known as Camp Douglas, where I remained until about the middle of March 1865, when I left with a squad of five hundred (500) prisoners of war for Old Point Comfort on the James River in Virginia to be exchanged. Our squad arrived on time at Baltimore, Maryland, and did the Camp Morton Squad. We layed out on the beach under the guns of Fort McHenry, waiting for the New York squad. On account of a wreck ahead of the Elmyra Squad, they were delayed 48 hours in arriving at Baltimore. But for this delay we would have arrived at Old Point Comfort in due time to have been exchanged and would have taken a very active part in the final battle.

The three squads of prisoners, (1500) went aboard the steamer New York, the largest vessel that came to Baltimore at that day and time, and we headed for the point of exchange. After halting at Point Lookout, the mouth of the Potomac River for about six hours, we started for Old Point Comfort again. When we arrived near Fortress Monroe and in sight of Old Point Comfort, the constant booming of heavy artillery was a foreboding to us that a heavy engagement was on between the contending armies. The steamer turned about and headed for Point Lookout, Maryland, (a separate prison from the general prison there were no guards), where we remained until after the evacuation of Richmond, Virginia by General Lee and we were put into the general prison along with the other prisoners. Here we remained until about the twentieth of June, 1865, when they commenced to parole the prisoners and send them on
their homeward journey. The writer was paroled on the 23rd of June 1865, and arrived in Nashville, Tennessee on the 2nd of July 1865.

Before I close this short sketch of my prison life, I will refer to a few instances of the cruel and inhuman acts by the Federal authorities to Confederate Prisoners of War, during our confinement in prison. Before I left Chattanooga, Tennessee for some northern point, I wrote to my father in Nashville, Tennessee telling him that I was a prisoner of war and would likely pass through Nashville soon and to be on the lookout for me. I also told him that all the clothing I had was on my person and I was without a blanket (our knapsacks and luggage being sent to the rear when we were ordered into battle.) When I arrived at the depot in Nashville I, by chance, saw an old acquaintance by the name of Buck Reeves who saw my father that night (Saturday) and told him that he had seen me from the top of a box car, had talked with me and he was certain it was me, and that I had requested him to see him and let him know that we would be at the Old State Penitentiary. That night, my Father had procured a permit already from Col. Stanley Matthews, Col. of the 51st Ohio Regiment and Provost Marshal of Nashville to see and talk with me when I arrived and to be allowed to get me a suit of clothes and a pair of blankets. He came out with Col. B. H. Payne the following morning (Sunday) but was not permitted to either see or talk to me. My father asked to see me at a distance if he could not talk with me, that I might get a suit of clothes for me as I had on all I had, and he had not seen me for over four years at I was sixteen years old when I left home and he did not know what size suit to get but by seeing me I could form some idea as to my size. Even this request was refused. They said that I ought not to be allowed to receive anything—clothes, blankets nor anything else.
My father stood around out on the street and in about an hour afterwards we were marched out in columns of fours. When one of my file, Thomas J. Bankenship, said, “Mel, yonder stands your father,” pointing him out. I said to the Federal Officer in command, “There stands my Father who I have not seen or heard from in over four years, can I speak to him?” He bawled out, “No Sir”. That fired me to such an extent that after a moment’s reflection, I said him that I would speak to him if it cost me my life. I then yelled to him as loud as I could. He jerked at his sword and came toward me as though he ended sticking it through me. I threw open my top jacket and saying to him, “Stick it through me, you dare, you coward. You will never have another portunity of sticking it through better rebel flesh. Here stands my father and here is where I first saw light, and if death is to be my portion, I know of no place that I had sooner die than here.” He ordered one of his guards to put his bayonet through me. He drew his bayonet down at a charge as though he was going to obey the command, but he, too, like his commander was too cowardly. I then said to the officer that if he would put me on an equal footing at I would whip either him or his guard in three minutes by the watch, that as much as I loved the Confederate cause, I would swear allegiance to the Federal cause and make a better soldier than either had or would ever make, if I did not. This officer liked away and that is the last time that I ever member seeing him.

We were marched to the L & N depot on North College Street and sent to Camp Douglas at Chicago, Illinois where I remained until about the 1st of the flowing March, 1865, when I left for Old Point Comfort to be exchanged. My father seeing that I was tribly wrought up waved his hands as though to keep quiet and walked off. He went over in the city and bought a suit of clothes by guessing as to size and
a pair of blankets for me. These were turned over to the officer in charge of prisoners at the L & N Railroad Depot to be delivered to me when I arrived at the Chicago Prison.

When we arrived in Louisville, Kentucky we were put in the barracks there and remained for forty-eight hours. It was bitter cold and I was suffering very much on account of my thin clothing. I went to the officer in charge of Barracks and asked him if he did not have a suit of clothes and a blanket for me (giving my name). He said he did but was ordered to turn them over to the officer taking me to prison to be given to me when I arrived at Chicago. I told him the circumstances of my trouble at Nashville. When he handed me the clothes and blankets I thanked him, went to the barracks and put on the clothes and felt very comfortable, then. On arriving at Chicago and after being stripped of all clothing we were thoroughly searched and all money and valuables were taken from the prisoners that they could find and we were turned in the general prison along with the other prisoners.

The orders were very strict. The prison was laid off in blocks as streets with four barracks in a row with streets front and rear and at each end. At the end of each barracks was a cookroom with a sliding window between the barrack and the cookroom and on the street at the end of the cookroom was a barrel into which all waste water—dish water and scrap and bones from the meats was to be deposited. A regular hours carts came in and carried the slop from these barrels to some soap works. Many of the prisoners would go into the barrels and get the bones and chop them up and take a yankee canteen and put some water over the bones and stew a substance out by placing on the stoves in the barracks. Into this they would soak the baker bread. One of the rules was that no prisoner was to take bones or anything else from these swill barrels. Som
the guards would use their mace or stick on the prisoners when caught in these barrels and others would tell them to keep out. We had one guard whose name I never knew but the prisoners all knew him as “Old Red” and “Old Prairie Bull”. It was his delight to catch a prisoner in one of these barrels that he might shoot him. When asked why he shot the prisoners when he caught them in these barrels he said he just wanted an excuse to kill them; said he had killed seven and that was only half of what he tended killing in retaliation for the death of his brother who was killed in the battle of Fredericksburg, Virginia.

A short time before I started on exchange he came to the cookroom of barrack 21 where a man by the name of Beard from Texas as cook sergeant and two others from Alabama by the name of Bannister and myself were cooking the rations for the barracks. He presented a document that he would like for us to sign showing the prisoners had received kind treatment at his hands while here—that he would likely be sent to the front soon and in the event he was captured he would have something from the prisoners there that would insure him good treatment. He then told us that he was a Baptist Preacher. None of us would sign it. Beard told him that it would never do for him to be caught South of the Ohio River, should he survive the War, and he (Beard) certainly would do what he (“Old Red”) had boasted of having done to the seven men that he had killed there. He became very indignant to think that none of us would sign his petition. He said he would cause us to regret it before he left. When I left Camp Douglas for exchange I left Beard and the two Bannister Brothers in the cookroom of Barrack 21. I never saw or heard from the two Bannisters again; but just here I desire to say I never met two nicer boys in my life before or since than they were. If they had a fault that was
objectionable, I failed to detect it. They were true and devoted Confederate Soldiers.

In 1878 I met Beard at Sunnyside, Arkansas when he told me that he had fulfilled his promise to me and the two Bannister Brothers from Alabama in Barrack 21 at Camp Douglas, Illinois while we were prisoners of war in 1865 relating to Old Red or Prairie Bull. I had him tell me the whole story which he did at length and in detail. Briefly stated, he met Old Red or Prairie Bull in the Hotel at Frankfort, Kentucky and had a long talk with him and during this conversation he gave himself away and satisfied Beard beyond a doubt that he was Old Red or Prairie Bull of Camp Douglas notoriety. After sitting up until late Beard invited him to the bar in the hotel—and after taking a toddy and a cigar they walked out on the Bridge at Frankfort, Kentucky. It was then past 11 o'clock at night. When all alone on the bridge, Beard made known to him who he was—he fell to his knees and at the same time said "My God, is this Beard" and when told it was, he then began to plead and beg for his life to be spared for his family’s sake, etc. Beard told him that his time had come to die, and die he must. He was granted a few minutes to commune with his Maker if he desired—after which he (Beard) cut his throat from ear to ear and threw him overboard into the river below. He left Frankfort the next morning and had never been back there since. He said to me that he had regretted killing Old Red or Prairie Bull, that he had been dissipated ever since and about fifteen years ago he died in Arkansas.

One more circumstance of my prison life and I will close this little historical sketch, for it is not a very pleasant thought for me at anytime. While at Camp Douglas—at Chicago, Illinois a guard from the garrison square entered the prison square, as was his daily custom, accompanied by a little dog that was very playful and friendly and soon made many friends among the prisoners. The guard seemed to be
very kind to the prisoners—would stop and converse with them and grant them any little favor that he could. After talking with them as long as he could on that occasion he whistled for his dog but he did not come. He continued to look and call for him as long as he could stay in the prison square.—Finally, he supposed some one of the prisoners who was fond of a dog, and being lonesome, had the dog with him in the barrack.

The next morning early he came in again looking for this little dog. Not finding him he began a search for him. Many of the prisoners had seen him but did not know what had become of him. Finally he issued notice offering a reward for the dog and tacked it up on the general bulletin board where the prisoners were required to visit every day for orders etc. The next morning he visited the board to see if any word was said from his dog. Under the notice the following reply was made. A hand with the index finger extended and pointing to the notice thus “for he want of meat the dog was eat.”

The guard took down the notice and the reply to same and carried it to Col. Sweet, Commander of the post—who came into the prison square and had all the prisoners assemble near the board. He then read the notice for the delivery of the dog, and the answer thereto. He said the dog must be accounted for or he would reduce the rations allowed the prisoners to ½ of what they were then getting, which would have imply amounted to suffering, for at best we did not receive enough to satisfy hunger a single day while in prison. The order was made, but it was not put into execution. Rather than cause the 14,000 or more prisoners confined there at that time to suffer for the act of four men—the four who were concerned in making way with the dog asked to be carried before Col. B. J. Sweet to whom they made a clear and positive statement that the four men before him killed the dog and skinned him, cooked him and ate him
and sucked his bones and wished they could get hold of another dog. Being asked why they ate the dog they said they had been confined in the prison until they satisfied their hunger for once more by killing and cooking and eating that dog. Col. Sweet ordered the four prisoners to the dungeon, and suspended the order as to the prison square.

I will not attempt to give a full and complete description of the dungeon. I will simply say that you could not dig down three feet in the ground without water rising in the hole—so the dungeon had to be rounded over and a puncheon or plank put in there for the four to stand on, sit or sleep on or get into the water. Two of the four men were carried to the hospital and died in about two weeks and I left there about that time to go on exchange but learned from the prisoners who remained that after I left that the other two died shortly thereafter.

It doubtless was the most fortunate circumstance that could have happened for these three squads of prisoners of 1,500 not to have been exchanged in time to have taken a part in the final struggle of the War, for many of us doubtless would have met our fate on the battlefield sooner than return a prisoner of war to another Northern prison. With the experience fresh on our minds of the horrors and inhuman treatment accorded Confederate prisoners by the Federal Government I do not hesitate to say that no three thousand, nor five thousand Yankees that ever marched could have taken those 1,500 men prisoners again after being exchanged and armed. They might have killed us, but they could not have recaptured us.

Respectfully,
M. M. BARNES

Nashville, Tennessee
September 1st, 1910