

CIVIL WAR DATA ON:

JOSIAH MOORHEAD (Pvt., Co. A, 21st Ohio; 3 mo. service.)
(Later: Lieut. Co. G, 99th Ohio)

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"JOSIAH MOORHEAD -- Entered the army at the opening of the Civil War, enlisted at Findlay, Ohio, April 17, 1861, as a private soldier in Company A, 21st Ohio Volunteer Infantry. From this enlistment, after service in West Virginia, he was discharged with his regiment at Columbus, Ohio, August, 1861. August 12, 1862, Mr. Moorhead again volunteered, this time in Company G, 99th Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and was elected by a vote of the company to the position of second lieutenant, and was subsequently promoted first lieutenant. He was at the time of his first election only in his twenty-first year, and was the youngest commissioned officer in the regiment. Mr. Moorhead was in the heat of battle in many sanguinary conflicts. Among them were the engagements at Stone River, Chickamauga, Lookout Mountain, Missionary Ridge, and all the battles of the Atlanta campaign, and the two days fighting at Nashville, which resulted in the defeat of Hood.

"Since his army life, Mr. Moorhead has been the victim of hip disease. He is a member of John Howard Post, No. 154, G. A. R. The parents of Mr. Moorhead were Andrew and Letitia (Bell) Moorhead, now deceased. He was born in Hancock county, Ohio, October 18, 1840. Rachel Mitchell, the daughter of George and Rachel (Switzer) Mitchell, was born in the same county, in the year 1843, and February 8, 1866, became the wife of Josiah Moorhead. The marriage ceremony was performed in the county that had been the birthplace of the contracting parties.

"The children of Mr. and Mrs. Moorhead are: Glen W., Melvin M., Estella, Bertha, Nancy--the two latter having departed from their father's house and entered the home above; Harry B., Charles and Elizabeth. Mr. Moorhead had a brother, William, who was also a soldier in the same regiment, but was of Company F. He lost his health in the service. Mrs. Moorhead had a brother, Jacob Mitchell, who was a member of Company F, 21st Ohio Volunteer Infantry."

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"TELLS OF WAR RECORD; Josiah Moorhead First Man to Enlist from Portage Township in '61; Now 79 Years Old.

"Josiah Moorhead was in a reminiscent mood Tuesday, telling the Herald man a little of his war record while in the War of the Rebellion.

"Mr. Moorhead enjoys the distinction of being the first man to enlist from Portage township and is the only living line officer of the 99th regiment. He first enlisted on April 17, 1861, serving four months and was given \$44 in gold or \$11 per month as pay when he was discharged. His second enlistment was on August 12, 1862, at which time he was commissioned second lieutenant and was assigned to the 99th Ohio regiment, with which organization he remained until the end of the war and never missed an engagement throughout that time."

-- From: A newspaper clipping, now in the possession of Mr. and Mrs. Thad Moorhead, taken from the Hancock County Herald. The clipping bears no date.

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PERSONAL AND MILITARY SKETCHES of Ohio's Rank and File from Hancock County in the War of the Rebellion.

Washington Township

1 George Bair. "Mr. Bair was detailed as wagon master, and for sixteen months served in this department. . . While in this service he was wounded in and through the mouth by a rifle shot from the ^{of} rifle from a bushwhacker."

2 James Greer, with 43d Ohio. Received wound in leg at battle of Resaca which rendered amputation necessary, and the operation was performed on the field by surgeons Gay and Rose. For six weeks he remained in the field hospital, and was then removed to Chattanooga and later to Nashville.

3 William Karn, Co. G, 118th Ohio. At the battle of Peach Tree Creek, Ga., July 20, 1864, was so badly wounded in the leg that it was immediately amputated above the knee by the field surgeon.

4 Henry H. Ludwig, Co. A, 49th Ohio. Captured by the enemy near the end of the battle of Stone River. Held in Libby prison until May, 1863.

5 Harmon J. Vosburgh, Co. B, 55th Ohio. In May, 1863, at the battle of Chancellorsville, Vosburgh was struck on the hand by a piece of shell, taken prisoner, and held one night. "He was near Stonewall Jackson when he fell."

Biglick Township

6 William Adelsperger, Co. F, 49th Ohio. Was taken prisoner at the battle of Stone River and spent a month at Libby Prison before being paroled.

7 Henry Davis, Co. F, 21st Ohio. "At Vining Station, Georgia, July 9, 1864, he was wounded in the groin. The ball struck his watch, which saved his life. . . When he recovered consciousness after being struck he found his captain and several comrades standing over him thinking he was killed."

8 Albert J. Maurer, Co. B, 55th Ohio. "At the second battle of Bull Run, August 30, 1862, he was wounded in the left shoulder. He also fell into the hands of the enemy. He was paroled on the battlefield and sent to Annapolis, Maryland, rejoining his regiment in January, 1863. During the battle of Chancellorsville he was wounded in the leg. He lay three days and four night on the battlefield, and was then taken by the rebels and placed in a log hut, where he remained twelve days without having his wound dressed. He was then paroled and sent to Aquia Creek. Here the surgeon amputated his leg. . . "

9 Augustine Vigneron, Co. F, 21st Ohio. Participated in Sherman's march to the sea. On March 19, 1865, he was taken prisoner at Bentonville, North Carolina. He was taken to Raleigh and thence to Libby prison. He marched seventy miles with only a pint of corn meal to eat. It was forty-eight hours after their arrival at Richmond before rations were issued, and they then received a very small piece of corn bread and a mouthful of bacon. Fortunately the war was nearly at an end, and the prisoners were not held many days or they would have starved to death.

10 Noah Fogle, Co. H, 57th Ohio. "In one of the engagements before Vicksburg he was wounded. He lost the hearing of his right ear by a concussion which was caused by a man in the rear rank firing his gun very close to Mr. Fogle's ear."

11 Aaron J. Glathart, Co. H, 57th Ohio. "May 19, 1863, he was wounded at Vicksburg, Mississippi, by a minnie-ball, which passed through twenty-seven thicknesses of rubber blanket and through his belt buckle, entering the abdomen. He extracted the bullet from his own wound, and the surgeon sent him to the hospital. He would not, however, remain there, but returned to his regiment, though it was three months before he could wear a belt."

12 Aaron J. Waggoner, Co. G, 118th Ohio. "At the battle of Resaca a cannon ball over

2 struck his knapsack and carried away all his worldly effects, including a diary which he had kept up to that time."

Cass Township

1 William Jordan, Co. A, 49th Ohio. "In the battle of Shiloh Mr. Jordan received a slight scratch on the head, being struck by a splinter from a tree."

2 George Allen Wolf, _____, 57th Ohio. During his army service: "He was struck three times by minnie-balls, once at Chickasaw Bayou, where he was wounded in the left hip. . . . The second ball, at Arkansas Post, shaved the hair from his head but inflicted no injury. The third, at Jonesboro, Georgia, burned his side. At the battle of Atlanta, July 22, 1864, the subject of our sketch was near the brave General McPherson when he fell, and saw the calm still face of the noble soldier as he was borne in an ambulance wagon from the field, dead."

Findlay Township

3 John Adams, Co. A, 21st Ohio. "At the battle of Scarey Creek he captured the camp flag of the rebel general, which was the first Confederate flag brought to Ohio."

4 Henry H. Alban, Co. F, 21st Ohio. Capt. of Co. F. Company F suffered greatly in the battle of Chickamauga. "More than one-half fell, killed or wounded, upon the field, six, of whom Captain Alban was one, were captured, and where many went out, only sixteen were gathered around the campfire September 21, 1863. Captain Alban was held at Libby prison, Macon, Charleston and Columbia until October 17, 1863, when he made his escape. After having successfully traversed two hundred and forty miles, when the assurance of reaching our lines was gladdening his heart, he was recaptured and taken to Danville, Virginia, November 2d. February 20, 1865, he was so fortunate as to be exchanged. For twenty days before his exchange he was an inmate of a hospital at Danville, and for seventeen days after his exchange at the hospital at Annapolis, before he was able to start on his way home. The disease from which he suffered was caused by starvation and exposure."

5 James M. Byal, Co. G, 118th Ohio. At the battle of Resaca, Ga., May 14, 1864, a minnie-ball "struck him, cut off two fingers of the right hand, passed through the right side of his body, and came out of his back. After two hours he was carried from the field to the hospital, and in a few days he was removed to Nashville, and later to New Albany, Indiana."

6 Isaac Hershey, Co. B, 21st Ohio. At the battle of Wyan Station, between Marietta and Atlanta, Ga., he was "shot by a minnie-ball, which entered the right arm, passed through the right lung, and came out on the left side of the back. In this condition he remained on the battle field nearly twenty-four hours. Five or six wounded comrades died about him, as they lay waiting the close of the contest. When those who had escaped uninjured came to care for their less fortunate comrades, they found Mr. Hershey in a most pitiable condition, and almost dead. His wounds were dressed and he was carried to the field hospital at Marietta. Afterwards he was removed to Nashville, and later to Louisville. When he had partially recovered he assisted in the care of the wounded in the hospital for six months."

7 Frank H. Knapp, M. D. Co. D, 2nd Ohio Vol. Cavalry. Later, Oct. 1863, member of 9th Ohio Vol. Cavalry. In an engagement near New Athens, Alabama, April, 1864, he was badly injured by a horse falling on him. Here he fell into the hands of the enemy and was held in a number of Southern prisons, the last that of Columbia, S. C. From this place he twice effected his escape, the first time on Oct. 20, but he was recaptured and again imprisoned on Nov. 20. Again on Nov. 26, he succeeded in getting past the guard, and on the 2nd of Feb., 1865, entered the Union lines at Cleveland, Tenn.

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Findlay township

1 Samuel C. Moore, 7th Independent Company of Sharp Shooters. "While he was stationed at Jonesboro, Tennessee, he went out on a foraging expedition with twelve men and four wagons, and had succeeded in getting a load of ham, bacon and general supplies and were returning to the camp when a company of about eighty guerrillas surrounded them, wounding four of our men and capturing the entire party, with the exception of Mr. Moore and a comrade, who were riding and succeeded in making their escape. At the battle of Chickamauga Mr. Moore was in charge of the rear guard, and when our army became thoroughly demoralized and was falling back, he formed his men across the road and halted the retreating soldiers, and soon had over eight hundred men in line and gave them in charge of a colonel, thus preventing a general panic and was the means of saving the batteries and other important equipment."

2 Levi G. Morgan, Co. B, 21st Ohio. "In October, 1864, he was taken prisoner near Kingston, Georgia, and was held in one of the dens of torture five months. He was exchanged, but not until his health had been permanently impaired. When returning from his incarceration he was placed upon that ill-fated steamer, the Sultana, and when the explosion occurred by which fifteen hundred lives were lost, he was thrown into the river; by swimming he succeeded in gaining the island after having been in the water three hours."

3 Colonel William Mungen-- "was commissioned colonel of the 57th Ohio Volunteer Infantry February 17, 1862, his rank dating from December 16, 1861. . . . The 57th left Ohio in the spring of 1862. . . and was engaged in the battle of Shiloh. There the colonel had his horse killed by a cannon ball, which passed through the shoulders of the horse so near the knees of his rider that those members were fearfully swollen and turned entirely black, and from the effects Colonel Mungen was not able to walk for nearly one month. . . . At Arkansas Post the explosion of a shell caused him such serious injuries that he was compelled to abandon the service. The shell just grazed his head and shoulders, causing the blood to gush from both eyes and nose, and rendered him unconscious for some hours. His horse was killed instantly."

Allen township

(Two names; no, three names: Adam Burman, Harrison Downs and Lewis Lyon; no incidents of note.)

Portage Twp.

4 (David Culp, Co. G, 133rd Ohio National Guards; Cyrus Dillinger, Co. G, 99th Ohio, which later became Co. A, 50th Ohio when the two regiments were merged; John Kempher, Co. G, 133rd Ohio Nat. Guards; John Nelson, Co. D, 21st Ohio; Oliver P. Travis, 65th Ohio; David Merrill Wilson, Co. G, 133d Ohio Nat. Guards; John E. B. Zarbaugh, Co. G, 21st Ohio.)

5 John Nelson, Co. d, 21st Ohio. With Sherman on march to sea. "Just before reaching Savannah Mr. Nelson was taken very sick, and as there were no hospitals for our soldiers in that locality, he was carried in an ambulance wagon to Savannah, and there he laid while the army remained in that place. From there he was removed to Jonesboro, Raleigh, Richmond and Washington. From this place he was sent to Louisville, Kentucky, at which place he received his discharge after an army life of four years, and a period of seven months spent in the hospital."

6 .Oliver P. Travis, 65th Ohio. "Near Gallant, Tennessee, while going from the convalescent camp to his regiment, he was taken by John Morgan's cavalry, but was so fortunate as to receive immediate parole, and was sent to Columbus, Ohio, at which place he was exchanged and transferred to the 3rd United States Cavalry."

Pleasant Twp.

(William Bensinger, Co. G, 21st Ohio, later Capt. Co. C, 13th U. S. Colored Infantry; George W. Brooks, Co. G, 21st Ohio, later Co. G, 178th Ohio; Aaron Bryan, Co. L, 1st Ohio Heavy Artillery; Abraham Cassel, Co. B, 21st Ohio; Francis M. Deerwester, Co. B, 68th Ohio; George W. Fout, Co. G, 178th Ohio; Eli Heckert, Co. H, 56th Illinois, later Co. H, 123d Ohio; Charles Howard, Co. L, 1st Ohio Heavy Artillery; Benjamin H. Hull, Co. L, 1st Ohio Heavy Artillery; Robert Hull, Co. I, 99th Ohio, later Co. K, 50th Ohio; Andrew Hush, 7th Independent Co. Ohio Sharp Shooters; Ephraim A. Kelly, Co. G, 21st Ohio; Isaac C. Kelly, 1st Ohio H. Artillery; William M. Koontz, Co. K, 157th Ohio Nat. Guards; Emanuel Mogle, Co. G, 21st Ohio; Josiah Moorehead, Co. A, 21st Ohio, later Co. G, 99th Ohio; Simon P. Obermier, 72nd Ohio; Frank Otto, Co. B, 16th Ohio, later Co. C, 42nd Ohio; James Porter, Co. G, 21st Ohio; Scott W. Preble, Co. K, 65th Ohio, later Co. L, 1st Ohio H. Artillery; David Priest, Co. L, 1st H. Ohio Artillery; Henry Rader, Co. K, 65th Ohio; Daniel H. F. Routson, Co. H, 192nd Ohio; Jeremiah Shoemaker, Co. G, 21st Ohio; James M. Spence, Co. K, 65th Ohio; Frederick Stall, Battery L, 1st Ohio H. A.; John D. Swaim, Co. B, 57th Ohio; Elisha Todd, Co. D, 99th Ohio; Lycurgus Willoughby, Co. D, 21st Ohio.)

Abraham Cassel, Co. B, 21st Ohio. "In this family six brothers rallied to the defense of the Union". "sent on a foraging expedition with two hundred comrades. Ten of this number were so unfortunate as to fall into rebel hands and one of these was the subject of our memoir. Their captors were the Texas Rangers, a most barbarious band. After robbing the prisoners of most of their clothing, the unfortunate soldiers of the Union were marched a distance of one hundred miles, bare footed and bare headed, to the den of torture at Cahawba, Alabama, where they were held four months, after which they were taken to Vicksburg and exchanged. When enroute to join his regiment, he was placed upon the ill-fated Sultana, and when the explosion occurred he only escaped death from drowning by clinging to a floating tree, from which perilous position he was rescued by another U. S. steamer. Of the brothers of Mr. Cassel, Caleb fell a victim of the mine explosion at Petersburg, Virginia. The other four, Yelles, Henry, Daniel and Harrison, terminated their services successfully."

Francis M. Deerwester, Co. B, 68th Ohio. "In the battle of Atlanta Mr. Deerwester was struck by a spent ball in the hip. He was able, however, to accompany General Sherman on the march through Georgia."

Ephraim A. Kelly, Co. G, 21st Ohio. "At Rocky Face Ridge a shell instantly killed a ~~comrade~~ comrade, tore the arm from another, and a piece of it struck Mr. Kelly, inflicting a severe wound in the right hip. In the battle of the city of Atlanta he was struck by a minnie-ball in the knee. Twice during his long army life was Mr. Kelly in the hospital: once from the wound in the hip, and once from chronic diarrhea."

William M. Koontz, ~~Maryland~~ Co. K, 157th Ohio National Guards. Joined regiment May 1, 1864. "In a few weeks he entered the first and only battle in which he was engaged, that of Arlington Heights, June 20, 1864. He was holding a position on the skirmish line when he was struck by an enemy's bullet, which cut off two fingers of his left hand. He was sent to the hospital at St. Denis, Maryland, where he remained three weeks. From this place he was transferred to Fort Delaware, where he remained until August 15, 1864, when the regiment was recalled to Ohio. His discharge was granted September 4, 1864."

Emanuel Mogle, Co. G, 21st Ohio. (For 3 months service) "Mr. Mogle was engaged in the battle of Scarey Creek." (No 3 year service in the field) After the 3 months service, "Mr. Mogle was commissioned second lieutenant, as a recruiting officer, and aided in enlisting three companies, but did not go into the field with them."

William Bensinger -- entered the army at McComb, Ohio, August 24, 1861, as a private in Company G, 21st Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He was with the regiment in all its varied experiences, sharing its privations and facing its dangers up to the 1st of April, 1862. He was then selected as one of the twenty-one men chosen for the very remarkable service known as the Mitchel railroad raid. The sufferings of these men, their unjust treatment, and the untimely death of many of their number, is recounted fully on another page of this Encyclopedia.

At the time the execution of the remaining prisoners of the raid seemed imminent, they made an attempt to escape, and a part were successful, but Mr. Bensinger was recaptured. His life was spared by the prompt action of our president and secretary of war. As soon as some of those who had escaped reached our lines and reported the execution of ~~our comrades~~ their comrades, and that a few still remained, the word was sent to the officers of the Confederacy that the lives of three commissioned Confederate officers would be taken in retaliation for every soldier thus barbariously executed, if another life was taken. To this Mr. Bensinger owes his life. March 11, 1863, he was exchanged, and received promotion to the rank of captain. Medals of honor were granted the survivors. At Nashville, Tennessee, December 16, 1864, he was wounded in the face by a minnie-ball. A few days previous to the battle of Chickamauga, pursuant ~~by~~ to a general order by General Rosecrans, he was transferred to Company C, 13th United States Colored Infantry. His final discharge was granted January 11, 1866. Mr. Bensinger is a member of John Howard Post, No. 154, G. A. R. He was born in Wayne county, Ohio, January 14, 1840, a son of Reuben and Hannah (Feazel) Bensinger. His father died in March, 1884. His mother is still living. At Charlotte, Tennessee, he was married to Sarah, daughter of Wesley and Mary (Smith) Harris. To Mr. and Mrs. Bensinger has been given one son, Charles H., born at Waverly, Tennessee, June 27, 1865. Mr. Bensinger is engaged in farming. His address Deweyville, Ohio.

-- p. 465, Military Historical & Geographical Encyclopedia.

James Porter -- enlisted April 26, 1861, as a private soldier in Company G, 21st Ohio Volunteer Infantry. Although in the prime of life and surrounded by a family of children, when the call came he left all and entered the defense of his country. During the first term of service he received promotion to the rank of corporal. August 12, 1861, he was discharged with the regiment, and on the 2d day of September he re-enlisted in the same company and regiment, with the rank of first lieutenant. Two sons of Mr. Porter enlisted in the same regiment with him. One, John R., was afterwards one of the soldiers of the famous Mitchel raid described elsewhere in this volume. He was so fortunate as to make his escape. William D. was a member of Company G, and later served in the 1st Ohio Heavy Artillery. Mr. Porter was during the three months term engaged in the affair at Scarey Creek, and in the three years service fought bravely in the battle of Ivy Mountain and in the terrible strife at Stone River. When the Confederates had been driven across the river, Lieutenant Porter was the first man of the Union army that started in pursuit that reached the opposite shore of the river, having forded the stream. In all the subsequent battles of the regiment Mr. Porter bore a part in all save two. His final discharge from the service was granted September 18, 1864. Mr. Porter is a charter member and past commander of John Howard Post, No. 154, G. A. R. He was born in Ohio county, West Virginia, November 8, 1817. His father Jonah Porter, was a soldier in the war of 1812. The old soldier now rests in death, his wife a widow. The mother of Mr. Porter was Margaret (Reed) Porter; she also sleeps in death. In Delaware county, Ohio, February 22, 1838, James Porter and Opera Decker were made husband and wife. Mrs. Porter was born in the State of New Jersey, September 8, 1815. Her father, Moses Decker, was also a soldier in the war of 1812. Her mother was Charlotte (Coykendall) Decker. The parents of Mrs. Porter have departed this life. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Porter are: John R., born November 14, 1839, resides in Prairie county, Arkansas; William D., born December 17, 1841, living in Hancock county; Martha J., April 17, 1843, residing in Hancock county; James A., March 17, 1845, not heard from for ten years; Albert W., September 9, 1846, living in Hancock county; Catherine M., September 10, 1849, home in Rochester, Indiana; Allora, August 10, 1852, living in Dayton, Ohio; Mary A., September 24, 1854, in Hancock county, and Lillie M., May 31, 1859, at home. Mrs. Porter's death occurred September 25, 1882. Mr. Porter has been engaged as a miller, but has now retired from business. His address is McComb, Ohio.

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Elisha Todd--At Lima, Ohio, entered the ranks of Company D, 99th Ohio Volunteer Infantry, August 15, 1862. Twice during his many encounters with the enemy was he so unfortunate as to receive a ball from the rifles of the enemy. The first was at Chickamauga, inflicting a slight wound in the left hip; the second was at the battle of Atlanta. This must have proved fatal but for the fortunate position of his "cap-box," which diverted the ball from its course and caused it to glance downward, inflicting a wound in the leg. Mr. Todd was engaged in the battles of Stone River, Chickamauga, Look-out Mountain, Missionary Ridge, and many others of minor note. He was in every battle of his regiment, and during the two years and eleven months of his army life he was never exempt from a single duty. His discharge was granted at Salisbury, North Carolina, July 16, 1865. He was a member of John Howard Post, G. A. R., No. 154, and is the present post commander. Elisha Todd was born in Franklin county, Ohio, November 15, 1824. His parents were Benjamin and Catherine (Kalb) Todd, now deceased. Mary Gault, the daughter of Moses and Rachel Gault became his wife in Hancock county, November 17, 1854. The parents of Mrs. Todd are not living. Mrs. Todd was born in Wayne county, Ohio, August 13, 1834. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Todd are: Martha, who is married and living in Hancock county; Sylvester B., Sanford E., Rachel C., B. M. McClellan, Ulysses E., Terry T., Rufus S., and Mary. A brother of Mrs. Todd, Moses Gault, was a soldier in the Union army, and died in a hospital in Missouri. Mr. Todd was twice, through the confidence of his compatriots, elected to the office of justice of the peace. His postoffice address is McComb, Ohio.

-- Page 469, Hancock County Section, "Military, Historical & Geographical Encyclopedia," published in 1885.

2 Todd, Wm. H., enlisted Aug. 15, 1862, at Lima, Co. D, 99th O. V. I.; Pro. sergt.; discharged at Salisbury, N. C., July, 1865.

3 Todd, Elisha, enlisted at Lima, Aug. 15, 1862, Co. D, 99th O. V. I.; pro. corporal; wounded at Chickamauga and near Atlanta; discharged at Salisbury, N. C., July, 1865.

-- From Hancock County Roster, page 487, of above book.

1 Josiah Moorhead, Co. A, 21st Ohio. (For 3 months term) Later (Aug. 12, 1862) enlisted in Co. G, 99th Ohio. "He was elected by a vote of the company to the position of second lieutenant, and was subsequently promoted to first lieutenant." No wounds reported; no time in hospitals.

2 Simon P. Obermier, 72nd Ohio. "For four months he was a victim of camp diarrhea, and was confined in the hospital at Memphis, Tennessee. . . ." Re-enlisted, Jan. 1, 1864. "Shortly after, while on the raid against Guntown, Mississippi, Mr. Obermier was among the three hundred soldiers of this regiment that fell into the hands of the enemy, and for nearly nine months he was an inmate of Andersonville, Savannah, Millen, Blackshear, Thomasville, and again was returned to Andersonville, from which place he was exchanged."

3 Frank Otto, Co. B, 16th Ohio (3 mo.) Later Co. C, 42nd Ohio. Discharged Sept. 1864. Was with Sherman in the Mississippi Valley, and on the Banks' Red River expedition. Suffered no wounds.

4 Scott W. Preble "volunteered in the service of the Federal Government at Findlay Ohio, in Company K, 65th Ohio Volunteer Infantry, when only twelve years of age. From this first enlistment He was duly mustered into the service at Mansfield, Ohio. From this first enlistment he received his discharge at Cincinnati, December 17, 1862. He again entered the army at McComb, Ohio, June 2, 1863, as an artilleryman in Battery L, 1st Ohio Heavy Artillery. He was detailed as first assistant clerk at the headquarters of General Tillson, and later was promoted to chief clerk at the headquarters of General Crufts, at Greenville, Tennessee. After a service of two years and seven months" was discharged at Knoxville, Tenn., July 25, 1865.

5 David Priest, entered Aug. 1, 1863, Battery L, 1st Ohio Heavy Artillery. No particular incidents reported. Had a brother, William, who died a rebel prison.

6 Henry B. Rader, Co. K, 65th Ohio. "In the battle of Stone River a minnie-ball pierced his left wrist. With an endurance that seems almost beyond conception, he left the ranks and walked thirty miles to Nashville. At the hospital in that city his hand was amputated." Sent to hospital at Louisville, Ky. Discharged at this place because of disability March 17, 1863.

7 Jeremiah Shoemaker, entered Aug. 23, 1861, Co. G, 21st Ohio. Re-enlisted for 3 years. Was with the regiment in all its engagements, excepting that of Missionary Ridge, making "thirty-two conflicts in which he faced the bullets of the enemy". Re-enlisted as a veteran. "For a time he was in the hospital at Cave Springs, and afterwards was removed to the field hospital, in Stephenson, Alabama, from the effects of chronic diarrhea." "After an army life of four years" was discharged at Louisville, Ky., July 25, 1865.

8 James M. Spence, Co. K., 65th Ohio. "he marched from place to place as the presence of the foe rendered necessary, often being engaged in the construction of corduroy roads." Got lung fever, into hospitals, and was discharged for disability.

9 John D. Swaim, Co. B, 57th Ohio. Was with his regiment in the battle of Shiloh and in the siege and capture of Corinth. On Dec. 28, 1862, "he was captured by a regiment of Louisiana troops at Aubrey. These soldiers threatened to hang Mr. Swaim if he did not tell the number of ~~troops~~ Union troops and gunboats there were in the vicinity. The threat was not, however, carried into execution. After being held four months at Vicksburg and Jackson, Mississippi, he was paroled and sent North, but was never exchanged." At expiration of his term of service he re-enlisted, Sept. 7, 1864. Discharged with regiment at close of war, June 29, 1865.

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Blanchard Twp.

1 Isaac A. Baldwin, Co. G, 99th Ohio. "He was wounded in the knee by a minnie-ball at Lookout Mountain, and was sent to the hospital at Tullahoma, Tenn. After his discharge from this hospital, he was assigned to special duty as guard over the district prison at Chattanooga. He was with the supply train captured by General Forrest, who burnt four hundred wagons of supplies. The teams were recaptured.. Oct. 15, 1864, he was taken prisoner, robbed of his clothing and released."

2 Richard W. McCamey, Co. B, 76th Ohio. After battle of Shiloh: "After the enemy had been routed, this regiment remained near Shiloh Church for several days without food but such as was taken from the knapsacks of fallen comrades. The morning they received their first rations, there came also large loads of boxes from home, filled with sweetmeats. These coming to the starving men caused the death and sickness of many." Had a horse killed from under him by a shot from a masked battery.

3 John W. Powell, enrolled at Benton Ridge Aug. 7, 1862, private, Co. D, 99th Ohio. Took part in the battles of Perryville and Murfreesboro. After the latter battle Mr. Powell's health broke and he was sent to the hospital at Nashville from a general debility caused by chronic diarrhea and rheumatism. Was discharged for disability in March, 1863.

4 Jacob Sites, Co. F, 21st Ohio. "In the battle of Jonesboro he fell into the hands of the Confederates and was held for six months in the prisons of Andersonville, Savannah, Camp Lawton, and was suddenly removed for some unknown cause to the prison at Blackshear on the seacoast, from there to Florence, then to Salisbury. In February, about the 25th day, he was exchanged at Wilmington, N. C." Sent home on 30-day furlough, after which he reported at Camp Chase, Columbus, and was given final discharge in May, 1865.

Orange Twp.

5 Harrison Anderson, Co. B, 99th Ohio. "While engaged in a skirmish with six hundred of his comrades at McMinnville, Tennessee, he was captured by the Confederate forces. The next day they were recaptured by General Wilder, and escaped that dreaded fate, life in a Southern prison. While sick in the hospital, on October 4, 1863, Mr. Anderson fell into the hands of the rebels and was kept until the 18th of January following, when he was allowed to return to his regiment on parole, but was never exchanged. At last he determined to dispense with that formality, and entered with the regiment in all its duties. Once he narrowly escaped capture, which to a paroled soldier meant instant death."

6 Abraham V. Courtright, Co. B, 21st Ohio. "He was actively engaged in the battle of La Vergne, Tennessee, and soon after in that of Stone River, where he received a wound from a minnie-ball in the neck, but not a severe one, and in a short time he fell into the hands of the enemy as prisoner and was sent to Libby prison, where he was held two months. After rejoining his regiment he participated in the battles of Chickamauga, Chattanooga, Lookout Mountain and Missionary Ridge." Was in the hospital but three days during an army life of three years and six months. Discharged September 21, 1864.

7 Flavius Dewese, in August 1862 at Findlay joined Co. G, 118th Ohio. At battle of Resaca, Ga., was wounded in left knee which put him in hospitals for three months. After returning to his regiment he participated in the battles of Franklin and Nashville, and in the regiment's activities in N. C.

Daniel Fox, Oct. 3, 1864, at Lima, joined Co. D, 25th Ohio. Was never engaged in any large battles. "He was but once an inmate of a hospital. . . His disease was chronic diarrhea."

David Huffman, Sept. 9, 1861, at Findlay, Co. F, 21st Ohio. "Although in the midst of dangers, both from disease and the enemy's bullets, the three years of his first service had well nigh expired before Mr. Huffman received a wound.
2 In the battle of Chickamauga he was not destined to be so fortunate, but on the second day of the conflict was quite seriously injured, and for three months remained in the convalescent hospital at Nashville. He rejoined his regiment just in time to veteranize with it, January 4, 1864."

George F. Wonder-- "enlisted in the signal service of the United States Army, February 5, 1864. Although it was not the duty of the soldiers in this service to engage in battles, it often happened that they did so engage. To Mr. Wonder the first experiences of the horrors of war was derived from the battle of the Wilderness. Starting at day break, after a long, hard march, Lee was encountered at one o'clock in the afternoon. Mr. Wonder was at once engaged in the midst of the conflict. Every time the smoke was lifted he saw the faces of many comrades with the agony of death upon them, while a constant line of the wounded were carried past to the ambulance train. At eight o'clock in the evening the firing grew less, and at last all was quiet. Mr. Wonder moved back, as he supposed to rest, but until midnight he was stationed upon guard. While thus employed he saw the gathering of the officers at the tent of General Grant in a council of war. All stood with bowed heads. After asking if any general had a suggestion to make, which elicited not a word of reply, General handed to each one sealed orders; and as silently as they had come they departed. Before day the whole army was in motion and every soldier entered uncomplainingly into the engagements of the second day." During his army life of one year and six months he received but one slight wound, and that in his first engagement. (In 1885 was a farmer near Mt. Cory.)
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Thomas E Woods, in June 1862, enlisted in Co. G, 87th Ohio. "He was once captured by the enemy under command of Generals Lee and Jackson at Harpers Ferry, but was so fortunate as to be released on parole, after only forty-eight hours in hostile hands." (In 1885, was a doctor in Rawson)
4

Eagle Twp.

Samuel M. Biggs, at Findlay, entered Co. f, 21st Ohio. Received wound in right knee at Stone River which put him in hospitals at Nashville and Louisville for two months. Was discharged from this enlistment at Camp Chase in April, 1863. At Findlay, May 2, 1864, re-enlisted as captain of Co. E, 134th Ohio. Regiment did guard duty in Virginia. "At Harpers Shoals he fell into the hands of the enemy but had the good fortune to be recaptured three hours later."
5

Jacob Elsea, entered Feb. 29, 1864, Co. B, 21st Ohio. "During the battle of Bentonville he was taken prisoner and held by the enemy at Libby prison until the city was evacuated."
6

Amanda Twp.

John Crawford, at Vanlue enlisted in Nov. 1861, in Co. F, 57th Ohio. "July 22, at Atlanta, he was captured and held at Andersonville for two months." "On the night before the battle of Arkansas Post he almost froze to death. The following night he fell into the river and barely escaped drowning."
7

Daniel Gilbert, in April, 1861, enlisted in Co. F, 21st Ohio. In Nov. 1861, re-enlisted in Co. F, 57th Ohio. "He was taken prisoner at Pea Ridge, but was fortunate enough to make his escape after being held half an hour."
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(In 1885 was postmaster at Vanlue)

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Amanda Twp.

John Morehart, at Findlay in Nov. 1861, joined Co. F, 57th Ohio. "At the ~~battle of Atlant~~ battle of Atlanta, July 22, 1864, he was wounded, and at Resaca he was struck in the leg by a minnie-ball. At Atlanta he also had the misfortune to fall into the hands of the enemy. He was held at Andersonville during sixty-four days, and suffered greatly from hunger."

Jerome Ogg, at Tiffin on Aug. 16, 1861, enlisted in Co. A, 49th Ohio. "The first severe engagement of the regiment was at the battle of Shiloh. They were twenty-three miles from the field, and could hear the cannonading. Orders for a forced march to the scene of the conflict were gladly received, and they started for the boat landing twenty miles away. Reaching here at night on April 6, 1862, they remained there until morning. Mr. Ogg made his bed of two flat rails, and slept well and dry under his rubber blanket. The next day he took part in the engagement. 2 After re-enlistment he took part in the Georgia campaign. At the battle of Dallas his division made a daring charge on the rebel works. Company A entered the battle with sixty-four men, and came out with nine sound men. Eleven were killed and the rest were wounded. Here Mr. Ogg barely escaped capture. He marched with a company of rebels for several rods, but soon discovered his mistake and slipped away. . . He was wounded three times, twice slightly, and December 16, 1864, at Nashville, he was struck by a minnie-ball in the left leg. The surgeon extracted the ball, and he walked to the field hospital, from where he was sent to the hospital at Camp Dennison, Ohio. Here he contracted gangrene, and was obliged to have his leg burned from the knee to the ankle." Never fully recovered from this wound. In 1885 was a farmer near Vanlue.

Henry M. Wingate, enlisted at Ada, April 2, 1862, private Co. K, 66th Illinois Vol. Inf. "At Danville, Mississippi, July 29, 1863, he was captured and taken to Belle Isle. Here he remained during six months and was then sent to Andersonville. 3 At the end of six months more he ~~wax~~ went to Savannah, where he remained two months, then taken to Millen, where he was exchanged November 10, 1864. While in Andersonville he had the scurvy very badly, and was also afflicted with chronic diarrhea."

Delaware Twp.

Joseph Dye, enlisted Nov. 3, 1861, in Co. C, 82nd Ohio, at Forest, Ohio. "On the first day of the engagement at Gettysburg, July 1, 1863, he was wounded in the left groin by a minnie-ball. When wounded he was taken prisoner and held on the field of battle for three days. He entered the field hospital at Gettysburg, 4 where he remained three months, and was then transferred to the hospital at Cleveland, Ohio." Was discharged at Cleveland Oct. 25, 1864.

Madison Twp.

Philip A. Riegler, enlisted at Arlington, Ohio, Oct. 10, 1861, in Co. H, 66th Illinois Sharp Shooters. At the battle of Dallas, Ga., "he was struck by a revolver ball in the abdomen, and his body is still freighted with this rebel lead." 5 In 1885, was farmer near Arlington, Ohio.

Nelson S. Westcott, enlisted at Findlay, Ohio, Apr. 20, 1861, in Co. F, 21st Ohio. After three months service he enlisted in Co. H, 14th Missouri V. I., and was afterwards changed to the 66th Illinois Sharp Shooters. "In 1862 he was detailed as color sergeant, which position he held until promoted lieutenant. At Atlanta, Georgia, July 22, 1864, although struck three times by minnie-balls, he carried the flag until the close of the battle. Every one of the color guards was killed during the battle." 6 Later promoted to first lieutenant. Discharged at Louisville in July, 1865.

1 George P. Edie, at Mt. Blanchard, Ohio, on Dec. 27, 1863, enlisted in Co. A, 54th Ohio. "At Little Rock, Arkansas, he was an inmate of the hospital for two weeks on account of chronic diarrhea." (1885, farmer near Mt. Blanchard)

2 Reuben D. Fabun, at Findlay, Sept. 19, 1861, enlisted Co. A, 21st Ohio. Received but two wounds. At battle of Chickamauga he was struck in the right foot by a piece of shell, and it was about three months before he could resume his place in the regiment. At the battle of Jonesboro he was struck in the left lung by a minnie-ball. This wound put him into the hospitals for some time and led to his discharge for disability. (in 1885, farmer near Arlington)

3 George A. Havel, enlisted Feb. 25, 1864 in Co. C, 21st Ohio. "During the engagement at Jonesboro, September 1, 1864, he was wounded by a minnie-ball, which struck him on the nose and plowed through his cheek. He walked to the rear, leading another wounded man. The following day the surgeon dressed his wound, and three weeks later he was ready for duty." (1885, farmer near Houcktown)

4 John Peterman, enlisted at Findlay, April, 1861, Co. F, 21st Ohio. Later, enlisted, Aug. 25, 1861, in Co. C, 1st Ohio Vol. Cavalry. He took part in the battle of Gettysburg. At the battle of Bristow Station he was wounded in the hip, which put him in the hospital at Alexandria, Va., and from there to Chestnut Hill Hosiptal, Philadelphia. At the battle of Winchester he captured and took to the rear seven rebels. (1885, farmer near Houcktown)

5 John Russell, who in 1885 was a farmer near Houcktown. "In November, 1861, a Mr. Bridle appeared in Hancock county with a captain's commission and proceeded to organize a company of sharpshooters. Mr. Russell enlisted in this company, but was unable to report for duty, as one of his feet was frozen. On sending a statement of his case to headquarters he was informed that Captain Bridle was under arrest, having forged his commission." "July 27, 1863, Mr. Russell joined the 58th Battalion of Ohio Militia, enlisting to serve five years, but spent only eleven days in this service, and this was in Tod's Barrakks at Columbus. Although he afterwards served in the 192d Ohio Vol. Infantry, his discharge from the militia dates May 1, 1866. He enlisted at Findlay, Ohio, February 21, 1865, and was mustered in at Lima, Ohio, as a private in Company H, 192d Ohio Volunteer Infantry. The regiment went to Camp Chase, Ohio, and were, from there, transferred to Harpers Ferry. While on the way to Harpers Ferry they were exposed to a terrible storm, and a number of the men were attacked with the measles. On arriving at their destination thirt y-one were sent to the hospital, and of this number nineteen died within five days. Mr. Russell entered the hospital with this disease and remained there five days, and was then transferred to the general hospital at Frederick City, Maryland, and was confined there until discharged May 26, 1865." (1885, farmer near Houcktown)

6 Timothy Shearer, enlisted at Canton, Ohio, Aug. 5, 1862, in Co. B, 115th Ohio. "He participated in the battle of Murfreesboro, and was then detailed to act in the pioneer corps, which caused him to miss some of the engagements in which his regiment took part. With this corps he was taken prisoner at Smyrna. They were held three days by the enemy and marched continually. On the fourth day they had the good fortune to be recaptured. Mr. Shearer received a bullet hole in his coat on the day he was taken." "He never entered the hospital, but lay sick in camp with chronic diarrhea." (1885, farmer near Houcktown)

7 Wilson S. Spade, enlisted at Findlay, Oct. 8, 1862, in Co. H, 57th Ohio. Took part in the siege of Vicksburg. "He was attacked with chronic diarrhea and was sent on board the hospital boat, where he remained about two months." (1885, farmer near Houcktown)

Jackson Twp. Con't.

Samuel Swisher, enlisted at Findlay, Aug. 22, 1861, in Co. B, 21st Ohio. "He contracted chronic diarrhea while in the service and never entirely recovered from its effects." (1885, farmer near Findlay)

Thomas A. Waltermire, enlisted at Vanlue, Ohio, Nov. 1862, in Co. I, 82nd Ohio. "Mr. Waltermire took part in the battles of Gettysburg and Chancellorsville. On July 3, 1863, during the engagement at Gettysburg he was wounded in the right leg, above and below the knee, by a fragment of shell. He was taken to the field hospital in an ambulance, and there dressed his own wound. He was then sent to the hospital at Baltimore, and thence to Philadelphia. At Opequon, Virginia, he was taken prisoner. He was marched from there to Richmond in four days and nights with nothing to eat but seven grains of corn. When taken he weighed one hundred and fifty-two pounds, and he was reduced to one hundred and ten pounds." (1885, farmer near Houcktown)

Liberty Twp.

William B. Moorhead, enlisted at Findlay, Sept. 5, 1861, as private in Co. F, 21st Ohio. "In the battle of Stone River, he showed such courage in the presence of danger that he received promotion immediately after to the rank of corporal." Was in the battles of Chickamauga, Chattanooga, etc., re-enlisted as a veteran. "Two brothers, John M., and Josiah Moorhead, served in the army, and a cousin, John Moorhead, was killed or died in prison at the hands of the rebels." (1885, farmer near Findlay)

William Taylor, enlisted in Co. D, 99th Ohio. No date of enlistment given. Took part in battles of Stone River, Chickamauga, Lookout Mountain, and the engagements of the Atlanta campaign, also the battle of Nashville. "Several times he was slightly wounded by spent balls, but he received no permanent injury. "He was under fire one hundred days out of one hundred and three consecutive days." (1885, farmer, postoffice Findlay)

Miscellaneous

John Walker Sheffer, enlisted at Mansfield, in Sept. 1862, in the 7th Independent Company Ohio Sharpshooters. "The men of this company were sent out to the field of Chickamauga in December following the battle to bury the dead that had fallen, and had been left unburied by the enemy, while the field was in their possession. Three hundred of our beloved dead were buried by these comrades, and about fifty of the rebels also were placed in their graves by them. After the fall of Atlanta the company was detailed as Sherman's body guard during his march to the sea." (1885, blacksmith at Mt. Blanchard)

Brief listings under "Roll of Honor" at end of individual biog. sketches.

Baldwin, David M., served with Squirrel Hunters; died 1878.
 Brooks, Calvin W., enlisted Oct. 1862, at McComb, Co. G, 21st O. V. I.; pro. captain; wounded at Stone River; discharged at Deckerd Station, Tenn., Oct., 1863.
 Banham, Robert (Banham or Bonham?), enlisted at Findlay, Sept. 3, 1861, Co. F, 21st O. V. I.; captured at Nolan Pike; paroled; discharged at Atlanta, Sept. 18, 1864.
 Bensinger, Wm., enlisted at McComb, Aug. 24, 1861, Co. G, 21st O. V. I.; captured near Ringgold, Ga.; held at Chattanooga, Atlanta and Richmond 11 months and 17 days; pro. captain; transferred Sept. 15, 1863, to 13th U. S. Colored Infantry; wounded at Nashville; discharged at Nashville, Jan. 11, 1866.
 Bonham, Isaac, enrolled at Fort Snelling, Minn., Dec. 7, 1863, Co. I, 2nd Minn. V. C.; 1st Lieut.; pro. captain; lost left eye summer of 1865; discharged Nov. 22, 1865; served in war against Sioux.

Bonham, Johnson, enlisted Aug., 1862, Hancock Co., Co. G, 99th O. V. I.; died Nov. 11, 1862.
 Benham, Joseph (printed "Benham" in book), enlisted Aug., 1862, Hancock Co., Co. G, 99th O. V. I.; died Dec. 31, 1862.
 Beard, George W., enlisted Jan. 1862, at Findlay, Co. H, 57th O. V. I.; wounded at Shiloh; reenlisted Jan., 1865, Co. K, 1st N. J. C.; discharged July, 1865.
 Didway, William, enlisted 1861 at Findlay, Co. A, 21st O. V. I.; color sergeant; wounded and captured at Chickamauga; held at Andersonville; discharged at Columbus, Jan, 1865.
 Davidson, James W., enlisted July 17, 1861, at Findlay, Co. A, 49 O. V. I.; por. 2d lieut. and Capt.; wounded and captured at Stone River; recaptured on field; trans. Vet. Res. Corps, 1864; resigned April 20, 1867, at Findlay.
 Dye, Joseph enlisted at Forest, Nov. 3, 1861, Co. C, 82d O. V. I.; sergeant; wounded and captured at Gettysburg; held 3 days; discharged Oct. 25, 1864 at Cleveland.
 Glathart, ~~and~~ Jeremiah H., scout in Gen. Blunt's army; captured near Molla, Mo.; held 4 days; bribed guard and escaped.

G. A. R. Posts in Hancock County

Swartz Post, No. 144	Mt. Cory
John Howard Post, No. 154	McComb
Welker Post, No. 266	Arlington
Stoughton Post, No. 386	Mt. Blanchard

Article on "The Mitchel Railroad Raiders" on pages 492 and 493.

This article lists the members of the raiding party as follows:

2nd O. V. I.
 Ross
 Shadrick
 Wilson, Geo. D.
 Pittenger

21st O. V. I.
 Porter, Wood, Alf. Wilson, Knight, Brown, Bensinger, Buffum, Swott and Mason.

33d Ohio
 Hawkins, Reddick, Wollam, Robinson, Dorsey, Parrott and Slavens.

(No mention of Smith and Llewellyn)

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