

COMPANY "C" 133RD REGIMENT MILITIA

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Very little is known about the West Virginia Militia units, although more than 30,000 men, often called "Home Guards" and "Scouts" served in these units during the Civil War. According to Greg Carroll, historian at the West Virginia State Archives, "The state militias, which had been functioning since the colonial period, supported the Union during the Civil War and were usually assigned to guard railroads and towns, scout for the regulars, or chase the Confederate partisans who were constantly attacking the Northern counties in small bands. Much acrimony and internecine warfare resulted from the bitter confrontations between locals supporting one side or another. Many civilians were arrested by both sides, under questionable authority."

More is known about Company "C" of the 133rd Militia because of a surprise raid on Saturday, September 12, 1863, that resulted in the capture of nearly seventy members of Company "C" while they were practicing drills that morning. Local legend is that they drilled with empty rifles; only those on picket duty used loaded rifles. A disgruntled former member of the 133rd Militia allegedly provided the Rebels with the Militia's schedule, which made it easy for them to launch the raid and capture the defenseless men.

The prisoners were marched to Richmond and then dispersed to prison camps. A few escaped and some were eventually exchanged. Others were held captive in one or more camps. Beginning in February 1864, most were sent to the recently built "Camp Sumter" at Andersonville, Georgia. It was at this notorious "death camp" that most of the prisoners of Company "C" died.

The exact number of Company "C" who died at Andersonville is not known. As previously stated, the original records at Andersonville are riddled with errors and omissions because record keeping was a low priority. Some men may have spent time at Andersonville before being sent to another camp. Other men are known to have died at Andersonville but there are no records of death or burial - and sometimes no proof of imprisonment there. A few were thought to have died at Richmond but their graves at Andersonville are known.

The Roster of Company "C" of the 133rd in the West Virginia Adjutant General's records lists 67 men, plus another 2nd Lt of 133rd Regiment, who were captured at Centerville on September 12, 1863. Of the 68 men captured, 45 died.

The records presented here were compiled from the Adjutant General's records and lists of burials at Andersonville. Many conflicts and questions remain.

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OFFICIAL RECORDS.--SERIES II--VOLUME VI

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, *Wheeling, October 14, 1863.*

Brig. Gen. S. A. MEREDITH,
Commissioner for Exchange, Fortress Monroe:

GENERAL: I write you in regard to armed militia in active service who have been captured and are now imprisoned by the enemy. I have armed a great many of the militia of the State for the purpose of protecting themselves from armed bands of rebels, as well as to co-operate with the forces of the United States in case of emergency. They are frequently on duty, sometimes simply drilling, sometimes aiding actively in movements against the enemy. Some of these men have been captured, and it becomes a matter of interest to their friends as well as to those of the militia remaining at home, who also are bearing arms, to know whether provision has been made by the U.S. authorities for their protection while prisoners and for their exchange as soldiers captured in the Government service. I may say that I am not advised what negotiations have been had with the rebel authorities recently on the subject of exchanges, nor have I at hand a copy of the cartel heretofore entered into. My attention has been called to this subject from the fact that on the day of September, 1863, while Capt. Daniel Gould's company, of One hundred and thirty-third Regiment West Virginia Militia, were drilling at Centerville, Upshur County, seventy-three of the company, including the captain and other officers, were captured with their arms and were carried off and are still prisoners in the hands of the enemy. The rebels at the same time captured and carried off Jacob Bash, a private, unarmed citizen. I inclose you a list of those captured and respectfully request that you will interest yourself in their behalf and effect their exchange as speedily as possible. I have another case also to which I respectfully call your attention. Capt. E. C. Harper, who commands a State volunteer company in active service, in Pendleton County, on the 15th of September, 1863, sent Corpl. Cornelius F. Ketterman, of his company, to ascertain the position of the enemy, and on the night of that day he was captured by a squad of Jenkins' cavalry on Bennetts Mill Run, near Circleville, in Pendleton County, was tied and led off and is still a prisoner. I inclose you a letter of Mr. George Harrison, of this city, who is engaged with his son, Captain Harrison, acting quartermaster, at Cumberland, Md. His young son, who was captured as therein represented, was in the employ of Captain Harrison and was on a foraging expedition at the time of his capture. I know the family well; they are all loyal.

The case of this youth is one of especial interest, and I feel sure that you will so regard it. I have just this moment heard that he was in jail in Richmond.

Very respectfully, &c.,

A. I. BOREMAN, Governor

UPSHUR COUNTY 133rd MILITIA STATE TROOPS

Captain Daniel Gould's Company "C"

Mustered in 16 Sept 1862 at Buckhannon, West Virginia

Captain

DANIEL GOULD
Commissioned 24 Jul 1862, to rank 04 Jul 1862.
Captured 12 Sep 1863 at Centerville, W.Va. Returned 08 Jan 1865.

First Lieutenant

HARVEY GEYER
Captured 12 Sep 1863 at Centerville, W.Va. Returned 28 Mar 1865.

Second Lieutenant

LOYAL Y. McAVOY
Captured 12 Sep 1863 at Centerville, W.Va. Returned 19 Dec 1863.

Enlisted Men

GRANVILLE B. ARMSTRONG - Captured 12 Sep 1863 at Centerville, W.Va. **Died** of Anasarca 10 Jun 1864 at Andersonville, Ga. Grave #1968

GEORGE ARMSTRONG - Captured 12 Sep 1863 at Centerville, W.Va. **Died** of Chronic Diarrhea 3 May 1864 at Andersonville, Ga. Grave #876

HARVEY ARMSTRONG

JOHN W. ARMSTRONG - Captured 12 Sep 1863 at Centerville, W.Va. **Died** of Scorbutus 10 Aug 1864 at Andersonville, Ga. Grave #5011.

PETER B. BARB

JOSIAH B. BARNETT - Captured 12 Sep 1863 at Centerville, W.Va. **Died** 5 Feb 1865 at Andersonville, Ga. (No record)

HIRAM BEAN - - Captured 12 Sep 1863 at Centerville, W.Va. Returned 05 Apr 1865.

ANDREW J. BENNETT

GRANVILLE BENNETT

JAMES M. BENNETT - Captured 12 Sep 1863 at Centerville, W.Va. Returned 20 Jan 1864.

STEWART BENNETT - Paroled.

CALVIN BOYD - Captured 12 Sep 1863 at Centerville, W.Va. **Died** 06 Jul 1864, a POW.

JACOB C. BRAKE - Captured 12 Sep 1863 at Centerville, W.Va. **Died** of Pneumonia 6 May 1864 at Andersonville, Ga.; 1st Sergeant. Grave #943.

NIMROD S. (JACOB J.) BRAKE - Captured 12 Sep 1863 at Centerville, W.Va. Returned 04 Jul 1864.

TAYLOR (A. TAYLOR) BROWN - Captured 12 Sep 1863 at Centerville, W.Va. Returned 29 Dec 1864.

SAMUEL BURNS - Captured 12 Sep 1863 at Centerville, W.Va. **Died** of Chronic Diarrhea 29 Mar 1864 at Andersonville, Ga.; Sergeant. Grave #221.

ISAAC CARTER - Captured 12 Sep 1863 at Centerville, W.Va. Returned 15 Jun 1864.

BENJAMIN F. CLARKSON - Captured 12 Sep 1863 at Centerville, W.Va. **Died** 30 Mar 1864, a POW.

JAMES M. CLARKSON - Captured 12 Sep 1863 at Centerville, W.Va. **Died** 22 Feb 1864.

DAVID R. COCHRAN - Captured 12 Sep 1863 at Centerville, W.Va. **Died** Mar 1864 at Andersonville, Ga. (No record)

JOSEPH COCHRAN

LEWIS F. CORBITT - Captured 12 Sep 1863 at Centerville, W.Va. **Died** of Chronic Diarrhea 25 Mar 1864 at Andersonville, Ga. Grave #110

JOSEPH CRAWFORD - Captured 12 Sep 1863 at Centerville, W.Va. **Died** 31 Dec 1864.

ABRAHAM CRITES
ANDREW W. CUNNINGHAM - Captured 12 Sep 1863 at Centerville, W.Va. Died 01 Dec 1863.
JOHN A. CUNNINGHAM - Captured 12 Sep 1863 at Centerville, W.Va. Died Jul 1864 at Andersonville, Ga.. Grave #2930??
W. N. (M.) CUNNINGHAM - Captured 12 Sep 1863 at Centerville, W.Va. Died 23 Dec 1863? Andersonville? Richmond? (No record)
BENJAMIN N (M.). CURRY - Captured 12 Sep 1863 at Centerville, W.Va. Died 30 Mar 1864.
EDWARD E. (C.) CURRY
HAMILTON CURRY
JAMES CURRY
JAMES S. CURRY
MARTIN CURRY
ROBERT CURRY
ROBERT A. CURRY - Captured 12 Sep 1864 at Centerville, W.Va. Died of Chronic Diarrhea Apr 1864 at Andersonville, Ga. Grave #365
GEORGE W. (M) DOUGLASS - Captured 12 Sep 1863 at Centerville, W.Va. Died of Chronic Diarrhea 27 Mar 1864 at Andersonville, Ga. Grave #202
HENRY F. EAKEL
ROBERT ERVIN
JAMES ESKEW
DAVID FAIRBURN - Captured 12 Sep 1863 at Centerville, W.Va. Returned 16 Apr 1864.
JAMES W. FAIRBURN - Captured 12 Sep 1863 at Centerville, W.Va. Died 19 Mar 1864 at Andersonville, Ga.? (No record).
NORMAN N. (M.) FERRILL
ROBERT C. FERRILL - Paroled.
WILLIAM FLEMING - Captured 12 Sep 1863 at Centerville, W.Va. Died Feb 1864. Andersonville? Richmond.? Corporal.
PETER FOLKES
JAMES F. FRIEL - Captured 12 Sep 1863 at Centerville, W.Va. Returned 24 Apr 1864. Sergeant.
THOMAS (P.) GATRUP (GAWTHROP) - Captured 12 Sep 1863 at Centerville, W.Va. Returned 19 Dec 1863.
BASELEEL GEYAR - Captured 12 Sep 1863 at Centerville, W.Va. Returned 28 May 1864.
LANTTLET B. GOLDEN
WILLIAM H. GOLDEN
DAVID M. GRIMES - Deserted.
WILLIAM C. GRIMES - Deserted.
PETER GWINN
ADDISON HARPER
PETER HARPER
HENRY G. (J.) HEFNER - Captured 12 Sep 1863 at Centerville, W.Va. Returned 25 Apr 1864. Sergeant.
JOHN B. HENDERSON
PETER HOFFMAN - Captured 12 Sep 1863 at Centerville, W.Va. Died 29 Mar 1865.
ELMORE HYRE - Captured 12 Sep 1863 at Centerville, W.Va. Returned 24 Apr 1864.
TAYLOR HYRE - Captured 12 Sep 1863 at Centerville, W.Va. Returned 24 Apr 1864.
ANSON R. JACK – Capt 12 Sep 1863, Centerville, W.Va. A. R. JAKE in records. Died Jul 1864 Andersonville, Ga. Grave #3045
HENDERSON JACK - Captured 12 Sep 1863 at Centerville, W.Va. Died 26 Mar 1864, Annapolis, Md. Buried Upshur Co, W.Va.
DAVIS K. JOHNS - Captured 12 Sep 1863 at Centerville, W.Va. Died of Chr. Diarrhea 2 Apr 1864 at Andersonville, Ga. Grave #312
DOUGLASS JOHNS - Captured 12 Sep 1863 at Centerville, W.Va. Died 1 Apr 1864 at Andersonville, Ga.? (No record)
ROBERT JOHNS
CHAVEY B. JOHNSTON
PERRY H. JOHNSTON

HENRY LANHAM - Captured 12 Sep 1863 at Centerville, W.Va. Died of Debilias 1 Jun 1864 at Andersonville, Ga. Grave #1592.
HARVEY H. LONG
JAMES H. LONG - Captured 12 Sep 1863 at Centerville, W.Va. Died 27 Dec 1864.
R. P. McAVOY
J. A. McCAUSLEY - Corporal.
W. E. McDOWELL - Paroled.
JOHN MARTEENEY
STANACKER MARTEENEY - Captured 12 Sep 1863 at Centerville, W.Va. Returned 02 Dec 1864. Corporal.
B. J. MILES
BRYANT (T.?) MOORE - Captured 12 Sep 1863 at Centerville, W.Va. Returned 03 Jun 1864.
WILLIAM J. MOORE - Deserted.
EZRA MORGAN - 2 nd Lt. Captured with Co. C 12 Sep 1863 at Centerville, W.Va. - Died 17 Apr 1864.
IRA B. (E. B.) MORGAN
JESSE B. NIXON - Captured 12 Sep 1863 at Centerville, W.Va. Died 22 Apr 1864 supposedly at Andersonville, Ga. No burial record. [Grave found at Loudon Park National Cemetery, near Baltimore.]
ADAM PECK - Captured 12 Sep 1863 at Centerville, W.Va. Died Mar 1864 supposedly at Andersonville, Ga. (No record).
LEWIS RICE
MARTIN (M.) RICE - Captured 12 Sep 1863 at Centerville, W.Va. Returned 25 Apr 1864.
SAMUEL RICE - Captured 12 Sep 1863 at Centerville, W.Va. Died Dec 1864 at Andersonville, Ga.
WILLIAM RAKES - Captured 12 Sep 1863 at Centerville, W.Va. Died of Chronic Diarrhea 3 Apr 1864 Andersonville, Ga. Grave #349.
AMOS SAMPLES - Confined 18 months with broken leg.
FREEMAN T. SEXTON
GEORGE W. SHARP - Captured 12 Sep 1863 at Centerville, W.Va. Returned 20 Oct 1863.
LAWSON (CLOSSEN) E. SIMMONS (SIMONS)- Captured 12 Sep 1863 at Centerville, W.Va. Died of Diarrhea 1 Aug 1864 at Andersonville, Ga. Corporal. Grave #3895
EMANUEL SIMMONS - Captured 12 Sep 1863 at Centerville, W.Va. Died of Scorbutus Jul 1864 at Andersonville, Ga. Corporal. Grave #5237.
JOS. D. (C.) SIMMONS
CHARLES SIMONS - Deserted.
JACOB C. SIMONS - Captured 12 Sep 1863 at Centerville, W.Va. Died 01 Oct 1864.
SAMUEL SMALLRIDGE - Captured 12 Sep 1863 at Centerville, W.Va. Died 20 Mar 1864.
JACOB C. SMITH - Captured 12 Sep 1863 at Centerville, W.Va. Died 16 Mar 1864 at Andersonville, Ga. (No record).
LEVI J. B. SMITH - Paroled.
MARSHALL W. SMITH - Captured 12 Sep 1863 at Centerville, W.Va. Died 15 Mar 1864.
NOAH SMITH - Captured 12 Sep 1863 at Centerville, W.Va. Died 15 Jan 1864 at Andersonville, Ga. (No record)
JOHN T. STARCHER - Captured 12 Sep 1863 at Centerville, W.Va. Returned 20 Dec 1863.
JOHN T. STARKS
JAMES A. STRADER
GREY M. THOBBERT
PERRY TOLBERT - Captured 12 Sep 1863 at Centerville, W.Va. Returned 28 May 1864.
CHARLES W. TOWNSEND
WILLIAM G. TOWNSEND - Captured 12 Sep 1863 at Centerville, W.Va. Died 11 Mar 1864 at Andersonville, Ga. (No record).
JOHN J. VINCENT - Captured 12 Sep 1863 at Centerville, W.Va. Died 28 Mar 1864 at Andersonville, Ga. Is this JAMES, buried in Grave #244?
JEFF C. VINCENT
ISAAC W. VINCENT
AERA (ESRA) S. WANLESS - Captured 12 Sep 1863 at Centerville, W.Va. Died 18 Jan 1864.

SAMUEL T. WESTFALL - Company Clerk.
GIDEON H. WILSON - Sergeant
JAMES S. WILSON - Captured 12 Sep 1863 at Centerville, W.Va. Died 22 Dec 1863 at Andersonville, Ga. (No record)
JOHN W. WILSON
JAMES W. WINDELL - Captured 12 Sep 1863 at Centerville, W.Va. Returned 19 Dec 1863.
NOAH WINEMILLER
SAMUEL WINEMILLER
M. P. WINGROVE
JAMES S. WOODS
ASA B. YOUNG - Captured 12 Sep 1863 at Centerville, W.Va. Died of Diarrhea Apr 1864 at Andersonville, Ga. Grave #456.
ALMANDUS YOUNG - Captured 12 Sep 1863 at Centerville, W.Va. Died of Diarrhea Apr 1864 at Andersonville, Ga. Grave #148.
EARL E. YOUNG
EDWIN YOUNG - Captured 12 Sep 1863 at Centerville, W.Va. Died of Diarrhea Apr 1864 at Andersonville, Ga. Grave #694

- Despite the fact that soldiers in Militias were killed, wounded & prisoners of war, they were not entitled to Federal Pensions, nor were they awarded the West Virginia Civil War medals.