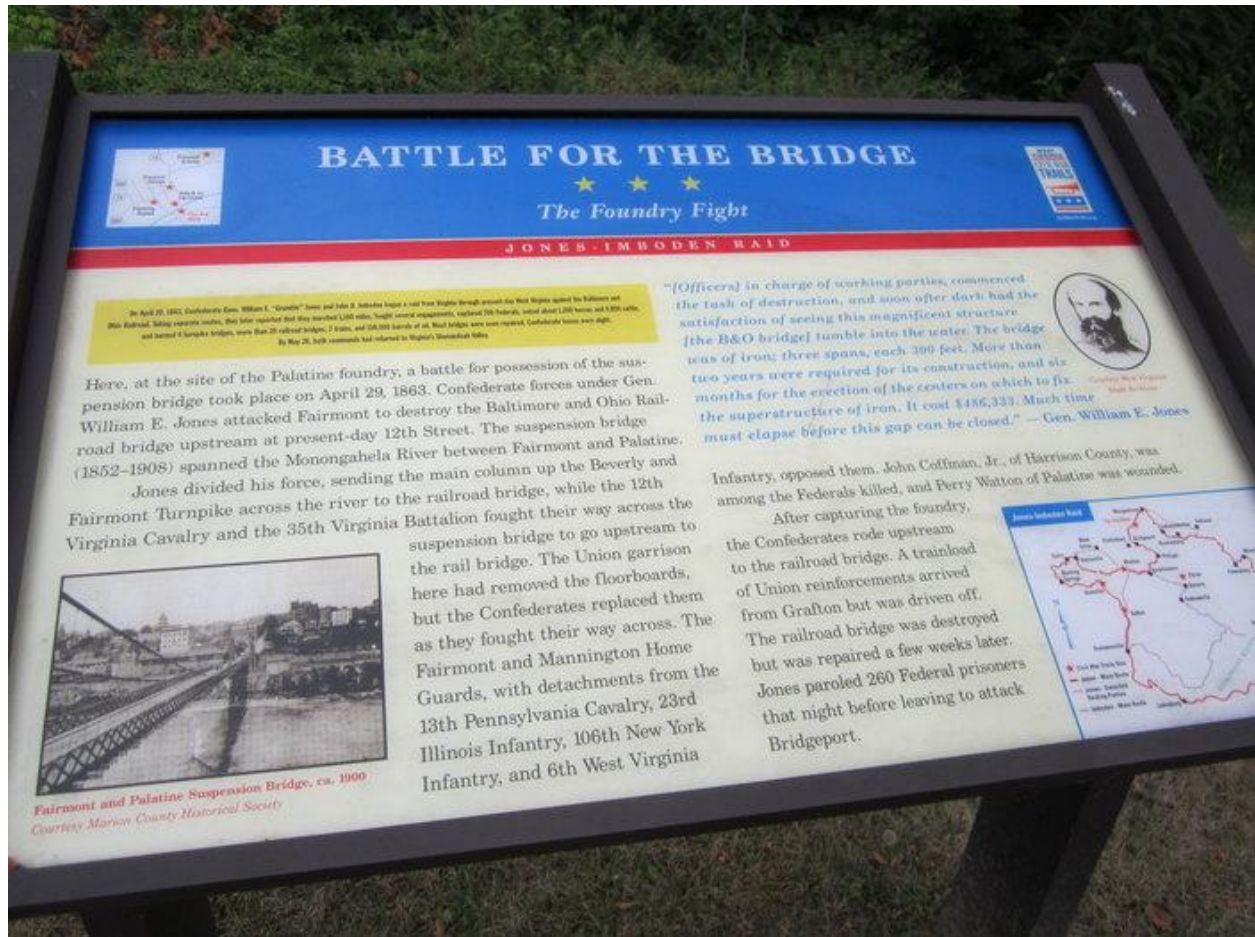


THEOPHILUS COFFMAN

176th Militia, Marion County



This marker in Fairmont, Marion County, West Virginia, describes the "Battle for the Bridge" that took place on April 29, 1863.

The story indicates that "John Coffman, Jr. of Harrison County was among the Federals killed."

To set the record straight, the man was THEOPHILUS COFFMAN. According to a relative, Brenda Gamboa, the family recovered his body and buried him in the Coffman Cemetery in Shinnston, Harrison County.

Born on May 27, 1945, Theophilus was the son of John Goodwin Coffman (1815-1892) and Achsah Boggess Coffman(1820-1900) . His siblings, all younger, were Jessie, Jasper and Charles.

The West Virginia Division of Culture & History confirms this man's name, although the date of death is incorrect.

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West Virginia Militia Database

Item Details: Record Id: 11060

County: Marion

Unit: 176 M.

Name: T. (Theo.) Coffman

Rank: Private

Company: Capt. Wm Hall C Co.

Age:

Roll Dated: June 20th 1863

When Enrolled: Aug. 27 1862

Where Enrolled: Marion Co., Va

Length of Service: 20 ds

Mustered In:

Mustered Out:

Remarks: Killed in battle at Fairmont, WV Apr. 26 -'63.