

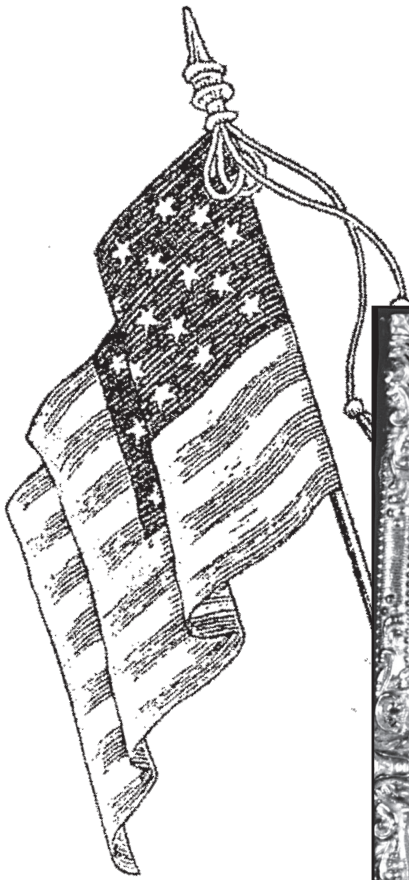
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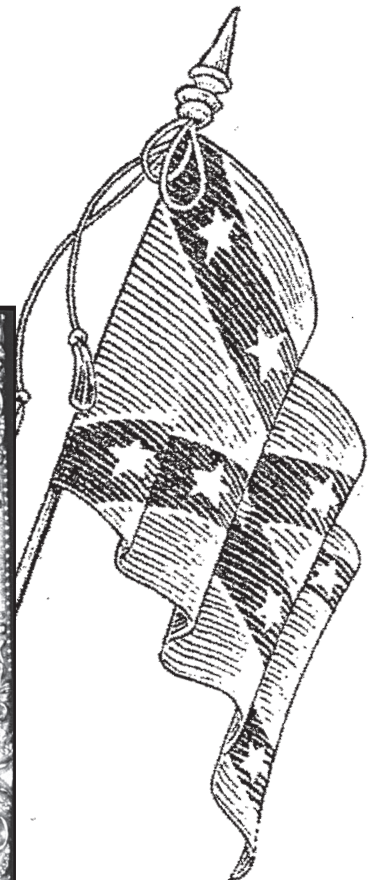
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STIDHAMS* IN THE CIVIL WAR



James M. Stedham,
Private, Company F,
25th Alabama Infantry
Regiment, Army of
Tennessee, C.S.A.



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on this soldier.
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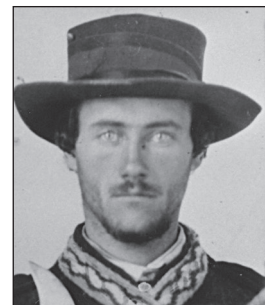
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James M. Stedham: Some History

He enlisted in December of 1861, at Mobile, in the 25th Alabama Infantry Regiment. It's not known if he was present when his regiment saw its first action at Shiloh in April of 1862. He is shown as being "sick" at Cleveland, Tennessee, when it is first noted in his service record. His lineage is unknown, although he is undoubtedly from one of our Baldwin County, Alabama, Stedham/Steadham families.

On 15 May 1864, Private Stedham was captured at Resaca, Georgia. A week later, he was imprisoned at Camp Morton, located at Indianapolis, Indiana. He remained there for ten months before dying of "acute dysentery" on 5 Mar 1865, one month prior to the close of the war. Private Stedham was buried at Green Lawn Cemetery in grave number 1488. In 1933, the bodies of all Confederate prisoners were exhumed and reburied in a mass grave at Crown Hill Cemetery, known today as Confederate Mound.

The information on James M. Stedham is paraphrased from the January 1996 page of the *Confederate Calendar*, produced by Confederate Calendar Works of Austin, Texas. The copyrighted photo is reproduced here from a black and white print of the original, hand-colored ambrotype in the collection of David Wynn Vaughan of Atlanta, Georgia, and is reprinted with his permission.



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STIDHAMS* IN THE CIVIL



When we launched this newsletter back in 1998, I knew at some point, we would be doing an issue based on the Civil War and our Stidham* ancestors' role in it. It was inevitable. From the present time looking back, it has only been 140 years since the conflict began. That means for many of us, it was our great-grandfathers who took part in the war on one side or the other.

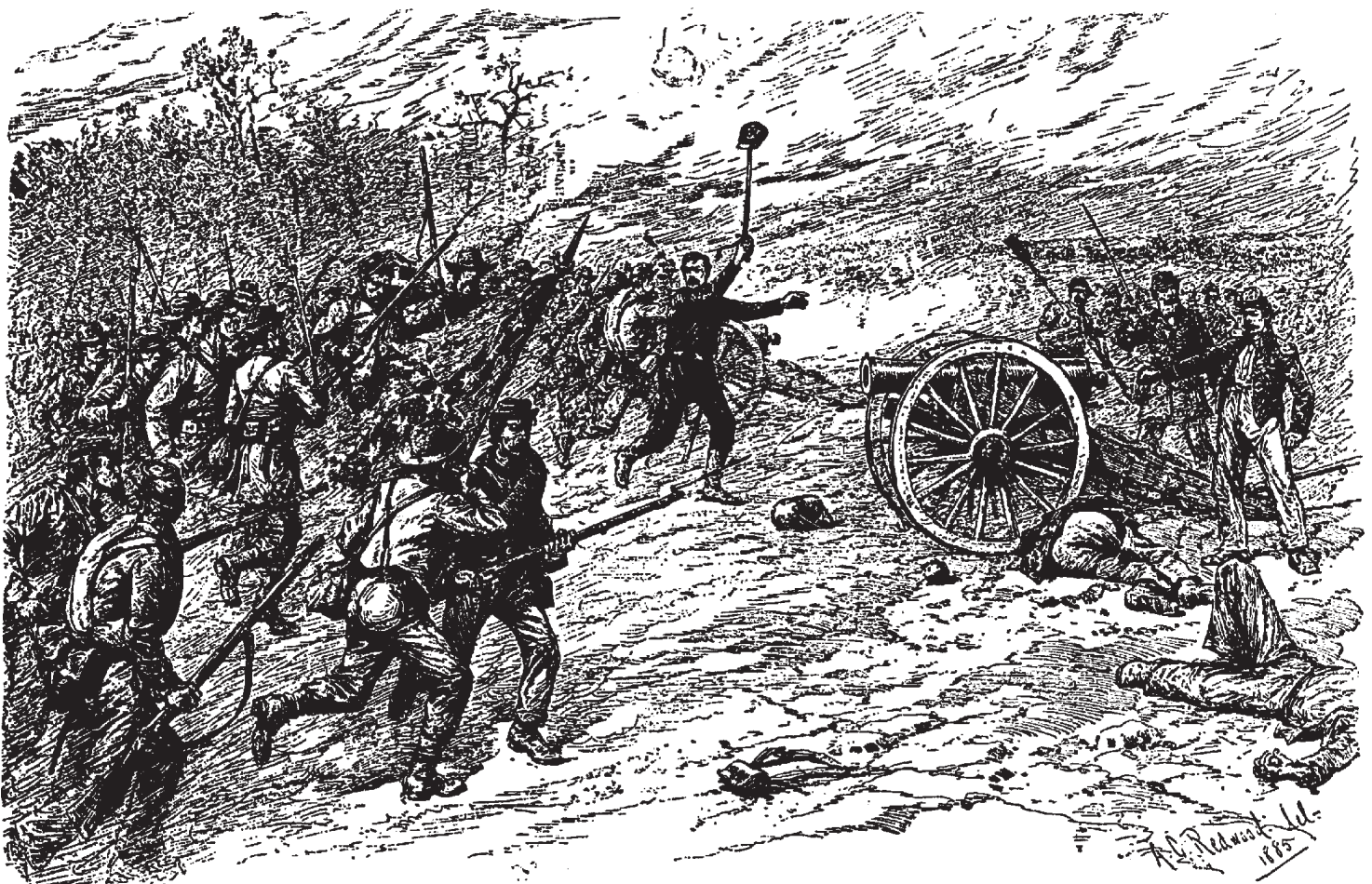
Contributing editors to this special issue were: Edwin W. Besch (see page 16 for more about him); Jack Stidham, our society's historian; and David Stiddem, TSS President. The information as presented here was collected from several sources. Much of the data on individual

soldiers was taken from the book, *The Descendants of Dr. Timothy Stidham, Vol. 1*, by Jack Stidham, along with their identification numbers from the book. When that is the case, a soldier's entry is followed with the abbreviation "DTS" and the page number where it can be found.

The list of Stidhams* fighting for the Union was taken from those found by searching the "Civil War Soldiers and Sailors System" on the Internet (<http://www.itd.nps.gov/cwss/>), yet doesn't appear to be an exhaustive list. If either a Union or Confederate soldier is listed there, his entry will include the reference "CWSS" at the end of it.

Some of the material included in this issue was found in newspaper clippings; some was gathered from pension application papers; some was contributed as independent research by various members of the Society.

The two volume set, *A Compendium of the War of*



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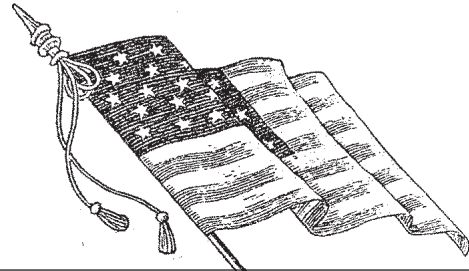
the Rebellion, by Frederick H. Dyer (1908), Broadfoot Publishing Company, Morningside Press, provided information on the regimental histories for the Union Army, which are only briefly sketched out in this issue.

You'll notice at the end of each regiment there is a listing of battles that that particular unit fought in (if known). This *only* lists major battles fought, it doesn't begin to list all the many skirmishes, sieges, scouting missions and other duties any given regiment or unit participated in. Unless officer rank or NCO grade is given for individual Stidham* soldiers listed in this issue, they served as privates.

Stidham* soldiers fighting for the Confederacy are taken from pages 427, 429, and 485 in the *The Roster of Confederate Soldiers, 1861-1865*, Vol. XIV, edited by Janet B. Hewett. Listed alphabetically, they are regrouped here by states and include two additional units. All soldiers entries found in this roster will include the reference "RCS" at the end of it.

Mr. Besch provided the brief unit information about organization dates and some battles fought from *The Compendium of the Confederate Armies*, a series of volumes about units from individual or several states, e.g., Alabama, South Carolina, Georgia and Texas, etc. compiled by Stewart Sifaskis, and published by Facts On File during the 1990s. The Tennessee and Virginia volumes were not available, so Mr. Besch referred to Lee A. Wallace, Jr.'s, *A Guide to Virginia Military Organizations*, which gives basic unit organization down to company level, but doesn't list battles. Another excellent source of histories of Virginia regiments and artillery batteries is found in a series by H.E. Howard, of Lynchburg, Virginia, where he includes rosters of soldiers with dates served, whether or not wounded, and post-war lives for some.

You'll notice that many of the following entries begin with the phrase: "this could be..." or, "this probably is..." The reason for this bit of fudging is that we aren't 100% sure these soldiers are who we think they are due to a lack of documentation proving our assumptions; they just happen to be in the right place at the right time to possibly be who we're listing them here as. Many others are known John Steedman descendants (and are so noted), who we will deal with separately in a future issue.



Stidhams* Who Fought for the

UNION

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

3RD BATTALION INFANTRY

Stidham (Stedham), Alfred, Co. E: Alfred Dupont [527] Stidham (CWSS; no other data).

Organized at Washinton, D.C. Apr 1861. No Battles. Mustered out Jul 1861.

DELAWARE

1ST REGIMENT INFANTRY

Stidham, Thomas, Co. E: This is Thomas Kitchen [528] Stidham who was transferred to Co. G and promoted to Corporal (next entry) (CWSS; no other data).

Stidham, Thomas, Corporal, Co. G: Thomas Kitchen [528] Stidham enlisted on 26 Apr 1861. He was discharged on 6 Jan 1863 (DTS 12-87; CWSS; no other data).

Organized at Wilmington, 22 May 1861. Mustered out 30 Aug 1861. 1st Regiment Infantry (3 years) organized 10 Sep to 19 Oct 1861. Battles: Antietam, Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, Gettysburg, The Wilderness, Cold Harbor, Siege of Petersburg, Appomattox Court House, etc. Mustered out 12 Jul 1865.

2ND REGIMENT INFANTRY

Stidham, Joseph K., Co. K: Joseph K. [496] Stidham also

served in Crossly's Half Co. Artillery (CWSS; no other data).

Organized at Wilmington 12 Jun to 7 Oct 1861. Battles: Gaines Mill, Maryland Campaign, Antietam, Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, Gettysburg, The Wilderness, Cold Harbor, etc. Mustered out 1 Jul 1864.

4TH REGIMENT INFANTRY

Stidham (Stedham), John T., Co. C: (unknown lineage; CWSS; no other data).

Organized at Wilmington Jun to Nov 1862. Battles: Rapidan Campaign, Cold Harbor, Siege of Petersburg, Appomattox Court House, etc. Mustered out 3 Jun 1865.

5TH REGIMENT INFANTRY

Stidham, James, Co. K: This is probably James B. [350] Stidham. If so, he would be the son of Lewis W. [250] Stidham below (CWSS; no other data).

Stidham, Lewis, Co. K: Lewis W. [250] Stidham enlisted 30 Oct 1862 at Odessa, Delaware (DTS 11-10; CWSS; no other data).

Organized in Delaware at large 25 Oct to 26 Nov 1862. No battles. Mustered out 12 Aug 1863.

6TH REGIMENT INFANTRY

Stidham (Stedam), Daniel, Co. K: This is probably Daniel [499] Stidham (CWSS; no other data).

Organized in Delaware at large 25 Oct to 18 Dec 1862. No battles. Mustered out 5 Sep 1863.

7TH REGIMENT INFANTRY

Stidham, James B., Corporal, Co. B: This is probably the James K. [350] Stidham listed in the 5th Regiment Infantry above. If so, he must have joined again after the 5th Regiment dissolved, and this time, at a higher rank (CWSS; no other data).

Organized at Wilmington for 30 days 12 Jul 1864. No battles. Mustered out 12 Aug 1864.

INDIANA

57TH INDIANA VOLUNTEERS

Stidham, Joseph S., Co. C: In the Fall of 1861, Joseph Springer [339] Stidham raised a company of 100 men. His comrades elected him Captain and in December

they were mustered into the Union Army. He died 23 Jun 1864, at the Battle of Kenesaw Mountain, near Atlanta. His remains were brought back from Georgia and buried in the Earlham Cemetery, near Richmond, Indiana, in December of 1865. The same board his comrades set up to mark his grave in Georgia was placed on the mound of fresh dirt. Today, there is a large monument in his memory (DTS 11-7; CWSS; see page 8 for more).

INDIANA VOLUNTEERS (UNASSIGNED)

Stidham, Peter C.: Peter Cornelius [318] Stidham was drafted 19 Sep 1864. He became ill during training camp at Camp Carrington, near Indianapolis, and was honorably discharged on 13 Nov 1864, in Columbus, Ind. Peter never saw any action during the war (DTS 12-15).

No organizational data on this unit.

KENTUCKY

6TH REGIMENT CAVALRY VOLUNTEERS

Stidham, Samuel, Co. D: Samuel [664] Stidham enlisted on 11 Oct 1861 at Ervine, Estille Co., he fought under Capt. John Buchanan. He was captured by the C.S.A. under Gen. E. Kirby Smith of Richmond, Ky. on 30 Aug 1862. He was soon parolled and rejoined his unit in January of the following year. He lost his left eye during action at Chattanooga. In his own words, "I went to lie down at night and a dry cedar leaf stuck in my eye and put it out and I have never seen any out of it since." He didn't hospitals or the soldier's life and like many young soldiers, he deserted in 1862 rather than desert his young wife and daughter. He was denied an honorable discharge (DTS 13-26).

No organizational data on this unit.

KENTUCKY STATE TROOPS

Stidham, James, Co. C, Three Forks Battalion: James [667] Stidham enlisted on 1 Aug 1864 and was mustered in on 17 Aug 1864, in Booneville, Ky, and fought under Capt. Nat Williams who said that Jim was one of the best soldiers he ever had during the war. He was mustered out 17 Jul 1865 at Irvine, Ky (DTS 13-27).

Stidham, Andrew J., Co. E, Three Forks Battalion: Andrew Jackson [653] Stidham enlisted on 1 Nov 1864, at Crockettville, Breathitt Co., at age 20. He was mustered out on 17 Jul 1865, at Irvine, Ky. Andrew fought in the war along with

Big Farm Boy Know How to Fight

Bill Stidum [William Curtis Stidum] went through the four years of battles, all the big ones in the West with the 17th, facing artillery and rifle fire on the fields of blood, time after time, charging endlessly across valleys of death swept by smoke and fire overhead, carpeted with mangled dead and dying beneath his feet, without receiving a scratch. Considering the amount of fighting, his record of good luck was unbelievable. When the two days of searing hell was over here at Chickamauga, he walked through the long evening with this cursing comrades around him in the direction of Tennessee, carrying his heavy army musket and gear, or slept through the hours on hard ground in farm fields as if he had just done a day's work on the farm back in Kentucky. He was a big-boned farm boy who knew how to take care of himself in close fighting where razor sharp bayonets and the butt end of rifles were used. Probably the Devil was afraid of guys in the 17th Kentucky like him."

From a newspaper article entitled, "Chickamauga Long Recalled by Burnside, One Hundredth Anniversary of Battle this Week," The Hamilton Press, Hamilton, Illinois, September 19, 1963.

his brother Samuel Henry [650] Stidham (DTS 13-19).

Stidham, Samuel H., Co. E, 1st Sargeant, Three Forks Battalion: Samuel Henry [650] Stidham enlisted on 1 Nov 1864, at the same time as his younger brother Andrew Jackson [653] Stidham (see above). Samuel first joined the Confederate Army on 14 Sep 1862, at Jackson, Ky. (see 5th Mounted Kentucky Regiment, C.S.A., on page 15, for more on his Confederate service).

No other organizational data on this unit.

3RD REGIMENT CAVALRY

Stidham, Henry, Co. E (lineage unknown): Henry Stidum enlisted 5 Oct 1861, at Camp Anderson and was discharged 26 May 1862, at Cornith, Mississippi. He applied for a pension due to "loss of left leg at the knee, loss of sight in the right eye, and total deafness." Henry's sons William Curtis and Joseph Stidum fought in the war along with their father (see below) (From official docu-

ments researched by Denis Sherman of Sarasota, Florida, e-mail: stidumsherman@yahoo.com).

Organized 13 Dec 1861 in Calhoun and McLean Counties. Battles: Shiloh, Siege at Corinth, Stone's River, etc. Mustered out 15 Jul 1865.

14TH REGIMENT CAVALRY

Stidham, Thomas, Co. C, 3rd Battalion: Thomas [663] Stidham enlisted 12 Dec 1862 in Owsley Co. His unit later became Co. L, in the same Regiment. He was honorably discharged on 24 May 1864, at Camp Nelson, Ky. Late in life he received a pension (#788489 and #934270) as a result of sickness incurred during the war (DTS 13-25).

Stidham, Edmond, Co. ?: Edmond "Ebb" [651] Stidham enlisted 22 Aug 1864, and was discharged 24 Mar 1865, because he was disabled with the measles. He later received a pension (DTS 13-17).

No other organizational data on this unit.

14TH REGIMENT INFANTRY

Stidham, John W.: John Wesley [725] Stidham enlisted on 10 May 1863, at Louisa, Ky., and served under Capt. Wiley C. Parrick. He was honorably discharged in 1865, at Louisville, Ky., according to his pension (#986862).

No other organizational data on this unit.

17TH REGIMENT INFANTRY

Stidum, William Curtis, Corporal, Co. B (lineage unknown): William Curtis Stidum enlisted as a private, 8 Oct 1861, and was promoted in one month's time to color-bearer for his regiment (see box on this page for more). He was mustered out at Louisville, Kentucky, on 23 Jan 1865. His discharge was signed by General Don Carlos Buell. (*Biographical Review, Hancock Co., Illinois*, p. 451; U.S. Bureau of Pensions, No. 694,789, Feb. 12, 1929).

Organized September to December at Hartford and Calhoun. Battles: Shiloh, Chickamauga, Siege of Chattanooga, Atlanta Campaign, etc. Mustered out 23 Jan 1865.

26TH REGIMENT INFANTRY

Stidum, Joseph, Co. D (lineage unknown): Joseph Stidum enlisted 30 Mar 1864, and was discharged at Salisbury, North Carolina, 11 Jul 1865. Joseph fought in the war along with his father Henry Stidum and his brother William Stidum (see above) (From official documents

Capt. Joseph Stringer [339] Stidham Remembered by his Men

In the Fall of 1861, Joseph Stringer [339] Stidham raised a company of 100 men to fight in the war. His comrades elected him captain, and in December he was mustered into the 57th Indiana Volunteers. He led his company through the campaigns of Generals Buell, Rosecrans, Grant, and Sherman, during which his 100 men were reduced to less than 25 by sickness and casualties. Capt. Stidham held a deep hold on the confidence of those under his authority, and he enjoyed an enviable reputation among his fellow officers. The following letter addressed to his mother by the surviving members of his company, describe the time and manner of his death:



In the field near Marietta, Georgia
July 1st 1864

Mrs. Sarah Stidham,

We, the members of the late Capt. J.S. Stidham's company, take this opportunity of returning to you his sword, watch, and other effects, and of expressing our sympathy for our mutual loss, in the death of as noble and brave a patriot as ever gave his life to his country's cause.

On the 23rd of June he was ordered to advance the company, and endeavor to occupy the enemy's works, He led his company to within a short distance of their fortifications, but met with too strong a resistance and had to retire; but he again made the attempt, and fell still cheering on his men. A rifle ball had pierced his breast. His last words were, "Give it to them once more, boys."

Our loss was very heavy, and the Regiment was compelled to retire to our own line of works, leaving many of our dead on the field, our Captain among the number. Every effort was made to recover his remains, but it was impossible, until June 30th, when, through the efforts of Lieut. Col. Blanch, we were allowed to bury his body upon the spot where he fell. We placed a board-part of an ammunition box, and it is a fit emblem of him who sleeps beneath. He needs no marble monument to mark the place of his repose. His memory will live in the heart of his men. While we mourn his

loss, we look with PRIDE at the name he has made in "OUR COUNTRY'S ROLL OF HONOR."

He was father to his comrades in arms, and a true friend of all. His loss cannot be replaced, but we bow to the will of Him who "notices even the fall of a sparrow." And we will strive harder for a cause, made yet more sacred by the sacrifice of so noble and true a patriot, as our lamented Commander, and your affectionate son. He has watched over one hundred of the sons of Indiana, and the remnant, all that is present join in wishing you well.

We are, very Respectfully, your Obedient Servants,

Orderly Sergeant, John W. Hort

Sergeant, Walter P. Wilson

Sergeant, Jacob J. Fox

Sergeant, Joseph Morrison

Private, William Cox

Private, John Johnson

Private, James Longfellow

Private, Thomas White

Private, William G. White

Private, Albert G. Jeffries

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Private, John Wintermate

Private, Thomas J. Boren

Private, Thomas R. Payton

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Private, George W. Beeler

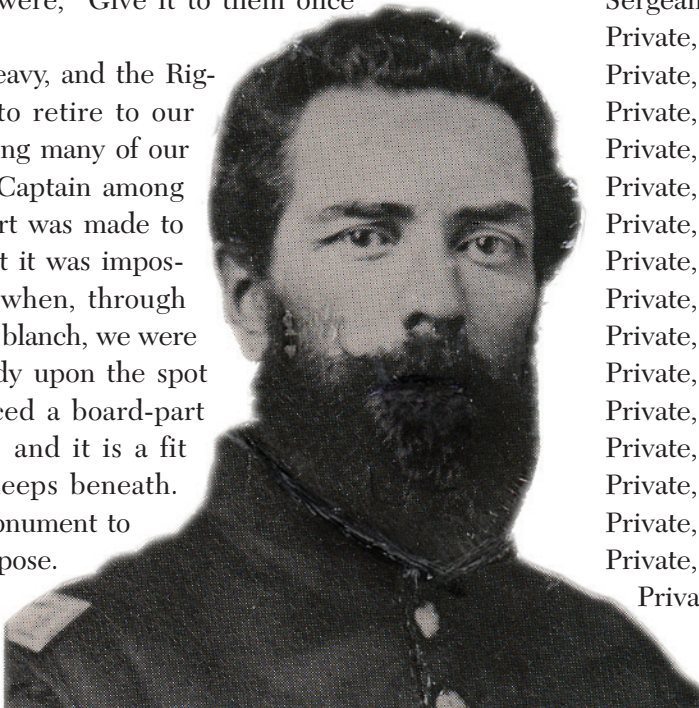
Private, James Titus

Private, Robert Henschens

Private, Martin Lamb

Private, Samuel Dixon

Private, Phillip A. Dutro



researched by Denis Sherman of Sarasota, Florida, e-mail: stidumsherman@yahoo.com).

Organized July to November 1861, and mustered in at Nashville. Battles: Siege of Corinth, Nashville, and Campaign of the Carolinas, etc. Mustered out 10 Jul 1865.

MASSACHUSETTS

55TH REGIMENT INFANTRY (COLORED)

Stidum, William J. Co. I: (unknown lineage; CWSS).

Organized at Readville and mustered in 22 Jun 1863. Battle of Honey Hill. Mustered out 29 Aug 1865.

MICHIGAN

28TH REGIMENT INFANTRY

Stidham, Morris: This might be Morris Prince [672] Stidham. If so, it is unclear as to why he would be in Michigan (DTS 13-30; CWSS; no other data).

Organized at Kalamazoo and Marshall by consolidation of 28th and 29th Michigan Infantry on 26 Oct 1864. Battles: Nashville, Carolinas Campaign, Wise's Forks, etc. Mustered out 6 Jun 1866.

MISSOURI

8TH REGIMENT CAVALRY

Stidham, George H., Co. I: George Harrison [427i] Stidham enlisted on 4 Sep 1862, in Buffalo, Mo. He served with Capt. Foster McAdoo. George was missing in action after the Battle of Cache River, Ark., but was present at muster. He became disabled in the line of duty near DeValls Bluff, Ark., from February to April 1864. He mustered out at Little Rock, Ark., on 20 Jul 1865, and was discharged on 2 Aug 1865, at St. Louis, Mo. He received a pension. George fought in the war with his two brothers: Calvin Lee [427a] Stidham (see below), and Henry [427d] Stidham (DTS 12-43).

Organized 6 Aug to 15 Sep 1862, at Springfield. Battles: Prairie Grove, Ark., etc. Mustered out 20 Jul 1865.

14TH REGIMENT STATE MILITIA CAVALRY

Stidham, Calvin L., Co. B: Calvin Lee [427a] Stidham

enlisted 25 Feb 1862, in the 14th Regiment. He transferred to Co. B of the 4th Regiment on 22 Feb 1863. Calvin furnished his own horse and equipment and was paid \$60 per month for this. He was discharged 24 Feb 1865, at St. Louis and mustered out 28 Mar 1865, at Warrensburg, Mo. On 31 Jul 1890, Calvin applied for his pension. Calvin fought in the war along with his two brothers: Henry [427d] Stidham and George Harrison [427i] Stidham (see above) (DTS 12-39).

Organized at large from March to May 1862. Battles: Prairie Grove, Ark., etc. Disbanded 3 Mar 1863.

Stidham, Henry: Henry [427d] Stidham was known to have served during the Civil War in Missouri (DTS 12-42; no other data).

OHIO

17TH REGIMENT INFANTRY (3 MONTHS)

Stedam, John: This might be John H. [876] Steddom (CWSS; no other data).

Organized at Lancaster 20 Apr 1861. No Battles. Mustered out 15 Aug 1861. 17th Regiment Infantry (3 years) Organized at Camp Dennison 30 Aug 1861. Battles: Mill Springs, Perryville, Stone's River, Chickamauga Campaign, Siege of Chattanooga, Atlanta Campaign, Carolinas Campaign, etc. Mustered out 16 Jul 1865.

79TH REGIMENT INFANTRY

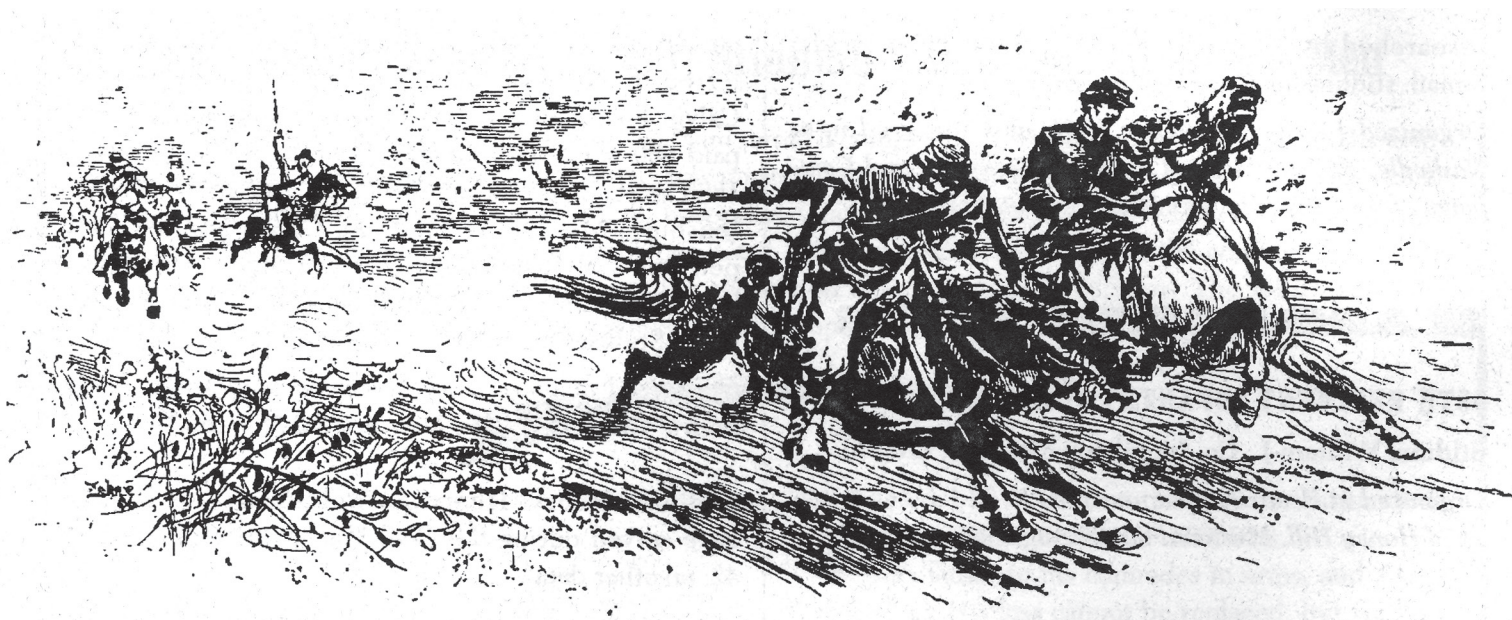
Steddom, John D., Co. A: John Drake [885] Steddom. (DTS 12-44; CWSS; no other data).

Organized at Camp Dennison Aug 1862. Battles: Atlanta Campaign, Resaca, March to the Sea, Carolinas Campaign, etc. Mustered out 9 Jun 1865.

PENNSYLVANIA

63RD VOLUNTEERS

Stidham, John G., 105th Co. K: John G. [381] Stidham enlisted 1 Aug 1861. He was paroled in Feb 1864, then rejoined his regiment. During one battle, he was injured and his knapsack torn from his back by a shell. He was captured 31 May 1865, and was held prisoner at the infamous Andersonville Prison in Georgia, where he was reunited with his brother George [383] Stidham,



whom he thought had been killed in battle (see below). John was discharged on 19 May 1866, in Washington, D.C. John's brother Andrew J. [382] Stidham also fought in the war (see below) (DTS 12-14; CWSS; no other data).

103RD REGIMENT INFANTRY

Stidham, Andrew J., Co. C: Andrew J. [382] Stidham served as a drummer from 1 Aug 1861 to 11 Jul 1865. He fought in the war along with his two brothers: John G. [381] Stidham (above), and George Washington [383] Stidham (below). He was discharged in Washington, D.C. (DTS 12-15; no other data).

Stidham, George W., Co. K: George Washington [383] Stidham served from 28 Oct 1861, to 25 Jun 1865. He fought in 23 battles and ended up a prisoner at the infamous Andersonville Prison in Georgia for nine months. George and his brother John [381] Stidham (see above) tried to escape by tunneling under a prison wall, but were betrayed by a fellow inmate. George's brother Andrew J. [382] Stidham (see above) also fought in the war (DTS 12-15; CWSS; no other data).

Organized at Kittanning 7 Sep 1861 to 22 Feb 1862. Battles: Williamsport, Fair Oaks, etc. Mustered out 25 Jun 1865.

TENNESSEE

2ND REGIMENT CAVALRY

Stidham, Ira, Co. A: Ira [701] Stidham fought in the same company along with his brothers Samuel S. [703]

Stidham and Charles Wesley [697] Stidham (below) (CWSS; no other data).

Stidham, Samuel, Co. A: Samuel S. [703] Stidham fought in the same company along with his brothers Ira [701] Stidham (above) and Charles Wesley [697] Stidham (below) (CWSS; no other data).

Stidham, Wesley, Co. A: Charles Wesley [697] Stidham fought in the same company along with his brothers Ira [701] Stidham and Samuel S. [703] Stidham (above) (CWSS; no other data).

Organized at Murfreesboro Jul 1862. Battles: Stone's River, Chickamauga, Nashville, etc. Mustered out 6 Jul 1865.

UNITED STATES

3RD REGIMENT (COLORED)

Stidum, Edward: (unknown lineage; CWSS; no other data).

Organized at Camp William Penn, Pa. 3-10 Aug 1863. No battles. Mustered out 31 Oct 1865.

48TH REGIMENT (COLORED)

Steadham, Jacob, Co. E: (unknown lineage; CWSS; no other data).

Steadham, Washington, Co. E: (unknown lineage; CWSS; no other data).

Organized from 10th Louisiana Infantry (African Descent)

11 Mar 1864. Battle: Siege of Fort Blakely. Mustered out 4 Jan 1866.

76TH REGIMENT (COLORED)

Steadham, Sykes: He was also in the 48th Regiment, Co. B (unknown lineage; CWSS; no other data).

Organized from the 4th Corp de Afrique Infantry, 4 Apr 1864. Battle: Siege of Fort Blakely. Mustered out 31 Dec 1865.

96TH REGIMENT (COLORED)

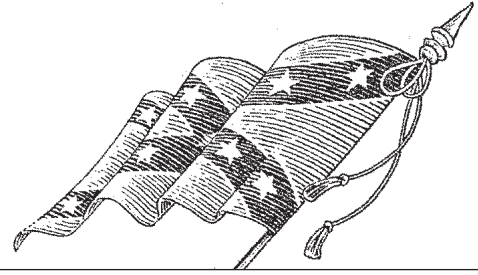
Stedum, Harry: (unknown lineage; no other data).

Organized from the 2nd Corps de Afrique Engineers, 4 Apr 1864. Battles: Siege of Spanish Fort and Fort Blakely. Mustered out 29 Jan 1866.

97TH REGIMENT (COLORED)

Steadam, Washington: (unknown lineage; no other data).

Organized from the 3rd Corp de Afrique Engineers, 4 Apr 1864. Battles: Siege of Spanish Fort and Fort Blakely. Mustered out 6 Apr 1866.



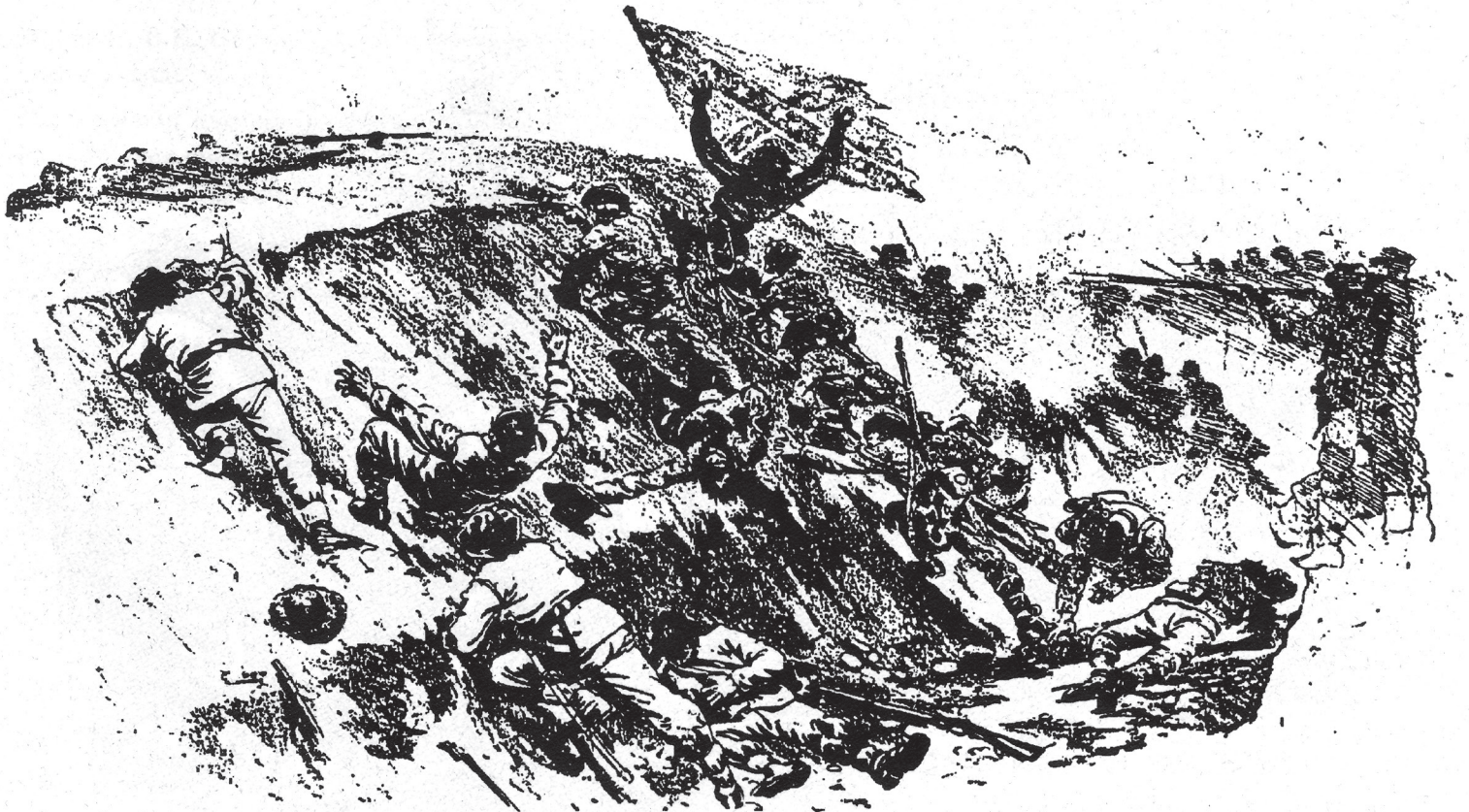
Stidhams* Who Fought for the

CONFEDERACY

7TH CONFEDERATE CAVALRY REGIMENT (OR 7TH PARTISAN RANGERS REGIMENT)

Stidham, David, Co. A: (unknown lineage; RCS; no other data).

Stidham, Joseph H., Co. I: (unknown lineage; RCS; no other data).



Stidham, J.D., Co. K: (unknown lineage; RCS; no other data).

Stidham, Preston, Co. K: Thomas Preston L. [794] Stidham enlisted in Mar 1864. He received a pension in Breathitt Co., Kentucky (DTS 13-79; RCS; no other data).

This unit had seven Georgia companies and five North Carolina companies; it was disbanded in 1864. Battles: Petersburg, Peebles Farm, etc.

1ST CREEK MOUNTED VOLUNTEERS (1ST CREEK CAVALRY REGIMENT)

Stidham, Johnson, Co. B: (unknown lineage, but possibly a son of G.W. [487] Stidham; RCS; no other data).

Organized 8/61, surrendered 5/26/65. Assigned to Indian territory. Battles: Chusto-Talasah, Pea Ridge, Cabin Creek.

ALABAMA

7TH ALABAMA CAVALRY REGIMENT:

Stidham, M., Co. A: This would be John Marsh Stidham, a Steedman descendant (CWSS; RCS; no other data).

Organized 7/63. Battles: Nashville 12/64, Wilson's Raid 3-4/65, Columbus, GA 4/16/65.

ALABAMA CAVALRY, CAPT. T.C. BARLOW'S COMPANY ('BALDWIN RANGERS')

Steadham, A.J., Corporal, Co. C: Andrew Jackson [502] Steadham was mustered out 9 Apr 1862, at Blakely. (CWSS; RCS; more on this soldier in a future issue of the newsletter from Edwin Besch).

Stedham, E., Co. C: Edward [512] Steadham, Jr. fought in the war along with his two brothers: Alexander Tate [518] Steadham (see below), and John Victor [515] Steadham (see below) (CWSS; RCS; more on this soldier in a future issue of the newsletter from Edwin Besch).

Stedham, J.V., Co. C: John Victor [515] Steadham fought in the war along with his two brothers: Alexander Tate [518] Steadham (see below), and Edward [512] Steadham, Jr., (see above) (CWSS; RCS; more on this soldier in a future issue of the newsletter from Edwin Besch).

Organized at Blakely 4/62, Captains Barlow's "Baldwin Rangers" became Co. C, 15th Confederate Cavalry below:



COMPANY C, 15TH CONFEDERATE CAVALRY

Steadham, A.J. (See Steadham, A.J., Alabama Cavalry, Capt. T.C. Barlow's Company "Baldwin Rangers" above).

Stedham, A.T.: Alexander Tate [518] Steadham fought in the war along with his two brothers: Edward [512] Steadham, Jr. (see above), and John Victor [515] Steadham (see above) (CWSS; RCS; more on this soldier in a future issue of the newsletter from Edwin Besch)..

Stedham, E. (See Stedham, E., Alabama Cavalry, Capt. T.C. Barlow's Company "Baldwin Rangers" above).

Stedham, J.V. (See Stedham, J.V., Alabama Cavalry, Capt. T.C. Barlow's Company "Baldwin Rangers" above).

No other organizational data on this unit.

15TH CONFEDERATE CAVALRY, COMPANY K

Stedham, L.B.: (unknown lineage; RCS; no other data).

No other organizational data on this unit.

MURPHY'S BATTALION, ALABAMA CAVALRY (which was consolidated into the 15th Confederate Cavalry Regiment)

Stedham, B.F., Co. B: (unknown lineage; CWSS; RCS; no other data).

The regiment was composed of five Alabama and five Florida companies which guarded the Gulf Coast. Skirmishes: Tunica, LA and Mt. Pleasant, 4/65, when it was "badly used up." Surrendered at Gainesville, AL in 1865.

14TH INFANTRY REGIMENT

Stedham, B.H., Corporal, Co. K: This is probably Benjamin H. Stedham, son of William Anderson Stidham and Elvira Street (William was a great-grandson of the Scottish immigrant, John Steedman). Benjamin H. Stedham died of small pox and battle wounds on 8 Feb 1863, in Richmond, Virginia (CWSS; RCS; no other data).

Organized at Auburn 7/61. Battles: Seven Days, 2nd Manassas, Antietam, Gettysburg, Appomattox Court House, etc.

22ND INFANTRY REGIMENT:

Steadham, ?, Co. H: (unknown lineage, CWSS; RCS; no other data).

Steadham, William H., Co. H: This is probably William

Henry [523] Stidham (Steadham) of Baldwin County (CWSS; RCS; no other data).

Organized at Montgomery 10/61. Consolidated with 25th Infantry in early 1863. Battles: Shiloh, Chickamauga, Atlanta, Nashville, Carolinas Campaign, etc.

23RD INFANTRY REGIMENT

Steadham, R.E., Corporal, Co. I: This is Richard E. [514] Steadham, son of Edward [309] and Nancy Earle Stedham of Baldwin Co. (CWSS; RCS; no other data).

Organized at Montgomery 11/61. Battles: Vicksburg Siege, Atlanta, Nashville, Carolinas Campaign, etc.

25TH INFANTRY REGIMENT

Steadham, H.C., Co. F: This is Henry Clay Steadham, a Steedman descendant (CWSS; RCS; no other data).

Steadham, James M., Co. F: (see cover and page 2) (CWSS; RCS; no other data).

Steadham, Martin, Co. F: This is Martin Stidham, a Steedman descendant (CWSS; RCS; no other data).

Organized at Mobile 1/62. Battles: Shiloh, Chickamauga, Resaca, Peach Tree Creek, Atlanta, Nashville, Carolinas Campaign, etc.

31ST INFANTRY REGIMENT:

Stidham, W.J., Co. E: This is William J. Stidham, a Steedman descendant (CWSS; RCS; no other data).

Organized at Talladega 3/62. Battles: Vicksburg Siege, Chattanooga, Atlanta, Nashville, etc.

ALABAMA RESERVES, J. ORR'S COMPANY, RANDOLPH CITY:

Stedham, John (unknown lineage; CWSS; RCS; no other data).

Stidham, W.A.: This could be William Anderson Stidham, a Steedman descendant (CWSS; RCS; no other data).

ARKANSAS

1ST (COLQUITT'S) INFANTRY REGIMENT

Stidham, John W., Cos. B and I: This could be John [474] Stidham. If so, he is the brother of Jobish [478]

Stidham and William [475] Stidham (below) (CWSS; RCS; no other data).

Stidham, Jobus M., Co. I: This is Jobish [478] Stidham (CWSS; RCS; no other data).

Stidham, William J., Co. A: (unknown lineage; CWSS; RCS; no other data).

Stidham (Steadham), William S., Co. B: This is William S. [475] Stidham (CWSS; RCS; no other data).

Organized Little Rock 5/61. Assigned to Virginia, then Tennessee. Battles: 1st Manassas, Shiloh, Murfreesboro, Chickamauga, Atlanta, Bentonville NC, etc.

GEORGIA

1ST CAVALRY REGIMENT

Stidham (Steadham), Thomas C., Co. E: (also listed in Confederate Artillery, Marshalls's Company): Thomas C. [458] Stidham fought in the war along with his three brothers: James Howard [456b] Stidham, Jr., John Adam [456] Stidham, and Zachariah George [460] Stidham. Thomas never married (CWSS; RCS; no other data).

Organized 5/62. Battles: Murfreesboro, Chickamauga, Knoxville Siege, Atlanta Campaign, Sunshine Church, Carolinas, etc.

COBB'S LEGION

Stidham, James H., Co. F: James Howard [456b] Stidham, Jr., fought in the war along with his three brothers: John Adam [456] Stidham, Thomas [458] Stidham, and Zachariah George [460] Stidham (DTS 12-55; CWSS; RCS; no other data).

Organized 8/61. Battles: Seven Days, Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, Gettysburg, Front Royal, etc.

FLOYD LEGION, STATE GUARDS

Stidham, Simeon, Co. H: This is Simeon Stidham, a Steedman descendant (CWSS; RCS; no other data).

Organized mid-1863. No battles.

PHILLIP'S LEGION

Steadham, George M., Co. D: (unknown lineage, RCS; no other data).

Stidham, Benjamin F., Corporal, Co. O: This Benjamin F. is a Steedman descendant (CWSS; RCS; no other data).

Stidham, George H., Jr., 2nd Lieutenant, Co. D: George Hamilton Stidham, a Steedman descendant (CWSS; RCS; no other data).

Stidham, W.P., Co. D: This is William Preston Stidham, a Steedman descendant (CWSS; RCS; no other data).

Organized 8/61. Battles: 2nd Manassas, Chancellorsville, Gettysburg, Knoxville Siege, Cold Harbor, Cedar Creek, etc.

12TH CAVALRY BATTALION, STATE GUARDS

Steadham, Thomas, Co. B (unknown lineage; CWSS; RCS; no other data).

Organized late 1863; mustered out 2/64. No battles.

26TH INFANTRY BATTALION

Stidham, J.A., Co. C: John Adam [456] Stidham was a farmer of Carroll Co. Ga., and fought in the war along with his three brothers: James Howard [456b] Stidham, Jr., Thomas [458] Stidham, and Zachariah George [460] Stidham. John also served in the Mexican War (DTS 12-55; CWSS; RCS; no other data).

Organized late 1863. Battles: Chattanooga, Atlanta Campaign, Resaca, etc.; captured at Columbus, GA 4/65.

48TH INFANTRY REGIMENT

Stedham, W.S. (Stidham, William S.), Ensign, Co. B: This could be William S. [475] Stidham (CWSS; RCS; no other data).

Organized 3/62. Battles: Seven Days, Malvern Hill, Harper's Ferry, Fredericksburg, Spottsylvania C.H., Petersburg Siege, etc.

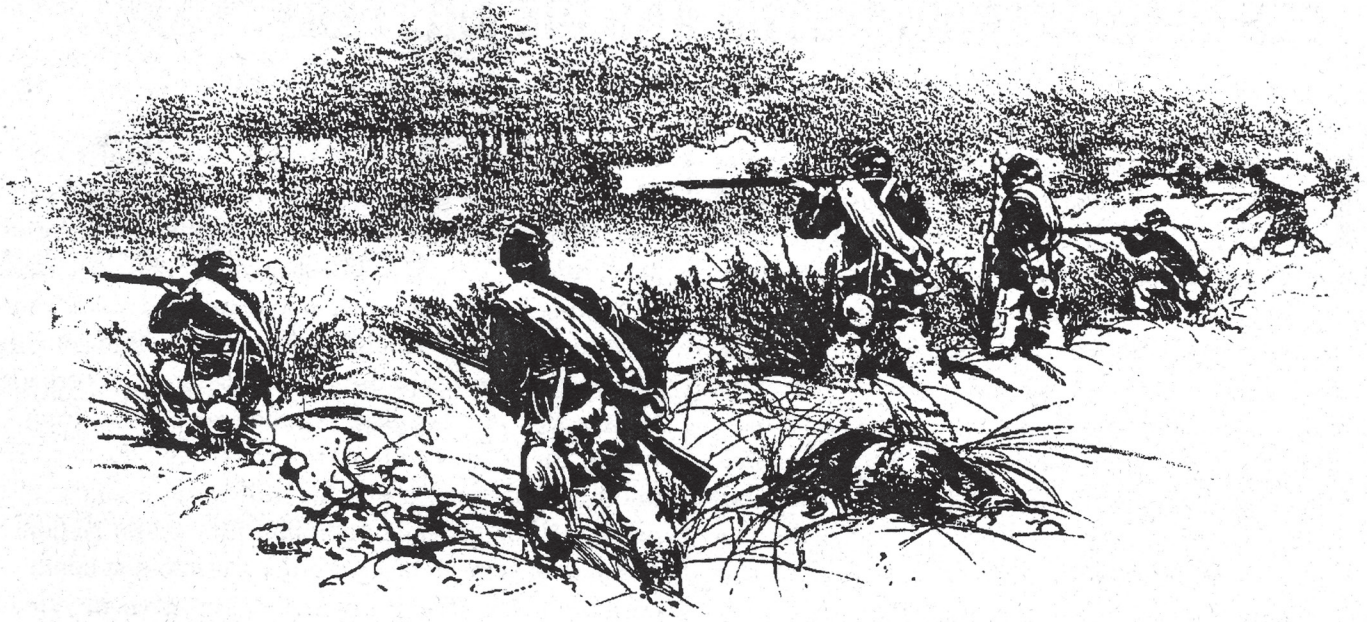
51ST INFANTRY REGIMENT

Steadham, John B., Sergeant, Co. E: This is John Benjamin [932] Steadham (CWSS; RCS; no other data).

Organized 3/62. Battles: Fredericksburg, Knoxville Siege, Gettysburg, The Wilderness, etc.

56TH INFANTRY REGIMENT

Stidham, Z.G., Co. H: Zachariah George [460] Stidham enlisted 11 May 1862, at Carrollton. His unit was known as the "Carroll Invincibles." Zachariah was captured at Champion Hill outside of Vicksburg, Miss. on 16 May



1863, by the Army of Tennessee, and was transferred to Memphis, Tenn., on 25 May 1863. He was eventually transferred to Camp Morton, Ind., and then on to Fort Delaware, Del. On 3 Jul 1865, he was paroled and exchanged for Union prisoners. (Ref: letter from Alfred E. Turner of Morrow, Ga. to Ted Randles.) Zachariah's three brothers also fought in the war; they were: John Adam [456] Stidham, James Howard [456b] Stidham, Jr., and Thomas [458] Stidham (CWSS; RCS; no other data).

Organized 5/62. Surrendered at Vicksburg; exchanged. Battles: Chattanooga, Atlanta Campaign, Nashville, Carolinas, etc.

66TH INFANTRY REGIMENT

Stidham, W.T., Co. H: This is probably William T. Stidham, a Steedman descendant (CWSS; RCS; no other data).

Stidham, Elihu, Co. H: This is Elihu Stidham, as Steedman descendant (CWSS; RCS; no other data).

Organized 10/63. Battles: Resaca, Atlanta, Ezra Church, Nashville, etc.

KENTUCKY

5TH MOUNTED INFANTRY REGIMENT

Stidham (Steadham), Samuel, Co. B: Samuel Henry [650] Stidham enlisted on 14 Sep 1862, in Jackson, Ky, along with his older brother William O. [649] Stidham (see below). He was absent from his company until 29

Oct 1862, when he was restored to duty. He deserted the Confederate Army at Hanson, Va., on 10 Aug 1863, and was restored to duty on 29 Oct 1863. The exact date of his final desertion is not known, but he evidently returned home to Breathitt Co., Ky., and joined Co. E, of the Three Forks Battalion with his younger brother, Andrew Jackson [653] Stidham (see Kentucky State Troops, Union Army, page 7). Samuel Henry [650] Stidham died July 15, 1921, at Jackson and is buried in the Jackson Cemetery in Breathitt Co., Ky. The above information sent by William O. Stidham #DCM68 (DTS 13-14; CWSS RCS).

Stidham (Steadham), William, Co. B: William O. [649] Stidham enlisted 14 Sep 1862, in Jackson, Ky., along with his younger brother Samuel Henry [650] Stidham (see above). He deserted the Confederate Army at Hanson, Va., on 10 Aug 1863, and was restored to duty on 29 Oct 1863. William O. [649] Stidham died after 1900, the exact date is not known, nor is his burial place (DTS 13-14; CWSS; RCS).

Organized 10/62. In Kentucky "Orphan Brigade who couldn't go home." Mounted 1864, Wheeler's Cavalry. Battles: Chickamauga, Atlanta, Jonesboro, Carolina Campaign, etc.

7TH CAVALRY REGIMENT

Stidham, David, Co. K: (unknown lineage; CWSS; RCS; no other data).

(Information not available on this unit)

YOUR CIVIL WAR ANCESTOR AND HIS MILITARY 'FAMILY'

By Edwin W. Besch

You traced your family genealogy to include males of military age during the most traumatic period of our nation's history--the Civil War, 1861-1865. but what do you know about your ancestor's military "family," i.e., the company of soldiers he went to war with, and with whom he shared experiences? If you research your paternal and maternal ancestors, you may find some who fought to preserve the Union, and others who fought for Southern Independence. Soldiers who fought in great battles or small, but deadly skirmishes were said to have "seen the elephant," an unforgettable and perhaps traumatizing experience even if they weren't mortally wounded or cripples. Most were genuinely proud of their military service, and they and their service deserve to be remembered by their descendants.

Besides original and microfilm records of individual soldiers and regiments at the National Archives, a 16-volume series, *The [alphabetical] Roster of Confederate Soldiers, 1861-1865* (Wilmington, NC: Broadfoot Pub. Co., 1996), and a newer series of volumes by state or group of states that list Union soldiers, provide relatively easy means of identifying your ancestor's military "family:" his company and battalion or regiment.

The "bible" for Northern units is Frederick H. Dyer's *Compendium of the War of the Rebellion*, or simply *Dyer's Compendium*, available in reprint by Morningside Bookshop, Dayton, Ohio. It's 1,796 pages provide exhaustive data on Federal units; higher brigade, division, and corps echelons; battles they fought and dates; and much more. Unlike Confederates, who destroyed many of their records near the end of the war, the Union maintained excellent records and stored them at Federal or state level at the end. Additionally, more specific information about military operations and after-action reports are contained in the multi-volume series, *Official Records of the Union and Confederate Armies During the War of the Rebellion*. Check Vol. 1, Index, to find references

to your ancestor's unit. There is a naval series too. However, a word of caution: there are some errors in all of these wonderful publications.

Having learned as much as you can find about your ancestor's military "family" and the battles they fought; was he present or not during the Battle of...? Perhaps he was sick in a hospital, at home recovering from a wound, or even AWOL (Absent Without Leave). To find out, you must check his individual military and pension (if he got one) microfilm files at the National Archives or state archive, or order a printout at nominal cost by letter. These records often give physical description, place of enlistment, when paid, location of unit and if soldier is present or absent during each 2-month period of muster rolls, and sometimes letters, requisitions for unit supplies, etc. The Alabama Department of Archives and History is developing a high-tech database on Alabama soldiers' records that will be accessible by internet. It will be complete in about eight years; other states may be doing the same. But, in the meantime, research on your ancestor's personal military record must continue to be done by time-consuming letter writing and/or travel to search microfilm or dusty files. But it's usually an exciting "voyage of discover" that stimulates pride in you ancestor and also increases your knowledge of history.

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13TH CAVALRY REGIMENT

Stidham, Calvin, Corporal, Co. D: This is Calvin William [417] Stidham (CWSS; RCS; no other data).

(Information not available on this unit)

MARYLAND**1ST ARTILLERY BATTERY**

Stidham, Richard: Richard B. Stidham is a son of Jonas Stidham (unplaced) (CWSS; RCS; no other data).

Organized 5/61. Battles: Seven Days, 2nd Manassas, Chancellorsville, Gettysburg, Petersburg Siege, etc.

MISSISSIPPI**2ND CAVALRY REGIMENT**

Steadham, George, Corporal, Co. E: This must be George Lafayette [1063] Stidham. If so, it must be after the 1st Johnston's Infantry was consolidated in late 1862 (CWSS; RCS; no other data).

Organized late 1862. Vicksburg Campaign, Atlanta, Wilson's Raid, etc.

2ND STATE CAVALRY REGIMENT:

Stidham, L. Co. D: (unknown lineage; CWSS; RCS; no other data).

Stidham, William, Co. D: (unknown lineage; CWSS; RCS; no other data).

Organized mid-1863. Vicksburg Campaign, Grierson's Raid.

10TH (12TH) CAVALRY REGIMENT

Stidham, J.D., Co. I: This is Isaac Donathan [1074] Stidham. His widow Bettie, applied for a pension on 1 Dec 1913 (application #2577) (DTS 13-141; CWSS; RCS; no other data).

Stidham, J.W., Co. I: This is John W. [1064] Stidham, after the 36th Infantry surrendered and he was exchanged. (CWSS; RCS; no other data).

Organized 1/65. In Wheeler's Cavalry during Carolinas Campaign, Bentonville.

**1ST (JOHNSTON'S) INFANTRY
(not 'CAVALRY') REGIMENT:**

Steadham, G.L., Co. B: George Lafayette [1063] Stidham enlisted 19 Sep 1861, and was released in July of 1863. On company records dated 31 Aug 1864, he was reported absent without leave since 23 Aug 1863. On 2 Jun 1915, his widow Eliza Stidham, living in Stigler, Haskell Co., Oklahoma, filed for a Civil War pension (application #1617) (DTS 13-138; CWSS; RCS; no other data).

Organized 1861. Surrendered at Fort Donelson 2/62; exchanged. Consolidated with 1st AL, TN, and MS Infantry Regiment late 1862 and 39th MS regiment 1/63. Surrendered at Port Hidson 7/63; paroled and exchanged 11/63. Battles: Fort Donelson, Port Hidson Siege, Atlanta Campaign, Franklin, Nashville, etc.

36TH INFANTRY REGIMENT

Stidham, John W., Co. H: This is John W. [1064] Stidham (CWSS; RCS; no other data).

Organized early 1862. Surrendered at Vicksburg; exchanged. Battles: Corinth, Atlanta, Peach Tree Creek, Franklin, Nashville, Mobile Campaign.

43RD INFANTRY REGIMENT

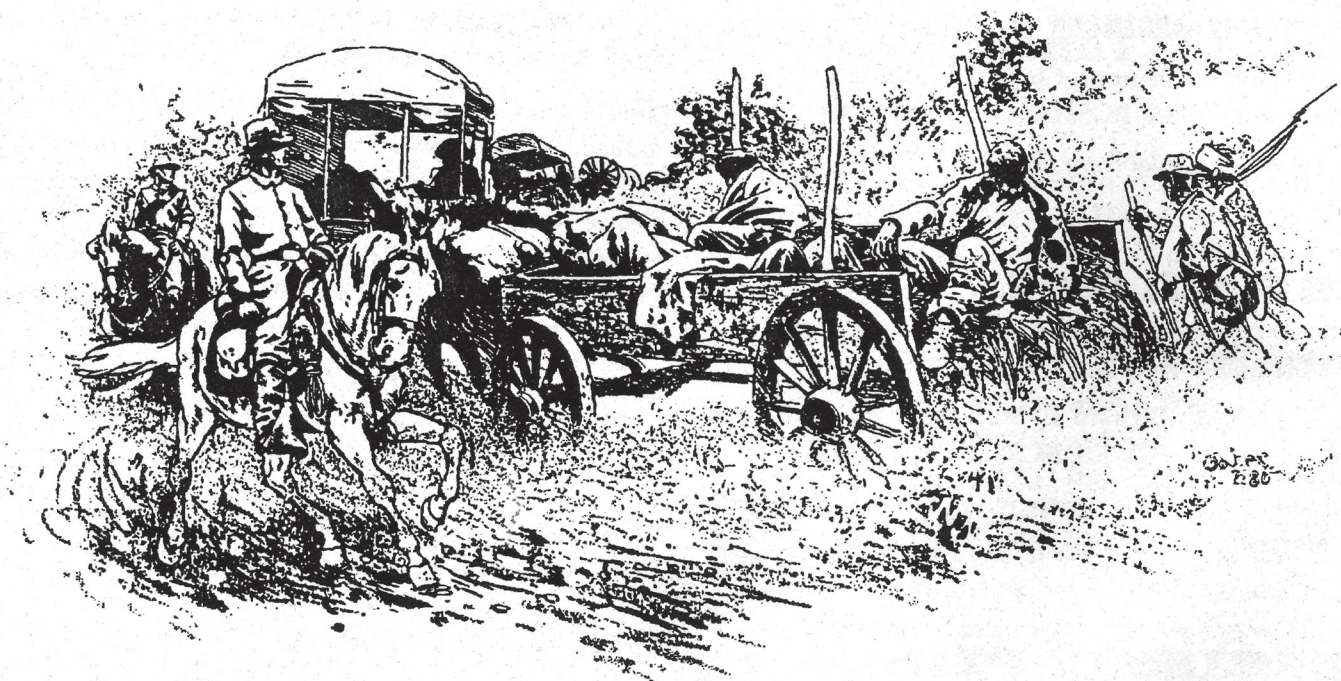
Stidham, Isaac M., Sergeant, Co. H: This is Isaac M. [1061] Stidham (CWSS; RCS; no other data).

Organized 1862. Surrendered at Vicksburg; exchanged. Battles: Corinth, New Hope Church, Ezra Church, Franklin, Nashville, Carolinas Campaign.

NORTH CAROLINA**26TH INFANTRY REGIMENT:**

Stedham, Samuel, Co. A: This must be Lewis Samuel [410] Stidham (see below) (CWSS; RCS; no other data).

Stidham, Lewis, Co. A: Lewis Samuel [410] Stidham volunteered for service in 1861, at Jefferson, in Ash County, under Capt. McMillian and Colonel McGuinn. After engaging in skirmishes near Wellman and Melvin, N.C., his company advanced to the territory surrounding Richmond, Va. On the Plank road he took part in the Seven Day Battle of the Wilderness. During the Battle of Gettysburg he received a bullet wound in the leg, which did not heal until two years after the war. After a short



stay in the hospital as well as his home, he returned to his unit only to be captured at Richmond. He was held prisoner in a government guard house where he became ill and was sent to Savannah, Ga., to be exchanged. Before the exchange took place, Lee surrendered and Lewis was discharged. According to a newspaper article (sent by his great-granddaughter Barbara Jones #DCM67) which the above information is taken, Lewis [410] Stidham was the last surviving Confederate soldier in Boyd County, Ky., when he died on March 17, 1939. He is buried in Dixon Cemetery, Ashland, Kentucky (DTS 12-30; CWSS; RCS).

37TH INFANTRY REGIMENT:

Stedham, William C., Co. K: William C. [406a] Stidham enlisted 15 Aug 1862, in Iredell Co., North Carolina. He was captured at the Battle of the Wilderness in Virginia on 6 May 1864, and sent to Point Lookout, Maryland. He was then moved to Elmira, New York, where he died of pneumonia on 19 Jan 1865 (DTS 11-21; CWSS; RCS).

(Information not available on this unit)

SOUTH CAROLINA

4TH INFANTRY REGIMENT, STATE TROOPS

Stedham, David, Co. D: (unknown lineage; RCS; no other data).

Organized 8/63 for 6 months. No battles.

5TH BATTALION RESERVES

Stidham, D., Co. F: (unknown lineage; RCS; no other data).

Organized 1864. Carolinas Campaign, 2-4/65.

7TH INFANTRY REGIMENT

Stedham, H., 1st Co. G: This is probably Henry [473] Stidham, who died in battle in Virginia in June of 1862 (DTS 11-33; RCS; no other data).

Stedham, J.C., 1st Co. G: James Chiles [469] Stidham was killed 29 Jun 1862, during a battle in Virginia. He is buried at the Good Hope Baptist Church Cemetery in what is now Saluda County, S.C., but was formerly part of Edgefield County. His death was much lamented by the congregation in the church he attended (DTS 12-57; RCS; no other data).

Organized 4/61, in time for attack on Fort Sumter. 31 campaigns and battles including: Seven Days, Gettysburg, Cedar Creek, Carolinas Campaign, etc.

14TH INFANTRY REGIMENT

Stedham T.L., Co. K: This would be Thomas Lake [470] Stidham (see below) (RCS; no other data).

Stidham, Thomas L., Co. K: Thomas Lake [470] Stidham died of disease in a hospital in Virginia in 1864. He was much lamented by his congregation at the Little Stevens Creek Baptist Church near his home, after learning of his

death in Virginia. (DTS 12-58; RCS; no other data).

Organized 9/61. Battles: Seven Days, Antietam, Gettysburg, Weldon RR, North Anna, Five Forks, etc.

15TH INFANTRY REGIMENT

Stedham, John, Co. K: This is probably John Marshall [468] Stidham (RCS; no other data).

Organized near Columbia 9/61. Consolidated with 7th Regiment. Battles: Hilton Head, Secessionville, 2nd Manassas, Antietam, Gettysburg, Chickamauga, Knoxville Siege, The Wilderness, Petersburg Siege, Cedar Creek, Carolinas.

21ST INFANTRY REGIMENT

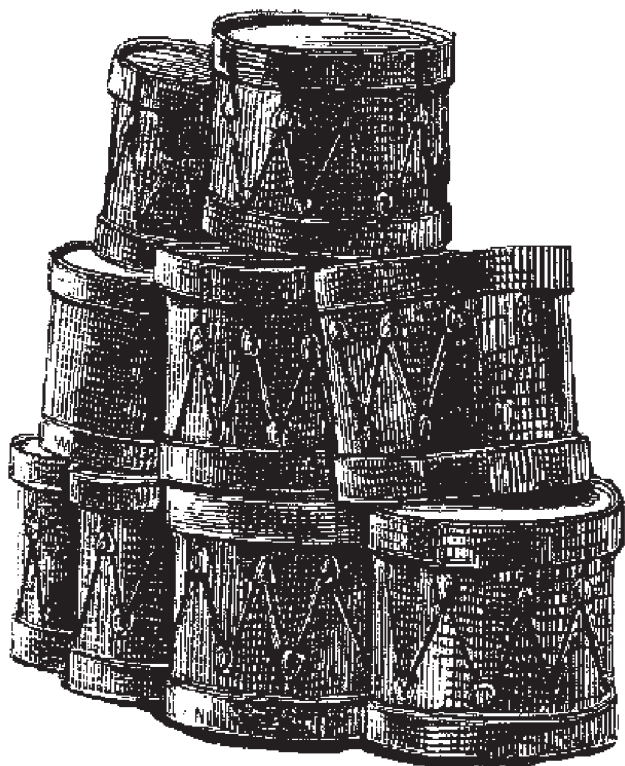
Stedham, G.D., Co. C: (unknown lineage; RCS; no other data).

Organized 11/61. SC Military Districts and Lee's ANV. Battles: Drewry's Bluff, Cold Harbor, Petersburg Siege, Weldon RR, 2nd Fort Fisher, Carolinas, etc.

25TH INFANTRY REGIMENT

Stedham, G.D., Cos, I and H: (unknown lineage; RCS; no other data).

Organized 7/62. Battles: James Island, Charleston Harbor, Drewry's Bluff, Cold Harbor, Carolinas Campaign, Bentonville, etc.



TENNESSEE

13TH INFANTRY REGIMENT

Stidham, W.C., Co. B: This is probably William Stidham, a Steedman descendant (CWSS; RCS; no other data).

(Information not available on this unit)

38TH INFANTRY REGIMENT

Stidham, T.A., Co. C: This is probably Thomas Abel Stidham, a Steedman descendant, who died between January and May of 1863, following the Battle of Murfreesboro, and is buried in the Confederate Cemetery in Chattanooga, Tennessee (CWSS; RCS; no other data).

(Information not available on this unit)

TEXAS

1ST CAVALRY REGIMENT, STATE TROOPS

Stidham (Stedham?), G.W., Lieutenant Colonel: George Washington [487] Stidham served for a time as captain with the Second Creek Mounted Volunteers, CSA. After the conclusion of the war, G.W. Stidham was appointed Chief Justice of the Creek Nation and was holding that office when the Creek Constitution was formed in 1867 (DTS 12-64; CWSS; RCS; no other data).

Stidham, Z. Co. C: Zachariah G. Lamar [493] Stidham enlisted 8 Jan 1863, at Crockett, Texas, and served for three months under Capt. Thomas W. Warren. He applied for a pension in 1894 and 1900, but was denied both times. In an affidavit on his pension application, informants said that he was a Lt. Col. or a Major. He apparently was an acting commander of his company (DTS 12-72; CWSS; RCS; no other data).

Organized for 6 months, 1863; mustered out early '64. No battles.

BOURLAND'S TEXAS BORDER CAVALRY REGIMENT

Stedham (Stidham), G.W./George W., Captain, Cos, G, H, and I; Commissary Officer: This is the same George Washington [487] Stidham listed in the 1st Cavalry Regiment above (CWSS; RCS).

Organized early 1864. Battle: Elm Creek 10/64.

MADISON'S CAVALRY REGIMENT:

Stidham, James, C. G: This could be James Jesse [948] Stidham. If so, he is the brother of Zachariah Marion [947] Stidham (see below) (CWSS; RCS; no other data).

Stidham, Zachariah, Co. G: Zachariah Marion [947] Stidham enlisted 1 Nov 1862, at San Saba, Texas. He also served in Co. O, under Capt. P.D. Turner, Co. 7, 3rd Regiment, of the Arizona Brigade (DTS 13-110; CWSS; RCS; no other data).

(DALY-)RAGSDALE'S CAVALRY BATTALION

Stidham, William, 2nd Lieutenant, Co. F: This is William [493c] Stidham who fought under Capt. Jesse M. Ragsdale and Maj. Samuel G. Ragsdale (his father-in-law). Their battalion served in Louisiana in 1863-64 (DTS 12-74; CWSS; RCS; no other data).

Organized 1/64. Dismounted 2/65. Battle: Calcasieu Pass, 5/64.

14TH CAVALRY REGIMENT

Stedham, Benjamin H., Co. F: Benjamin Hezekiah [1198] Stedham enlisted 8 Jan 1862, in Montague Co., Texas, and served in D.S. Hagler's Company, Ector's Brigade. He was captured on 14 Jun 1864, at Natchez, Mississippi, and imprisoned at Camp Douglas, Chicago, until 14 Jun 1865. Upon his release after spending 14 months in prison, he and another soldier walked from Chicago, to his home in Forrestburg, Texas, foraging for food and shelter along the way. After Benjamin's death on 16 Nov 1920, his wife Bell Zora Palestine (Box) filed for and received a Confederate widow's pension (#39381 in the Texas State Archives). Benjamin's father John Edward [521] Stedham served briefly in the same company (see below) (DTS 13-162; CWSS; RCS).

Stedham, John E., Co. F: John Edward [521] Stedham enlisted 8 Jan 1862, in Montague Co., Texas, at the same time as his son Benjamin Hezekiah [1198] Stedham (see above). He received an honorable discharge in the Summer of 1862. John evidently did not take part in any military engagements. His only record of service is found in his wife, Jane R. Stedham's Confederate widow's pension application filed 9 Dec 1913, in Newcastle, Young Co., Texas, which was approved 1 Mar 1914. Jane received a pension for John's brief service until her death on 20 May 1919 (pension #25225 in the Texas State Archives).

14TH INFANTRY REGIMENT

Stidham, William, Co. C: (unknown lineage; CWSS; RCS; no other data).

Organized 1861. Dismounted 5/62. Battles: Corinth Campaign, Vicksburg Campaign, Jackson, Chickamauga, Atlanta Campaign, Lovejoy's Station, Nashville, Mobile Campaign, Fort Blakely, AL, etc.

31ST CAVALRY REGIMENT

Stedham, Moses, Co. B: Moses [505] Stedham enlisted in 1862, during the time he was living with his sister Winifred [501] (Stedham) Singleton in Bosque Co., Texas, near Dallas where the 31st recruited (DTS 12-78; CWSS; RCS; no other data).

Organized and dismounted 1862. Red River Campaign.

36TH CAVALRY REGIMENT

Stidham, William, Sergeant, Co. E: This is the same William [493c] Stidham who also fought for the (Daly-Ragsdale's Cavalry Battalion (see above) (CWSS; RCS; no other data).

Organized 1862. Red River Campaign. Battles: Mansfield, Pleasant Hill, LA, etc.

**5TH INFANTRY REGIMENT,
HOOD'S TEXAS BRIGADE**

Stedham, Lewis, Co. G: This is Lewis Stidham, a Steedman descendant, who enlisted 15 Jul 1861, at Milam Co., Texas, and died of typhoid fever at Fredericksburg, Virginia. He fought in the same unit with his brother James M. Stidham (see below) (CWSS; RCS; Albert Turner Rex, Georgia).

Stidham, J.M., Co. G: This is James M. Stidham, a Steedman descendant, who enlisted along with his brother Lewis (above) on 15 Jul 1861, at Milam Co., Texas. James was wounded at Manassas on 30 Aug 1862, and sent to a hospital at Richmond, Virginia. He was later transferred to a Danville, Virginia, hospital where he remained until 28 Jul 1863, when he was discharged. (CWSS; RCS; Albert Turner of Rex, Georgia).

Veteran J.B. Polley's, Hood's Texas Brigade, lists three Stedhams in Co. G: Stedham, A.J., wounded; Stedham, James, killed; and Stedham, Lewis.

Hood's famed Texas Brigade was orgnaized 10/61. Battles: Seven Days, Antietam, Gettysburg, Chickamauga, The Wilderness, North Anna, Petersburg Siege, etc.

17TH INFANTRY REGIMENT

Stidham, Thomas J., Co. D: This is Thomas Jefferson Stidham, a Steedman descendant, who was mortally wounded on 25 Nov 1862, at Cane Hill, Arkansas (CWSS; RCS; Albert Turner of Rex, Georgia, no other data).

Organized 1/62. Dept. of Texas. Battles: Red River Campaign, Mansfield, Pleasant Hill, etc.

19TH INFANTRY REGIMENT

Stidham, James, Co. G: (unknown lineage; CWSS; RCS; no other data).

Organized 5/63. Dept. of Texas. Battles: Red River Campaign, etc.

VIRGINIA**15TH INFANTRY REGIMENT**

Stidham, Martin, Co. H: This is William Martin [781] Stidham (DTS 13-71; RCS; no other data).

Organized 5/61.

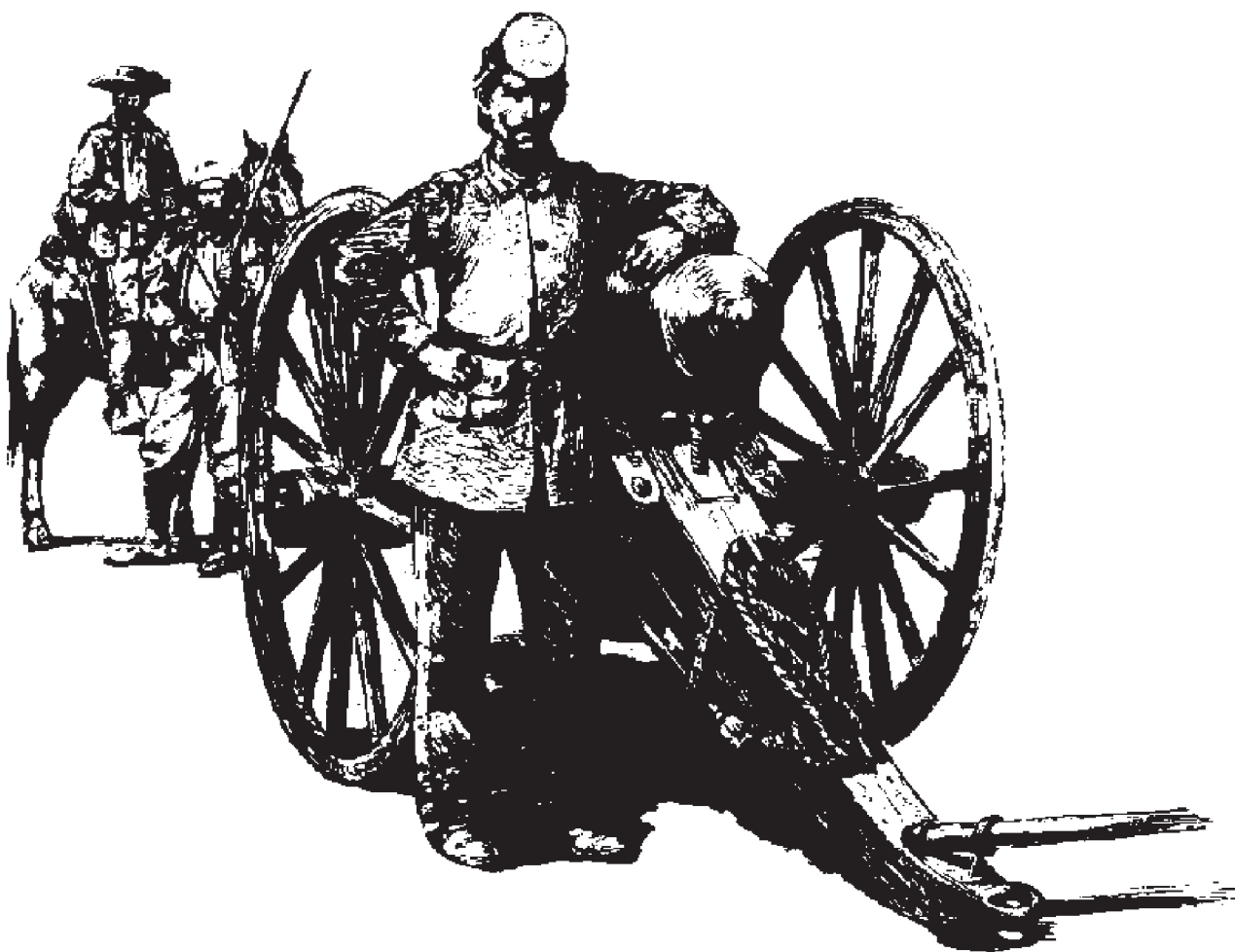
29TH INFANTRY REGIMENT

Stedham, Martin, Co. F: This is Martin Drake [418] Stidham, who in the early part of the war worked in a saltpeter cave (source of gunpowder) in Powell Valley, Virginia. He was for a time held prisoner at Camp Douglas, Illinois (RCS; no other data).

Stedham, Adam, 1st Co. F: This is probably Adam [421] Stidham, Jr. If so, he is the brother of all the other Stidhams* listed in this company, except John Stedham below (RCS; no other data).

Stedham, David, 1st Co. F, Sergeant, Co. A: This is probably David H. [415] Stidham. If so, he is the brother of all the other Stidhams* listed in this company, except John Stedham below (RCS; no other data).

Stedham, James D., 1st Co. F: This is James Dykes [416] Stidham. After this company disbanded, he enlisted in Co. K of the 64th Mounted Infantry. He is the brother of all the other Stidhams* listed in this company, except John Stedham below (DTS 12-36; RCS; no other data).



Stedham (Steadham), John, Corporal, 1st Co. F: (unknown lineage; RCS; no other data).

Organized 1861-62. 1st Co. F was disbanded after 1 year and many soldiers reenlisted in Cos. H and K, 64th Mounted Infantry (see below).

51ST INFANTRY REGIMENT

Stidham, Adam J., Co. A: This is probably Adam John [780] Stidham. If so, he enlisted at Wise Co., Virginia, and saw action at Fort Donaldson and Fort Henry in western Kentucky and Tennessee. He lost his hearing from cannon fire at the Battle of the Little Gaulie River where the Army ran out of cannon balls and had to use chains for ammunition (DTS 13-69; no other data).

Stidham, William D., Co. A: This could be William D. [770] Stidham (RCS; no other data).

Stidham, William H., Co. A: This could be William Harvey [422] Stidham (RCS; no other data).

Organized 8/61; reorganized 5/62.

63RD INFANTRY REGIMENT

Stidham, W., Co. C, Grayson Co. Militia: This is William R. [714] Stidham, who spent most of the war in Alexander Welch Reynolds Brigade in the Army of Tennessee. He may have been wounded in the Battle of Lookout Mountain, Tennessee, and died in 1866. William's son [1561] (name unknown) was killed in the same battle in Nov. 1863. William's brother Newton [719] Stidham also fought in the war, probably for the Union. William was discharged on 8 Oct 1862, by order of a surgeon's certifi-

cate. He wore an artificial leg for the remainder of his life (DTS 13-43 and 44; RCS).

Organized 5/62

64TH MOUNTED INFANTRY REGIMENT

Stidham, Adam, Corporal, Co. H: This is probably the same Adam [421] Stidham, Jr. listed in the 29th Infantry Regiment above (RCS; no other data).

Stidham, Adam J., Co. K: This is probably the same Adam John [780] Stidham listed in the 51st Infantry Regiment listed above (RCS; no other data).

Stidham, A.J., Co. H: Could this be the same Adam John [780] listed in Co. K above? (if not, unknown lineage; RCS; no other data).

Stidham, Ira, Co. K: Could this be Ira [701] Stidham, who is also listed in the 2nd Regiment Cavalry of the Union Army in Tennessee (see page 10)? If so, he fought on both sides of the war (RCS; no other data).

Stidham, James, Co. K: This is probably James Dykes [416] Stidham, who is also listed in the 29th Infantry Regiment above (RCS; no other data). This could instead be **James William [793] Stidham** who enlisted 13 Sep 1862 at Gray's farm. On the company muster roll for 31 Oct 1863 to 30 Jun 1864, he is listed as absent, being a prisoner of war since 9 Sep 1863. James was discharged on 15 Jun 1865, and died of a Civil War wound that never healed on 15 Nov 1881 (DTS 13-76; RCS; no other data).

Stidham, John W., Co. K: (unknown lineage, no other data).

Stidham, Martin, Co. H: This is David Martin [801] Stidham, who served for three months from May until August (year unknown), until he was taken prisoner (DTS 13-81; RCS; no other data).

Stidham, Samuel S., Co. K: (unknown lineage; RCS; no other data).

Organized 12/62. Men from 1st co. F, 29th Infantry were transferred to Cos. H and K. Most men were captured at Cumberland Gap 9/9/63.

