

## NINETY-THREE PRO-UNION REFUGEES IN NORTHERN ILLINOIS

Ninety-three men, who had been and/or would soon be members of the 7<sup>th</sup> Tennessee Cavalry USA, left West Tennessee (primarily) and took up residence in the north central Illinois counties of Putnam, La Salle and Peoria. It is unclear why they chose these counties. Perhaps the men thought southwestern Kentucky and southern Illinois contained too many Confederate sympathizers or it may simply have been that the Illinois River and three railroad lines gave easy access to the area. In Putnam County fifty-nine men took up residence in the towns of Granville, Magnolia and Snachwine (now Senachwine). In Peoria County twenty-four men lived in Brimfield, Millbrook and Trivoli. No towns are listed for the ten men living in La Salle Co.

The Illinois record that lists these men contains only the names, residences, companies and date of enlistment. All except one of the men joined the 7<sup>th</sup> Tennessee at Paducah, KY. The first two men to enlist/re-enlist did so on January 20, 1864. One of these men was a new recruit but the other re-enlisted after discharge from a one year company of the 7<sup>th</sup> Tennessee. Most of the one year men had been discharged on October 25, 1863 in Saulsbury, TN. Twenty-two of these veterans moved to Illinois sometime after discharge, or while AWOL, from companies D (7), F (12), G (2) and H (1). These men began re-enlisting on January 20, 1864 and continued through March 13, 1865. The veterans could have been residents of Illinois as little as three months or as much as one year before re-enlistment.

Most of the men (71), however, had not served previously in the 7<sup>th</sup> Tennessee. About one-half (36) were 21 years old and under. The youngest members of this group (18-19 at enlistment) had been only 15 or 16 at the beginning of the war and could have been sent north by their parents as early as 1862. Another one-fourth (18) were age 22-26 years old. Men age 27-45 made up the last group of 17. Some few had served in other regiments. The last two groups, although of draft age, managed to escape the Confederate draft but chose to volunteer for the 7<sup>th</sup> Tennessee only after a favorable outcome of the war seemed obvious and forthcoming.

All of the enlistments (9) in 1864 came from Peoria County. Enlistments (84) in 1865 came from all three counties. Only 10 of the 84, however, resided in Peoria County. By far the largest group (74) lived in Putnam Co. Out of the 78 men who enlisted in 1864 and 1865, whose permanent residence is known, 48 hailed from Carroll Co, TN with 29 more from various eastern West Tennessee counties.

The fact that three-fourths of the men were under 26 years old would lead to the assumption that the majority of the Illinois refugees/residents were without families. County records indicate that most married for the first time after the war.

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<b>Illinois</b>					
<b>Name of Soldier</b>	<b>Co</b>	<b>Enlistment</b>	<b>Age</b>	<b>Residence</b>	<b>Home</b>
Arms, John M	A/I	64/10/30	31	Brimfield	Henry Co, TN
Butler, John T	F/A/I	64/10/20	18	Brimfield	Carroll Co, TN
Drewry, Robt H	A	64/12/27	35	Brimfield	Weakley Co, TN
Edwards, Wm R	B	64/11/8	18	Brimfield	?
King, Alfred	F/I	64/10/20	27	Brimfield	Carroll Co, TN
Perdew, Irwin T	F/A/I	64/10/20	22	Brimfield	Maury Co, TN
Perdew, John	A/I	64/10/20	24	Brimfield	Maury Co, TN
Tucker, George W	F/I	64/10/20	20	Brimfield	Carroll Co, TN
Vickers, Francis	A/I	64/10/20	24	Brimfield	Carroll Co, TN
Waugh, James W	A/I	64/10/20	26	Brimfield	Carroll Co, TN

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Brewer, John F	D/I	65/03/13	23	Granville	Carroll Co, TN
Cantrell, James K	C	65/03/01	25	Granville	Weakley Co, TN
Collins, James F	B	65/03/02	24	Granville	born in Maine
Dunaway, David	B	65/03/02	28	Granville	born Jxson Co, AL
Gray, Robert	B	65/03/02	18	Granville	born Henry Co, TN
Hall, Edward G	I	65/03/06	18	Granville	Carroll Co, TN
Mitchell, Willis	B	65/03/02	18	Granville	Maury Co, TN
Robinson, Andrew	C	65/01/06	29	Granville	Carroll Co, TN
Robinson, James	C	65/03/01	45	Granville	b. Dickson Co. TN
Robinson, William	E/C	65/01/06	26	Granville	?
Rogers, William F	B/A	65/01/06	28	Granville	Carroll Co, TN
Turner, Jesse T	B	65/02/20	19	Granville	Henderson Co, TN

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Brewer, Isaac N	D/I	65/01/10	36	La Salle Co	Carroll Co, TN
Brewer, Patrick B	D/I	65/01/10	33	La Salle Co	Carroll Co, TN
Brewer, Wm H	I	65/01/10	26	La Salle Co	Carroll Co, TN
Hallmark, John R	C	65/01/06	21	La Salle Co	b. McNairy Co, TN
Hartley, Hardin	C	65/01/06	40	La Salle Co	Hardin Co, KY
Kirby, Smith C	C/E	65/01/10	30	La Salle Co	?
Morgan, George H	F/I	65/01/10	22	La Salle Co	Carroll Co, TN
Morgan, John A	I	65/01/10	22	La Salle Co	Carroll Co, TN
Rowe, James R	C	65/02/19	18	La Salle Co	Carroll Co, TN
Tate, Elisha	I	65/01/10	29	La Salle Co	Carroll Co, TN

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Brewer, Joseph C	I	65/01/06	23	Magnolia	Carroll Co, TN
Calhoun, Thomas	I	65/01/06	44	Magnolia	Carroll Co, TN
Cottmore, Charles	C	65/01/01	18	Magnolia	b. Tishomingo AL
Crane, Linville	I	65/01/02	21	Magnolia	?
Douglas, Wm H	A	65/01/06	18	Magnolia	Henderson Co, TN
Fisher, Henry B	I	65/01/12	21	Magnolia	Gibson Co, TN
Gwin, James E	I	65/01/12	25	Magnolia	Henry Co, TN
Hall, James R	D/I	65/01/06	21	Magnolia	Carroll Co, TN
Hester, James I	I	65/01/06	22	Magnolia	Carroll Co, TN
Kennard, Thomas	C	65/01/11	23	Magnolia	Tippah Co, MS
Miller, Alfred H	D/I	65/01/12	20	Magnolia	Henderson Co, TN
Morgan, Hugh J	I	65/01/06	33	Magnolia	Carroll Co, TN
Morgan, Pleasant G	E	65/01/06	18	Magnolia	Carroll Co, TN
Newbill, Wm G	I	65/01/06	20	Magnolia	Carroll Co, TN
Parish, Sion	I	65/01/06	20	Magnolia	Carroll Co, TN
Parker, William G	I	65/01/10	18	Magnolia	Carroll Co, TN
Patterson, Isaiah	C	65/01/06	18	Magnolia	Decatur Co, TN
Pendergrass, Jn W	G/I	65/01/06	23	Magnolia	Carroll Co, TN
Pope, James E	I	65/01/06	21	Magnolia	Henderson Co, TN
Porter, David G	I	65/01/06	18	Magnolia	Carroll Co, TN
Porter, John R	F/I	65/01/06	19	Magnolia	Carroll Co, TN
Rust, John R	F/I	65/01/06	20	Magnolia	Carroll Co, TN
Smith, Sidney	I	65/01/06	19	Magnolia	Decatur Co, TN
Stewart, Edward	I	65/01/10	40	Magnolia	Carroll Co, TN
Stewart, Thomas J	I	65/01/12	20	Magnolia	Carroll Co, TN
Tate, Jesse M	I	65/01/06	29	Magnolia	Hardin Co, TN
Teddlar, James	I	65/01/06	19	Magnolia	Benton Co, TN
Watson, James A	I	65/01/12	18	Magnolia	Henderson Co, TN
Williams, John F	F/I	65/01/06	19	Magnolia	Carroll Co, TN
Winn, Alvan E	I	65/01/06	18	Magnolia	Carroll Co, TN

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Hays, James E	D/A	64/03/01	31	Millbrook	Weakley Co, TN
Jenkins, Kelly	F/A	64/01/20	22	Millbrook	Weakley Co, TN
King, William P	I	65/03/08	20	Millbrook	Carroll Co, TN
McFarland, John	A	64/01/20	31	Millbrook	Weakley Co, TN
Miller, Joseph C	D/I	65/03/13	29	Millbrook	Henderson Co, TN
Ray, William	B	64/11/24	18	Millbrook	Weakley Co, TN
Thomas, John W	H/B	64/12/14	18	Millbrook	Weakley Co, TN

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Barnes, James H	C	65/01/06	19	Snachwine	Benton Co, TN	
Barnes, William C	C	65/01/06	25	Snachwine	Benton Co, TN	
Britton, Charles	G/I	65/03/08	44	Snachwine	Carroll Co, TN	
Burton, George W	I	65/03/08	24	Snachwine	Carroll Co, TN	
Burton, James A	D/I	65/03/08	25	Snachwine	Carroll Co, TN	
Darnell, Thomas	I	65/01/06	24	Snachwine	Carroll Co, TN	
Doss, Charles W	I	65/01/06	19	Snachwine	Carroll Co, TN	
Drummonds, Joe	F/I	65/01/06	23	Snachwine	Carroll Co, TN	
Gardner, Samuel	I	65/01/06	18	Snachwine	Carroll Co, TN	
Gattlin, William	I/A	65/01/06	19	Snachwine	Carroll Co, TN	
Hickman, Wm W	I	65/01/06	19	Snachwine	Carroll Co, TN	
Jones, Thomas E	I	65/01/06	25	Snachwine	Carroll Co, TN	
Kee, William R	I	65/01/06	28	Snachwine	Carroll Co, TN	
Kemp, Basil D	F/I	65/03/08	19	Snachwine	Carroll Co, TN	
Lambert, James	I	65/01/06	19	Snachwine	Tishomingo Co, AL	
Matthews, Melvin	F/I	65/01/06	28	Snachwine	Carroll Co, TN	
Phillips, James E	I	65/03/08	19	Snachwine	Carroll Co, TN	

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Cunningham, Eli	I	65/04/10	20	Trivoli	Henry Co, TN	
Hamilton, Samuel	I	65/04/11	20	Trivoli	Marshal Co, KY	
Hamilton, Wm J	I	65/04/11	22	Trivoli	Marshal Co, KY	
McCallister, Wm	I	65/03/13	20	Trivoli	Madison Co, TN	
Purdon, Benjamin	I	65/04/04	18	Trivoli	Henry Co, TN	
Scarlett, Shadrick	I	65/03/13	24	Trivoli	Weakley Co, TN	
Spears, John W	C	65/03/01	30	Trivoli	Gibson Co, TN	