

IN MEMORIAM



8th Iowa Volunteer Cavalry

Standing: L-R: James J. Phillips, Robert R. Dawson, Allen J. Maley,
Lt. Wilbur F. McCarron, Edgar F. Manning, James Jones
Seated L-R: Washington Tharp, Dorsey W. Trump,
Joseph H. Cobb, Lyman H. Newton.

McCOOK'S RAID/Union Cavalrymen Killed or Mortally Wounded

8th Iowa Cavalry

Private Matthew Hale, Co. B
2nd Lieutenant John B. Loomis, Co. C
QM sergeant William H. Pulliam, Co. F
2nd Lieutenant Joseph H. Cobb, Co. G
Corporal William Mitchell, Co. G
Private William H. Brown, Co. H
Private Albert G. Briley, Co. I
Private John R. Dowlin, Co. I
Private James N. Nye, Co. I
Private William Wimberly, Co. I
1st Lieutenant James L. Horton, Co. K
Private John Paisley, Co. M

4th Kentucky Mounted Infantry

Corporal Charles Murphy, Co. A
Private Patrick Christopher, Co. A
Private Charles H. Ogden, Co. B
Private Miness Cox, Co. C
Private Michael Thorpe, Co. D
Corporal Alexander Donahoo, Co. E
Corporal William G. Sanders, Co. F
Private Merritt Gritton*, Co. F
Private Henry P. Myrick, Co. F
Private John R. Himes, Co. I
Private Corbin Moore, Co. I
Private James L. Redman, Co. K
John Sharp**

*Real name was James Innman. **No such person carried on company roll.

1st Tennessee Cavalry

2nd Lieutenant John Roberts, Co. C

2nd Indiana Cavalry

Private James W. Scott, Co. D

4th Indiana Cavalry

Sergeant William Buchanan, Co. L

1st Wisconsin Cavalry

Lt. Colonel. William H. Torrey
Major Nathan Paine
Corporal John T. Parsons, Co. C
Private Ellis Brown, Co. C

8th Indiana Cavalry

Corporal David W. Sperry, Co. B

5th Iowa Cavalry

Private John M. Knott, Co. C
Private David S. Corbin, Co. C
Private Ephraim Willis, Co. D
1st Lieutenant Andrew Guler, Co. E
Private David Conzett, Co. E

2nd Kentucky Cavalry

Private Michael Kenny, Co. C
Private Neal Greene, Co. C
1st Lieutenant William Bradney, Co. F
Sergeant Carroll K. Sandidge, Co. G
Private Andrew Castleman, Co. G

4th Tennessee Cavalry

Corporal Andrew J. Hickman, Co. E
1st Lieutenant James Henderson, Co. K
Private Joseph Boyd, Co. K

On June 17, 1908, a small group of ladies from Chapter 599 of the United Daughters of the Confederacy gathered at this place with a few Confederate veterans to dedicate a monument to "the only battle of the Civil War fought in Coweta county." Mrs. Catharine Wright Gibson, who had suggested the idea, shoveled the first spade full of dirt into the hole dug to set up a simple four-foot marble shaft with the inscription:

**GEN. JOS. WHEELER, C.S.A.,
ROUTED GEN. E. M. MCCOOK, U.S.A.
JULY 27, 1864,
CAPTURING 900 OF HIS MEN.
NEWMAN CHAPTER U.D.C.,
1908.**

Among those watching was Tom Carpenter. An eyewitness to the battle, he had grown up just down the LaGrange Road in a single-story clapboard house which still showed signs of the fighting on that hot July afternoon when he was thirteen years old.

For 5 dollars Carpenter had sold the U.D.C. the 5-foot-square parcel of land where the monument stood. After the dedication, he invited the ladies and their guests to his home for some relief from the summer heat. He pointed out several bullet holes in the walls as well as a faint stain which grew darker on cloudy days, discoloring the planks of the covered porch connecting the house with the kitchen. This stain, he said, marked the spot where a badly wounded Union officer had lain. Dressed in a white linen shirt and wearing a diamond ring, the bleeding man had pillowed his head on his blue coat before apparently falling unconscious. When a straggling Yankee trooper knelt beside him and began tugging at the coat, the officer suddenly revived and hurled a string of invectives at the thief. Carpenter claimed he never heard such cussing in all his life, before or since.

The man who made this profound impression upon young Tom Carpenter was almost certainly Lieutenant Colonel William H. Torrey, a rough-and-tumble Wisconsin lumberman. Shot in his left lung at the beginning of the Battle of Brown's Mill, Torrey was later taken to Newman's Buckner Hospital, where he died on August 2, 1864.

The monument accurately marked the spot where Wheeler's cavalry had ambushed Torrey's brigade, but it dated the battle incorrectly. This error was remedied when the shaft suffered significant damage sometime after February 1910.

Under the leadership of longtime president Helen M. Long, the Newnan chapter persuaded George L. Wynn, who had acquired the Carpenter farm, to deed them enough land for one dollar to double the size of the monument lot. After erecting an iron fence anchored by four granite posts, the U.D.C. dedicated "a new and larger" marble marker on July 24, 1912, which read:

**GEN. JOS. WHEELER, C.S.A.,
ROUTED GEN. E. M. MCCOOK, U.S.A.
JULY 30, 1864,
CAPTURING 500 OF HIS MEN.
NEWMAN CHAPTER U.D.C.,
1908.**

This new monument corrected the date of the Battle of Brown's Mill, but it seriously undercounted the number of prisoners taken. Wheeler actually captured about 1300 of McCook's men, crippling Sherman's cavalry and changing the course of the Atlanta campaign.



Terry's Texas Rangers, Co. C
Peter L. Kendall, William A. Lynch, Felix G. Kennedy,
Thomas S. Burney, Walter S. Wood
These men were with the 8th Texas Cavalry and may
have been at the Battle of Brown's Mill.

WHEELER'S PURSUIT/ Confederate Cavalrymen Killed or Mortally Wounded

8th Confederate Cavalry

Private A. Hill, Co. B

5th Georgia Cavalry

Private D.M. Mercer, Co. E

9th Tennessee Battalion

Private William B. Weatherford, Co. B
Captain Jeremiah Green, Co. D

4th Tennessee Cavalry

Orderly Sergeant James M. Turner, Co. A
Private J.H. Hull, Co. B

8th Texas Cavalry

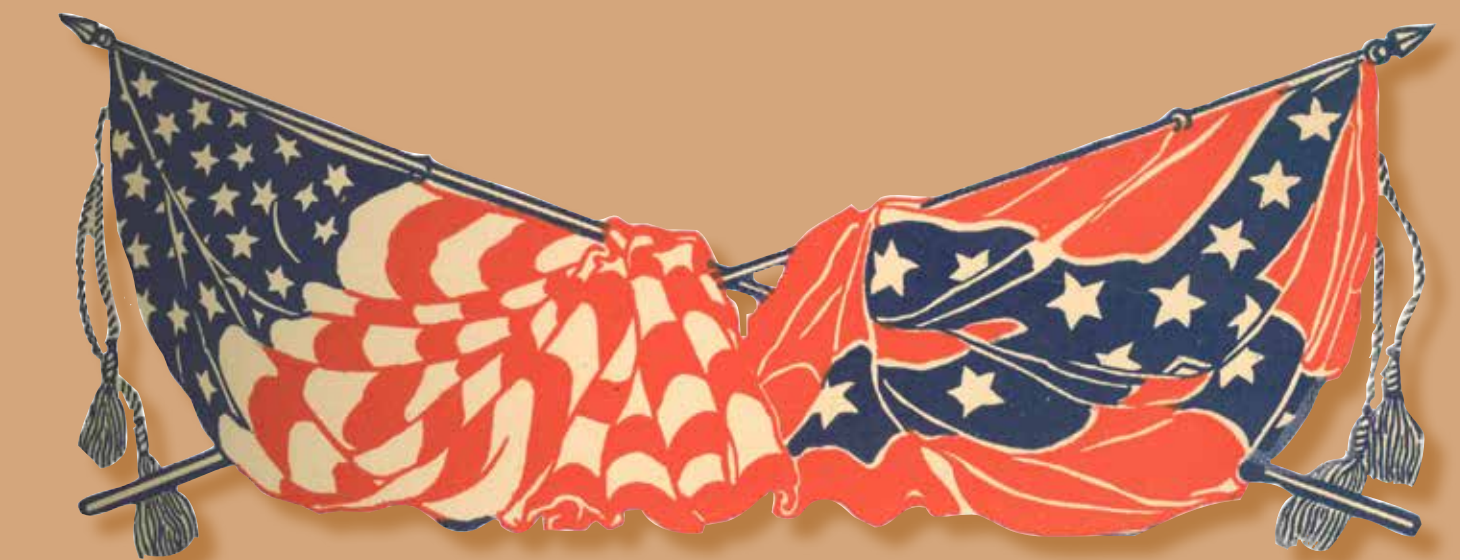
Sergeant William B. Maxey, Co. D
Private William L. Thornton, Co. F

6th Texas Cavalry

Private William H. D. Duncan, Co. B
Private James Brandenburgh, Co. C

Moreland's Regiment Alabama Cavalry

Private J. Porter McClung, Co. A
Captain J. N. Chaffin, Co. E
Lieutenant L. F. Ussery, Co. H



List of Union and Confederate casualties courtesy of
David Evans, author of "Sherman's Horsemen."

