

Colonel Richard Goodrich Woodson Papers, Fort Davidson Collection
transcription by Walter E. Busch, Site Administrator

This collection consists of correspondence, orders, and miscellaneous military papers of Richard G. Woodson, of Pike County, Mo., colonel of the 3rd Missouri State Militia Cavalry (New). The papers concern the administration of the post at Pilot Knob, Mo., the reconciling of his war-time Ordnance accounts, and the activities of the 3rd Missouri State Militia. Col. Woodson was one of the officers commanding during the time Fort Davidson was being built.

The papers are presented in chronological order. The papers come from 2 sources. First, the kind gift of Patrick and Mai Crane of St. Louis, Mo., who donated several documents as well as other artifacts including a photo album belonging to Woodson. Secondly, a purchase of several papers and artifacts from the Missouri Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans.

Some papers have designations "Woodson 23" etc. These refer to the section of our collection of photocopied documents which had been previously assigned these numbers by Gene Dressel, who had saved copies of these before they went on the auction block. These copies are the only know public records of these documents. So many thanks to Gene, who gave us these copies along with the purchase from the Sons of Confederate Veterans.

The photocopied photos at the end of this document are the only "originals" we have of these particular persons. Again, thanks to Gene for saving us these copies.

[From A History of St. Charles County, page 492]

Richard G. Woodson
(Farmer and Stock-raiser, Post-office, Dardenne).

Col. Woodson's parents, Judge Charles Woodson and wife (nee Anne Wilson), came to St. Charles county in 1841. They were from Virginia, and Richard G. was born in Prince Edward county, Va., September 6, 1833. After the removal of the family to St. Charles county Judge Woodson became a successful and leading farmer of the county, and one its influential and highly respected citizens. He was elected a member of the county court and during the war, although far advanced beyond the limit of military age, served as lieutenant-colonel in the Union home guards. He is still living, at the venerable age of 90, and is yet vigorous and his memory well preserved, considering his advanced age. His good wife is also still spared to accompany him on down the journey of life. All their family of eight children are living, and several of them are now themselves the heads of families. The Judge and his good wife are both members of the Presbyterian Church. Col. Richard G. Woodson was principally reared in St. Charles county and was educated at Wyman's high school, of St. Louis, the State University of Missouri, where he graduated in the class of 1853, and afterwards studied law, taking a course in the law department of the University of Virginia. About 1856 he returned home and located at St. Louis, where he was admitted to the bar. He continued the practice of law in St. Louis

for several years. In 1862, he was commissioned major of the Tenth, or Third cavalry, M.S.M., and was afterwards made colonel of the regiment. During most of his time since the war Col. Woodson has given his undivided attention to his farming and stock interests. In 1868 he was married to Miss Grace Lee, a daughter of Philip Lee, formerly of New York. They have seven children, namely: Gertude, Alice, Charles, Tarlton, Nannie, Grace and Freda.

[The following biography was prepared the Western Manuscripts Archives of the University of Missouri. Other papers concerning Col. Woodson are in the archives at Rolla, Mo.]

Richard Goodrich Woodson was commissioned major of the 10th Missouri State Militia Cavalry on 6 May 1862. The regiment, organized at Louisiana, Mo., was posted along the North Missouri Railroad during the summer before being ordered to Jefferson City, Rolla, and Pilot Knob by the end of the year. The 10th regiment failed to recruit the minimum number of soldiers required by the state statutes, and at Pilot Knob in February 1863, the unit was reorganized as the 3rd Missouri State Militia Cavalry (New). It replaced an earlier regiment with the same numerical designation which had been disbanded. Upon reorganization, Richard G. Woodson was commissioned colonel of the new 3rd regiment, with rank to date from 21 May 1863. Portions of the regiment served at Pilot Knob through the end of 1864, operating in southeastern Missouri and northeastern Arkansas. Under Woodson's command, cavalymen of the 3rd regiment participated in the campaign against Gen. John S. Marmaduke's Confederate raiders, April-May 1863. The zenith of Woodson's career came in August 1863, when he led a combined expedition from Pilot Knob and Cape Girardeau which resulted in the capture of Gen. M. Jeff Thompson and most of his staff at Pocahontas, Ark. This admirable feat was overshadowed by the capture of an entire company of the 3rd Missouri State Militia by guerrillas under Timothy Reeves at Centerville, Mo., on 23 December 1863. Although Woodson was not personally responsible and though the prisoners were rescued by troops from Pilot Knob, the episode was an embarrassment. It led to a contretemps with Gen. Clinton B. Fisk, commander of the St. Louis District, which included Pilot Knob, who wanted to cashier the officers involved in the Centerville affair. Woodson argued leniency, and his disagreement with Fisk may have led to Woodson's resignation of his commission on 27 February 1864.

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Mexico Mo Oct. 10th 1862.

Genls McNeill, Merrill & Curtis,

Dr. Sir, I do respectfully resign my commission as Major in the Tenth Regt. of Cav. M.S.M; If this resignation can be accepted and I relieved from duty immediately it will greatly oblige.

Yr Obt. Sevt.

Goodridge Woodson
Maj. 10th Cav M.S.M.

You will oblige me to forward this on to the Generals above -- I also send one to the Gov., Gamble.
G.W.

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{Headquarters
{McNeils Column
{Palmyra, Oct 11th 1862

Having nothing to do with the approval of this communication, it is returned suggesting that it should be forwarded through your Colonel. On this point consult regulations section V. P 13 revised edition.

John McNeil
Brig Gen'l Com--

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[Envelope post stamped "Oct 18 Maj. G. Woodson, 10th Cav. Regt. M.S.M, Mexico Audrain Co, MO. " also stamped "Dec 3," but not a post mark. Other writing not legible.]

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Head Quarters Saint Louis District
Saint Louis March 6th 1863

Special Order
No. 50

A General Court Martial is hereby appointed to convene at Pilot Knob, Mo., on Monday March 9th, 1863, at 9 o'clock A.M. or as soon thereafter as practicable for the trial of all such prisoners as may be properly brought before it.

Detail for the Court

Lieut. Col. Jno. F. Tyler	1 st Inf. M.S.M.
Major Jno N. Herder	" " " " "
Captain P[atrick] F. Lonergan	" " " " "
Captain H[iram]. A. Rice	3 rd Cav. M.S.M.
Captain F[elix]. C. Marx	13 th Illinois Cav.
Major R. G. Woodson	3 rd Cav. M.S.M. Judge Advocate

No other officers than those above named can be assembled without manifest injury to the service

If any of the members should be absent at any time the Court will nevertheless proceed with the business before it, provided the number of members present shall not be less than the minimum prescribed by law.

By order of

Brig Gen. Davidson
Henry C. Fillebrown
A A Gen

To
Maj R.G. Woodson
3d Cav. M.S.M.
Judge Advocate

[Note written over text running from bottom to top of page instead of left to right says in part "Rec'd Maj. Woodson & Capt. Rice from Oct 31/62 to Feb 28/63..." followed by unknown signature]

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Head Quarters, St. Louis District
St. Louis, Mo. March 9th, 1863

Special Orders,
No. S32 [or 532]

The following named officers are hereby detailed as members of General Court Martial convened by Special Order No. 50 from these Head Quarters, and will report to Major Woodson, Judge Advocate.

Captain James Wilson 3rd Cav. M.S.M.
Captain Chas. Biehle 1st Inf M.S.M

By Order of Brig. Gen. Davidson
Henry C. Fillebrown
Assistant Adjutant General

To
Major Woodson
Judge Advocate

[Note written over text running from bottom to top of page instead of left to right says "Paid Capt James Wilson ??? Pay ofc from Oct 31/62 to Feb 28/63 .. unknown signature... Paymaster"]

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Form 2--(b.)

Invoice of Ordnance and Ordnance Stores, turned over by Lt. Jas. Copp, Actg Ordnance Officer at Pilot Knob, Mo. to Colonel R. G. Woodson 3rd Cav. M.S.M at Pilot Knob, Mo on the 24th day of July, 1863.

Number	Articles	Condition
1 One	Colt Navy Revolver	Serviceable
1 One	Pistol Belt Holster	do [ditto]

I certify that the above is a correct Invoice of Ordnance and Ordnance Stores, turned over by me this 24th day of July, 1863, to Col. R. G. Woodson 3rd Cav. M.S.M.

(IN DUPLICATE)

Jas [Copp
1st Lieut. Co. H. 3rd Cav. M.S.M.
Acting Ordnance Offr Post

Woodson 7

Received at Pilot Knob, Mo this 24th day of July 1863 of Col. R. G. Woodson 3rd Cav Regt. M.S.M. the following Ordnance and Ordnance Stores as per Invoice dated July 24th, 1863

40 Forty	Cavalry Sabres	New
40 Forty	Sabre Belts	"
40 Forty	Sabre Belt Plates	"
40 Forty	Sword Knots	"

James W. McFaden Capt Comdg Co F 3rd Regt.

Woodson 8

Received at Pilot Knob, Mo, this 24th day of July 1863 of Col. R. G. Woodson 3rd Cav Regt M.S.M. the following Ordnance and Ordnance Stores as per Invoices dated July 24th 1863

20	Twenty	Cavalry Sabres	New
20	Twenty	Sabre Belts	"
20	Twenty	Sabre Belt Plates	"
20	Twenty	Sword Knots	"

George W. Hummel
Capt. Co. K 3rd Regt. Cav. M.S.M.

Woodson 18

Received at Pilot Knob Mo this 24th day of July 1863 of Col. R. G. Woodson 3d Cav Regt M.S.M. the following Ordnances and Ordnance Stores as per Invoice dated July 24th 1863.

50	fifty	Cavalry Sabres	New
50	fifty	Sabre Belts	"
50	fifty	Sabre Belt plates	"
50	fifty	Sword Knots	"
1	One	Packing Box	

John W. Henricks 1st Lt.
Comg. Co. C 3d MSM

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Ordnance Office
Post of Pilot Knob Mo. July 27th 1863

Memorandum Receipt

Received of R. G. Woodson, Col. Comdg 3rd Cav MSM
Ten (10) Boxes of Ordnance Stores
and storage subject to his order.

James Copp
1st Lieut. Co. H 3rd Cav. M.S.M.
Act'g Ordnance Off.
[For Tidsmett Celk?]

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Form No. 7 --(a.)
(For issues or transfers of Ordnance Stores.)

Received at Pilot Knob, Mo., this 1st day of August, 1863 of Colonel R. G. Woodson, the following Ordnance and Ordnance Stores, as per invoice dated the 1st day of August, 1863.

52	Sabres
52	Sabre Belts and plates
52	Sabre Knots

(IN DUPLICATE)

H.B. Milks
Capt. Co. K 3rd M.S.M. Cav.

[ORIGINAL GIFT OF PATRICK & MAI CRANE, ST. LOUIS, MO]

Law Office of Wm. T. Mason,
31 Pine Street, between Second and Third Streets.
St. Louis, Sept. 8th, 1863.

My Dear Woodson

Your letter of the 4th inst- came duly and very glad was I to hear from you once more. Am sorry I did not see you when you last visited our City but hope you will come soon again. You have linked your name with the heroes of this war and the exploits of Col. R. G. Woodson will pass into history to be pointed at by your children with genuine pride. Really Col your capture of Genl Jeff was a very clean affair and of all my friends I know of none that I would rather have distinguished themselves than your worthy self.

The note in Cline's hands can be paid any day and if it suits you I think sometime soon we had better pay it off. This note bears more interest than the Todd note and it is to our advantage to take it up first as soon as possible.

I don't believe Todd can hurt us with this lost note of his, for if we should happen to be in a condition not to pay it - we can find someone who will raise it and hold it for us until we can. So whenever you are ready you will I think find me on hand with my part.

My visit to Ky was a very pleasant one and did me good.

Gov. Gamble is improving as rapidly as a man of his age with such a fracture could expect too [sic]. Ham is here now -- has been with his father.

Miss. Nancy, Mrs Julian & Mrs Dick Bates reached St Louis last Friday and are all now on the Dardanne [Dardenne, St. Charles Co.].

The City is very quiet; very many people have left for watering places.

Situated as you now are I should think you could come up and give us a visit.

If you will come up we will try and get Jno Booth & Garland all of us go on the Dardanne and spend a little time what-say you?

The weather has turned hot again so that I am not engaged in any courting affairs not have any thing to do with the girls.

Your friend
Wm. T. Mason

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Office Deputy Provost Marshall
Louisiana Mo Sept 10, 1863

Col. R. G. Woodson
Comg Post
Pilot Knob Mo.

Col.

I am this moment in receipt of your note of the 7th Inst, in answer to mine of the 29th ult. asking a copy of so much of the rolls of the companies of your Regt, as embraces the names of men from this (Pike) County.

It was at the suggestion of Lieut. & Adj. H[enry] C. Campbell of your Regt. (3rd MSM) that I made that request. I have enclosed herewith a Slip containing the order of Capt. Switzler, Provost Marshall of 9th District of Mo. the 10a paragraph of which is my authority for saying "I am required to enroll all of the men of M.S.M." The order of Col. Alexander, Pro. Mar. Gnl. of Mo. alluded to in that paragraph, I have not seen. But of Course I am bound to obey the order of my superior officer -- In making the request, I had [Page 2]

not certainly the remotest idea of giving offence which I seem unfortunately to have done.

Of course, I knew the original Rolls were accessible, in the office of the Adj. Genl.--but I supposed the latest revision of those rolls, showing deaths &c by which I would have to be governed could not be obtained at that office.

It is true that I can obtain the names of many of the men in Service in your & other Regts M.S.M., amongst their friend here, But this would be so partial a statement of them, as to work great injustice to those, they enrolled, as the enrolment made in that way would necessarily be very imperfect..

Of course, I know I have not the right to demand the copies asked for at your honor, and if my language will be as that construction. (I kept no copy) was most unfortunate in the use of language for certainly nothing was farther from my intentions.

Respectfully your obt Servt.
P. Draper
Dept. Prov. Mar,

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St. Louis, Sept 14, 1863

Dear Woodson

Your favor of the 12th inst. was duly rec'd this morning.

In reply I have to say that your Hosps(?) notes were negotiated today at the time specified in my last. The proceeds of the note amount to \$1206.99, or in round figures of \$1207.00. From this sum deducted \$10 for my services and there remains a balance of \$1197.00 which I have deposited in the Southern Bank. I hold this subject to your order. The discount in this negotiation amounted to \$38.66. Upon the whole I think you did very well as you know plenty of money can be had now for 6 per cent interest. And if you had forced a sale and brought it in the investment would have been a dead one for a long time, taxes are so excessive.

The Bradly note I expect to be paid any day. There you see you have funds here if you can borrow enough to get here on leave of absence.

Alex. Martin

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St. Louis Sept 15 1863

Dear Woodson

I succeeded this morning in collecting your Bradley note. The proceeds are \$329.25. There is no discount on this, and I figured up the interest to a cent.

Deduct \$10 for my services & the remainder \$319.25 is subject to your order.

I think now you ought to be able to make me a visit, having so much money as the abode of dissipation and pleasure.

I am sorry to say that I have not seen Miss G. of Washington, Mo. but I have no doubt she would be pleased to have you call at your next visit. I took a ride out of town on Sunday aft. to see a couple of sweet ones living in the suburbs. You must certainly try and come up.

Yours truly

Alex Martin

[ORIGINAL PURCHASED FROM SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS]

St. Louis Sept. 15, 1863

Dear Woodson

I succeeded this morning in collecting your Bradley note. The proceeds are \$329.25. There is no discount on this, and I figured up the interest to a cent.

Deduct \$10 for my services & the remainder \$319.25 is subject to your order.

I think now you ought to be able to make us a visit, having so much money at the abode of dissipation and pleasure.

I am sorry to say that I have not seen Miss. G. of Washington, MO, but I have no doubt she would be pleased to have you call at your next visit. I took a ride out of town on Sunday aft. to see a couple of sweet ones living in the suburbs. You must certainly try and come up.

Yours truly, Alex. Martin.

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Form No. 7 --(a.)
(For issues or transfers of Ordnance Stores.)

Received at Pilot Knob, Mo., this 20th day of September, 1863 of Colonel R. G. Woodson, the following Ordnance and Ordnance Stores, as per invoice dated the 20th day of September, 1863.

28	Twenty eight	Sabres	New
28	Twenty eight	Sabre Belts	"
28	Twenty eight	Sabre Knots	"

(IN DUPLICATE)

William T. Hunter
Capt. Co. M. 3rd M.S.M. Cav.

[ORIGINAL PURCHASED FROM SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS]

From No. 7 --(a.)
(for issues or transfers of Ordnance Stores)

Received at Pilot Knob MO this 22nd day of Sept, 1863, of Col. R. G. Woodson, the following Ordnance and Ordnance Stores, as per invoice dated the 22nd day of September, 1863.

- (6) Six Cavalry Sabres
- (6) Six Sabre belts & plates
- (6) Six Sabre Knots.

(In Duplicate) [Signed] C.W. Rust, Capt.
Co. g. 3d Cav. M.S.M.

Front Page (Side 2)
Abstract No. _____ Voucher No.* _____
Receipt For Issues To.
Charles W. Rust
Capt. Co. "G" 3d Cav. M.S.M
on this 22d day of September, 1863
as per invoice dated
the 22d day of September, 1863

[More printed information including "Suggestions to Officers Issuing Ordnance Property"]

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Form No. 7 --(a.)
(For issues or transfers of Ordnance Stores.)

Received at Pilot Knob, Mo, this 22nd day of Sept, 1863, of Col. R. G. Woodson, the following Ordnance and Ordnance Stores, as per invoice dated the 22nd day of September, 1863.

- (6) Six Cavalry Sabres
- (6) Six Sabre Belts & Plates
- (6) Six Sabre Knots

(In Duplicate. C[h]arles]. W. Rush, Capt.
Co. G, 3rd Cav M.S.M.

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Naylor's Store, Mo. Sept 23d 1863

Sir:

Having recovered to long lost package and made the necessary corrections I have the honor to transmit herewith the original and duplicate copies of the return of the ordnance and ordnance stores appertaining to the Third Regt Cavalry M.S.M. for which I am accountable for the Third Quarter of 1863.

Most Respectfully
Yr obt Servt
R.G. Woodson
late Col. 3d Cav. M.S.M.

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[Form of Return of Ordnance and Ordnance Stores in ledger form. Format not preserved in this transcription.]

Return of Ordnance and Ordnance Stores, received, issued, and remaining on hand in 3d Regiment Mo. State Militia Cavalry, for Third Quarter 1863.

July 16 Voucher 1 Received from Major Callender [Ordnance Officer, St. Louis Arsenal]

464 Cavalry Sabres.
464 Cavalry Belts and Plates
464 Sabre Knots.
15 Bridles, Watering, do.[ditto]
15 Currycombs.
15 Halters and Straps, do.
15 Horse Brushes.
15 Links, Cavalry.
15 Lariats, do.
15 Picket Pins, do.
15 Saddles, pattern 1859, complete.
15 Saddle Blankets, Cavalry.
15 Spurs and Straps.
5000 Colt's Navy Pistol Cartridges, Cal 38 size.
7000 Colt's Army Pistol Cartridges, Cal. 44 size.

July 25 Received from Lieut. Copp

1 Colt Revolver, Navy size, calibre 44.

July 25 Voucher 1 Issued to Capt. Wm. F. Leeper

15 Bridles, Watering, do.
15 Currycombs.
15 Halters and Straps, do.
15 Horse Brushes.
15 Links, Cavalry.
15 Lariats, do.
15 Picket Pins, do.
15 Saddles, pattern 1859, complete.
15 Saddle Blankets, Cavalry.
15 Spurs and Straps.

July and August 2 Issued to Commanders of Co.'s C & E

Voucher 2 Issued to F. G. H. K. S. M. 3 M. S. Cav.

315 Cavalry Sabres.

July 27 Voucher 3 Issued to Lieut. Copp

5000 Colt's Navy Pistol Cartridges, Cal 38 size.
7000 Colt's Army Pistol Cartridges, Cal. 44 size.

Remaining On Hand to Be Accounted for on Next Return

1 Colt Revolvers, Navy size, calibre 44
149 Cavalry Sabres.

Ordnance Office
War Department
Washington, D.C. Oct. 12, 1863

Col. R. G. Woodson,
3d M.S.M. Cavalry,

Sir:

The ~~Company~~ History appertaining to ~~Company~~ 3d Regiment Mo State Militia Cavalry, from May 5, 1862, to Oct 2, 1863, for the non=rendition [sic] of which, as prescribed by the regulations of this Department, you were reported to the Adjutant General of the Army, on the 24th Sept, 1863, with the recommendation that all pay due you might be stopped, having to=day [sic] been received at this Office, a request has been sent to the Paymaster General of the Army that the stoppage on this account may be removed.

By order of the Chief of Ordnance:

Geo. T. Balch
Captain of Ordnance
Assistant to Chief of Ordnance.

[ORIGINAL GIFT OF PATRICK & MAI CRANE, ST. LOUIS, MO]

Pay Department USA
St Louis, MO Oct 20th, [18]63

Col. R. G. Woodson

I received your letter and Muster out Rolls and also your letter since then. I am very much obliged to you for your prompt attention to the matter [P]lease attend to the other matter as soon as possible.

Very respectfully
Your Obedt Servant
Wm. C. Jones
Paymaster USA

Col. R. G. Woodson
Pilot Knob MO

Envelope marked received Oct 22, 1863

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Received at Pilot Knob Mo. this 18th day of November 1863 of Col R. G. Woodson 3d M.S.M. the following Ordnance and Ordnance Stores as per Invoice dated the 18th day of November 1863.

68	Sixty Eight	Cavalry Sabres		
68	Sixty Eight	"	Belts	
68	Sixty Eight	"	"	Plates
68	Sixty Eight	"	Knots	

Herman M. Roesa [Rösa], Capt
Com Co. B 3d Cav M.S.M.

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Head Quarters, Department of the Missouri
St. Louis, Dec. 6th, 1863

Colonel,

This will introduce Mr. S. A. Ranlett of St. Louis and Rev. Chas. H. Brigham of Mass,
gentlemen worthy of all consideration.

Please afford them such facilities as will ensure them a pleasant visit to the mountains and oblige.

Yours truly
J M Schofield
Maj Genl

Col Woodson
Pilot Knob Mo.

[Also contains envelope cover addressed to Col Woodson Commanding Pilot Knob Mo.]

[ORIGINAL GIFT OF PATRICK & MAI CRANE, ST. LOUIS, MO]

St Louis
6 December 1863

Col. R. G. Woodson
Pilot Knob, MO.

Dear Sir.

You are attorney for one Thomas W. Glisan, and as such control a Judgment against my friend R. J.
Compton for some 328.08

On behalf of Compton's friends, who [who written second time and then struck] wish to help him to some
business I would make an offer to pay something for a satisfaction of that Judgment.

Can you inform me where the said Glisan resides, or will you be kind enough to take the negotiation in
hand.

Very Respy

Wm. P. Curtis
Box 2990

Envelope marked: Wm. P. Curtis Rec'd Dec 8 1863, wants to know the address of Thomas W. Glisan.
and Dec 16th, 1863 not to Barton Bo[???] to refer to my old letter book and give him the information
wanted. R.G. W.

[ORIGINAL GIFT OF PATRICK & MAI CRANE, ST. LOUIS, MO]

St. Louis, Feb. 16, 1864

Dr. Woodson

Your favor of the 13th inst. was duly rec'd. Enclosing draft of \$350 which I have collected and placed to
your credit at the Boatman's. You had on deposit prior to this date \$121; You have now \$471. Mr.
Thompson says he knows of a check of \$22 by you which has not yet been presented.

I am sorry I did not see you when you came on hand last week. I had to leave town that day. I saw your
brother George a few evenings ago.

Your friend
Alex. Martin

[ORIGINAL GIFT OF PATRICK & MAI CRANE, ST. LOUIS, MO]

Form No. 7--(a.)

(For Issues or transfers of Ordnance Stores.)

Received at Pilot Knob Mo. this 17 day of Feby, 1864, of Col. R. G. Woodson 3d Cav MSM, the following Ordnance and Ordnance Stores, as per invoice dated the 17th day of February, 1864.

32 Cav. Sabres
[?] Sabre Belts and Plates
10 Sabre Knots
10 Packing Boxes
1 Colts Navy Revol.

Tho. H. Macklind
1st Lt. [Co.?] A Post Ord. Officer

Woodson 1

R.G. Woodson late Colonel of the 3rd Regt. Cav. M.S.M. being duly sworn on his oath says that heretofore to wit about the month of June 1863, whilst in command of the Regiment he received from F.D. Callender Chief of Ordnance at St. Louis Arsenal a lot of ordnance stores, that he was at the time in the field scouting with the Regt. where it was impossible to keep them & he therefore sent several boxes of them to the ordnance office at Pilot Knob, Mo. to be stored in his account, that for want of room at the ordnance office proper they were stored and kept for a long time at the guard house where a great many soldier had access to them, and from this place large quantities of them were abstracted and carried away by some persons to him unknown, to wit (twenty) (20) cavalry sabres 20

thirty seven (37) sabre belts and plates 37
and thirty nine (39) sabre knots 39

were so carried away and lost to him.

That his orders to keep continually scouting

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in the field scouring after bands of guerillas made it impossible for him to take better care of them than he did take & the loss did not occur through his carelessness or negligence.

R.G. Woodson
late Col. 3 Cav. M.S.M.

Sworn to and Subscribed before me }
this 2d day of Mch 1864 }

G.D. O. [George D. 'Otto']Kellman
1st Lieut & Adjt 1 Inf MSM
Post Adjt

Voucher No. 4 "C"
Affidavit
Col Woodson
March 2d 1864

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Headquarters Post Pilot Knob, Mo.
March 22, 1864

This is to certify that Col. R. G. Woodson 3rd Cav. M.S.M. was in Command at Post Pilot Knob, Mo. until the 29th, twenty ninth, day of February 1864 when he was relieved by the undersigned.

John L. Herder
Lieut. Col. 1st Inf. M.S.M.
Comdg Post

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Ordnance Office
War Department
Washington, D.C., March 24, 1864

Col. R. G. Woodson
3d M.S.M. Cavalry
Pilot Knob, Mo.

Sir:

I return herewith the Quarterly Return of Ordnance and Ordnance Stores in your charge, pertaining to 3d M.S.M. Cavalry "Stores in Charge" for 3d Quarter 1863, for the following reasons:

An abstract of Issues (No. 2) is required.

Please make the corrections indicated above, and return to this office.

Respectfully,
Your Obedient servant,

By order:

Geo. T. Balch
Captain of Ordnance,
Assistant to Chief of Ordnance

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Transmit this Letter, and every paper connected with the Returns to which it refers,
IN THE SAME PACKAGE.

Naylor's Store Mo
April 6th 1864.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith the Original and Duplicate copies of the Return of the Ordnance and Ordnance Stores appertaining to 3d Cav. M.S.M. also vouchers, nos. 1, 2, 3 (o H. "S" "B" & "C") -- also my Receipts for blank Returns for which I am accountable for the First quarter of 1864.

Respectfully

Your obedient servant,
R.G. Woodson
late Col. 3d Cav M.S.M.
[commanding scratched out]

To the Chief of Ordnance
Washington, D.C.

1. If transmitting a Company or Regimental Return, give letter of Company and designation of Regiment.
 2. If a Light Battery Return, state whether it is an independent Battery, or whether it is distinguished by a letter, as part of an Artillery Regiment.
 3. If for "Stores in Charge," state the regiment, Brigade, Division, Corps, or Post with which the officer making the Return is on duty.
 4. If a Fort or Permanent Battery return, give the official designation of the Post.
- [B.27.4.63.100 M.]

[ORIGINAL PURCHASED FROM SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS]

Voucher No 4. "C"
Affidavit
Col Woodson
March 2d 1864

Side 2:

R.G. Woodson late Colonel of the Mo 3d Regt Cav. M.S.M. being duly sworn on his oath says that heretofore towit about the month of June 1863, whilst in command of the Regiment he received from F. D> Callender, chief of ordnance at St. Louis Arsenal a [lot?] of ordnance stores. That he was at the time in the field scouting with the Regt. where it was impossible to keep them & he therefore sent several boxes of them to the ordnance office at Pilot Knob, Mo. to be stored in his account. That for want of room at the ordnance office proper they were stored and kept for a long time at the guard house, where a great many soldiers had access to them, and from this place large quantities of them were abstracted [sic] and carried away buy some persons to him unknown. Towit, twenty (20) cavalry sabres, 20 thirty seven (37) sabre belts and plates 37 and thirty nine (39) sabre knots 39 were so carried away & lost to him.

That his orders to keep continually [scouting note: struck with line] in the field scouting after bands of guerillas made it impossible for him to take better care of them than he did take. The loss did not occur through his carelessness or negligence.

RG Woodson
late Col. 3 Cav MSM

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 2nd day of Mch 1864. [Signature practically illegible from bad penmanship] 1st Lt. and Adj 1st Inf MSM, Post Adj't.
No. 75058. Appropriation. Pay of Volunteers. \$716.32.

Treasury Department.
Second Auditor's Office,
April 5th, 1864.

I certify, That I have examined and adjusted the claim of Washington A. Kirkpatrick, dec(eased), 2d Lieut. Co. H. 3d Illinois Cav. Vols. and find there is due him from the United States the sum of Seven Hundred and Sixteen dollars and thirty two cents, being for pay from July 1st 1862 to January 6, 1863 as appears by the account and vouchers herewith transmitted for the decision of the Second Comptroller of the treasury thereon. to be paid to Elizabeth J. Kirkpatrick of Illinois Widow of Deceased or her order, by any Paymaster of the Army, in the district of the claimant's residence.
(SIGNED) E. B. Le(???), Second Auditor.

-----[Fold]

Second Comptroller's Office,
\$716.32 Apr. 7, 1864

The above claim of Seven hundred and sixteen dollars and 32 cents is admitted.

Jno. B(??)head

Second Comptroller.

-----[Fold]

[Should this Certificate be assigned, the blanks for date and the Paymaster's name will not be filled until the Certificate is taken up a a [sic] voucher by a Paymaster.

The blank for the amount will be filled at the time of transfer, and the receipt signed by the original payee. The form for transfer on the back of the receipt will be filled with the name of the assignee, dated and signed by the same person who signed the receipt, in the presence of two witnesses. All these signatures to the assignment will be before and attested by a Notary Public or Justice of the Peace, the officer before whom the original affidavit of applicant for arrears of pay was made, if possible.]

Received, this 21st day of May, 1864 from Wm. J. Wallace, Paymaster, seven hundred & sixteen dollars thirty two cents, in full of the above.

Witnessed by: (SIGNED) Elizabeth J. Kirkpatrick
Robert H. Ferguson
Lewis K. Ferguson
[Harmon Re???? written over this receipt]

Back side:

Part 1: Blank

Part 2: Voucher No. 168

May 21st, 64

ARREARS OF PAY AND BOUNTY CERTIFICATE

\$716.32

7.88 tax

\$708.44

75058

[Immediately after payment, the Paymaster will notify the Second Auditor of the Treasury, stating when, where, and to whom the Certificate was paid, giving the number and amount.]

[Written in pencil]

Maj. W.S. Wallace

Paymaster Springfield, Il.

1375C Bx. 4246

Part 3: [Written in ink] by the Order of Harman J. G. Re[?????]
Cummings, JP

Part 4: Assignment.

Pay to the order of Comaning & B?? for value received.

Robert H. Ferguson & Lewis K. Ferguson witnesses.

Elizabeth J. Kirkpatrick, Original Payee. Signed and acknowledged before me, a Justice of the Peace, this 4th day of May, 1864. S. H. Cummings, JP

[ORIGINAL GIFT OF PATRICK & MAI CRANE, ST. LOUIS, MO]

Property Returns Division
Ordnance Office.
War Department.
Washington June 13th, 1864[form printed 3 scratched out]

Col. R. G. Woodson
3rd M.S.M. Cavy.
St. Charles County, Mo;

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 2d Mar[?], 1864, notifying this Office of your intention of resigning your commission as Col.

Before giving you a certificate of non-indebtedness to the United States on account of Ordnance, it will be necessary for you to make and transmit to this Office the Ordnance Returns now due from you for the 3d quarter, 1863. On their receipt at this Office, they will be examined and referred to the Second Auditor; of which action you will be promptly advised. In your letter transmitting them, refer to this by its date.

By order of the Chief of Ordnance.
[Signed] Geo. T. Balch
Captain of Ordnance
Assistant to Chief of Ordnance

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PROPERTY RETURN DIVISION
(Delinquent Section -- Form I.)

ORDNANCE OFFICE
WAR DEPARTMENT
Washington, D.C. July 15th, 1864.

Col. R. G. Woodson,
3rd Cav. M.S.M.

Sir:

The Return of the Ordnance and Ordnance Stores for which you are accountable, pertaining to the 3rd Regt. Cav. M.S.M. for the Second quarter of 1863, has not yet been received at this Office.

Your attention is called to the requirements of paragraphs 1040 and 1421 of the Regulations of the Army, edition of 1861, and paragraphs 1, 9, and 10, "Instructions for making Returns of Ordnance Stores." Unless the Return is promptly transmitted, or some satisfactory explanation offered for this delinquency, within Sixty days, you will be reported to the Adjutant General of the Army, by this Office, for a stoppage of all pay due until the above regulations are fully complied with.

Respectfully,

You obedient servant,

By order: Geo. T. Balch
Captain of Ordnance
Assistant to Chief of Ordnance

[ORIGINAL GIFT OF PATRICK & MAI CRANE, ST. LOUIS, MO]

Know all men by these Presents,

That I Rachel Davis in the County of Pike and State of Illinois have made, constituted, and appointed, and by these presents do make, constitute and appoint Wm. J. Conkling, of Springfield, Ills., my true and lawful Attorney, for me and in my name to adjust, collect, and receive from the Government of the United States, or any Paymaster or other Disbursing Officer or Agent thereof, all and singular the moneys due, or to grow due to me, or to which I am entitled, for services and allowances as Widow John F. Davis died Corpl Co. F 99 Ills Vols as per WL 95.402 for \$115.73 [struck out "in company ____ commanded by Captain ____ in the ____ Regiment of ____ commanded by Colonel ____."]

Giving and granting unto my said attorney, by these presents, full power and authority; in and about the premises, to have, use, and take, all lawful ways and means, in my name, for the purposes aforesaid; and upon the receipt of such dues and moneys for me and in my name, place and stead, to make and give acquittances, or other sufficient discharges, releases or receipts therefor. And generally to do all other acts and things, in the law whatsoever, needful and necessary to be done in and about the premises; for me and in my name, to do, execute, and perform, as fully, and to all intents and purposes, as I might or could do, if personally present; and attorneys, one or more under him, for the purposes aforesaid, to make and constitute.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 15 day of July in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty-four

Witness R C Noyes
Witness H. L. Leatphim
Rachel Davis [her mark X]

State of Illinois
County of Pike

I J. K. Cleveland, Notary Public in and for the County of Pike in the State of Illinois do hereby certify, that on this 15 day of July A.D. 1864 personally appeared before me Rachel Davis who is personally known to me to be the same person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument of writing, as a party thereto, and acknowledged the same to be his act and deed, for the purposes therein mentioned.

Witness my hand and official seal, the day and year last above written.
J. K. Cleveland
Notary Public

[ORIGINAL GIFT OF PATRICK & MAI CRANE, ST. LOUIS, MO]
No. 95.402. Appropriation. Bounty Act July 11- 1862
Pay of Volunteers. \$75.00 [+] 40.73 Line \$115.73.

Treasury Department.
Second Auditor's Office,
June 20, 1864.

I certify, That I have examined and adjusted the claim of John F. Davis deceased Corporal Company F, 99 Illinois Volunteers and find there is due him from the United States the sum of One Hundred and Fifteen dollars and 73 cents, being for pay from March 1 to June 4 1863 and for Bounty for Act July 22, 1861 as appears by the account and vouchers herewith transmitted for the decision of the Second Comptroller of the treasury thereon. to be paid to Rachel Davis of Illinois Widow of Deceased or her order, by any Paymaster of the Army, in the district of the claimant's residence.

(SIGNED) E. B. Le(??b), Second Auditor.

-----[FOLD]

Second Comptroller's Office,
\$115.73 June 27, 1864

The above claim of one hundred and fifteen dollars and 73 cents is admitted.

Jno. B(??)head
Second Comptroller.

-----[FOLD]

[Should this Certificate be assigned, the blanks for date and the Paymaster's name will not be filled until the Certificate is taken up a a [sic] voucher by a Paymaster.

The blank for the amount will be filled at the time of transfer, and the receipt signed by the original payee. The form for transfer on the back of the receipt will be willed with the name of the assignee, dated and signed by the same person who signed the receipt, in the presence of tow witnesses. All these signatures to the assignment will be before and attested by a Notary Public or Justice of the Peace, the officer before whom the original affidavit of applicant for arrears of pay was made, if possible.]

Received, this 2nd day of August, 1864 from Wm. S. Wallace, Paymaster, One Hundred Fifteen dollars 73 cents, in full of the above.

Witnessed by:

(SIGNED) Davis Rachel per
WJ Conkling (???)
Atty in full

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Near Naylor's Store Mo
Aug 24th 1864.

To Gen. Geo. D. Ramsay

[Scratched out: Chief of Ordnance. Washington D.C.. Dr (Dear)]

Sir:

Your letter of July 15 (after some delay be being sent to the Town of St. Charles) has at last reached me. and asks me returns of ordnance pertaining to the 3d Regt. of Cav. M.S.M. for the Second Quarter of 1863.

I was not accountable for any ordnance in that Quarter. I succeeded Col. Edwin Smart in command of the Regt. and never received any ordnance stores prior to the Third (3d) Quarter of 1863. I hope this explanation will be sufficient.

I have also received your letter of 13th June late (after long delay from same cause) asking for returns for the Third Quarter of 1863.

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the letter contains this note at the bottom "Ret'd to you for correction Mch 24. '64." I was not aware till I saw this that these returns had ever been sent back to me and have never yet received them. I have written to Pilot Knob, the Post Office from which they were sent, and hope to find them there. If I fail in this will it suffice to send copies of my retained triplicate of these returns? I see no other mode of supplying the lost papers. Please inform me and direct to "Naylor's Store Mo"

And

Oblige Sir

Most Respectfully
Yr obt Servt R.G. Woodson
lately Col. 3d Cav. M.S.M.

Gen. Geo. D. Ramsay
Chief of Ordnance
Washington
D.C.

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Sturgeon MO

Sept 6th 1864

Col.

Enclosed I send you your ordnance return & these[?] papers (No. 2) to complete the return. Fill up one of these invoices to conveyance with each of your receipts and sign them. I think that is all that is required.

Truly
serv[?] Campbell

No news.

Write to me.
R. G.

[ORIGINAL GIFT OF PATRICK & MAI CRANE, ST. LOUIS, MO]

Ordnance Office,
WAR DEPARTMENT
Washington, September 8th, 1864.

Colonel R. G. Woodson
3rd Cavry, Mo. S.M.
Naylors Store Mo.

Sir,

Your letter of the 24th ult. has been received. In reply, the records of this office show that your return for the 3d Qr. 1863 was sent back to you for correction March 24, 1864.

You can make certified copies of vouchers, in case duplicates are lost, and file them with your returns.

Respectfully,
Your obedt servant
By order. Geo. T. Balch
Captain of Ordnance
[First?] Ass't to Chief of Ordnance

[ORIGINAL GIFT OF PATRICK & MAI CRANE, ST. LOUIS, MO]

Adams Express Company,
Great Eastern, Western and Southern
Express Forwarders.
St. Louis Oct 17, 1864
Received of Thos. Rassieur
One Box. Value 80.00. Marked
Cap[tain] Leo Rassieur Co. K 30th Reg. Mo. Inf.
[whose military record is in the national archives M390 roll 39]
Mouth of White River Ark.

[A release of liability follows and explanation on how to claim loss]
Freight, _____ For the Company, McAllister

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PROPERTY RETURN DIVISION

(Examination Section--Form I.)

Ordnance Office,
War Department;
Washington, D.C., Dec. 29th 1864

Sir:

Your return of Ordnance and Ordnance Stores pertaining to Stores in charge in the 3d Regt. M.S.M. Cav. for the third and fourth quarters of 1863, and for the first quarter of 1864, has been examined in this Office, and referred to the Second Auditor for settlement.

Respectfully,
Your obedient servant

By order:

T. J. Hardwell[?]
Captain of Ordnance,
Assistant to Chief of Ordnance.

Col. R. G. Woodson
3rd M.S.M. Cav.

This letter is the evidence that the property return referred to above has passed the administrative scrutiny of the Ordnance Bureau, and has been found correct. IT SHOULD BE CAREFULLY PRESERVED BY THE RECEIVER.

(B, 7, 1, 64. 50)

W.G. [secretary's initials?]

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New London, Mo
March 6th 1865

Mr[?] R. G. Woodson

There has been a special Bounty tax levied by our Court on Tax Book of 1864. I have paid your special Tax amounting to \$22.40 Twenty two 40/100 dollars. You can send me a check for \$23.00 + I will send your receipt.

Yours Respectfully,
J. W. P Lundford[?]

[ORIGINAL GIFT OF PATRICK & MAI CRANE, ST. LOUIS, MO]

Near Naylor's Store Mo.
May 10th 1865

Sir.

I am informed that in order to draw a small balance of pay due me, it is necessary that I get a certificate from you that you have no stoppage of pay charged against me in your books. I am confident you will find nothing against me if [struck out: "will"] you will [inserted above arrow] be pleased to make the necessary examination and send such a certificate to me P. O. "Naylor's Store Mo. [underlined]" at your earliest convenience. You will greatly oblige.

Sir Most respectfully
yours R. G. Woodson
lately Col. 3d Cav. M.S.M.

To the Pay master general Washington D.C.

[ORIGINAL GIFT OF PATRICK & MAI CRANE, ST. LOUIS, MO]

Paymaster General's Office,
Washington. May 17, 1865.
Col. R. G. Woodson
Company [struck], 3 Regiment Mo. S.M. Cavy Volunteers,
has no stoppages against his pay recorded on the books of this Office.
V.S.[?] Woods
Additional Paymaster U. S. Vols.

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Office Commissary General of Subsistence
Washington City, Oct. 26, 1865.

Sir:

Your attention is called to the accompanying Statement of Claim in favor of Thomas Vandevier of Calloway County, Mo. for supplies alleged to have been furnished you for the use of the Army at the time and place mentioned therein.

In Order to assist this Department in arriving at a correct decision in the case, you are respectfully requested to return the statement, with full explanations respecting this transaction indorsed thereon.

You are also requested to furnish such information as you may possess concerning the loyalty of the claimant at the time and since, and the reasonableness of the prices charged.

Very respectfully your obedient servant,
A.E. [Col. Alexander E.] Shiras.
Asst. Commissary General of Subsistence.

To Richd G. Woodson
Care of Edwin Smart
Louisiana, Mo.

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Naylor's Store, Mo. Nov 30th 1865

A.E. Shiras
Asst Commissary General of Subsistence

Sir: After some delay your note enclosing Statement of Claim of Thomas Vandivier has reached me in reply I have to say,

I have no personal knowledge of this claim; about the time and near the place mentioned I the major commanding a detachment of the 10th Cav. U.S. M. had a skirmish with some guerillas or Confederate troops at the farm of a Mr. Vandivier. At this time we were drawing the greater part of our supplies (by orders from the County through which we marched, and I think it is probable something may have been taken from Mr. Vandivier. The Quartermaster of the Regt or Sergeant had accompanied the detachment in the field for that purpose & had charge of those matters.

I do not suppose the quantities mentioned or some of the articles were taken at all. The prices charged per pound seem to me to be reasonable.

As to the Loyalty of Mr. Vandivier then and since I have no knowledge but my inference from the following circumstances -- My men were fired on in his yard that his people had neglected to give us any notice of the presence of the enemy. We pursued the guerillas to their camp in the woods near his house. He had not (that I ever heard) given any notice of this camp to the US Military authorities & there were several stationed not very far off.

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At this time all loyal citizens were expected and required to give immediate notice of such encampments to the nearest military post.

I have the honor to be Sir
Most Respectfully
Yr Obt Servt. R.G. Woodson
Late Maj 10th Cav. M.S.M.

Commissary General of Subsistence
Washington D.C.

[ORIGINAL GIFT OF PATRICK & MAI CRANE, ST. LOUIS, MO]

No. 216 651. Appropriation. Bounty Act July 11, 1862
Pay of Volunteers. \$100.00 [+] 17.74 Line \$117.74.

Treasury Department.
Second Auditor's Office,
January 2, 1866.

I certify, That I have examined and adjusted the claim of Peter Klein dec'd Priv. Co. G, 18 Illinois Vols and find there is due him from the United States the sum of One Hundred and Seventeen dollars and Seventy Four cents, being for pay from March 2 to June 10 1865 and \$100 Bounty allowed by Act July 4, 1864 as appears by the account and vouchers herewith transmitted for the decision of the Second Comptroller of the treasury thereon. to be paid to Katharine Klein of Illinois Widow of Deceased or her order, by any Paymaster of the Army, in the district of the claimant's residence.

(SIGNED) E. B. Le(??b), Second Auditor.

-----[FOLD]

Second Comptroller's Office,
\$117.77 Jan 18, 1866.

The above claim of One Hundred and Seventeen dollars and 74 cents is admitted.

Jno. B(??)head
Second Comptroller.

-----[FOLD]

[Should this Certificate be assigned, the blanks for date and the Paymaster's name will not be filled until the Certificate is taken up a a [sic] voucher by a Paymaster.

The blank for the amount will be filled at the time of transfer, and the receipt signed by the original payee.

The form for transfer on the back of the receipt will be willed with the name of the assignee, dated and signed by the same person who signed the receipt, in the presence of tow witnesses. All these signatures to

the assignment will be before and attested by a Notary Public or Justice of the Peace, the officer before whom the original affidavit of applicant for arrears of pay was made, if possible.]

Received, this 30th day of January 1866, from Wm. S. Wallace, Paymaster, One Hundred Seventeen dollars Seventy four, in full of the above.

Witnessed by: (SIGNED) Katharine Klein
S. Emmons
Henry Menke

Back side:

Part 1: Blank

Part 2: #936 [written in pencil] 334 [written in ink] 289 [struck, both numbers and strike in blue pencil]

Voucher No. 216 651

ARREARS OF PAY AND BOUNTY CERTIFICATE

\$117.74/00

[blue pencil strike line]

1375 files [blue pencil]

Immediately after payment, the Paymaster will notify the Second Auditor of the Treasury, stating when, where, and to whom the Certificate was paid, giving the number and amount.

G [blue pencil]

Wallace Bx 44251. [written in pencil]

[Unknown Initials in ink at bottom]

Part 3: Blank

Part 4: Assignment.

Pay to the order of Chas L Abell RT P ?????????????? for value received.

S Emmons & Henry Menke witnesses.

Katharine Klein, Original Payee. Signed and acknowledged before me, a Justice of the Peace for Cass County Ill., this 27th day of January A.D. 1866. J. Henry Shaw, Justice of the Peace SEAL

[ATTACHMENT]

Certificate of Magistracy. - Culver, Page & Hoyne, Stationers, 128 and 180 Lake Street, Chicago.

State of Illinois, County of Cass ss.

I, Allen J. Hill Clerk of the County Court, in and for said County, do hereby certify that J. Henry Shaw Esq., whose name is subscribed to the [lined] annexed certificate was, at the time of executing the same, an acting Justice of the Peace, in and for said County, duly commissioned, sworn and authorized to take the same; and full faith and credit is due to all his official acts.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of said County Court, this twenty seventh day of January, A.D. 1866.

[SEA] Allen J. Hill, Clerk of County Court.

[ORIGINAL GIFT OF PATRICK & MAI CRANE, ST. LOUIS, MO]

Est. Jno. Yardly dec'd

Letters of Administration
With Will Annexed

State of Missouri
County of Vernon ss.

To all to whom these presents shall come ---- Greeting! Know Ye, That the Last Will and Testament of John Yardly deceased late of Vernon County Missouri hath in due form of law been exhibited proved and Recorded in the Office of the Judge of the Probate Court for Vernon County Missouri a copy of which is hereto annexed and in as much as it appears that Mary Ann Yardly, who it appears has been appointed Executrix in and by said Last Will and Testament to execute the same has failed and refused to qualify as such, We do hereby appoint C. T. Davis Administrator with Will Annexed to execute the said Last Will and Testament and to the end that the property of said Testator may be preserved for those who shall

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appear to have a legal right or interest therein and that the said Last Will and Testament may be executed according to the request and instructions of the said Testator, We do hereby authorize him the said C.T. Davis as such Administrator to collect and secure all and singular the goods and Chattel rights and Credits -- which were of the said John Yardly at the time of his death in whosoever hands or possession the same may be found: and to perform and fulfill all such duties as may be enjoined upon him by said Last Will and Testament so far as there shall be property and the Law charge him: and in general to do and perform all other acts -- which are now or may be hereafter required by Law.

In Testimony Whereof I Ashby Gray Judge of Probate Court in and for said

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Vernon County has hereunto
Signed my name and affixed the seal of the said County at Office in Nevada Mo.
This 11th day of July __, 1877
SEAL Ashby Gray
Judge of Probate

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State of Missouri
County of Vernon

I Ashby Gray Judge and Ex Office's Clerk of the Probate Court for Vernon County Missouri hereby Certify that the foregoing are true copies of the Letters of Administration with Will annexed issued to C.T. Davis as Administrator of John Yardly deceased and of the Bond of said C. T. Davis as such Administrator as the same appear of Record and on file in My office.

Witness my hand and the seal of said Probate Court at Office in Nevada Mo This 13th day of August 1877.

Ashby Gray
SEAL Judge of Probate
& Ex., Office's Clerk of Vernon County Probate Court

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Executor's Bond
Or Bond of Administrator with Will Annexed

We, C. T. Davis as principal and _____ (left blank) and ____ (left blank) as Securities, are held and firmly bound unto the State of Missouri, in the sum of Three thousand Dollars, for the payment of which we do hereby bind ourselves, our heirs, executors and administrators firmly by these presents.

Sealed with our seals, and dated at Vernon County in the State aforesaid, this 11th day of July, A.D. 1877.

The Condition Of The Above Bond is, that if the said C.T. Davis Administrator with will annexed of the Law Will and Testament of John Yardly deceased, late of Vernon County, Missouri, shall well and faithfully execute the said Law Will and Testament, and shall make true and faithful inventories, returns and settlements of accounts of the estate of the said Testator, according to law ; and shall, moreover, do and perform all other matters and things touching the execution of the said Last Will and Testament, as are or shall be prescribed by law, or enjoined on him by the order, sentence, or decree of any Court having competent jurisdiction, then this obligation to be void and of no effect, otherwise to remain in full force.

Recorded this 21st day of July A.D. 1877, in Book B, at Page 7, A Gray, Prob. Judge.

[SIGNED] C.T.Davis
Mary A. Yardly
S.A. Wright

[Rest of Form Left Blank]
OATH.

State of Missouri,
County of _____ ss.

The undersigned, _____ of the Last Will and testament of _____ deceased, late of _____ County, Missouri, personally appeared before me, the _____ of the _____ Court, in and for the _____ State of Missouri, and upon being duly sworn by me, upon oath says that _____ will make a true and perfect inventory of all and singular the goods and chattels, lands and tenements, rights and credits of the said Testator, according to law, and will well and truly execute or administer the Last Will and Testament of the said Testator, by paying, first his debts, and then the legacies contained in said Last Will and Testament, as far as the assets of the said Testator will extend, and the law direct; render just accounts, and faithfully perform all things required by law touching such Executorship or Administration.

Sworn to and subscribed before me, at _____ this _____ day of _____ A.D. 187____.
_____ Clerk of _____ Court, By _____ Deputy.

_____ Seal
_____ Seal

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Bond and Oath of C.T. Davis
Executor. (or Administrator, with will annexed.)
of Last Will and testament of John Yardly
Recorded Book "B" Page 7
Filed & Appr. July 11, 1877
A. Gray
Prob. Judge

State of Missouri
County of Vernon ss.

I A. Gray Judge [Clerk struck out] of the Probate Court, held in and for Vernon County, do hereby certify that the within Bond and Oath were filed in my office on the 11th day of July A.D. 1877 and the same are duly recorded in Book "B" for recording Bond at Page 7.

SEAL Witness, my hand and the seal of our said Court. Done at my office in Nevada in said County, this 21st day of July A.D. 1877.

A. Gray [Clerk struck out]
Judge of Probate [Deputy struck out]

[ORIGINAL GIFT OF PATRICK & MAI CRANE, ST. LOUIS, MO]

Office of C. T. Davis,
Attorney at Law,
Nevada, Mo. Dec. 17, 1877

B.[Sic] G. Woodson, Atty
Dardeene, St. Charles Co., Mo.

Dr. Sr.

Yours of the 12th Inst to hand by this a.m. mail. In reply have to say that the papers (motions & notes & copy of the 4th with, and or securities thereon & papers explanatory thereof, were rec'vd by me per express on Aug. 29th last & I immediately addressed you a postal card notifying you of the fact as well as the rec't of the \$117.00 rec'd on the 3rd of Sept last. & suppose the postals must have miscarried. You can now reserve this as your receipt for the papers & money. As to back taxes, can only say that I mentioned the matter to Mrs. Yardley & had her bring in her rec'ts for paid taxes, but upon examination find no rec't for the taxes mentioned by you. Of course if these taxes constituted a lien on the land at the time of the sale & they seem to as they are for 71 & 3 & the land was not sold until 1875, of course the estate is liable & we have no objection to the payment. Please let Morton obtain a certified statement from the collector of the amts & years & forward to us & pay the taxes & I will give him credit on his note. Let him also send me a certification of payment from the collector so I can fill it as a voucher for my own protection. This may all be done on rec't. His(?) notes are here in my hands & money sent to me will be properly credited. Of course no one else is authorized to collect anything [on?] the estate. I will at anytime if it be an accommodation to him, receive partial payments.

Resp. Yours.
C.T.Davis

[ORIGINAL GIFT OF PATRICK & MAI CRANE, ST. LOUIS, MO]
[DATED TO ABOUT OCT. 1878.]

Memorandum

Sometime in the fall of 1876, I received of John Yardley 4 notes on Johann Mortin dated March 1st 1876, at one, two, three, four years, each for, each for [repeated] \$318.75/100, bearing 8. per cent interest for collection & gave him my receipt for them (also a paper, not valuable pecuniarily, agreement between Yardley & Mortin.

1876. Dec. 17 Received \$100.X/100 on first note, there endorsed also gave Recpt.
1877. Feb 12th. Rec'd \$100.x/100 on first note, there endorsed also gave Recpt.
1877, Mar 14. Rec'd \$18.x/100 on first note, there endorsed, also gave Recpt.

" Mar 17. Wrote to John Yardley, Nevada City, Vernon Co. Mo., by registered letter enclosing draft of Union Saving Bank of St. Charles on Boatmen's Savings Bank of St. Louis (No. 17506.) for two hundred and ten dollars (\$210.x/100) date March 18th 1877, payable to the order of R. G. Woodson by him endorsed to order of John Yardley,

Also proposed that I have five per cent for collecting and remitting but for the last work will leave it to, make it entirely satisfactory to John Yardley.

Aug 6. I have recently received a letter from Mr. C. T. Davis, atty at law Nevada Mo. dated July 17th asking for John Yardley's papers, stating that J.Y. was dead & he had taken out letters of administration on his estate, today I answer that I will send them at his risk on receiving authentic that he is administrator also giving him information about the affairs.

Aug 6 I wrote to Ms. John Yarley to Nevada City Mo. to enquire whether \$210 which I sent her husband 17th last March came safely to hand.

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1877. Aug. 24th. Received of Johann Mortin \$129.10/100 balance now due on the note due Mar 1st 1877. having endorsed this payment in full on the note I surrendered it to him.

Aug 28th 1877, Wrote to C. T. Davis by letter registered [inserted] Nevada, Vernon Co. Mo enclosing check of Union Savings Bank of St. Charles on Boatmen's Savings Bank of St. Louis for one hundred and seventeen Dollars (\$117.x/100) dated August 25th 1877, drawn payable to the order of R. G. Woodson by him endorsed to the order of C.T. Davis No. 19147. I retained balance of \$12.10/100 for my fees but will make it satisfactory to you liability about tax claims enquiring whose notes will be found to make payments on.

Aug 27th 1877 Sent by Express from Wentzville to C.T. Davis Nevada City Mo. package containing the following papers 3 promissory notes Johann Mortin to Jno Yardley each for \$318.25/100 date March 1st 1876, at 2, 3, & 4 yrs respectively bearing 8 pr ct int per annum. Also copy another Similar note at one year, with endorsement of payments and which was hand surrendered to Johann. Also Article of agreement between J. Mortin & J. Yardley to convey land & also a paper explanatory of back taxes claimed to be due on the land.

Dec 14th 1877. Wrote to C.T. Davis, Nevada City Vernon Co Mo -- let me know if you have received the papers forwarded to you Aug 27 & money sent Aug 28th. \$117.X/100. Also where will Johann Mortin find his notes, he wishes to make a payment soon. What will you and Mrs. Y. do about the back tax claim, she ought to give Johann all tax receipts pertaining to this land (Address him directly at Wentzville care Woodson (C.F?G?))

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Oct 8, 1878 C. T. Davis, Nevad [sic] Vernon Co. asks me to sign a receipt for the \$12.10/100 which I retained for my fees out of the remittance to him, also asks for the paid up note.

Oct 21. I sign return to him the receipt he asks for inform him that I have the paid note to Johann Mortin (to whom it belonged after payment) but can send a statement showing endorsement.

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Copy of Johann Mortin's Notes to John Yardley

Paid & given to Johann \$318.75 St. Charles Co., Mo March 1st 1876

1st Note One

2d Note Two

3d " Three

4 " Four year after date, I promise to pay to John Yardley or order three hundred and eighteen Dollars and seventy five cents for value received negotiable and payable without defalcation or discount with interest from date at the rate of eight per cent per annum.

Johann Mortin.

The first note due March 1st 1877 was fully paid & surrendered to Johann Mortin Aug 24th 1877 and contained the following endorsements.

1st endorsement \$100.x/100 December 17th 1876. Received on written note one hundred Dollars (\$100.x/100) handed to me by Geo. T. Woodson to whom I gave receipt for Johann Mortin.
John Yardley by R.G. Woodson

2d Endorsement \$100.x/100 1877. Feb 12th. Received on written note one hundred Dollars (\$100.x/100) from Johann Mortin to whom I also gave a receipt. John Yardley by R. G. Woodson

3d Endorsement \$18.x/100 1877 Mar 14th. Received eighteen Dollars (\$18.x/100 on written note also gave a receipt. John Yardley by R.G. Woodson.

4th #129.10/100 1877. Aug 24th. I received of Johann Mortin One hundred and twenty nine Dollars and ten cents, which by my calculation is payment in full of the written note both principal and interest. R.G. Woodson for C.T. Davis, administrator of John Yardley Dec'd.

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[ORIGINAL GIFT OF PATRICK & MAI CRANE, ST. LOUIS, MO]

Letterhead paper of C.D. Pennebaker torn on right edge.

Print states:

[Announcement is made of the Death of John Paul Jones on November 16, 1907]

C.D. Pennebaker
Attorney and Counselor
Surviving Partner of
Pennebaker & Jones
1331 F Street
Washington D.C.

Stamped in purple lettering:
Mar 10 1908

Handwritten:
Col. Richard G. Woodson
St. Charles, Mo.

Typed Text:
Dear Sir:

We propose to secure payment to you of certain items of pay and allowances which we believe to be due by reason of your service in the Civil War. We have recently secured a number of decisions from the Accounting Officers of the Treasury and from the Court of Claims giving additional allowances to pay etc. to the volunteer officers of the Civil War, and we think a consideration of your case under these decisions will enable us to make a substantial recovery for you. We have recently secured a large number of judgments in the U. S. Court of Claims in favor of clients in amounts averaging over \$200 each, and all were cases in which Treasury Officials had reported "there is nothing further due". For John M. Cook of Big Pine, California we collected \$647 for services as Captain 49th Ky. Vols.

We have also secured a great many awards in said Court in favor of officers who were not mustered because their commands were below minimum strength; for Joseph C. Grisson of Carthage, Mo., we obtained an allowance of \$1208.19 for services as 2nd Lt. 130th Inda. Vols. from Aug. 16, 1864.

While the recent Act of March 4, 1907 confers no new rights, it requires the accounting officers to follow decisions of the Courts, and EVERY such decision was secured by us in test suits in which we were attorneys of record. Every dollar paid out under said act is a result of our efforts.

We will undertake to collect (1) pay for services while recruiting and prior to muster in: (2) pay for services after June 20, 1863 when command was below minimum: (3) travel pay denied because of resignation for convenience: (4) three months pay proper for officers discharged after March 3, 1865, whether in commission on that day or not: (5) three months pay proper for officers of the Missouri Militia discharged after March 3, 1865.

If you will sign and return to us the enclosed application and fee agreement, we will at once present your claim. You will be at no expense in the matter, our fee being contingent upon success.

Very truly yours,
C. D. Pennebaker

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[BLANK FORM # 18 Court Martial Service. Since it is blank, it is not transcribed here.]



Fort Davidson State Historic Site
Missouri Department of Natural Resources
Division of State Parks



*Mr. Macklin
1st Lt 3rd MSM, Co A
P.O. No. 1000*

*Yours truly
H. Sladek
1st Lt Co A
3rd M.S.M.*

<p>Thomas H. Macklind 1st Lt 3rd MSM, Co A</p>	<p>Henry "Hy" Sladek, 1st Lt Co A 3rd M.S.M.</p>
<p>Below: Henry Sladek</p>	<p>Below: Ham. Gamble, Col & AGC MSM</p>



*Yours truly
H. Sladek
1st Lt Co A
3rd M.S.M.*

*Ham. Gamble
Col & AGC MSM*



Col. R. G. Woodson
3rd MSM

Below: General Unknown



Lt. Kellman
1st Inf. MSM.

Lt. George D. 'Otto' Kellman
1st Infantry MSM

Below: Unknown Soldier

