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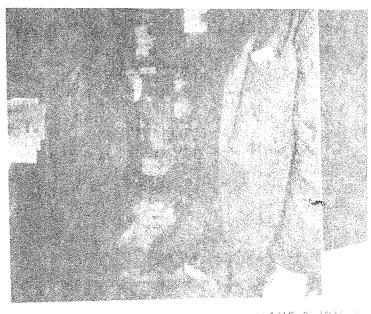
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### **Brief History**

10th Infantry Regiment was formed in June, 1861, at Montgomery, Alabama: The men were raised in the counties of Saint Clair, Jefferson, Shelby, De Kalb, Cathoun, and Talladega. 11 officers and 214 men were present at the surrender. [1]

### Companies in this Regiment with the Counties of Origin

Men often enlisted in a company recruited in the counties where they lived though not always. After many battles, companies might be combined because so many men were killed or wounded. However if you are unsure which company your ancestor was in, try the company recruited in his county first.

### Companies by County:

- Company A "Ashville Guards" many men from St. Clair County
- Company B "Jefferson Volunteers" many men from Jefferson County
- Company C "Cahaba Valley Boys" many men from Shelby County
- Company D "Alexandria Rifle Company" many men from <u>Calhoun County</u>
- Company E "Talladega Davis Blues" many men from Talladega County
- Company F "Coosa Valley Guards" many men from St. Clair County
- Company G "Pope Walker Guards" many men from Calhoun County



- Company H "Choccolocco-Rifles" many men from Calhoun County
- Company I many men from DeKalb County
- Company K many men from Talladega County

The list of companies with their counties is found on <u>history-sites.com</u> web site. Nicknames found on the <u>bitsofblueandgray.com</u> website

Anyways, I am here to interest people in one of Alabama's Confederate Civil War regiments, the 10th Alabama. It was organized June 4, 1861 in Montgomery Alabama. Within it, were 1,429 men from Saint Clair, De Kalb, Calhoun, Shelby, Talladega, and Jefferson counties, which only about 280 of them men remained in the regiment, when it surrendered.

The 10th Alabama went to Virginia in July, 1861, and were brigaded under General Edmund Kirby Smith, along with the 9th and 11th Alabama, 19th Mississippi, and 38th Virginia regiments. They saw no action for several months, until doing detached duties under Major General Cadmus Wilcox.

While doing the detached work, it came under attack and lost 21 dead and 64 wounded. The regiment marched to the peninsula and was shelled at Yorktown. It fought at Williamsburg and there lost 85 killed and wounded. Held in reserve at Seven Pines, it suffered lightly. The 10th took a conspicuous part in the battles of Gaines' Mill and Frazier's Farm but lost over 200 casualties. It was at 2nd Manassas and lost 30 casualties. Under fire at Harper's Ferry, it marched rapidly to Sharpsburg; there its casualty rate was greater than 50% of the 200 men present. During the winter of 1862-1863, the 10th was on the Rappahannock and saw some active duty, suffering lightly at Hazel River and Fredericksburg. It sustained the shock of Sedgwick's Corps at Salem; of the 400 men engaged, 120 were casualties (brigade losses were 441). At Gettysburg, the 10th was present with 450 men and lost 175 killed and wounded. The 10th spent the winter of 1863-1864 near Orange Court House and was later engaged at The Wilderness and Spotsylvania, losing about 50 casualties in the former and about 60 in the latter. It was engaged at 2nd Cold Harbor (losses were 20), and in the months of June through August, 1864, it participated in the struggles around Petersburg, with severe losses. At Hatcher's Run, it lost between 15 and 20 casualties, and about 30 at High Bridge and Farmville on the retreat to Appomattox. There the regiment surrendered 10 commissioned officers and 208 men. Of the 1429 names on the muster rolls, nearly 300 were killed or mortally wounded. Another 180 died of disease and 249 were discharged or transferred.

Source: Alabama Department of Archives and History.

General J. E. B. Stuart in his report of the battle of Dranesville, December 20, 1861, says: "The Tenth Alabama rushed with a shout, in a shower of bullets, under the gallant lead of Colonel Forney and Lieutenant-Colonel Martin, the latter falling in the charge. A part of this regiment took position along a fence from which the enemy felt the trueness of their aim at short range. The colonel was here severely wounded and the command devolved on Major Woodward .... I cannot speak in too high terms of Colonel Forney, that gallant son of Alabama whose conspicuous bravery, leading his men in a galling fire, was the admiration of all; nor of his Lieutenant-Colonel Martin, who, with the battlecry of 'Forward!' on his lips, fell, bravely encouraging his men. Nor can I do more than simple justice to the officers and men of that regiment who seemed determined to follow their colonel wherever he would lead."

Highly commended by General Wilcox in his report. He says: "The Tenth Alabama pressed on vigorously. Its major, W. H. Forney, was stricken down with a painful wound while leading the regiment, displaying both coolness and skill."

General Wilcox's report of Gaines' Mill mentions "Colonel Woodward shot through the head while leading his regiment, closely and heroically confronting the enemy in his stronghold."



### Flag: 10th Alabama Infantry

This flag is a second wool bunting issue Army of Northern Virginia battle flag. It was manufactured at the Richmond Clothing Depot in June 1862. The flag was captured by Private William John Gallagher of the 9th Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteer Reserve Corps on June 30, 1862 at the Battle of New Market Road, Virginia (Frayser's Farm, Willis' Church, etc.). Following its capture, the flag was forwarded to the U. S. War Department where it was assigned and inscribed with Capture Number 72.

On December 30, 1863 the flag, along with that of the 44th Alabama Infantry, was loaned to the 61st New York Volunteer Infantry by order of Secretary of War, Edwin M. Stanton. From February 22 to March 5, 1864, the flag was displayed at the U. S. Sanitary Commission Fair in Albany, New York. Following the fair, the flag was not returned to the War Department and somehow ended up in private hands. Apparently both this flag and that of the 44th Alabama Infantry were eventually acquired by Captain Joseph Brinton who had served with an Indiana regiment during the war.

The flags were cared for by several generations of Captain Brinton's family. In 1999 the flag of the 44th Alabama Infantry was located in Edgecomb, Maine. It was owned by Thomas Blackford, Brinton's great-great-grandson. Blackford had received the flag from his grandmother, Mrs. Edith Litchfield Denny of Litchfield, Arizona. In September 1999 Howard Madaus, the acknowledged expert on Confederate flags, examined Mr. Blackford's flag. Later, in January 2000, Madaus contacted Mrs. Denny and discovered that she too had a flag, which he identified as that of the 10th Alabama Infantry. When the family discovered that the flags were from Alabama regiments, they immediately began efforts to have them returned. Though diagnosed with pancreatic cancer, Mrs Denny, long known for her philanthropic activities, continued efforts to see that the flag of the 10th Alabama Infantry would return to Alabama. The donation became effective on September 6, 2000. Mrs. Denny passed away at the age of 90 on January 23, 2001. On March 24, 2001, both the flag of the 10th and the 44th Alabama



Infantry regiments were presented to the Alabama Department of Archives and History by Mr. Thomas Blackford

Oct 18, 2007

### Relative Info for the 10th Alabama

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(I am accepting any information that people may have, that is in relation to the 10th Alabama infantry regiment. Just send it to me in an email. Please make sure it is well written, with proper spelling. Send it, and I'll post it in here.)

William Hiram Ashton was born in Franklin County Georgia, 3 Jan 1839. Died of old age, 5 Jan, 1916, in Louisville, Kentucky.

William Ashton mustered out of Ashville, Saint Clair County, Alabama, 4 June 1861. William had two brothers that were in the Alabama 58th, Samuel Jackson Ashton and John Carter Ashton and another brother Jeptha Ashton in the Alabama 25th. Jeptha Ashton died, 29 DEC 1861, at Barlow's mill of measles. All mustered out of Ashville, Alabama

John Carter Ashton was captured at Missionary Ridge in Chattanooga, Tennessee on 25th November 1863 and was sent to Rock Island, Illinois. He died, 21 February 1864, of typhoid fever and is buried in the Rock Island Confederate Cemetery.

Samuel Jackson Ashton was captured, 25 December 1864, near Nashville Tennessee and was sent to Camp Douglas in Chicago, Illinois. He survived the worst Confederate POW camp the Federals had to offer.

Joseph Ashton (my GG grandfather) is another brother who lived near Ashville but mustered out of Warren County, Mississippi. He was in Sweet's light artillery and was mortally wounded at Missionary Ridge, November 24th, 1863. He was transported to Marietta, Georgia and died of those wounds and is buried in the Marietta Confederate Cemetery.

Thought you would like to know about the boy's from Saint Clair County.

Neil Ashton



### Rufus Wills Cobb

### 1878-1882

Rufus Wills Cobb was born on February 25, 1829, at Ashville, St. Clair County, Alabama, and died on November 26, 1913, at Birmingham. He was the son of John W. and Catherine (Stevens) Leak Cobb, who lived on a plantation at Ashville. Governor Cobb was educated at an academy in Ashville and graduated from the University of Tennessee, at Knoxville, in 1850. Returning to Ashville, he read law in the office of John C. Thomasson and was admitted to the bar in 1855. He practiced law in St. Clair until he moved to Shelby County, Alabama, in 1867 and became a law partner of B. B. Lewis.

When war was proclaimed in 1861, Cobb joined the Confederate Army as captain of Co. C., Tenth Alabama Infantry Regiment, Forney's brigade, and went to Virginia. with that regiment. He remained there until, in 1863, he was assigned to General Joseph Wheeler's cavalry in Tennessee and placed in charge of a scouting party. At the end of the war Cobb resumed his law practice.

Cobb was elected to the Alabama state senate in 1872 and in 1876. During his term in the state senate, he collaborated with Peter Hamilton of Mobile on a plan for readjusting the state debt, a plan subsequently adopted by the legislature. Cobb was a friend and advisor of Governor George Smith Houston during Houston's administration.

Cobb was elected governor in 1878 and reelected in 1880. "He had a quiet administration, without striking events." The population of Alabama was growing, by 1880 the federal census recorded 1,262,505, and the problems of administrative finance and control of the railroads fell to Cobb. "His administration made improvements in tax assessment and reduced the cost of surplus in the state treasury."

Also during Cobb's two terms, the State Railroad Commission, the State Bar Association, and the Tuskegee Normal and Industrial Institute were created. The records of Governor Cobb's administration reflect that a major controversy during



his last term was prohibition. The prohibition forces attempted to pass a statewide local option law but were unsuccessful.

After his term as governor had expired, he retired to private life for a time, but in 1888 accepted the appointment to the office of probate judge of Shelby County. Cobb also served as president of the Central Iron Works at Helena from 1873 to 1891; was an attorney for the Louisville and Nashville Railway; and was involved in cotton planting and in developing an iron mine, the Delmar, in northern Alabama.

Cobb belonged to all the branches of the York Rite Masons and was grand master of the grand lodge of Alabama in 1879 and 1880. He was the only man who was grand master and governor at the same time. He was a member of all the lodges of the Scottish Rite Masonry up to and including the thirty-second degree. Cobb's last residence was Birmingham.



## 12 Reasons to Fly the Confederate Battle Flag



- 1. It is one of the oldest Christian Symbols on earth (The St. Andrews Cross) and silently, but eloquently lets the world know that a Christian family resides at the residence where it is flown.
- 2. It is a universal symbol of resistance to tyranny, having been sighted flying in nearly every modern conflict where people were, or are, fighting and oppressive and despotic governance.
- 3. It lets the world know that you know where you came from, and are proud of your ancestor's efforts to preserve their liberty and God-given freedom.
- 4. It is a sign of unity that is instantly understood by all who have Southern blood, and if enough folks would begin flying it, it would almost overnight put an end to the liberal clamor to have it, and all Confederate symbols removed from every public venue.
- 5. It is a constant and powerful reminder that we have not forgotten what the Yankees did to our Ancestors and to our Civilization, and are still doing, and that we do not intend to ever forget, nor forgive, until they cease meddling in our Sovereign affairs.
- 6. It honors the thousands of Southern men, and boys, whose blood was spilled, and who lost their lives, homes, and everything they had, trying to keep the "Free, Constitutional, Representative, Republic" that was bequeathed us by the founders. A Republic we have not had, since Lee laid down his sword!
- 7. It is a reminder that Liberty is a God-given right, not a commodity to be controlled by greedy politicians and power crazed Jüdges. And also a reminder that liberty is worth fighting for.
- 8. The sight of it subtly stirs the embers of pride which still glow, ever so faintly, in every Southern Heart, and which, now more than ever, need to be re-kindled into a bright and blazing fire!
- 9. It lets those who would oppress us, and steal our liberty know, that they have not yet succeeded, and will have not succeeded, until they have killed every last one of us, and destroyed every last Battle flag. This has seldom happened in any oppressed country throughout history and will not happen here, unless we fail to educate our children about the real meaning of our flag.
- 10. Flying the Battle Flag reinforces the meaning of the First Amendment to the Constitution, which is supposed to guarantee that no despot can interfere with your God-given right to express Yourself. (Freedom of Speech)
- 11. It symbolizes the unique Southern States, where, We as a separate ethnic people, with a common Christian Anglo-Celtic back-ground, have preserved, and continue to preserve, our honorable cultural heritage. In fact, the design of the Flag is Christian and Celtic in origin.
- 12. And finally, it is so brilliantly beautiful, one of the most beautiful, if not, "the most beautiful" flag on the Planet!!

- Vandergrift, James H., Aug. 30 1827, Aug. 25 1906, Liberty Presbyterian Church Cemetery, 18<sup>th</sup> Ala. Inf. Co. C, 3<sup>rd</sup> Lt.
- Vandegrift, John Leonard, Oct. 25 1836, Oct. 5 1908, Liberty Presbyterian Church Cemetery, 18<sup>th</sup> Ala. Inf. Co. C, Sgt.
- Vandergrift, William F, Dec. 1 1844, May 15 1894, Liberty Presbyterian Church Cemetery, 32<sup>nd</sup> & 58<sup>th</sup> Ala. Inf.
- Vann, Thomas K., Jan. 2 1847, Springville City Cemetery, Hardie's Btn. Co. E
- Vardaman, Daniel S., Nov. 22 1833, Evening Star Baptist Church Cemetery, 10<sup>th</sup> Ala. Inf. Co. K Vaughan, Samuel C., Sep. 22 1826, Jan. 18 1890, Hopewell Baptist Church Cemetery,

6<sup>th</sup> Regt. Ala. Cav.

- Venable Sr., Oliver Hazard, Dec. 23 1827, Aug. 26 1913, Liberty Presbyterian Church Cemetery, 8<sup>th</sup> Ala. Cav. Co. D
- Vinyard, John Milton, May 20 1835, Nov. 5 1884, Cool Springs Baptist Church Cemetery, 37<sup>th</sup> Ala. Inf. Co. D
- Walker, William Milford, Mar. 12 1812, Nov. 19 1895, Walker Family Cemetery, Camp of Instruction, Talladega
- Warren, Joel A., Nov. 16 1827, Aug. 22 1900, Harkey's Chapel Cemetery, 51<sup>st</sup> Ala. Cav. Co. C Watson, Albert G., Ashville City Cemetery, 25<sup>th</sup> Ala. Inf. Co. H
- Watson, Thomas G., Dec. 19 1847, Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church Cemetery, 5th GA. Res. Co. F
- Wells, John, Nov. 20 1825, Feb. 19 1903, Pine Forrest Cemetery, 60th Ala. Inf. Co. E
- Wester, John Edward, May 18 1848, May 13 1919, Wester Cemetery,
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- Whisenant, D. H., Jul. 22 1837, May 31 1890, Ashville City Cemetery
- White, W. C., Jan. 6 1845, Jul. 13 1920, Evergreen Methodist Church Cemetery, 5<sup>th</sup> Tenn. Cav. Co. A
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- Willingham, J. Jones, Jul. 6 1832, Jan 24,1894, Coosa Valley Baptist Church Cemetery, 30<sup>th</sup> Ala Inf. Co. H, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sgt.
- Willingham Jr., J. J., Coosa Valley Baptist Church Cemetery, 30th Ala. Inf. Co. H
- Wilson, Wesley W., Dec. 24 1840, Jan. 4 1924, Harkey's Chapel Cemetery, 25th Ala. Inf. Co. D
- Woodall, Aaron W., Springville City Cemetery, 58th Ala. Inf. Co. A, 2nd Lt.
- Woodall, Rubin, Feb. 20 1820, Dec. 6 1882, Red Hill Baptist Church Cemetery, Hardie's Btn. Ala. Cav. Co. C
- Wyatt, James Franklin., Jun. 3 1843, Bethel Baptist Church Cemetery, 30th Ala. Inf. Co. K