

# Asians and Pacific Islanders in the Civil War

March 2015

**Note:** *This is a working document. The names noted in bold designate soldiers and sailors whose service has been confirmed and corroborated by various sources. The names not listed in bold are strong leads that require continued investigation to definitively confirm their service and ethnicity.*

*This may be the largest repository of API servicemen in existence, but it is not comprehensive. There are likely more servicemen who have been discovered by other researchers, and still others whose stories have yet to be recovered.*

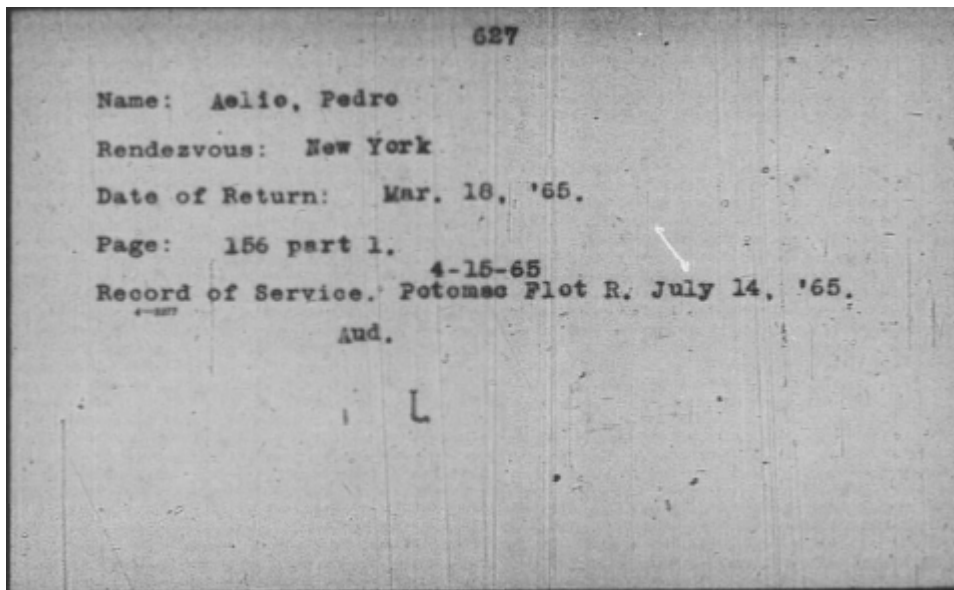
## Information on Servicemen

Tannroi Acoaw, born Canton, China; enlisted August 14, 1862, aged 23, at New Orleans, for three years; personal details at the time of enlistment shown as black eyes, black hair and dark complexion; previous occupation, cook; served as officers' cook on the *USS Pinola*. [Muster Roll.]

**Pedro Acow** (surname also shown as **Accao**), born Canton, China, about 1834; previous occupation, labourer; enlisted as private in company K, 2<sup>nd</sup> Louisiana (United States) Infantry, at the age of 28, at New Orleans, on September 30, 1862; personal details at the time of enlistment shown as black hair, gray eyes, dark complexion, and standing at 5 feet 6 inches tall; deserted at Algiers City, April 14, 1863; enlisted and mustered about the same time as fellow Chinese born soldiers, John Francis and John Hussey. [Compiled Military Service Record at FOLD3.com.]

John Adams, Ward Room Cook, *USS Antona*, aged 44, resident of Massachusetts, enlisted November 18, 1864, for 3 years, at New Orleans. Born Hindostan [India]. (Muster Roll.)

**Pedro Aelio** (? - surname on register is actually quite illegible), Landsman, aged 29, occupation Cook, enlisted March 15, 1865, for 2 years, at New York. Born Manila, eyes black, hair black, sallow ? complexion; 5 feet 2 ¾ inches tall; tattooed left arm. [Ed Milligan - Page 156, Volume 42; Naval Enlistment Rendezvous records at FOLD3.com.]



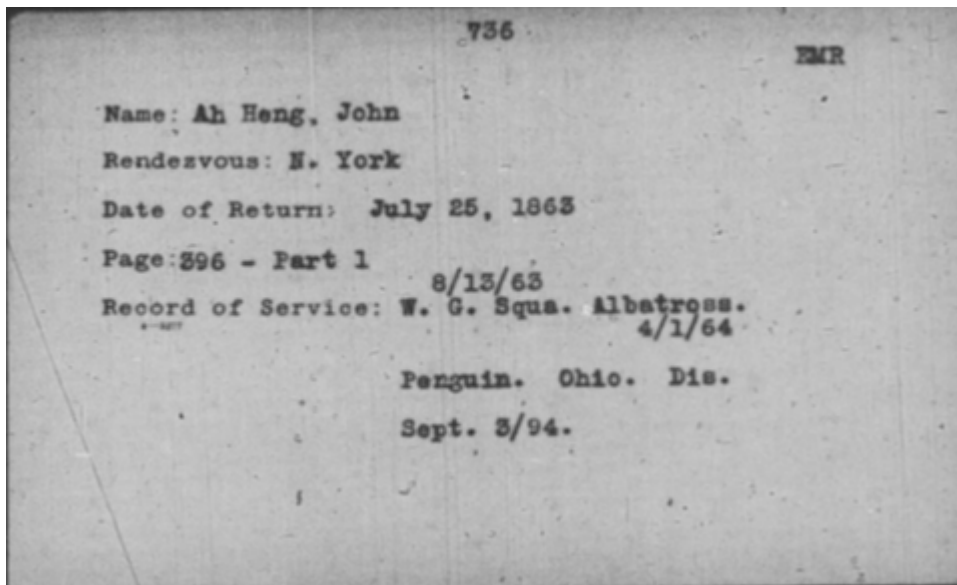
**John Afoo**, born China, about 1822; complexion, colored; 5 feet 3 inches in height; previous occupation, cook; enlisted as landsman in the United States Navy for 3 years, at New York (also shown as having enlisted at Washington, D.C., on the same day), March 3, 1862; personal details at the time of enlistment shown as hazel eyes, black hair, swarthy complexion, and 5 feet 2 inches tall; enlisted on the same day with fellow Chinese born sailor, John Ahoy; served as ship's cook aboard the *USS Wyandank*, 1864 – 1865. [NPS *Soldier and Sailor Database*; Naval Enlistment Rendezvous.]

Jose Aglur, born Guam; previous occupation steward; enlisted at the age of 19, September 3, 1861, at New Bedford, Massachusetts, in the United States Navy, as seaman for 3 years; personal details at the time of enlistment shown as dark eyes, black hair, copper complexion. [Ed Milligan – *Naval Enlistments*, page 218, volume 16.]

Ah Chee, Ward Room Steward, *USS Camanche*, aged 21, occupation Waiter, enlisted March 8, 1865, for 1 year, at Mare Island, California. Born China, eyes dark, hair black, yellow complexion. Resident of California. (Muster Roll.)

**John Ah Heng** (surname also shown as **Hang**; his Chinese name was **Tong Kee Hang**; for a short while he also went by the name of **William Hang**), born Ning Po, China, July 17, 1841 (National Home admission page shows his birthplace as Canton, China); arrived in the United States about 1857, aboard the vessel, the *Drednaught*; previous occupation, cook; had been a steward on the vessel, *Shakespeare*, running between Liverpool and New York, just before he enlisted; enlisted at New York, aged 22, for two years, as landsman in the United States Navy, on July 24, 1863; personal description at the time of enlistment shown as black eyes, black hair, dark complexion, and standing at 5 feet 3 ½ inches tall; sent aboard the receiving vessel, *North Carolina*, and, after about a week, sent by steamer to New Orleans, where he boarded the *USS Hartford*, aboard which he remained for just a few days, after which he was transferred to the *USS Albatross*, aboard which he served as cabin steward; after some time on the *Albatross*, Hang was then sent aboard the *USS Penguin*, also as cabin steward, at Mobile Bay; remained on her when she was at Pensacola; discharged from the Navy, at Boston, Massachusetts, on September 30, 1864, and then went to New York City; married Jennie Busch at Savannah, Georgia, in the 1870's; after her death, at Staten Island, New York, in 1878, Hang married, a second time, to Maggie Duffy, at Staten Island; naturalized as an American citizen in 1875; his second wife died at Staten Island in April, 1887; filed for a

pension in February, 1907; a pension department investigator located Hang, in July, 1917, and mentioned that “*Hang is a noted character around Chinatown. He has so Americanized himself that the Chinamen in general do not appeal to him. Within the last year or so they fleeced him of something like \$5000, which he was able to accumulate by running a cigar and grocery store. I made enquiries as to his general character. He states that when he enlisted he could not write English, and he did not understand enough about English to acquaint himself with names, and therefore he could not give the names of his officers, or ships, except those on which he served. Aside from that, however, he gave a very good account of the movements of the vessels and the description of the vessels*”; Hang was admitted to the National Home at Bath, New York, on August 14, 1919, suffering from “card. hyper \$ c.”; at the time of his admission to the Home his personal description was shown as being aged 80, gray eyes, gray hair, dark complexion, standing at 5 feet 4 inches tall, able to read and write, of the Catholic faith, a cigar maker by occupation, widower, a resident of New York City, and in receipt of a pension at the rate of \$35 (pension certificate number 38665); mustered on June 15, 1920, as a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, William F. Barry Post No. 248, of New York; suffered a heart attack while visiting his wife’s grave at Staten Island, and died in the Staten Island Hospital, New York, some two weeks later, on December 3, 1923. [Ed Milligan; Naval Rendezvous Enlistment records at [www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org); United States National Homes for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers, 1866 – 1938, Bath, New York, at [www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org); Navy Survivors’ Pension file no. 38665, for John Hang; New York, Grand Army of the Republic Records, 1866 – 1931, at Ancestry.com.]



THE EVENING LEADER. CORNING. N. Y. TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 1923.

New York.

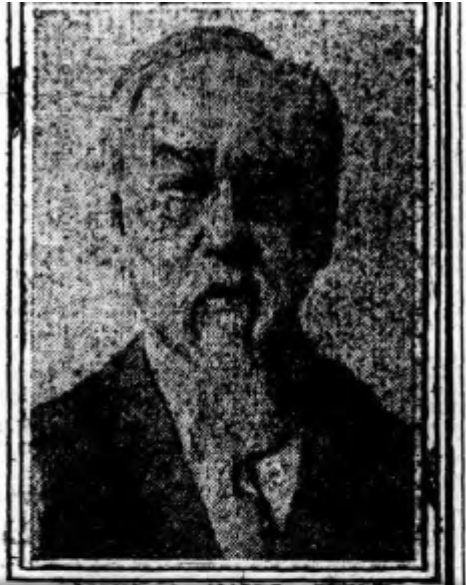
## CHINESE VETERAN, FORMER BATH HOME INMATE, DIES

BATH, Dec. 4.—John Hang, said to be one of the few Chinese veterans of the Civil war, died yesterday in the Staten Island Hospital, New York. He was 86 years old and for several years an inmate of the Soldiers' Home here.

He was taken with a heart attack two weeks ago when he went to Staten Island to visit his wife's grave and was removed to the hospital.

\*\*

# THE SARATOGIAN



JOHN A. HANG.

New York, Feb. 13.—In a letter to Secretary of State Knox John Ah Hang, who has a tobacco shop at No. 500 Pearl street, and is the only living Chinese veteran of the Civil War, asks that citizenship papers, obtained in 1867 after being honorably discharged from the navy, be restored to him. They were cancelled by the United States District Attorney's office in 1908. Up to that time he voted from New York. In his letter to the Secretary of State he says he wants to vote for one more President before he dies.

"I was in the navy four years," he said, "and on the Albatross, Penguin and North Carolina. I was in the fight at New Orleans when Farragut went into the harbor and was at Mobile Bay. I enlisted in the navy at the Brooklyn Navy Yard when I had been in the country only two years. Here is my discharge."

Mr. Hang exhibited a well worn document showing that he had been honorably discharged from the United States Navy July 4, 1866.

Image provided by: The New York Public Library, Astor, Lenox and Tilden Foundation

Image: 7 of 12. Page All Pages Issues

# WANTS TO VOTE IN COUNTRY FOR WHICH HE FOUGHT

Only **Chinese Veteran** of the  
**Civil War** Appeals to  
President Taft.

SERVED IN THE NAVY.

Voted Here Until 1908 When

## Olive F

## About

*Always Has Be  
prano, Says  
American Ar  
Has Just G  
sentation to  
Brunnhilde  
Impersonate  
Week.*

BY SYLVESTER

## Voted Here Until 1908, When He Was Barred from the Polls.

The only Chinese veteran of the civil war is living right here in New York. His name is William A. Hang, and he is a tall, brown-skinned, bright-eyed old man who sells cigars at No. 509 Pearl street. And you are hearing about him simply because his adopted country has refused to let him serve it in peace as he once served it in war. He has been disqualified as a citizen and he has appealed to President Taft for redress.

I saw Mr. Hang in his little shop yesterday afternoon. At first glance one might not take him for an Oriental, with his short, queueless white hair, pointed white beard, and European clothes. Also he speaks very fine English. Yet he was born and brought up in Hong Kong. This is the story he told me.

"My people all lived in Hong Kong, but my father had his business in Canton. It was what over there is called the 'white China' business. My father

B  
6  
as  
If  
ch  
m  
as  
st  
ar  
st  
w  
up  
hi  
ro  
fo  
sh  
co  
in  
ro  
re  
w  
of  
vi  
so  
A  
th

ton. It was what over there is called the 'ship-China' business. My father sold provisions to the merchant ships that put in at the port. This was about 1850.

#### Brought to America.

"One of the captains whom my father knew best was an American named Capt. Cushion. When I was only a boy of sixteen my father said to this captain: 'You take my son over to America and give him an education. I pay you the money.' Then my father told me that I was to go with the captain. My mother didn't even know about it. My passage was paid on Capt. Cushion's merchant ship, and he brought me into New York in the year 1860.

"Then for two years I studied in a private school in Brooklyn, where he put me. In the spring of 1862 he came to see me one day at the school. Of course I knew the war was going on in the country. He talked to me about it, and then he asked me if I didn't want to go into the navy. I was eighteen and I knew the ocean and I was tired of going to school. I said yes, a thousand times.

"For a few weeks I served on a training ship in the Brooklyn yards. Then, with many others I was taken off and sent to the South. They could not give much time to training in those days.

"I served on many ships and with



"I served on many ships and with many captains. There was a Captain Stewart, I remember, and the ships Penguin and Albatross. But it is so long ago that I cannot remember many names. I was in Mobile Bay and with Farragut's fleet most of the time. I was never wounded, though I had the fever. I cannot remember being frightened. You see I did not get into any close, hand-to-hand fighting, such as the soldiers on land knew.

#### Was a Powder Boy.

"I suppose I helped kill a good many men, for I was one of the powder boys and carried the powder with which the big guns were charged. Only I never knew whom I killed. It was almost like watching a war through a telescope.

"But"—the bent shoulders straightened proudly—"I served through to the end and got my honorable discharge with the others in Boston, and about \$80 in money. The pay for gunners' boys in those days wasn't very much, you see.

Then for two years I went to sea on merchant ships. On one of these voyages I met my wife, in Savannah, and after we were married she didn't want me to go to sea any more. So I came back to New York, for I remembered that Capt. Cushion had some more of my money. I didn't know just where he was, but I found him finally in Saug Harbor down on Staten Island. He had

my money. I didn't know just where he was, but I found him finally in Snug Harbor, down on Staten Island. He had lost his money and mine too during the war, but when he saw that I wanted to settle down in America he said he'd do all he could to help me.

"So first I had a tea store, near his home. Then I set up a grocery store in another town a few miles away. And finally, twenty-eight years ago, I came to New York and opened my cigar store. At that time I went to the old City Hall with my honorable discharge from the navy and I made out some other papers, as they told me.

#### Voted Until 1908.

"Since then I've voted for every Republican President only in 1908, when I tried to vote for Taft, they told me my papers had not been obtained legally and they wouldn't let me vote.

"I do not understand, and I don't know what to do. So I have written to President Taft telling him all about it, and that I want the chance to vote for him again in 1912. I hope very much that he will tell me what to do.

"I have always lived in America since I came here. I have not once been back to China. I am very fond and proud of my country that I have adopted. If I had had sons I should have sent them to fight for America if she needed their aid. My people believe in loving their country like that. But my wife gave me only daughters, and now she, too, is dead.

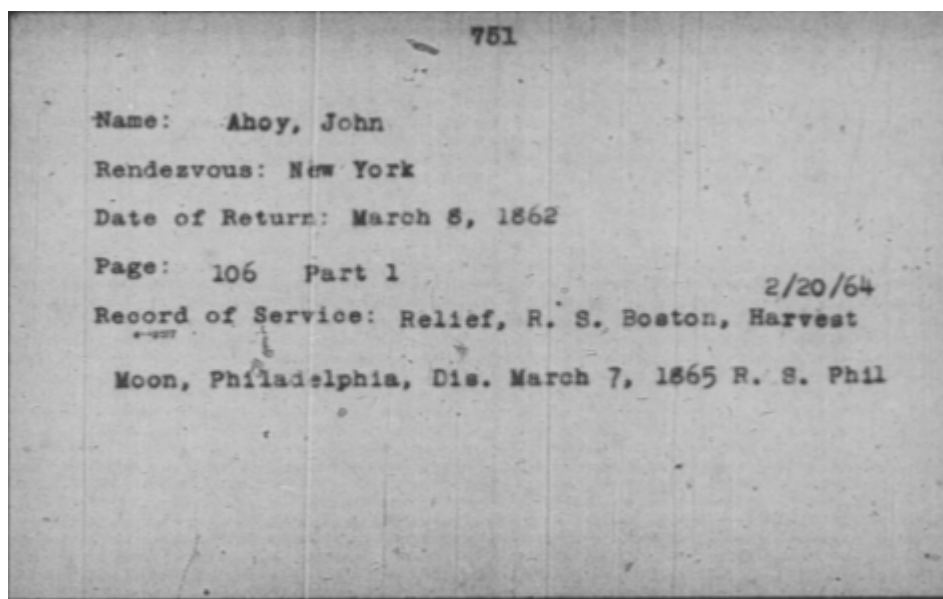
had had sons I should have sent them to fight for America if she needed their aid. My people believe in loving their country like that. But my wife gave me only daughters, and now she, too, is dead.

"True, I did not bleed in the wars," he ended with a quaint, deprecatory shrug. "but that was not my fault. I fought—and does not one belong to the country for which life is freely offered?"

**John Ahling**, born China, about 1830; enlisted in the United States Navy and served aboard the *USS Vermont*, 1862; admitted to the Naval Hospital (at New York?), with rheumatism, on April 28, 1862. [*Registers of Patients at Naval Hospitals, 1812 – 1934*, at Ancestry.com.]

**John Ahusoo** (surname also shown as **Ahusor**), born China, about 1831, previous occupation, sailor; enlisted at New York City, for two years, and mustered in as private in company G, 134<sup>th</sup> New York Infantry, aged 34, on March 27, 1865; personal details, at the time of enlistment shown as black eyes, black hair, yellow complexion, and standing at 5 feet 7 ½ inches tall; enlisted as a substitute for Isaac Luyster, of Oyster Bay; transferred to company F of the 102<sup>nd</sup> New York Infantry on June 3, 1865 (roster of the 102<sup>nd</sup> shows transfer date as June 10, 1865); mustered out with the company (F) on July 21, 1865, at Alexandria, Virginia. (Ed Milligan; *New York, Civil War Muster Roll Abstracts, 1861 – 1900* at Ancestry.com; New York Adjutant General's roster at [http://dmna.ny.gov/historic/reghist/civil/rosters/Infantry/102nd\\_Infantry\\_CW\\_Roster.pdf](http://dmna.ny.gov/historic/reghist/civil/rosters/Infantry/102nd_Infantry_CW_Roster.pdf), and [http://dmna.ny.gov/historic/reghist/civil/rosters/Infantry/134th\\_Infantry\\_CW\\_Roster.pdf](http://dmna.ny.gov/historic/reghist/civil/rosters/Infantry/134th_Infantry_CW_Roster.pdf).)

**John Ahoy**, born China, about 1834; enlisted as landsman in the United States Navy for 3 years, March 3, 1862; personal details, at the time of enlistment shown as dark eyes, black hair, tawny complexion, and standing 5 feet 8 inches tall; enlisted on the same day with fellow Chinese born sailor, John Afoo. [Naval Enlistment Rendezvous.] (*Muster Rolls for the USS Pinola show John Ahoy, Officer's Cook, aged 28, native of China, enlisted March 3, 1862, for 3 years, at Philadelphia.*)



**Thomas Ahoy**, born Macao, China, about 1836; previous occupation, cook; previous service of nine months in the United States Navy; enlisted at Philadelphia, aged 24, for three years, as landsman in the United States Navy, on November 9, 1860; personal description, at the time of enlistment, shown as black eyes, black hair, tawny complexion, and standing at 5 feet 6 inches tall. [Naval Rendezvous Enlistment records at [www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org).]

Ah Poa, *USS Camanche*, aged 40, occupation Waiter, enlisted March 8, 1865, for 1 year, at Mare Island, California. Born China, eyes dark, black hair, yellow complexion. Resident of California. (Muster Roll.)

**John Ah Shoen** (surname also shown as **Ah Sing, Ashun, Shun** and **Shon**), born Macao, China, about 1838; had been a cook aboard a vessel prior to the war, and came to the United States in 1859; enlisted at New York, for three years, as landsman in the United States Navy, on December 18, 1861, and sent aboard the receiving vessel *North Carolina*; personal description, at the time of enlistment shown as brown eyes, black hair, complexion described as “Chinese”, and standing at 5 feet 3 ¼ inches tall; later served as officers’ cook aboard the *USS Pursuit*, and was sent to the Naval Hospital at Brooklyn, on April 14, 1862, affected with “fistula in ano”; the hospital ticket indicates that he was discharged, July 6, 1862, as a deserter; discharged from the *USS Savannah*, at St. Joseph’s Bay, Florida, on January 14, 1865, as ward room steward; resided, post war, in 20 Mott Street, New York City (care of Quong Wing Shing), and filed for a pension in 1891; in his post war pension application, Shoen indicated that he suffered much pain from rheumatism in his arms and legs, that he had a great cough, and could not sleep, that he had broken his shoulder, and was told that he suffered from consumption; the declaration stated “*that he is in destitute and penniless circumstances, so disabled that he cannot do any work, and is dependant for a subsistence upon one of his countrymen. His health is so bad that he wishes to return to his home in China as early as practicable, but, before doing so would like to have his claim, which was mailed the Pension office in July, 1891, settled as early as practicable. He therefore asks that his case may be made special*”; Shoen also indicated that he had received a broken clavicle while serving as cook aboard a steamship plying between San Francisco and China, and, when the ship was rolling in a heavy sea, a block fell from above, and hit him in the shoulder, thus causing the fracture; his pension claim was successful, but was abandoned in 1898, for failure to claim the pension, his last payment being \$12 made on May 4, 1893 [Naval Rendezvous Enlistment records at [www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org); Pension file no. 17686 for John Ah Shoen; *U.S., Naval Hospital Tickets and Case Papers, 1825 – 1889*, at Ancestry.com.]

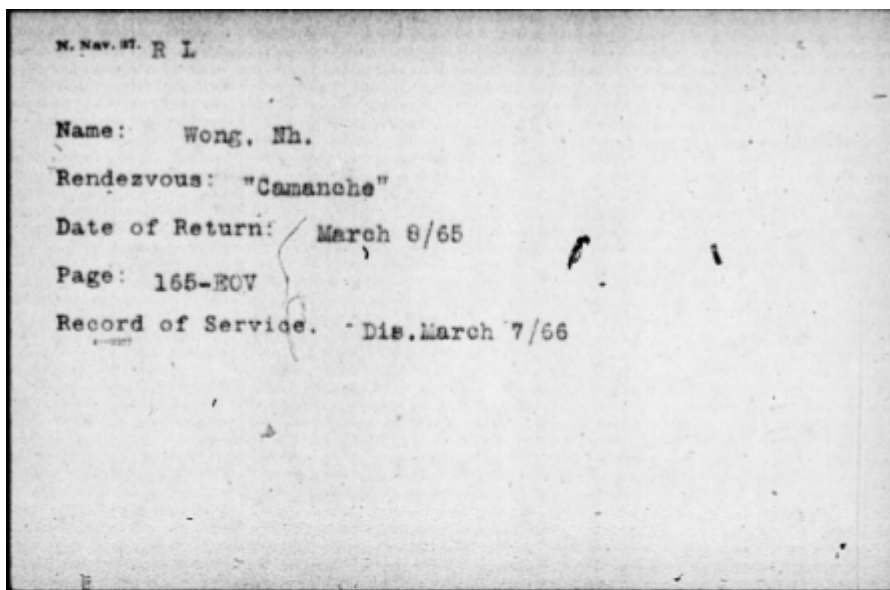
Ah Sin, Landsman, *USS Narragansett*, aged 22, enlisted February 10, 1863, for 3 years, at San Francisco. Born China, described as Chinaman, resident of California. (Muster Roll.)

Ah Soo, Landsman, *USS Monongahela*, aged 22, enlisted July 9, 1863, for 3 years, at New Orleans. Born China, eyes hazel, hair black, dark complexion. (Muster Roll.)

**John Ahsoo**, born China, about 1841; previous occupation, sailor; enlisted as a substitute for Charles S. Moyer, of Suffolk County, New York, at Jamaica, New York, aged 22, to serve one year, and mustered in as private in company B, 133<sup>rd</sup> New York Infantry, on October 3, 1864; transferred to company B, 90<sup>th</sup> New York Infantry, on June 2, 1865, as Ashwoo; physical description, at the time of enlistment shown as black eyes, black hair, dark complexion, and standing at 5 feet 5 inches tall. [*New York, Civil War Muster Roll Abstracts, 1861 – 1900*, at Ancestry.com; New York Adjutant General’s muster roll at [http://dmna.ny.gov/historic/reghist/civil/rosters/Infantry/133rd\\_Infantry\\_CW\\_Roster.pdf](http://dmna.ny.gov/historic/reghist/civil/rosters/Infantry/133rd_Infantry_CW_Roster.pdf).]

Ah Wo, Landsman, *USS Monongahela*, aged 21, enlisted July 9, 1863, for 3 years, at New Orleans. Born China, eyes hazel, hair black, dark complexion. [Ed Milligan.]

**Ah Wong**, Landsman, *USS Camanche*, aged 17, occupation Cook, enlisted March 8, 1865, for 1 year, at Mare Island, California. Born China, eyes dark, hair black, yellow complexion. Resident of California. (Muster Roll.)



**John Ahwoo** (surname also shown as Ashwoo), born China, about 1840; previous occupation, sailor; enlisted as a substitute for Isaac Luyster, of Oyster Bay, New York, at Jamaica, New York, aged 24, to serve one year, and mustered in as private in company B, 133<sup>rd</sup> New York Infantry, on October 3, 1864; physical description, at the time of enlistment shown as black eyes, black hair, dark complexion, and standing at 5 feet 4 ½ inches tall; transferred to company B, 90<sup>th</sup> New York Infantry, on June 2, 1865; mustered out with the detachment at Savannah, Georgia, on October 18, 1865. [*New York, Civil War Muster Roll Abstracts, 1861 – 1900*, at Ancestry.com; *New York, Civil War Muster Roll Abstracts, 1861 – 1900*, at Ancestry.com; New York Adjutant General's muster roll at [http://dmna.ny.gov/historic/reghist/civil/rosters/Infantry/133rd\\_Infantry\\_CW\\_Roster.pdf](http://dmna.ny.gov/historic/reghist/civil/rosters/Infantry/133rd_Infantry_CW_Roster.pdf) and [http://dmna.ny.gov/historic/reghist/civil/rosters/Infantry/90th\\_Infantry\\_CW\\_Roster.pdf](http://dmna.ny.gov/historic/reghist/civil/rosters/Infantry/90th_Infantry_CW_Roster.pdf).]

**Indicated to have been Chinese born, to be checked further**

**John Akee**, born China, about 1844; resident of Brooklyn; previous occupation, steward; enlisted at the age of 20, for 1 year, at New York, as landsman in the United States Navy, May 24, 1864; personal details, at the time of enlistment, shown as black eyes, black hair, dark complexion, and standing at 5 feet, 5 ½ inches tall; scars under left arm and over left eye brow, dark spot on belly. [Naval Rendezvous records at FOLD3.com.]

813

Name: Akee, John  
Rendezvous: New York  
Date of Return: May 28, 1864  
Page: 366 part 2  
7-2-64  
Record of Service: Tallapoosa Pursuit D. May 27.  
MR 65-3  
1865 R.S.N.Y. late Tallapoosa

John Alden, born Island of Annahan; aged 21 years; height 5 feet 6 inches; black complexion, black eyes, black hair; occupation, seaman; enlisted September 16, 1864, at Barnstable, for 2 years; served as private, company B, 5<sup>th</sup> Regiment Massachusetts Colored Cavalry; discharged for disability, February 15, 1865, with no final statements in conformity with Par. 1371 Res. Army Regulations 1863 by order Maj. Gen'l. Augur, commanding department. [CMSR.]

John Alexander, Seaman, aged 36, enlisted October 10, 1861, for 3 years, at New Bedford, Massachusetts. Born Mauritius, eyes gray, hair dark, swarthy complexion. [Ed Milligan-Naval enlistments, Page 113, Volume 16.]

**John Ali** (or **Aci, Aei**), born China, about 1842; resident of Green County, New York, in 1864; previous occupation, cook; enlisted at Brooklyn, aged 22, for two years, as landsman in the United States Navy, on October 5, 1864; personal description at the time of enlistment shown as black eyes, black hair, swarthy complexion, and standing at 5 feet 7 inches tall; noted to have small scars on both cheeks; received a bounty of \$66.66 at enlistment. [Naval Rendezvous Enlistment records at [www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org).]

626

Name: Aei, John  
Rendezvous? Brooklyn  
Date of Return: Oct. 8, 1864.  
Page: 773 part 5.  
10-8-64.  
Record of Service: Tallapoosa Dis. Nov. 19, '66.  
R.S.N.Y.

William Allan, Ordinary Seaman, aged 28, enlisted February 26, 1864, for 3 years, at New Bedford, Massachusetts. Born Mahe, Seychelles, eyes black, hair black, black complexion. [Ed Milligan – Naval enlistments, Volume 36.]

**William C. Allen**, born about 1829; enlisted at New York City, January 16, 1862, aged 33, and mustered in as private, 10<sup>th</sup> Battery, on January 17, 1862, to serve two years; transferred to the 5th New York Independent Battery on January 20, 1862; previous occupation, sail maker; born Cape Colony; tried by a General Court Martial for desertion (deserted on or about the last of September, 1862, and surrendered on or about June 6, 1864, at or near Louisville, Kentucky) and violation of the 22<sup>nd</sup> article of war; found guilty and sentenced to be dishonourably discharged, with loss of all pay and allowances and to be confined at hard labor at Fort Delaware or such other place as the commanding general may direct for the period of three years; dishonourably discharged, in accordance with the sentence of the General Court Martial, on November 15, 1864. [Ed Milligan; *New York, Civil War Muster Roll Abstracts, 1861 – 1900* at Ancestry.com; New York Adjutant General's roll at [http://dmna.ny.gov/historic/reghist/civil/rosters/Artillery/5thIndBatCW\\_Roster.pdf](http://dmna.ny.gov/historic/reghist/civil/rosters/Artillery/5thIndBatCW_Roster.pdf), and [http://dmna.ny.gov/historic/reghist/civil/rosters/Artillery/10thIndBatCW\\_Roster.pdf](http://dmna.ny.gov/historic/reghist/civil/rosters/Artillery/10thIndBatCW_Roster.pdf).]

**Henry Alvarez**, born Manilla, about 1834; served as seaman aboard the *CSS Gaines*, Mobile Squadron; treated for fever on Friday, January 2, 1863; on Wednesday, February 11<sup>th</sup>, 1863, he was treated for catarrhus. [CSS Gaines Medical Journal.]

**John Amamahe** (also shown as **Ammahoie**, **Ammahie**, **Amamahaie** and **Emahe**), born Persia (modern day Iran), about 1830; original name, **Mohammed Kahn**; enlisted August 2, 1861, at New York City, aged 31, to serve three years, and mustered in as a private, company H, 43<sup>rd</sup> New York Infantry, on September 12, 1861; transferred to company E of the same regiment on July 18, 1862; wounded in action at Malvern Hill, 1862 and at Spotsylvania, Virginia, May 12, 1864; mustered out with the company, at Washington, D.C., on June 27, 1865. [*Information from copies of pension papers in possession of the author*; service data from the Adjutant Generals rolls at [http://dmna.ny.gov/historic/reghist/civil/rosters/Infantry/43rd\\_Infantry\\_CW\\_Roster.pdf](http://dmna.ny.gov/historic/reghist/civil/rosters/Infantry/43rd_Infantry_CW_Roster.pdf).]

**Stephen Amos**, born Manila, about 1830; citizen of Massachusetts; previous occupation, caulker; enlisted at the age of 33, for two years, at New Bedford, as ordinary seaman in the United States Navy, on November 25, 1863; personal details, at the time of enlistment shown as black eyes, black hair, copper colour complexion, and standing at 5 feet 3 inches tall; also indicated to have a scar above his right knee, tattoo of a crucifix on his right fore arm, and “kanacha” marks on his left forearm. [Naval Rendezvous enlistment rolls at FOLD3.com.]

748-a

Name: Ames, Steph'n  
Rendezvous: H. Bedford  
Date of Return: Nov. 28, 1863.  
Page: 682 part 2.  
Record of Service: D. Apl. 20, '64R. S. Boston

Augustus Anderson, born Calcutta, India, about 1841; previous occupation, cook; enlisted in the United States Navy, aged 21, at New York, on January 17, 1862, and served as seaman aboard the *USS Pontiac*, between October 1, 1864, and about July 7, 1865; personal description at the time of enlistment shown as Negro complexion, and standing at 4 feet 11 inches tall. [CMSR; NPS Soldier and Sailor Database; Find The data web site at <http://civil-war-sailors.findthedata.org/>.] Birthplace needs to be verified.

834-a

Name: Anderson, Augustus.  
Rendezvous: New York  
Date of Return: June 21, 1862  
Page: 255 - Part 1  
Record of Service: Adirondack. D. Nov. 3/62.  
R. S. N. Y.

**John Anderson**, born Singapore, about 1842 (Naval enlistments shows his birthplace as Malacca); resident Burlington, New Jersey; enlisted in the United States Navy, as seaman, at Philadelphia, May 7, 1864; personal description, at the time of enlistment shown as dark hair, dark hazel eyes, dark complexion (Naval Enlistments shows black eyes, black hair and black complexion, and height 4 feet 11 ½ inches tall); occupation, mariner; wounded in the left leg in two places, received in action in the line of duty, as a member of the "Naval Brigade" in the South Atlantic Blockade Squadron, date not specified; sent, from the *USS Saratoga*, on April 17, 1865, to the hospital at New York, with vulnus sclopticus (?); "when received on board, the wounds were healed, but the patient was unable to use the limb. Not much improvement since. Rest & local application of iod. tinct. seemed at one time to be



beneficial but no permanent improvement resulted"; note made – "N.C. C.O.W. May 12<sup>th</sup>, '65". [*U.S. Naval Hospital Tickets and Case Papers, 1825 – 1889* at Ancestry.com; Enlistments at Naval Rendezvous at [www.fold3.com](http://www.fold3.com).]

**John Anderson**, born Java, about 1843; previous occupation as cook and steward; enlisted at Boston, aged 21, for 1 year, as landsman in the United States Navy, on March 4, 1864; personal details, at the time of enlistment, shown as "East Indian", standing at 4 feet, 10 ½ inches tall; indicated to have the tattoo of a star on his left forearm. [Naval Rendezvous enlistment records at FOLD3.com.]

## PINING FOR THEIR POISON.

### TWO CHINESE PRISONERS YEARNING FOR OPIUM.

HOW A TIMES REPORTER GOT SOME FOR THEM  
AT AH QUE'S BAZAAR IN BAXTER-STREET  
—THE MERCHANT, HIS HOME, HIS WIFE,  
AND HIS PIPE.

John Akomb, who also claims the name of John Anderson, Ah Sin, Ah Foo, and Ah Soon, four wretched and dirty Chinamen, were arrested on Friday night, by Revenue Officer Stinson, on a charge of selling cigars on which no revenue tax had been paid. Yesterday they were taken before United States Commissioner Shields, and by him committed to Ludlow-Street Jail, in default of bail in the sum of \$250 each, to await examination. All of them, excepting Ah Soon, are opium-eaters, and were suffering greatly because they could not get the narcotic. Akomb, who is 46 years old, has been nearly 30 years in the United States and Europe. He has traveled in England, Germany, and France as a cook and steward. During the civil war here he was a steward on the United States gun-boat Massachusetts, under command of Capt. Hudson, and served in Texas and Louisiana in many battles, and was twice wounded, one of his injuries, in the chest, being of a severe character. He is now married to an English woman, and lives at No. 62 Cherry-street. For several years past he has been almost blind, and

several years past he has been almost blind, and just able to distinguish between light and darkness. He says he is well known to many good people in New-York, who would help him now if they knew how much he is suffering. His condition and that of his opium-eating companions was so pitiable yesterday that a 'TIMES' reporter volunteered to procure some opium for them, and Akomb gave the reporter a brass thimble, and directed him where to buy the opium in Baxter-street, saying the dealer knew the thimble and would not hesitate about furnishing the drug when he saw it. After a little exploration among the back slums, the reporter found the opium merchant—Ah Que—in a squalid little room, lying on a bunk covered with China grass matting, and smoking opium from a rather magnificent-looking pipe, made of a curious wood, and having a large ivory mouth-piece. He, a lean, lank, saturnine fellow, with a yellow, jaundiced-looking eye and a skin like parchment, at first, through fear probably, denied any knowledge of Akomb. When the thimble was produced and the reporter expressed a willingness to pay for some opium, and told him that Akomb and his friends were sick for want of it, and were in prison, he said he knew Akomb and recognized the thimble. He put aside his pipe, the smoke from which curled in pale blue wreaths out of a window-hole, about a foot square, at the head of his bunk, and with a key unlocked a small yellow chest, somewhat like a diminutive refrigerator. From this he took a little earthen jar, and with a small wooden spatula, filled the thimble with the black poison—a liquid of the color and con-

with the black poison—a liquid of the color and consistency of New-Orleans molasses. He then covered it with a wrapper of tin-foil. This was Akomb's modicum. When told that the two other Chinamen needed some he took a small wooden box out of his "medicine" chest and filled it also, and charged 30 cents for the whole. During all this time a tall, plump, and really fine-looking white woman stood in the open door between the inner and outer apartments—the outer and larger of the two rooms being the kitchen, living-room, and parlor, and the inner one Ah Que's bedroom and store. When asked, *sotto voce*, what Ah Que did for a living, she replied "nothing." "Does he live, then, by selling opium to the Chinamen?" asked the reporter, and she replied "Yes." She spoke familiarly—at times in a mandatory way—to the opium-seller, and was evidently "Mrs. Ah Que." In a few minutes after the business transaction was ended, and while Akomb and his family were being talked about, Ah Que took up his gaudy pipe and lay down on his side on the matting in his bunk. In the centre of the bunk rested a small paper tray, painted to resemble a black and white mosaic or checker-board pattern. On one side of it was a small box, and in the centre a glass vessel, like an inkstand, containing opium. To the left of this was a little spirit lamp omitting a blue flame. Ah Que took from the box a piece of wire like a knitting needle, pierced a hole through the charred remains of the opium left in the bowl of his pipe from the last smoke. He then dipped the wire in the opium, and rolled it like a glass-blower twirls his blow-pipe until he had accumulated a knob of the drug smaller than a pea on the wire, and put it in the small hole of the pipe-bowl, and lit it at the spirit-lamp. Setting back on the matting, with his piggyish eyes half closed, he put the end of the pipe-stem to his mouth and commenced to inhale the smoke, and emitted it in two large jets from his nostrils. The pipe was a piece of wood about 18 inches long, and as thick as a broom-handle. The

inches long, and as thick as a broom-handle. The hole penetrating this stem was of the diameter of a pen-holder, and the bowl of tarnished silver, shaped like a miniature vase, stood on the side of the stem, about two-thirds of the length from the mouth-piece end. There was no tapering off of this end to adapt it to the lips, but the smoker put the stem in his mouth and pressed his lips around it, and at each whiff a heavy aspiratory sound was emitted, accompanied by a seething, sputtering noise from the burning opium. A sleepy, sickly smile seemed to illumine Ah Que's face as he sucked the fumes into his lungs, something of the gratified look which overspreads the face of a drunkard as he contemplates a big glass of whisky. As soon as he had finished smoking he laid the pipe on the tray and took up and lit a cigar, but he evidently did not care to converse much. Mrs. Ah Que said she had never tried to smoke opium, and her healthy, bright appearance confirmed her statement. In a small adjoining apartment two other Chinamen lay with their legs crooked up in a bunk—one of them quite aged, the other young. The old Ah-Sinner, when asked by the reporter to send word of Akomb's arrest to his wife, said he didn't know him, nor the wife, but Mrs. Ah Que promptly replied, "Yes, you do; you know Kitty—Akomb's Kitty!" "Yeh," he grunted, "Chelly-street." The prisoners manifested much delight when they got the opium, and at once began to dip match-stumps into it and lick it off greedily. It will serve to make confinement in Ludlow-street to-day comparatively endurable to them, and they said the quantity, with care, would be sufficient to last them until tomorrow, when they will be again brought before Commissioner Shields for examination.

## The New York Times

Published: August 11, 1878

Copyright © The New York Times

TEN CENTS WORTH OF OPIUM.	RECALLING THE OLD TIMES.	ANS.
<p>Resolving Chinamen who were arrested for selling unstamped cigars.</p> <p>Four Chinamen sat in the United States Marshal's room yesterday, the pictures of wretchedness and despair. Their names were John Akomb, alias John Anderson, Ah Foo, Ah Soon and Ah Sin. They were arrested by Special Agent E. S. Stinson for selling unstamped cigars, and spent the night in a station house. All of them were thin-bodied and sunken-checked, with black, unkempt hair, and dull black eyes, nearly closed. Three of the four were suffering for the want of their accustomed opium, of which their imprisonment had deprived them. As they crouched in a corner of the office their dejection attracted the pity of many who happened in, and not a few expressed wonder that the Government could find no greater frauds to occupy the attention of its officers than these poor wretches who had been guilty of selling a handful of their miserable penny cigars without the requisite revenue stamps.</p> <p>John Akomb was the spokesman of the party, for the others spoke little English. He said that he was 46 years of age, and had been away from China thirty years. He had been in England, Germany and France, and at one time served on the United States gunboat Massachusetts, Capt. Hudson, and was also on the Red River expedition in the capacity of cook. He said that he had a wife named Kitty, an English woman, at 62 Cherry street, and had three children that died.</p> <p>He referred so piteously to his sufferings and that of his companions for their habitual opium that a sympathetic bystander volunteered to get him some of his favorite drug. But, said Akomb with a piteous wail,</p> <p>"We got no money."</p> <p>"How much will it cost?"</p> <p>"Ten cents."</p> <p>"Ten cents for three?"</p> <p>"No; ten cent for one."</p> <p>"Where do you get it?"</p> <p>"At 14 Baxter street—of Ah Quo."</p> <p>"How shall we get it from him?"</p> <p>"Show him this."</p> <p>Then Akomb produced from the folds of his worn vest a begrimed tumbler, the metal of which could not be distinguished from the black coating that enveloped it.</p> <p>"Show him that—he knows that," and the confiding Akomb surrendered his "pony" to the custody of his sympathizing questioner.</p> <p>Ernesting upon Marshal Strahan to detain the prisoners until his return, the opium missionary wended his way to Baxter street. The front building is a huge tenement house, and in the rear is a court surrounded by a pile of thickly inhabited tenements in which varied</p>	<p>An Aged Pilot who has Seen all the Changes on the North River for Seventy Years.</p> <p>Just north of the little village of Newtown, Long Island, on the Astoria road, nearly opposite the weather-beaten Lutheran church, there stands a well-shaded cottage, where for twenty years has lived Capt. Stephen Roff, an old North river pilot, whose river experience date back over seventy years. He is eighty-five years old, but his step is firm, his blue eyes apparently undimmed, and his mind as active as ever. He sat on the little porch in front of his cottage yesterday.</p> <p>"I was born," he said, "in Peekskill, in 1793. My father was a laboring man. My parents died when I was young, and the seven boys of us that were left had to look out for ourselves. We all took to the water, and became sloop hands. In those days there was a great business done on the North river with sloops. I was eight years old when I shipped on board a sloop that ran between Albany and New York as cook, I got twelve shillings a month, and had to cook for three men besides myself. It kept me pretty busy. You wouldn't expect a boy eight or ten years old to make much of a cook nowadays. The sloops then used to carry passengers, and among them we carried Gov. Tompkins and his wife, and I cooked for them. I remember him well. He wore knee breeches, and his hair was tied up in a cue. He used generally to give me a dollar. He lived down on Staten Island then."</p> <p>"I was cook for seven years," continued Capt. Roff. "They call that an angel's apprenticeship, don't they? Then I was promoted to 'hand,' and got \$10 a month. It was about this time that Fulton's first steamboat, the Clermont, began running on the river. She was a queer looking concern, with no coverings to her wheels. She made about five miles an hour. Well, I was deck hand until I was twenty-five years old, and then I became sailing master of a sloop. Sloops still played an important part on the river. The steamboats had not begun to tow them, and the sloops carried most of the merchandise. I have seen as many as fifty sloops going down the river together. Sometimes it was tedious work. I remember that once it took us fourteen days to run from New York to Albany. That was in the spring of the year. The water was high and running down the river very swiftly. But sometimes we made quick time, and have gone up to Albany in twenty-four hours."</p> <p>"In 1823 I went to steamboating. I was pilot of the Henry Eckford. She was a small steamboat, only about 135 feet long. She was built by James F. Alaire in 1823 and was the first steamboat on the North river that had high and low pressure engines—compound engines, you know. She belonged to Esau Newton, who lived in Blee street in New York. The Henry</p>	<p>Broken-D An More th advertis liquor de tend bar. Charlton." tonished b appearanc similar as more than those that had kept t had been He was a men were Another than fifty Irishman, &amp;c., can applying street." I convincer clerk who of them h Exchange South Am gaged in ruined, a his way b good busi was told t day, nece play. He promisin been the Western of \$10, o could get times, to ness men Among pilots u as secur trusted w 1857. Hi he had be could har represent good min ployed w convincer Cecilia called for only two likely to vertisem wanted t Ireland," education excellent some-tim dress the an adver</p>

William Anderson, born Ceylon, about 1841; previous occupation, painter; enlisted at the age of 23, in the United States Navy, at Boston, on June 13, 1864, and served as wardroom cook aboard the *USS Massasoit*, July 1, 1864, the *USS Tristram Shandy*, March 31, 1865, and the *USS Boxer*, June 30, 1865; personal description at the time of enlistment shown as Mulatto complexion, and standing at 5 feet 6 inches tall. [CMSR; NPS Soldier and Sailor Database; Find The data web site at <http://civil-war-sailors.findthedata.org/>.]

Robert Andrews, of the *USS Black Hawk*, a Polynesian, died on the USN hospital vessel, *Red Rover*, March 7, 1863. [Researched by Ed Milligan, of Alexandria, Virginia, from the Medical Log of the USN hospital ship, *Red Rover*, page 166.] **Enlistment unverified – not in Naval Rendezvous records.**

Thomas Andrews, Ordinary Seaman, aged 22, enlisted July 6, 1864, for 3 years, at New Bedford, Massachusetts. Born Guam, resident of Massachusetts; eyes dark, hair black straight, copper complexion; 5 feet 6 ¼ inches tall; . [from Ed Milligan – Naval enlistments, Page 480, Volume 35.] [Naval Enlistment Rendezvous records at FOLD3.com.]

**Joseph Angler**, born Redrietgita, Manila, about 1838; previous occupation, mariner; enlisted at Philadelphia, aged 26, for three years, as seaman in the United States Navy, on June 12, 1864; personal description at the time of enlistment shown as brown eyes, black hair, tawny complexion, and standing at 5 feet 4 inches tall. [Naval Rendezvous Enlistment records at FOLD3.com.] **Index to Rendezvous reports card at FOLD3 notes: “Jose Aglur....September 7, 1861.”**

Francis Antonio, Seaman, aged 26, occupation Cook, enlisted December 12, 1861, for 3 years, at New Bedford, Massachusetts. Born Guam, eyes black, hair black, copper complexion. [Ed Milligan – Naval enlistments, Page 348, Volume 17.]

Auguste Aps, Seaman, *USS Pinola*, aged 19, occupation Mariner, enlisted January 1, 1864, for 1 year, at New Bedford, Massachusetts. Born Mahe Island (Seychelles), eyes gray, hair brown, light complexion. (Muster Roll.)

**John Arnang** (or **Arming?**), born China, about 1842; resident of Wheeler, New York; previous occupation, cook; enlisted at New York, at the age of 22, for 3 years, as landsman in the United States Navy, on August 22, 1864; personal details, at the time of enlistment, shown as black eyes, black hair, dark complexion, and standing at 5 feet 2 inches tall; also indicated to have a scar on his right shoulder blade, and a tattoo of an anchor on his left forearm. [Naval Rendezvous Enlistment records at FOLD3.com.]

**Henry Arullas** (or **Arallas**), born Manilla, about 1826 (another entry indicates that he was born about 1806, and, in another different entry, his age is shown as being 26, in 1863!); served as ordinary seaman on the *CSS Gaines*, Mobile Squadron; treated for fever on Monday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1863; on Saturday, February 14, 1863, he was treated for rheumatism; on Saturday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1863, he was treated for a wound in the heel of his foot, caused by his stepping on a catfish bone, while out fishing, two days previously, and which wound was very much swollen and painful when he reported to the medical facility aboard ship; discharged from the medical facility on May 29, 1863. [CSS Gaines Medical Journal; Confederate Navy and Marine Service records, Hospital and Prison, A-E, image 208.]

**John Ase**, born China, about 1839; citizen of Melinghuysen, New Jersey; enlisted as landsman in the United States Navy, for 3 years, at New York, July 25, 1864; previous occupation, cook; personal description, at the time of enlistment shown as black hair and eyes, dark complexion, standing 5 feet tall, and with a scar on his right groin, and tattooed on both forearms; served as landsman aboard the *USS Minnesota*, 1864, and the *USS Wyandank*, 1865. [NPS Soldier and Sailor Database; Naval Enlistment Rendezvous.]

John Ase, Landsman, aged 25, occupation Cook, enlisted February 25, 1864, for 3 years, at New York. Born China, eyes black, hair dark, in(?) complexion. [Ed Milligan – Naval enlistments, Page 18, Volume 36.]

**Sake Asgur**, Landsman, aged 20, occupation Farmer, enlisted March 9, 1863, for 3 years, at Philadelphia. Born Calcutta, eyes black, hair black, dark complexion; 5 feet 6 inches tall. [Ed Milligan – Naval enlistments, Page 130, Volume 25.] (*Muster Rolls for the USS Arizona show Sake Asgin, Officer's Steward, aged 20, occupation Farmer, native of Calcutta, India, enlisted on February 9, 1863, for 3 years.*)

John Ashwoo, served as private, company B, 133<sup>rd</sup> New York Infantry; transferred to company B of the 90<sup>th</sup> New York Infantry, on May 31, 1865; mustered out with the detachment at Savannah, Georgia, on October 18, 1865. [New York Adjutant Generals

muster roll at

[http://dmna.ny.gov/historic/reghist/civil/rosters/Infantry/90th\\_Infantry\\_CW\\_Roster.pdf](http://dmna.ny.gov/historic/reghist/civil/rosters/Infantry/90th_Infantry_CW_Roster.pdf).]

**John Assough**, born China; resident of New York; previous occupation, cook; enlisted at the age of 32, at New York, for 3 years, as a landsman in the United States Navy, on June 25, 1864; personal description, at the time of enlistment, shown as black eyes, black hair, dark complexion, and standing at 5 feet 2 inches tall; also indicated to have scars on his belly and left thigh. [Naval Rendezvous Enlistment records at FOLD3.com.]

**A-Ti**, Landsman, aged 22, enlisted November 30, 1861, for 3 years, at New York. Born Canton, chestnut eyes, hair black, complexion described as Chinese; 5 feet 3 <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> inches tall. [Ed Milligan – Naval Enlistments, Page 331, Volume 17; Naval Rendezvous Enlistment records at FOLD3.com.]

**Leon Augustine**, born Manilla, about 1841; served as a seaman on the *CSS Gaines*, Mobile Squadron; treated for a fever on Sunday, August 31, 1862. [CSS Gaines Medical Journal.]

**Sudah Baboo**, born Calcutta, India, about 1845; credited to Wilton, New Hampshire; enlisted as a substitute, on August 18, 1864, in the 4<sup>th</sup> New Hampshire regiment (unassigned); mustered in on August 13, 1864 (?), as private; discharged on May 6, 1865, at Galloup's Island, Boston Harbor, Massachusetts; also indicated to have served as a private in company H of the 13<sup>th</sup> Regiment, Veteran Reserve Corps; employed as a waiter in Philadelphia, between 1870 and 1883; converted from Hinduism to Christianity, at the Baptist Church in Commercial township, Cumberland County, New Jersey, on Sunday, February 12, 1888; residence in 1890 shown as Cumberland County, New Jersey. [*Revised Register Of The Soldiers And Sailors Of New Hampshire In The War Of The Rebellion 1861-1866*, published at Concord, 1895; *Civil War Service Card* at FOLD3.com; National Park Service Soldiers and Sailors' Details; *City Directories for Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 1871 and 1883*, at FOLD3.com; *New Jersey, Compiled Census and Census Substitutes Index, 1643 – 1890* at Ancestry.com; Port Norris Historical Society web site at <http://www.historicportnorris.org/index.html>.]

Daniel W. Baker, Ordinary Seaman, aged 24, occupation Carpenter, enlisted August 23, 1864, for 3 years, at Boston. Born Mauritius, eyes dark, hair brown, dark complexion. [Ed Milligan – Naval Enlistments, Page 13, Volume 37.]

**Felix Baker** (surname, at first enlistment, shown as **Barker**), born Manila, Philippine Islands, about 1842; first enlistment at Boston, aged 16, for two years, as landsman in the United States Navy, on June 29, 1861; physical description, at first enlistment, shown as black eyes, black hair, dark complexion, and standing at 4 feet 11 <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> inches tall; second enlistment as landsman in the United States Navy, for one year, at Boston, on August 9, 1862; personal details, at this enlistment shown as aged 17, previous occupation as waiter, hazel eyes, black hair, swarthy complexion, and standing 5 feet 1 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> inches tall; at this time he indicated that he had previous Naval service of one year; third enlistment, as landsman, for one year, also at Boston, on July 25, 1863; personal details, at second enlistment shown as aged 18, previous occupation, steward, dark eyes, black hair, dark complexion, standing 5 feet 2 inches tall, scar on abdomen, crucifix on forearm and Liberty, stars and ship on left forearm; fourth enlistment as landsman, for one year, at New York, on September 5, 1864; personal description at the time of enlistment shown as aged 22, previous occupation of steward, black eyes, black hair, dark complexion and 5 feet 2 <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> inches tall; previous Naval service of 3 years also noted; served as landsman and captain's steward aboard the *USS Aries*. [*United States, Naval Enlistment Rendezvous, 1855-1891*; Ed Milligan]

**Felix Cornelius Balderry**, born Philippines; enrolled on December 7, 1863, at Kalamazoo, for three years, and was originally a member of company A, 11<sup>th</sup> Michigan Infantry, later transferred to company F of the same regiment; Balderry later declared that, in 1864, his regiment was compelled to wade the Ettowah River, and that he was sick, but doing duty; before coming to the river the unit was on a forced march and that he was very warm and sweating, and that, before he had waded across he was completely chilled through, and that he kept up with the regiment, but kept growing worse and worse, until about July 4, 1864, when he was first treated at a field hospital near Lookout Mountain, and then sent to hospital at Marietta, and was afterwards transferred to the hospital at Chattanooga; he suffered paralysis in his left arm and side; his treatment continued for years after the war; Balderry was discharged at Nashville, a private, on September 16, 1865; a surgeon's certificate, dated at Kalamazoo, December 21, 1881 indicates that Balderry was 5 feet 4 inches tall, weighed 110 pounds, was aged 37, and of a dark complexion; his 1<sup>st</sup> lieutenant, Stephen P. Marsh, stated, in an affidavit, after the war, and declared that he had seen Balderry about June, 1864, and that he (Balderry) had been very sick, and "looked very bad"; Marsh had known Balderry about a year before the war, and considered him, at that time, as "tough and hearty a boy as there was in the country", but that, after the war, Balderry was a broken down man; in a separate affidavit, Marsh stated: "*There was a severe rain storm the last days of June, 1864, while on the battlefield, had been more or less engaged in battle with the enemy. We had no tents or shelter and I well remember that the claimant [Balderry] contracted a severe cold from exposure which settled on his lungs and in his throat and on the third day of July 1864 I saw the claimant [Balderry] and well remember that he coughed a good deal and complained to me that he was sore and distressed in the lungs so much so he was left behind, could not march with the regiment. I was informed that the claimant [Balderry] was sent to field hospital and Marietta, Ga. – from there to Chattanooga*"; Joseph L. Foster, citizen of Leonidas, St. Joseph County, Michigan, declared, in an affidavit dated October 4, 1882, that he had known Balderry for twenty four years, and that Balderry was in his employ for four years before the war, and that, for two years of this time, Balderry was employed as a common sailor aboard a ship on the Pacific and Atlantic Ocean, and after this, for the remaining two years, Balderry was employed as a farm hand, by Foster, on his farm in the township of Leonidas; Foster further declared that during this time, Balderry was a strong and healthy young man and able and willing to do any kind of manual labour; after the war Balderry returned to Foster's farm, but by then Balderry had a cough and his left hand appeared to be stiff and he was unable to use it in many kinds of farm work; since he was unable to do much manual labour, because of his condition, Balderry subsequently worked as a tailor; in a letter dated March 27, 1883, the late colonel of the 11<sup>th</sup> Michigan, William L. Stoughton, declared that Balderry had been an intelligent and faithful soldier; Balderry was also stated to be a member of the Methodist Episcopal church at St. Josephs County, Michigan; on September 1, 1885 he married 16 year old Ada May Barns at Constantine, Michigan; the couple only had one child, a son, Frank, born on March 10, 1887; Balderry applied for, and was provided with the U.S. Pension, which his widow also collected, after his death; Balderry passed away on August 18, 1895, of tuberculosis, at the age of 49. [Pension file of Felix C. Balderry, no. XC 06 247 598. See also Military Images magazine Nov/Dec 1994, p. 13 for an image of Balderry.

**Caystana L. Baltazar**, born Manila, about 1844; enlisted at the age of 19, at Boston, for one year, as landsman in the United States Navy, on November 10, 1863; personal description, at the time of enlistment, shown as black eyes, black hair, dark complexion, and standing at 5 feet and  $\frac{3}{4}$  inch tall. [Naval Rendezvous Enlistment records at FOLD3.com.]



**John Banks**, born East Indies, about 1843; black eyes, black hair, black complexion; 5 feet 7 inches in height; previous occupation, laborer; enlisted February 4, 1864, at Bridgeport, for 3 years, as private, company D, 31<sup>st</sup> United States Colored Infantry wounded in action before Petersburg, Virginia (at Cemetery Hill), July 30, 1864; admitted to Summit House, General Hospital, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, August 19, 1864, with a gunshot wound to the left thumb; returned from hospital, December 12, 1864; treatment shown as “simple dressing”; promoted to corporal, February 10, 1865, and to sergeant, April 26, 1865; mustered out of service, at Brownsville, Texas, on November 7, 1865; his hospital card shows he had been married at New Haven, and his wife, Jennie Banks, was residing at New York City. [CMSR.]

**Jacob Banyan**, born Tahiti, about 1836; resident of Massachusetts; enlisted at New Bedford, at the age of 28, for three years, as ordinary seaman in the United States Navy, on July 7, 1864; personal description, at the time of enlistment shown as black eyes, black straight hair, copper colour complexion, and standing at 5 feet 7 inches tall; TIKAU and other letters tattooed on both arms; served as ordinary seaman on the *USS Lehigh* and on the *USS A. Houghton*. [Ed Milligan; Naval Rendezvous Enlistment records at FOLD3.com.]

**Francis Bartholomew**, born Manila, about 1826; resident of New York; previous occupation as a steward; enlisted at New York, aged 38, for two years, as ordinary seaman in the United States Navy, on November 29, 1864; physical description at the time of enlistment shown as black eyes, black hair, brown complexion, and standing at 5 feet 2 ½ inches tall; received a bounty of \$66.66; noted to have had a scar on his left arm; also indicated that he had had previous service of one and a half years in the Navy. [Naval Rendezvous Enlistment records at [www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org).]

Charles Beeb, Seaman, aged 35, enlisted June 3, 1864, for 3 years, at New Bedford, Massachusetts. Born Otahiti (Tahiti?), eyes dark, hair black, complexion dark. [Ed Milligan – Naval enlistments, Page 385, Volume 34.]

**Charles H. (or A.) Beling**, born Ceylon, about 1840; enlisted at the age of 21, at Boston, for one year, as ordinary seaman in the United States Navy, on May 16, 1861; personal description, at the time of enlistment, shown as black eyes, black hair, dark complexion, and standing at 5 feet 8 inches tall; re-enlisted again at Boston, aged 22, for two years, as ordinary seaman, on June 27, 1862; his physical description at the time of re-enlistment is shown as “East Indian”. [Naval Rendezvous Enlistment records at FOLD3.com.]

**Henry Bell**, born Calcutta, India, about 1841; complexion, negro; 4 feet 11 inches in height; previous occupation, cook/baker; enlisted in the United States Navy for the war, at New York, January 24, 1862, as landsman; served as seaman aboard the *USS Pontiac*, 1864 – 1865; also described as a Malay. [NPS Soldier and Sailor Database; Ed Milligan; Naval Rendezvous Enlistment records at [www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org).] (*Muster Rolls of the USS Orvetta show Henry Bell, Cabin Steward, aged 21, native of Calcutta, enlisted at New York, for the war, on January 17, 1862. Also shown on Muster Rolls of USS Pontiac and described as Negro.*)

Andrew Bellino, Seaman, aged 27, occupation Mariner, enlisted May 6, 1864, for 3 years, at Philadelphia. Born Manila, eyes black, hair black, dark complexion. [Ed Milligan – Naval Enlistments, Page 308, Volume 33.] **His birthplace is actually shown as Pennsylvania, not Manilla.**

Benjamin Bengall, Ordinary Seaman, *USS Commodore Perry*, aged 37, occupation Seaman, enlisted June 10, 1863, for 1 year, at Boston. Born East Indies, resident of Maine. (Muster Roll.) **The Naval Rendezvous Enlistment record actually shows his place of birth as New York City, not the East Indies.**

**Jose Bernard** (first name also shown as **Josh** and **Joseph**), born Manilla? (another entry shows his place of birth as Sicily) about 1828, or 1833; served as ordinary seaman on the *CSS Gaines*, Mobile Squadron; treated for catarrh on Friday, June 13, 1862; treated, on Tuesday, October 7, 1862, for a puncture wound, with the notation in the medical journal – “*Was struck by a ‘sting-ray’ between middle and ring finger. The pain is always very excruciating. It had bled freely when I saw him – swollen a little, and hotter than natural*”; treated for fever on Friday, October 17, 1862, and Friday, January 9, 1863; treated, on Tuesday, February 10<sup>th</sup>, 1863, for paronychia; treated for a fever on Friday, August 14, 1863. [CSS Gaines Medical Journal.]

**Joseph Bernard** (surname also shown as **Bernards**), born Manilla, Philippine Islands, about 1842; residency shown (in his 1865 enlistment) as Monmouth, New Jersey; occupation – cook/steward; complexion, black; 5 feet 1 inch in height; enlisted in the United States Navy for 2 years, at Boston, Massachusetts, July 3, 1861; served as landsman aboard the *USS Vincennes*, 1863 – 1864; another enlistment shown as being also at Boston, February 4, 1864, for one year; described as being East Indian; enlisted again, aged 21, at Philadelphia, for 3 years, as landsman in the United States Navy, March 31, 1865; indicated that he had previous Naval service of 3 ½ years; personal description, at the time of enlistment shown as brown eyes, black hair, dark complexion, and standing at 5 feet 1 inch tall; also indicated to have tattoos of a crucifix on his breast, and a cross on his right forearm.. [NPS Soldier and Sailor Database; Naval Rendezvous Enlistment records at FOLD3.com.]

**Joseph Bernardo**, born Manila, about 1842; resident of Charlestown, Massachusetts; previous occupation, steward; enlisted at Boston, at the age of 23, for three years, as landsman in the United States Navy, on March 25, 1865; indicated that he had had previous service in the Navy of 3 ¾ years; personal description at the time of this re-enlistment shown as black eyes, black hair, dark complexion, and standing at 5 feet and ¾ inch tall; also indicated to have tattoos of a crucifix on his breast and right forearm. [Naval Rendezvous Enlistment records at FOLD3.com.] (*See entry for Joseph Bernard, above - probably the same person. Muster Rolls for USS Conemaugh also show Joseph Bernardo, Landsman, aged 21, born Manila, occupation Cook, resident of New Jersey, enlisted March 31, 1865, for 3 years, at PP (Philadelphia?). Received bounty of \$100.*)

**Morris H. Bird**, born East Indies; resident of Lenawee County; enlisted in company C, 7<sup>th</sup> Michigan Infantry, at Jonesville, aged 21, for three years; mustered in as private on August 22, 1861; personal details (from Ed Milligan) shown as dark hair, black eyes, brown complexion; transferred to the 6<sup>th</sup> United States Cavalry, October 26, 1862; died at Andersonville, on August 23, 1864. [Information provided by Ed Milligan, of Alexandria, Virginia, in an e-mail (emilligan@earthlink.net) dated Saturday, May 25, 2002; “*Record of Service of Michigan Volunteers in the Civil War, 1861 – 1865*, volume 7, reprint edition by Detroit Book Press, c/o John K. King Books, Detroit, n.d.]

**Peter Blake**, born Ceylon [present day Sri Lanka], about 1841; citizen of Massachusetts; complexion, mulatto; 5 feet 6 inches in height; previous occupation, printer; originally enlisted at the age of 23, at New Bedford, on May 30, 1862, for two years, as ordinary seaman in the United States Navy; enlisted again in the United States Navy for 1 year, at

Boston, Massachusetts, June 13, 1864, as landsman; indicated that he had had 2 years previous service in the United States Navy; served as wardroom cook aboard the *USS Massasoit*, 1864, and the *USS Tristram Shandy* and *USS Boxer*, 1865. [NPS Soldier and Sailor Database; Naval Rendezvous Enlistment records at FOLD3.com.]

Frank Blicklock, Seaman, aged 22, occupation Mariner, enlisted May 7, 1864, for 2 years, at New York. Born Turkey in Europe, eyes bronze, hair dark, dark complexion. [Ed Milligan – Naval Enlistments, Page 303, Volume 33]. (*Muster Rolls of USS Merrimac shows Frank Blacklock, Seaman, aged 22, native of Turkey, enlisted May 10, 1864, for 2 years at New York. The rolls note that he had a scar on his lips, and that he deserted at Havana on July 25, 1864.*)

John Bobson, enlisted at Jamaica, New York, aged 28, to serve one year, and mustered in as private in company B, 133<sup>rd</sup> New York Infantry, on October 3, 1864; transferred to company B, 90<sup>th</sup> New York Infantry, on May 31, 1865; mustered out with the detachment at Savannah, Georgia, on October 18, 1865. [New York Adjutant General's muster roll at [http://dmna.ny.gov/historic/reghist/civil/rosters/Infantry/133rd\\_Infantry\\_CW\\_Roster.pdf](http://dmna.ny.gov/historic/reghist/civil/rosters/Infantry/133rd_Infantry_CW_Roster.pdf) and [http://dmna.ny.gov/historic/reghist/civil/rosters/Infantry/90th\\_Infantry\\_CW\\_Roster.pdf](http://dmna.ny.gov/historic/reghist/civil/rosters/Infantry/90th_Infantry_CW_Roster.pdf).]

**Indicated to have been Chinese born, and to be checked further**

**John Boguor** (surname also shown as **Boker**), born Manila, Philippine Islands, about 1841; enlisted, at the age of 23, at New Bedford, Massachusetts, for three years, as ordinary seaman in the United States Navy, April 15, 1864; personal description, at the time of enlistment, shown as black eyes, black hair, copper colour complexion, and standing at 5 feet 2 ¾ inches tall; also indicated to have three or four marks cupping on small of back and arm, small scar on the back of left hand, and a dark spot on left ?; served on the *USS Santiago de Cuba*, 1865, and was sent to the United States Naval Hospital at Norfolk, Virginia, on February 1, 1865, suffering from albuminuria and pneumonia; after nearly two months of being treated at the hospital, with relapses in his condition, Boguor died on the night of March 28, 1865, with the cause of death being declared to have been lumbar abscess. [Naval Rendezvous Enlistment records at FOLD3.com; *U.S. Naval Hospital Tickets and Case Papers, 1825 – 1889*, at Ancestry.com.]

**Charles Lane Boulton**, born Colombo, Isle of Ceylon [Sri Lanka], about 1837; enlisted at Dayton, Oregon, for 3 years, as private in Company B, 1st Oregon Infantry, on December 13, 1864; previous occupation as a painter; personal details at the time of enlistment shown as grey eyes, black hair, dark complexion and standing at 5 feet, 7 ½ inches tall; stationed at Camp Russell, Oregon in late December, 1864; attached to Fort Boise on June 20, 1865; sent on a scouting expedition against Indians on June 22, 1865, and to protect the emigrant road at Camp Reed; reported at Boise district and sent to Fort Vancouver, Washington Territory, to be mustered out, July 23, 1866; also served during the Indian War; provided with a United States Government pension, post war; died at Pendleton, Oregon, on September 14, 1923. [Company Muster Rolls; Civil War Pension Index.]

**John Boy**, born Friendly Islands, about 1842; enlisted at New Bedford, aged 22, for three years, as ordinary seaman in the United States Navy, on September 12, 1864; physical description at the time of enlistment shown as black eyes, black straight hair, copper colour complexion, and standing at 5 feet 5 ½ inches tall; noted to have both upper teeth a little separated, a scar under inner angle left eye, and a black mole ¾ inch above inner part of his left eye brow. [Naval Rendezvous Enlistment records at [www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org).]

**James Bradshaw**, born Calcutta, India, about 1827; black eyes, black hair, black complexion; 5 feet 2 inches in height; previous occupation, cook; enlisted in the United States Navy for 3 years, at Baltimore, Maryland, May 21, 1862; had previous service of one year in the Navy; served as landsman and officers' cook aboard the *USS Mystic*. [NPS *Soldier and Sailor Database*; Ed Milligan; Naval Rendezvous Enlistment records at [www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org).]

**Jose Brosl**, born Western Islands, Pacific Ocean; previous occupation, shoemaker; enlisted at New Bedford, Massachusetts, for three years, as ordinary seaman in the United States Navy, July 22, 1861; personal description, at the time of enlistment, shown as dark eyes, dark hair dark complexion, and standing at 5 feet 6 ½ inches tall. [Naval Rendezvous Enlistment records at FOLD3.com.]

**Andrew Brown**, born East Indies, about 1830; black eyes, black hair, black complexion; 5 feet 3 inches in height; previous occupation, coachman; enlisted October 3, 1864, at Jamaica, Long Island, for 1 year, in company A, 26<sup>th</sup> Regiment United States Colored Infantry; joined his company on November 1, 1864. [CMSR.]

James Brown, Seaman, *USS Pursuit* and *USS Powhatan*, aged 24, enlisted October 10, 1864, for 3 years, at New Bedford, Massachusetts. Born Manila, eyes hazel, hair black, dark complexion. (Muster Roll.)

**James Brown**, born Madras, East Indies; previous occupation as a seaman; enlisted at New York City, aged 27, on January 30, 1864, as a private in the 165<sup>th</sup> New York Infantry; personal details at the time of enlistment shown as black eyes, black hair, dark complexion and standing at 5 feet 5 inches tall; although his enlistment was registered, it appears that he was never mustered into the regiment, and his name is not shown in the Adjutant Generals muster roll of the 165<sup>th</sup> New York Infantry. [*New York, Civil War Muster Roll Abstracts, 1861 – 1900* at Ancestry.com.]

**John Brown**, born Java Island, [Indonesia], enlisted at Yonkers, New York, aged 27, to serve 3 years, and mustered in as private, company F, 40<sup>th</sup> New York Infantry, on June 14, 1861; discharged for disability on April 22, 1862. [birth information from Ed Milligan; New York Adjutant Generals muster roll at [http://dmna.ny.gov/historic/reghist/civil/rosters/Infantry/40th\\_Infantry\\_CW\\_Roster.pdf](http://dmna.ny.gov/historic/reghist/civil/rosters/Infantry/40th_Infantry_CW_Roster.pdf).]

**John Brown**, born Manila, about 1842; enlisted at New York, aged 21, for one year, as ordinary seaman in the United States Navy, on March 16, 1863; physical description, at the time of enlistment shown as dark eyes, black hair, copper colour complexion, and standing at 5 feet 1 ¾ inches tall. [Naval Rendezvous Enlistment records at [www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org).] (*See next entry.*)

**John Brown**, born Manila, about 1842; resident of New York; previous occupation, mariner; enlisted at New York, aged 22, for two years, as ordinary seaman in the United States Navy, on April 18, 1864; physical description, at the time of enlistment shown as black eyes, black hair, dark complexion, and standing at 5 feet 2 inches tall; noted to have scars on his left knee, right leg and right buttock; received a bounty of \$42; later served aboard the USS *Augusta*. [Ed Milligan; Naval Rendezvous Enlistment records at [www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org).] (*Possibly the same person as the previous entry. Muster Rolls for USS Augusta show that he was transferred to hospital on May 28, 1864.*)

John Brown, Ordinary Seaman, aged 22, enlisted July 23, 1862, for 1 year, at New Bedford, Massachusetts. Born Friendly Islands, eyes black, hair brown, copper complexion. [Ed Milligan – Naval Enlistments, Page 517, Volume 35.]

**John Brown**, born Bombay, about 1838; previous occupation, sailor; enlisted at New York, at the age of 25, for one year, as seaman in the United States Navy, on November 11, 1863; personal description, at the time of enlistment, shown as dark hazel eyes, black hair, dark brown complexion, and standing at 5 feet 3 inches tall. [Naval Rendezvous Enlistment records at [www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org).]

**John M. Brown**, Ordinary Seaman, aged 25, enlisted January 17, 1865, for 3 years, at New Bedford, Massachusetts. Born Society Islands, eyes black, hair black, copper complexion, and standing 5 feet 6 ¾ inches tall; also indicated to have tattoos of a ship and other ink marks on his left forearm, “I.S. and anchor” on right forearm. [Ed Milligan- Naval Enlistments, Page 36, Volume 41; Naval Rendezvous Enlistment Records at [FOLD3.com](http://FOLD3.com).]

Joseph Brown, Ordinary Seaman, aged 25, enlisted November 25, 1862, for 1 year at Boston. Born Guam, eyes bronze, hair black, brown complexion. [Ed Milligan – Naval Enlistments, Page 516, Volume 23.]

**Thomas M. Brown**, born Calcutta, India, about 1837; enlisted at Boston, Massachusetts, as a private in company M, 4<sup>th</sup> United States Artillery, on April 4, 1862, and again on December 31, 1863, as hospital steward in the same regiment of artillery; discharged at Washington, D.C., on April 9, 1865; admitted to the National Soldiers’ Home at Johnson City, Tennessee, on March 14, 1904, having contracted cardiac hypertrophy on November 17, 1898, and senile debility at Memphis, Tennessee; at the time of admission to the Home, his personal details were listed as, aged 67, of the Protestant religion, dark eyes, dark hair, dark complexion, standing at 5 feet 9 inches tall, a teacher by profession, able to read and write, a resident of Amisville, Louisiana, and his nearest relative named as Miss Ida Brown of Bahawalpur, Punjab, India; Thomas died of pneumonia on November 12, 1908, and was buried at the Soldiers’ Home Cemetery, at Johnson City, grave no. 9, section D, row 3. [United States National Homes for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers, 1866 – 1938, Johnson City, Tennessee, at [www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org).]

William Bruce, Malaya, *CSS Shenandoah*, Confederate States Navy. (*From the list of personnel aboard the vessel included with affidavit signed by William G. Temple at Liverpool, in November, 1865.*)

**Joseph Bulah**, born China, about 1838; drafted, at the age of 25, at Frankford, Pennsylvania, on September 17, 1863, as a private in company C, 28<sup>th</sup> Pennsylvania Infantry, for three years service; absent in arrest, at Washington, D.C., since September 23, 1863. [Birth country information from Ed Milligan; *RG-19: Records of the Department of Military and Veterans’ Affairs, Register of Pennsylvania Volunteers, 1861 – 1865* at <http://www.phmc.state.pa.us/bah/dam/rg/di/r19-65RegisterPaVolunteers/r19-65MainInterface.htm>.]

**John Burnes** (surname also shown as **Burns** on the muster roll of the *USS Minnesota*), born Madras, India, about 1841; resident of Newark, New Jersey, in 1864; previous occupation, mariner; enlisted at New York, at the age of 23, for three years, as seaman in the United States Navy, on June 17, 1864; received a bounty of \$54; personal description at the time of enlistment shown as gray eyes, black hair, dark complexion, and standing at 5 inches 10 ¼ inches tall; also noted to have tattoos on both arms, his forearms and wrists; sent aboard the

receiving vessel, the *North Carolina*, and later served aboard the *USS Minnesota*. [Naval Rendezvous Enlistment records at [www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org); *USS Minnesota* Muster Roll.]

**George Burton**, born Calcutta, India, about 1829; enlisted, at the age of 35, at Brooklyn to served three years, and mustered in as a private in company G, 69<sup>th</sup> New York Infantry on January 28, 1864; wounded, no date; absent at the muster out of the company. [Birthplace data from Ed Milligan; New York Adjutant Generals muster rolls at [http://dmna.ny.gov/historic/reghist/civil/rosters/Infantry/69th\\_Infantry\\_CW\\_Roster.pdf](http://dmna.ny.gov/historic/reghist/civil/rosters/Infantry/69th_Infantry_CW_Roster.pdf).]

**George Buttery** (surname is actually shown as **Butlery**), born Madras, India; enlisted, at the age of 23, at New York City, on April 18, 1864; mustered in as private, company B, 7<sup>th</sup> New York Infantry (veteran), on May 1, 1864, to serve 3 years; promoted sergeant, May 31, 1865; previous occupation, sailor; black eyes, black hair, dark complexion; discharged June 13, 1865 at the White Hall Hospital, Philadelphia. [Place of birth, personal data, and promotion information from Ed Milligan; New York Adjutant Generals muster roll at [http://dmna.ny.gov/historic/reghist/civil/rosters/Infantry/7th\\_Veteran\\_Infantry\\_CW\\_Roster.pdf](http://dmna.ny.gov/historic/reghist/civil/rosters/Infantry/7th_Veteran_Infantry_CW_Roster.pdf).]

Benjamin Button, born Guam, about 1840; complexion, mulatto; 5 feet 6 inches in height; enlisted in the United States Navy, for 3 years, at Boston, Massachusetts, December 14, 1864; also indicated to have enlisted on January 1, 1863, and to have served as coal heaver aboard the *USS Kearsarge*; served as seaman aboard the *USS Wachusett*, 1866 – 1868. [*NPS Soldier and Sailor Database*; see also *William A. Marvel*, *The Alabama and the Kearsarge: The Sailor's Civil War*.]

William Carroll, Ordinary Seaman, aged 20, enlisted July 9, 1861, for 2 years, at Boston. Born St. Pauls, China, eyes black, hair brown, *fair* complexion. [Ed Milligan- *Naval Enlistments*, Page 145, Volume 15. ] (*Probably Caucasian*.)

Joseph Carter, Landsman, aged 23, occupation Captain's Steward, enlisted August 23, 1864, for 3 years, at Boston. Born Guam, eyes black, hair black, copper complexion. [Ed Milligan – *Naval Enlistments*, Page 13, Volume 37.]

**Joseph Castor**, born Manila, about 1842; Ordinary Seaman, *USS New Ironsides*, aged 23, occupation Mariner, enlisted August 19, 1863, for 3 years, at New York; eyes hazel, hair black, swarthy complexion; enlisted again, at Philadelphia, on October 15, 1867, for three years, as seaman, in the United States Navy, after he had been discharged from the *USS Brooklyn*, on September 11, 1867; at this second enlistment he indicated that he had had 3 years service as an ordinary seaman; indicated to have a tattoo of a star on his right hand, and a flag on his right forearm. [Naval Rendezvous Enlistment records at FOLD3.com.]

Leon Cepeda, Ordinary Seaman, aged 21, enlisted March 18, 1862, for 3 years, at New Bedford, Massachusetts. Born Guam, eyes black, hair black, copper complexion. [Ed Milligan – *Naval Enlistments*, Page 164, Volume 19.]

Thomas P. Chambers, born Bombay, India, about 1839; previous occupation, mariner; enlisted, aged 25, in the United States Navy, at Callao, Peru, on April 19, 1864, and served as ordinary seaman aboard the *USS St. Marys*, July 1, 1864, and the *USS Lancaster*, July 1, 1864 to about December 31, 1864; personal description at the time of enlistment shown as Negro complexion, and standing at 5 feet 3 inches tall. [*Find The data* web site at <http://civil-war-sailors.findthedata.org/>.]

**John Charley**, laborer, born Canton, China; enlisted in Company K, 2nd Louisiana Infantry, USA, at New Orleans, September 22, 1862. Aged 30, gray eyes, black hair dark complexion. Deserted February 1, 1864. (Muster Roll.) **Unverified place of birth – to be checked further.**

**John Ching Ching**, born China, about 1836; previous occupation as a cook; enlisted in the Union Navy, about 1863, and served on the *USS Resolute*, September 30, 1863; admitted to the Washington Navy Yard hospital, with bronchitis, on June 18, 1864; discharged back to duty on July 11, 1864; served on the *USS Thomas Freeborn*, November 2, 1864. [Ed Milligan; Medical Logs of the Washington Naval Hospital; Register of Naval Rendezvous Enlistments, Civil War, 1861 – 1865, at FOLD3.com.]

Chon Ah Pon,

### **A CHINESE VETERAN'S DEATH.**

**Chon Ah Pon, a native of Shanghai, and a veteran of the American rebellion, was buried from his squalid home at 383 Water-street at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon. Ah Pon came to this country in 1833 when a mere lad, and by industry and economy saved money enough to start in business for himself. He took rather to American customs and, leaving the Chinese quarters of the city, opened a candy store on Main-street, Brooklyn. Shortly after the beginning of the rebellion, he shouldered his musket, joining a regiment of New-York Volunteers, and served three years in the war.**

**Then Ah Pon took to gambling and lost all the fortune which he had accumulated. The body was buried in the Chinese plot in Evergreens Cemetery. Ah Pon's last words to his wife, an Irishwoman, were to let the Chinese alone, as they were "no good." What money he had had he had lost gambling with them, and he had a poor opinion of them. But out of a brotherly feeling for their own countryman they raised a purse to pay for his funeral expenses.**

**The New York Times**

Published: July 4, 1888

Copyright © The New York Times

**John Clements**, born Calcutta, about 1824; enlisted at New York, at the age of 30, for three years service, as a seaman in the United States Navy, on June 23, 1859, at which time he

indicated that he had previously served for a year and a half in the Naval service, and had been discharged from the *USS Falmouth* on May 27<sup>th</sup> 1859, as ordinary seaman; physical description at this second enlistment shown as black eyes, black hair, copper complexion, and standing at 5 feet 7 inches tall; re-enlisted, again, at New York, aged 38, for two years, as seaman in the United States Navy, on December 22, 1862, and sent aboard the receiving vessel, *North Carolina*; personal description, at the time of enlistment shown as black eyes, black hair, dark brown complexion, and standing at 5 feet 6 ½ inches tall; indicated to have had 5 years previous service in the United States Navy; served aboard the *USS Lackawanna*, and was admitted to hospital on January 10, 1863, with rheumatism; after more than two months of treatment he was returned to full duty on April 4, 1863; enlisted, once again, at New York, for three years, on March 29, 1865, as landsman in the United States Navy; indicated at this time, that he had had previous service of seven years in the Navy, and his personal description at this time is noted as “Indian”. [Naval Rendezvous Enlistment records at FOLD3.com; *U.S., Naval Hospital Tickets and Case Papers, 1825 – 1889*, at Ancestry.com.]. (See next entry.)

**John Clements**, Seaman, aged 38, occupation Sailor, enlisted March 20, 1865, for 3 years, at Brooklyn. Born Calcutta, East Indies, eyes black, hair black, bronze complexion (Indian). [Ed Milligan.] (See previous entry, probably the same person.)

**John Cogswell**, born South Pacific Island, about 1837; complexion, black, described as mulatto; 5 feet in height; previous occupation, mariner; enlisted in the United States Navy for 1 year, at New London, aboard the *USS Sabine*, on September 27, 1862; later served as ordinary seaman aboard the *USS Jamestown*, 1862 – 1863. [*NPS Soldier and Sailor Database*; Naval Rendezvous Enlistment records at [www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org).]

**Edward Day Cohota**, born China, about 1844; enlisted and mustered at the age of 18, at Gloucester, Massachusetts, February 12, 1864, as a private in company I, 23<sup>rd</sup> Massachusetts Infantry; previous occupation shown as seaman; discharged from the regiment at New Berne, North Carolina, on June 25, 1865; served, post war, in the United States Army, as a private in company H of the 15<sup>th</sup> United States Infantry, and was based, in 1892, at Fort Sheridan, near Chicago, but was banished to the West, at Fort Niobrara (in Nebraska), in April, 1892, for selling liquor, and running a gambling house, which was patronized by his white comrades in arms; resided later, at Valentine, Nebraska, and was employed in the restaurant business; Cohota was married, and had one son, named as Edward W. Cohota; Edward Day Cohota was admitted to the Soldiers’ Home at Hot Springs, South Dakota on June 25, 1922; at the time of this admission, his personal description was shown as, aged 78, black eyes, gray hair, dark complexion, and standing at 5 feet 7 ¾ inches tall, religion, protestant, able to read and write, and a widower; suffered, at the time of admission to the Home, from varicose ulcers of the legs, and prostatic hypertrophy; he had applied for the United States government pension for his Civil War service, and was paid at the rate of \$72 in 1926; discharged from the Home on January 8, 1935. [*Massachusetts Soldiers, Sailors and Marines in the Civil War*, volume 2, page 764; *United States National Homes for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers, 1866 – 1938*, Hot Springs, South Dakota, at [www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org); *New York Times*, April 13, 1892.]



**CHINESE SOLDIER GONE WRONG.**

CHICAGO, April 12.—Private Edward De Cohota, the only Chinaman in the Army of the United States, has been banished in disgrace from Fort Sheridan, near this city, to the distant West. Cohota, who is a private in Company H, Fifteenth Infantry, fought through the war, and has been in the service over twenty-seven years.

The cause of his removal to his new station, Fort Niobrara, is selling liquor and keeping a gambling house which was patronized by his white comrades in arms.

**The New York Times**

Published: April 13, 1892

Copyright © The New York Times

**THE Poughkeepsie Eagle-News**

**WED., AUGUST 29, 1928**

1928

# Chinese, Veteran of American Civil War, Revisits Old Home

Gloucester, Mass., Aug. 28.—(AP)—Edward Day Cahote, reputed to be the only full-blooded Chinese to enlist in the Union armies in the Civil War, came to Gloucester this summer to revive boyhood memories.

The National Tribune, organ of the veterans of the Grand Army of the Republic, is authority for the statement that Cahote was the only Chinese to enlist for Civil War service. The same authority claims that he was the only one of his race ever to enlist in the American regular army up to the time of the World War.

Cahote claims to be a Gloucesterite, for his association with this old seaport goes back more than 75 years. In 1861 Capt. Sargent N. Day, skipper of the last of the old square-riggers sailing out of Gloucester, was on a voyage to the treaty ports to China. While there he took on a Chinese cabin boy of eight years who proved so likeable that the captain adopted him under the name of Edward Day Cahote.

That was how Cahote reached

Gloucester. He was only 13 when in 1864 he stretched his age and won enlistment in the army. He was assigned to Company I, 11th Regiment, under Capt. Edward Story of Gloucester.

At the battle of Cold Harbor a member of the company, William K. Lowe, now living in Marblehead, was wounded. Cahote took him to the rear to an ambulance station and then rejoined the fighting line.

In recent years, when members of the old 11th regiment have had their reunions, Lowe has been the only member of Company I to answer the roll-call. He has responded as "the only surviving member of Company I."

When Cahote learned that Lowe was in Marblehead, somewhat ill, he drove to the fellow-veteran's home to greet him.

Cahote went West after the Civil War, enlisted with the "regulars" and remained in the army 10 years, until 1901, when he was retired.

His residence is at the National Sanatorium of South Dakota.

## BINGHAMTON PRESS

Tuesday,

April 9, 1929.

## Only Chinese Veteran of Civil War, 86, Takes Long Tours in Oldsmobile

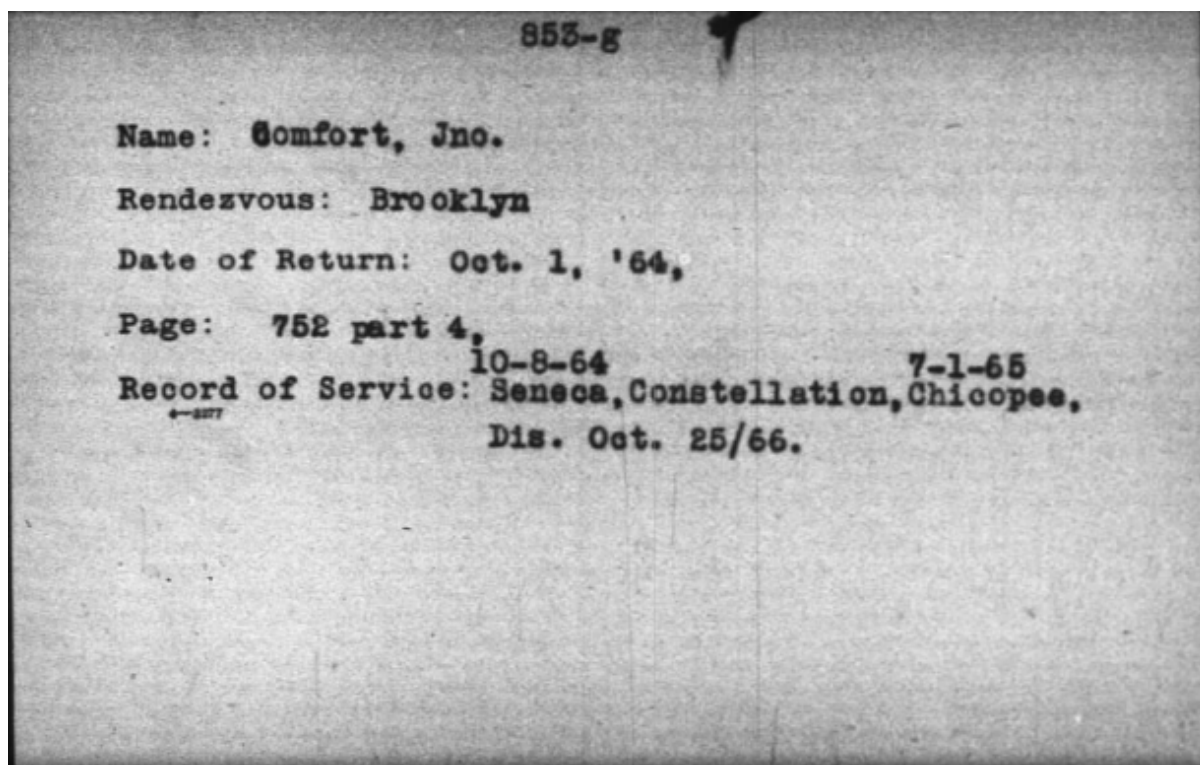
Age is no barrier to enjoying the thrill of automobile touring, according to Edward Day Cahota, a Chinese by birth and the only veteran of the U. S. Civil War of his nationality. Although 86 years old, he thinks nothing of taking a 4,000 mile tour in his Oldsmobile sedan.

Few are alive today who have witnessed the marvelous changes in transportation that has been the fortune of Cahota. He has seen it rise from its most ancient forms to the present speedy gasoline age. His personal recollections are virtually a thumb-nail sketch of transportation's development.

In 1843 he was born in Shanghai as Sing-Loo. For eight years he was one of the thousands of Chinese boys who scampered through the streets or played along the wharfs of that ancient city. Transportation, as he then knew it, consisted of being carried on a coolie's back, or a mandarin's palanquin being carried by four runners, or the river sampans or the occasionally seen foreign ships which anchored in the harbor.

Fate had chosen Sing-Loo as one of the few of his race and generation to become an enthusiastic automobilist. The lad was eight years old when fate's first move was made through Captain Sergeant S. Day, master of one of the last Gloucester square riggers that sailed around the horn to the free ports of China. Captain Day took to the lad, engaged him as cabin boy and, on his arrival in Gloucester, adopted him under the name of Edward Day Cahota.

**John Comfort**, born China, about 1845; resident of New York; previous occupation, steward; enlisted at Brooklyn, aged 19, for two years, as landsman in the United States Navy, on September 7, 1864; personal description, at the time of enlistment, shown as black eyes, black hair, copper colour complexion, and standing at 4 feet 11 ¼ inches tall; noted to have a scar from a cut on his right temple; received a bounty of \$66.66 at enlistment; had previous service of 2 years in the Navy. [Naval Rendezvous Enlistment records at [www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org).]



Joseph Corsman, Seaman, aged 22, occupation Mariner, enlisted April 24, 1864, for 3 years, at Boston. Born Ladrones, eyes bronze, hair black, dark complexion. Page 277, Volume 33.

**Joseph Costor** (surname also shown as **Castor**), born Manila, about 1841; resident of Wayne County, New York; previous occupation, sailor; enlisted at the age of 23, at New York, for three years, as ordinary seaman in the United States Navy, on August 19, 1864; personal description, at the time of enlistment shown as hazel eyes, black hair, swarthy complexion, and standing at 5 feet 4 ½ inches tall; re-enlisted again, at the age of 25, at Philadelphia, for three years service, as seaman in the United States Navy, on October 15, 1867; indicated that he had had three years previous service in the United States Navy, and was discharged as ordinary seaman, from the *USS Brooklyn*, on September 21, 1867; personal description at the time of re-enlistment shown as black eyes, black hair, dark complexion, and standing at 5 feet 4 ½ inches tall; also indicated to have tattoos of a star on his right hand, and a flag on his right forearm. [Naval Rendezvous Enlistment Records at FOLD3.com.]

John W. Craig, Calcutta, India, Company C, 29th PA Vols. (Muster Roll.) **Not shown in this unit in the Pennsylvania rosters.**

William Crammer, born Calcutta, East Indies (India), about 1842; previous occupation, butcher; enlisted at the age of 19, at Brooklyn, to serve three years, on April 18, 1861; mustered in as a private in company A, 84<sup>th</sup> New York Infantry, on May 23, 1861; deserted on November 20, 1861, at Upton Hill, Virginia. [*New York, Civil War Muster Roll Abstracts, 1861 – 1900*, at Ancestry.com; New York Adjutant Generals Muster Roll at [http://dmna.ny.gov/historic/reghist/civil/rosters/Infantry/84th\\_Infantry\\_CW\\_Roster.pdf](http://dmna.ny.gov/historic/reghist/civil/rosters/Infantry/84th_Infantry_CW_Roster.pdf).]

Albert Creighton, born Batavia, East Indies, about 1840; previous occupation, mariner; enlisted in the United States Navy, aged 24, at New York, on July 11, 1864, and served as seaman aboard the *USS Minnesota*, 1864, *USS Dawn*, 1864 – 1865, and the *USS Wyandank*, 1865; personal description at the time of enlistment shown as black complexion, and standing

at 5 feet 4 inches tall. [*Find The data* web site at <http://civil-war-sailors.findthedata.org/>.]  
**This source has been identified as being very unreliable.**

Joseph Cross, Ordinary Seaman, aged 25, enlisted May 22, 1862, for 3 years, at New Bedford, Massachusetts. Born Ladrone Island (may either refer to the Marianas Islands, or a series of islands in China, now known as the Wanshan Archipelago), eyes dark, hair black, copper complexion. Page 5, Volume 20.

**Martin Cross** (Naval Rendezvous record shows surname as **Cros**), born Manila, about 1842; previous occupation, mariner; enlisted at New York, aged 22, for two years, as seaman in the United States Navy, on April 11, 1864; physical description at the time of enlistment shown as hazel eyes, black hair, brown complexion, and standing at 5 feet 1 ¼ inches tall; indicated to have previous service in the Navy, of one year; a person of this named had served aboard the *USS Owasco*, during the war, but his birthplace was shown as Malaya. [Naval Rendezvous Enlistment records at [www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org).]

**Valentine Cross**, born Manila, about 1833; enlisted at Boston, aged 29, for three years, as seaman in the United States Navy, on April 8, 1862; physical description noted as “East Indian” and standing at 5 feet 2 ½ inches tall. [Naval Rendezvous Enlistment records at [www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org).]

**James Crow**, born Friendly Islands [Tonga], about 1841; previous occupation, mariner; enlisted in the United States Navy for 3 years, at Boston, Massachusetts (Naval Rendezvous record shows place of enlistment as New Bedford), June 9, 1864; physical description at the time of enlistment shown as black eyes, black hair, copper colour complexion, and standing at 5 feet 5 ½ inches tall; also indicated to have a tattoo of a ship on his breast, and letters and “kanacha” marks on both arms, nose a little flat, and marks in front right ear; received a bounty of \$42; served as landsman aboard the *USS Sabine*, 1864, and the *USS Wabash*, 1864 – 1865. [*NPS Soldier and Sailor Database*; Naval Rendezvous Enlistment records at [www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org).]

Joseph Cruise, Seaman, aged 33, occupation Sailor, enlisted October 31, 1864, for 3 years, at New Bedford, Massachusetts. Born Ladrone (may either refer to the Marianas Islands, or a series of islands in China, now known as the Wanshan Archipelago), eyes brown, hair black, dark complexion. Page 843, Volume 39. [see also, entry for Joseph Cruze.]

**William G. Cruise**, born Manilla, about 1839; complexion, mulatto; 5 feet 4 inches in height; previous occupation, sailor; credited to Milton, New Hampshire; enlisted in the United States Navy for 3 years, at Kittery, Maine, March 22, 1865; served as landsman and seaman aboard the *USS Florida*, *USS Vandalia*, *USS Agamenticus* (in 1865), *USS Princeton* and the *USS Constitution*; discharged from the *USS Constitution*, March 21, 1868, at the expiration of his term of service; *M 0949 - LETTERS RECEIVED BY THE SUPERINTENDENT OF THE NAVAL ACADEMY, 1845-1887 IN NATIONAL ARCHIVES*: From Chief, Bureau of Equipment and Recruiting, Washington, DC, 16 Mar 1868: “Honorably discharge Seaman William G. Cruise of *Constitution*.”

[*New Hampshire Rosters*; *NPS Soldier and Sailor Database*; *M 0949 - LETTERS RECEIVED BY THE SUPERINTENDENT OF THE NAVAL ACADEMY, 1845-1887 IN NATIONAL ARCHIVES* at [http://captainsclerk.info/archives/nams/letters\\_docs/m0949.html](http://captainsclerk.info/archives/nams/letters_docs/m0949.html).]

Joseph Cruze, Ordinary Seaman, aged 20, enlisted May 22, 1862, for 3 years, at New Bedford, Massachusetts. Born Ladrone Island (may either refer to the Marianas Islands, or a

series of islands in China, now known as the Wanshan Archipelago), eyes dark, hair black, copper complexion. [Ed Milligan- Naval Enlistments, Page 5, Volume 20; see also, entry for Joseph Cruise, obviously the same person.]

**Martin Cruze**, born Manila, about 1843; citizen of Massachusetts; enlisted at New Bedford, aged 20, for one year, as ordinary seaman in the United States Navy, on March 5, 1863; personal description, at the time of enlistment shown as black eyes, black hair, copper colour complexion, and standing at 5 feet 2 ½ inches tall; served aboard the *USS Sunflower*, April 29, 1863; discharged from the service at the Naval Rendezvous, New York, on March 31, 1864. [Naval Rendezvous Enlistment records at [www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org); *Index to Rendezvous Reports, Civil War, 1861 – 1865*, at FOLD3.com.]

**Joseph Daily** (alias of **Joseph Archum**; stated that his Chinese name was **Tung Ting**), born Canton, China, May 12, 1841; arrived in Baltimore, Maryland, in 1858, and subsequently shipped aboard the *Emperor of the Sea*, bound for England; then worked in Liverpool and Manchester, for a year or two before returning to the United States; later a resident of Ulster County, New York (Ed Milligan indicates that Daily's residency, as shown in the roll of the *USS Mohican*, was in Maryland); previous occupation, cook; Daily also admitted having served first in the Union Army, under the name of William McCloclan, as a private in company I of the 119<sup>th</sup> New York Infantry, from which he deserted, and subsequently joined the Union Navy; enlisted as a substitute, aged 24, at New York, for one year's service, as landsman in the United States Navy, on August 16, 1864; personal description, at the time of enlistment shown as hazel eyes, black hair, swarthy complexion, and standing at 5 feet 3 inches tall; served aboard the *USS Mohican*, and was discharged from aboard the *USS Ohio*; discharged at the Charlestown Navy Yard, Massachusetts, on May 11, 1865; after his discharge from the service he resided first at Boston, until 1873, then at Maplewood, Massachusetts until 1876, and finally at Chelsea, Massachusetts; employed as a cook, in 1904; he had served, post war, as cook aboard the revenue cutters *Gallatin*, *Hannibal Hamlin* and on the *Winnesimitt*, and stated that he had been in the revenue cutter service for some 29 years; married R. Wilson in 1875, and had four children; the 1910 United States Census record for Chelsea, Massachusetts shows his surname as Archer, residing with his wife, Mina, and two children, Frank, aged 26, and Lizzie, aged 24. [Ed Milligan; Naval Rendezvous Enlistment records at FOLD3.com; Navy Survivors Original (Disapproved) pension file no. 51254, for Joseph Archum, alias Joseph Daily; 1910 U.S. Census.] (*See also Muster Roll for USS Mohican.*)

**Antonio Dardell**, born China, about 1845; the 1860 U.S. census shows his name as Antoine Dardells, residing as a servant at the residence of vessel master, David C. White, and his wife, Ruth; Dardell served as a private in company A, 27th Connecticut Volunteers; employed, post war, as a tinsmith; naturalized as an American citizen at the Common Pleas Court of New Haven, on October 22, 1880; filed for a pension on February 23, 1907; resided with his wife, Mary, and children, at New Haven, Connecticut; died at New Haven, January 18, 1933. [Pension index card at FOLD3.com; U.S. census records for New Haven, Connecticut, for the period, 1860 to 1930; *United States New England Naturalization Index, 1791 – 1906*, at [www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org).]

**Antonio Davis**, born Manila, about 1834; previous occupation, sailor; enlisted at New York, aged 29, for two years, as seaman in the United States Navy, on August 5, 1863; physical description, at the time of enlistment shown as dark eyes, black hair, dark brown complexion, and standing at 5 feet 5 ¾ inches tall; noted to have a "scar on glans penis"; enlisted on the

same day as fellow Filipino born sailor, Peter Francis. [Naval Rendezvous Enlistment records at [www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org).]

Mario De La Cruz, Ordinary Seaman, aged 20, enlisted December 16, 1861, for 3 years, at New Bedford, Massachusetts. Born Guam, eyes dark, hair black, copper complexion. Page 358, Volume 17.

**Philip De La Cruse**, born Guam, about 1844; enlisted at New Bedford, aged 18, for three years, as ordinary seaman in the United States Navy, on August 6, 1862; physical description, at the time of enlistment, shown as black eyes, black hair, copper colour complexion, and standing at 5 feet 4  $\frac{3}{4}$  inches tall. [Naval Rendezvous Enlistment records at [www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org).]

**Joseph Cruz del Cano**, native of Manila, Spanish Island; served on the Confederate privateer *Savannah*, June, 1861; indicted on eleven counts, as a Confederate privateersman, in the second circuit court of the southern district of New York, June, 1861; “piratically and feloniously made an assault upon the brig *Joseph*” on June 3, 1861; “*The defendants were tried on this indictment at the October term of the U.S. circuit court for the Southern district of New York, beginning on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of the month. After hearing the testimony, arguments of counsel, and charge of the court, on the eighth day, viz. October 31, 1861, the jury came in and reported a disagreement and were discharged. Before a new trial could be had the United States Government had formally agreed with the Confederate Government to treat privateersmen as regular combatants, and these men were subsequently exchanged under the cartel*”; in a statement made at Fort Lafayette, New York, where he was being held in February, 1862, del Cano, together with six other privateersmen held there, del Cano asked to take the oath of allegiance, and also indicated that he had a wife residing in Liverpool, England; the statement, made out to Hon. William H. Seward, stated, in part: “*Dear Sir, We jointly desire to take the oath of allegiance in order to be released, as we are not natives of the States now in rebellion against the government; but as we were South at the commencement of the present difficulty and joined them more through necessity than patriotism, as all kinds of business was dull and nothing doing, therefore we had to do something of the kind or otherwise suffer for the want of food, as all communication with our friends was cut off and it was impossible to obtain relief or to get out of the States then in rebellion without great peril to our lives and persons*”; del Cano himself made a personal plea to one E. D. Webster, esquire, from Fort Lafayette, New York Harbor, dated March 20, 1862, as follows: “*Sir: I most earnestly entreat to be released from confinement on taking the oath of allegiance (if that be necessary). I am a Spaniard but a resident of Liverpool, England. Being a seaman and out of employment at Charleston, S.C., necessity not inclination led me to ship on board the privateer Savannah. I have been a prisoner since the 3d of last June and will gladly accept any conditions by which I may obtain my liberty. Very respectfully, your most obedient servant, JOSEPH CRUZ DEL CANO*”; a listing of the prisoners about to be released, and dated May 30, 1862, indicates that del Cano had been steward aboard the privateer *Savannah*. [ORA, series 2, volume 3, pages 12 – 20, 258, 393 and 611.]

**Joshua Dennis**, born Salom or Lahore??, Asia; previous occupation, labourer; enlisted on February 15, 1864, at Detroit, Michigan, as a private in the 102nd U.S. Colored Troops. [Civil War Service Records at FOLD3.com.]

Michael Joseph Dillon, born Dun Dun, East Indies, about 1843; previous occupation, carpenter; enlisted at Erie, Pennsylvania, at the age of 22, as coal heaver, for two years in the

United States Navy, on February 9, 1865; personal description, at the time of enlistment shown as grey eyes, dark hair, dark complexion, and standing at 5 feet 7 inches tall; tattoo of an anchor on his left ?; sent aboard the receiving ship at Cairo, on February 18, 1865; served as coal heaver aboard the *USS Colossus*; sent, from the *USS Oneoto*, off Cairo, Illinois, on July 19, 1865, to the hospital ship, *USS Red Rover*, with febris remittens, originating in the line of duty, from exposure to climatic influences, and returned to duty; discharged August 28, 1865. [Ed Milligan; Naval Rendezvous Enlistment Records at FOLD3.com; *Index to Rendezvous Reports, Civil War, 1861 – 1865*, at FOLD3; *U.S., Naval Hospital Tickets and Case Papers, 1825 – 1889*, at Ancestry.com.] **Pension file for Michael Joseph Dillon, Navy Widows' Certificate #15167. Although his Naval enlistment shows his complexion as dark, his death certificate shows color – white, and that his father was born in Ireland. Therefore, his name can be omitted from the listing of Asians.**

**Al Dola** (name also shown as **Ab Dola**, **Ab Dold** and **Apdola**), born China, about 1838; black eyes, black hair, colored/black complexion; 5 feet 7 inches in height; previous occupation, sailor; enlisted at Norwich, Connecticut, January 22, 1864, for 3 years, as private, company C 31<sup>st</sup> Regiment United States Colored Infantry (also shown as the 29<sup>th</sup> Regiment Connecticut Colored Infantry); deserted at Whites Ranch, Texas, July 3, 1865. [CMSR.]

**Ignatius Domingo**, born Manilla, Philippine Islands, about 1828; complexion, black; 5 feet 2 inches in height; enlisted in the United States Navy for 1 year, at New York, February 10, 1863; served as seaman; indicated that his service was for the Mississippi Flotilla; service was at the Naval station at Cairo, February 20, 1863, aboard the *USS Tuscumbia*, March 6, 1863, and was sent to the Naval Hospital at Memphis, and subsequently discharged on December 25, 1863. [NPS Soldier and Sailor Database; *Index to Rendezvous Reports, Civil War, 1861 – 1865*, at FOLD3.]

**John Domingo**, born Manilla, about 1834; served as seaman, and later shown as cook, aboard the *CSS Gaines*, Mobile Squadron; treated for a fever on Monday, May 19, 1862; treated for rheumatism on Thursday, July 16, 1863; treated for a fever on Friday, August 7, 1863. [CSS Gaines Medical Journal.]

John Douty, Ordinary Seaman, aged 22, enlisted November 25, 1862, for 1 year at Boston. Born Guam, eyes bronze, hair black, brown complexion. Page 516, Volume 23.

**Alexander Dubel**, born East Indies, about 1846; black eyes, black hair, black complexion; 5 feet ? inches in height; previous occupation, cook; enlisted as a substitute, February 10, 1865, at Brooklyn, New York, for 3 years, in the 25<sup>th</sup> United States Colored Infantry; served as private. [CMSR.]

**Antonio Ducasten**, born Manila, about 1840; resident of Somerset, New Jersey; enlisted at the Naval rendezvous at 136 Hudson Street, Jersey City, New Jersey, aged 24, for three years, as ordinary seaman in the United States Navy, on August 6, 1864; physical description at the time of enlistment shown as black eyes, dark hair, dark complexion, and standing at 5 feet 6 inches tall; served aboard the *USS Queen*, November 19, 1864, and the *USS Shawmut*, July 1, 1865; discharged (?) February 8, 1866. [Naval Rendezvous Enlistment records at [www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org); *Index to Rendezvous Reports, Civil War, 1861 – 1865*, at FOLD3.]

**Jack Duff**, born Borneo, about 1835; complexion, black; 5 feet 10 inches in height; previous occupation, mariner; enlisted in the United States Navy for 2 years, at New London, August 21, 1862; served as ordinary seaman aboard the *USS Jamestown*, 1862 – 1863. [NPS Soldier and Sailor Database; Naval Rendezvous Enlistment records at [www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org).]



**Simon Dunn** (surname also borne as **Dim**), born Japan; previous occupation, laborer; enlisted at Brooklyn, aged 21, to serve 3 years, and mustered in as a private, in company E, 158<sup>th</sup> New York Infantry, on December 7, 1863; personal details, at the time of enlistment shown as black eyes, black hair, dark complexion, and standing at 5 feet tall; transferred to company D, 100<sup>th</sup> New York Infantry on June 30, 1865; mustered out with the company on August 28, 1865, at Richmond, Virginia. [Muster Roll; New York Adjutant General's Rosters at [http://dmna.ny.gov/historic/reghist/civil/rosters/Infantry/158th\\_Infantry\\_CW\\_Roster.pdf](http://dmna.ny.gov/historic/reghist/civil/rosters/Infantry/158th_Infantry_CW_Roster.pdf); "New York, Civil War Muster Roll Abstracts, 1861 – 1900", at Ancestry.com.]

**Alexander Dupree** (surname also shown as **Dupee**), born East Indies, aged 19, occupation cook; mustered in at Brooklyn, on February 10, 1865, for 3 years, as private in the 41<sup>st</sup> Regiment United States Colored Infantry; black eyes, black hair, black complexion and standing at 5 feet 6 ½ inches tall; substitute for E. Moore; mustered out at Hart Island, New York Harbor, May 8, 1865. [Compiled Military Service Records.]

**George Dupont**, born Siam (modern day Thailand), about 1844; enlisted, aged 19, as private in company B, 13<sup>th</sup> New Jersey Volunteers at Jersey City, New Jersey on August 12, 1862; physical description, at the time of enlistment, shown as black eyes, black hair, dark complexion; mustered out at Washington, D. C., on June 8, 1865, with notation made: "Absent sick in Jeffersonville Hospital, Indiana"; naturalized in the Court of Common Pleas, Philadelphia on August 2, 1868; applied for a pension, from Bangkok; married at an unknown date; received gunshot wounds in both feet, caused by bandits, in 1889; died of disease at Bangkok, Thailand, on July 18, 1900; buried at the Bangkok Protestant Cemetery; his widow attempted to apply for the pension, from Bangkok, without success. [Web page "A Soldier from Siam" at <http://emergingcivilwar.com/2012/03/08/a-soldier-from-siam/>; e-mail messages from Francis Allan ([the\\_allans\\_fcla@yahoo.com](mailto:the_allans_fcla@yahoo.com)) dated Wednesday 29 November, 2006.] Message from Ed Milligan, dated May 18, 2009, after Ed had checked the Dupont pension application file at the National Archives: "*G'day Terry!*"

*George Dupont B/ 13 NJ Inf has app # 10114412, cert # 797637. His enlistment papers show him : 5'6" black hair and eyes and a dark complexion, born in Siam. He was naturalized in the Court of Common Pleas, Philadelphia, PA 2 Aug 1868. He had a passport which was registered with the US Ambassador. Not much doubt that he was an Asian born in Siam. He was 19 when he enlisted at Newark, NJ on 25 Aug 1862. He was wounded several times. He was mustered out at Washington DC on 8 June 1865 with note "Absent sick in Jeffersonville Hospital, Indiana. " He applied for and got his pension in Bangkok. He was married when he died in Bangkok 18 July 1900. The widow was told she had no title to pension under the act. No name or info on her. On 17 nFeb 1892 he had a physical in Bangkok. This shows gsw in both feet caused by bandits in 1889. Not any doubt that he was Thai. I assume he died and was buried in Thailand/ Siam. I have 8 pages of copies from the file. I think that if teh Brissie folks want to take action they should. I do not see any US Govt agency wading in on this matter, but I have been wrong before. Ed"*

T. Z. Dzau, *see* C.K. Marshall.

Joseph Edmonds, born Manila, Philippine Islands, about 1840; previous occupation, sailmaker; enlisted in the United States Navy, aged 24, at Norfolk, on March 31, 1864, and served as seaman aboard the *USS Minnesota*, 1864; personal description at the time of enlistment shown as colored complexion and standing at 5 feet 4 inches tall. [CMSR; NPS Soldier and Sailor Database; Find The data web site at <http://civil-war-sailors.findthedata.org/>.]

Isham Edwards, born China, about 1844; enlisted at New York, July 11, 1864, aged 20, as landsman in the United States Navy; personal description at the time of enlistment shown as yellow complexion, and standing at 5 feet 4 inches tall. [Find The data web site at <http://civil-war-sailors.findthedata.org/>- **unreliable web site.**]

**Emilio Enphire**, born Manila, Philippine Islands, about 1840; complexion, colored; 5 feet 3 inches in height; previous occupation, mariner; enlisted in the United States Navy for 3 years, at New York, February 21, 1865; served as ordinary seaman aboard the *USS Ella*, 1865. [NPS Soldier and Sailor Database.]

**Andreas Fernandes**, born Manilla, East Indies, about 1842; black eyes, black hair, black complexion; 5 feet 2 inches in height; previous occupation, sailor; enlisted at New York City, September 16, 1864, for 3 years, in company E, 6<sup>th</sup> Regiment, United States Colored Infantry; shown in a War Department report, dated August 9, 1889, as having applied for a certificate in lieu of a lost discharge; no place of residence or other data shown. [CMSR.]

**Joseph Fernandez** (surname also shown as **Fenandas**), born East Indies, about 1836; height 5 feet 3 inches; black complexion, wool eyes, black hair; occupation, cook; enlisted May 21, 1864, at Baltimore, by capt. Bloomsby [?], for 3 years; served in company I, 19<sup>th</sup> Regiment United States Colored Infantry; drowned in the Rio Grande River, February 19, 1866; final statements sent, March 20, 1866. [CMSR.]

**John Fernando**, born Manila, about 1846; enlisted at Boston, at the age of 17, for one year, as 3<sup>rd</sup> class boy in the United States Navy, on March 28, 1863; physical description at the time of enlistment shown as "Malay", standing at 4 feet 10 ½ inches tall. [Naval Rendezvous Enlistment records at FOLD3.com.]

821-o

Name: Fernando, Jno. EMR

Rendezvous: Boston

Date of Return: March 28, 1863

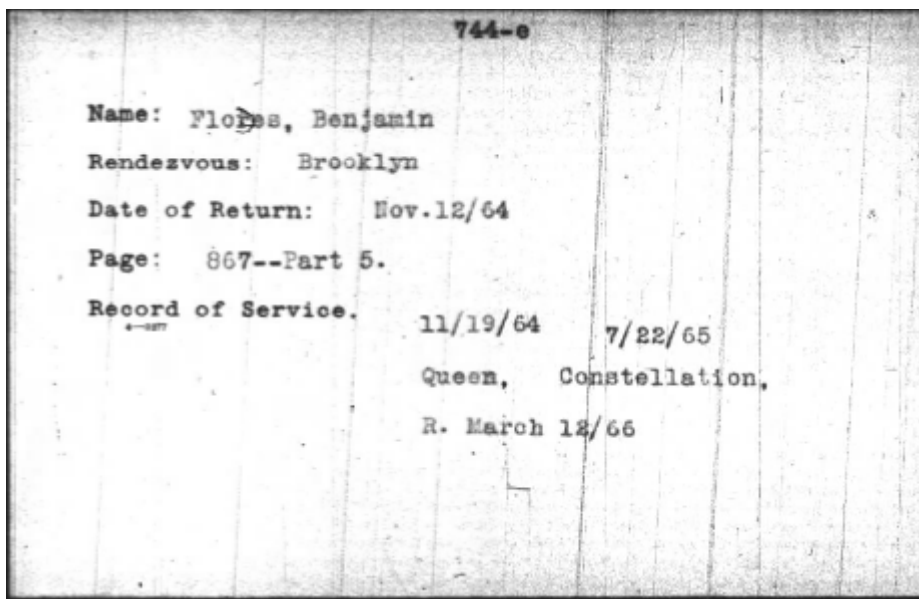
Page: 149 Part 1  
3/27/63

Record of Service: Restless, Sent North 1st qur. 64

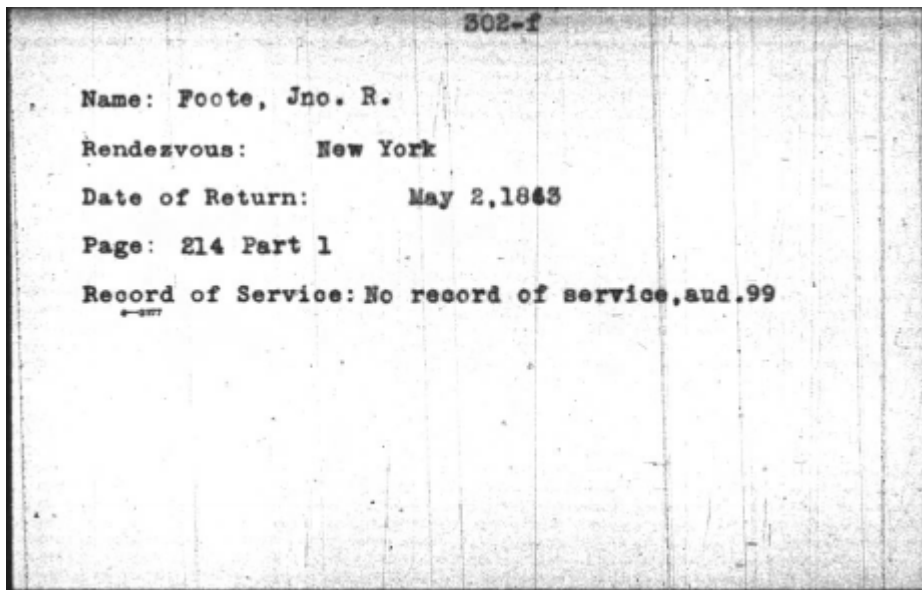
**John J. Finn**, born Calcutta, India; served as a private in company E of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Missouri Cavalry, Militia [3<sup>rd</sup> S.M. Cavalry (2<sup>nd</sup> Organisation), Missouri]; died at the Post Hospital, Rolla, Missouri, of concussion of the brain, on January 3, 1863; his widow filed for a pension on December 2, 1870. [Birthplace data from Ed Milligan; *Civil War Service Records and Pension index card*, at FOLD3.com.] **His birthplace is not shown in any of the CMSR cards, 14 pages.**

**Edward Flinn** (surname also shown as **Flynn**), born Bombay, about 1836; previous occupation as a seaman; enlisted at the age of 28, at Tarrytown, for three years, on May 20, 1864, and mustered in on the same day, as private in company B, 65<sup>th</sup> New York Infantry; substitute for Charles Jones; personal description, at the time of enlistment shown as black eyes, black hair and dark complexion; transferred to company G of the same regiment on September 1, 1864; mustered out with the company on July 17, 1865, at Halls Hill, Virginia. [New York, Civil War Muster Roll Abstracts, 1861 – 1900, at Ancestry.com; New York Adjutant Generals Muster Roll at [http://dmna.ny.gov/historic/reghist/civil/rosters/Infantry/65th\\_Infantry\\_CW\\_Roster.pdf](http://dmna.ny.gov/historic/reghist/civil/rosters/Infantry/65th_Infantry_CW_Roster.pdf).]

**Benjamin Flores**, Ordinary Seaman, aged 21, occupation Sailor, enlisted November 11, 1864, for 2 years, at Brooklyn, New York. Born Manila, eyes black, hair black, brown complexion, and standing 5 feet 3 ¾ inches tall; scar on left arm. [Naval Enlistment Rendezvous Records at [www.fold3.com](http://www.fold3.com)].



**John R. Foote**, born China, about 1831; previous occupation, cook; enlisted at New York, at the age of 32, for one year, as landsman in the United States Navy, on April 27, 1863; personal description, at the time of enlistment shown as hazel eyes, black hair, dark complexion, and standing at 5 feet 4 ¾ inches tall. [Naval Rendezvous Enlistment Records at FOLD3.com.]



**Charles Foster**, born Society Island, about 1843; black eyes, black hair, dark complexion; 5 feet 6 inches in height; previous occupation, labourer; enlisted February 8, 1865, at Boston, Massachusetts, for 3 years, as private, 54<sup>th</sup> Regiment, Massachusetts Infantry (Colored); discharged on August 20, 1865 ("the Government having no further need of his services"). [CMSR; Civil War – Records of the 54<sup>th</sup> Massachusetts Infantry Regiment (colored), 1863 – 1865, Unbound Records, Company Muster Out Rolls at FOLD3.com.]

John Foster, Coal Heaver, *USS Albatross*, aged 28, enlisted December 6, 1864, for 1 year, at Portsmouth, New Hampshire. Born Otahiti (Tahiti?). (Muster Roll.)

John Founty, From the New York Times of Saturday, March 12, 1864, page 1: "A young man named JOHN FOUNTY, a native of Hong Kong, China, recently arrived in this City, having made his escape from Savannah, Georgia, where he was conscripted. John speaks but little English. His story, which is undoubtedly true, is somewhat interesting. He said his people are quite "well to do in China, but owing to some arrangement which he could never exactly understand, he found himself at seven years of age shipped as a coolie on board a vessel bound for Cuba. His term of "apprenticeship" being out at the expiration of four years, he was furnished with money to pay his passage home. He made an arrangement with the captain of a bark which was, as he was informed, to sail direct for China. He paid \$30 for his passage, and in four or five days afterward was surprised to find himself in St. Augustine, Florida. The captain explained the matter by saying his passenger shipped under a mistake, and that his vessel was going no further. This was in 1852. Some kind gentlemen, residents of St. Augustine, hearing JOHN's story, took him in charge and sent him to school for a year, when he moved to Savannah. There he learned the cigar-maker's trade. At the breaking out of the rebellion, he was induced to join the rebel army, in which he served for a year. He was then mustered out, being under age. The last rebel Conscription Act brought JOHN under the rule, and he was accordingly notified. Determined not to fight any more under the rebel flag, he seized the first favourable opportunity to make his escape to St. Augustine. The Provost Marshal of that place kindly furnished him with transportation to New York. JOHN is now trying to get passage to China, hoping to see his people once more. His news is not of a very late date. He says that before he left Savannah JEFF DAVIS came there and addressed the people. He was asked the question, "When will the war be over?" JEFF replied, "Don't, for Heaven's sake, ask me such a question. Not until the Yankees give up." In the later part of January, there were but three regiments in the city and the fortifications surrounding it.

*There are but two forts on the river, but the channel has been obstructed in several places, the obstructions extending seven or eight miles below the city. When he left Savannah, flour was \$120 per bbl.; beef, \$100 do.; boots, \$150 a pair; Havana cigars, \$2 a piece; board at hotels, \$15 per day; mixed drinks, \$3 each."*

Terry's notes: [From the New York Times, Saturday, March 12, 1864, page 1. A search of the index volume of Lillian Henderson's multi-volumed set, ROSTER OF THE CONFEDERATE SOLDIERS OF GEORGIA, 1861-1865, failed to turn up any soldier of this name, or of a similar sounding name. Mr. Frank T. Wheeler, Senior Archivist of the Georgia Historical Society Library, in a letter to the author (Terry Foenander), dated March 4, 1997, states: "I am unable to locate any information on John Fouenty in our collections. I have searched our listing of soldiers, the index to the collections, the newspaper index, and a few other sources." The 1880 United States Census for Muscogee, Georgia shows a 15 year old boy named John Fountee, born in China (father born in China, mother born in Georgia), living as the step son of Wesley Culpepper, and his mother, Sarah; Wesley Culpepper married Sarah Fuenty at Muscogee, Georgia, on May 24, 1868 (Georgia Marriages, 1808-1967).]

(NY Times)

**Adam Fow** (surname also shown, in service records, as **Fou** and **Foo**), born Canton, China, about 1839 (age, at enlistment in 1862, shown variously as 23 and 28); occupation -laborer; enlisted in Company K, 2nd Louisiana Infantry, USA, at New Orleans, September 23, 1862; personal details at the time of enlistment shown as gray eyes, black hair, dark complexion, and standing at 5 feet 7 inches tall; deserted from camp at Baton Rouge, Louisiana, on February 6, 1863. [Civil War Service Records at FOLD3.com.]

**John Francis**, born Canton, China, about 1834; occupation, labourer; enrolled at New Orleans, for three years, aged 28, on September 30, 1862, and mustered in as private in company K, 2<sup>nd</sup> Louisiana Infantry (United States Army), on October 23, 1862; physical description at the time of enlistment shown as gray eyes, black hair, dark complexion, and standing at 5 feet 8 inches tall; mustered in on the same day as fellow Chinese born soldiers, John Hussey, and Pedro Acow; deserted at Camp P. Carrelton, on December 17, 1862. [Compiled Military Service record at FOLD3.com.]

**John Francis**, Seaman, *USS New Hampshire*, aged 25, occupation Mariner, enlisted July 13, 1864, for 3 years, at New Bedford, Massachusetts. Born Manila, eyes dark, hair black, dark complexion; 5 feet 2 ½ inches tall. [Ed Milligan; Naval Rendezvous Enlistment records at FOLD3.com.]

Johnny Francis, Ordinary Seaman, aged 27, enlisted October 9, 1861, for 3 years, at New Bedford, Massachusetts. Born Manila, eyes black, hair black, copper complexion. Page 113, Volume 16. (*Probably the same person listed in the previous entry.*)

**Peter Francis**, born Manila, about 1832; previous occupation, sailor; enlisted at New York, aged 31, for two years, as seaman in the United States Navy; physical description, at the time of enlistment shown as dark eyes, black hair, dark brown complexion, and standing at 5 feet 5 ¾ inches tall; enlisted on the same day as fellow Filipino born sailor, Antonio Davis. [Naval Rendezvous Enlistment records at [www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org).]

**Mathieu Francisco** (first name also shown as **Mathew**), born Manilla, about 1828 (two other entries shows his age as 50 in 1862); served as ordinary seaman aboard the *CSS Gaines*,

Mobile Squadron; treated for catarrh on Friday, June 13, 1862; treated for erysipelas on Friday, June 20, 1862; treated for a fever on Tuesday, July 1, 1862; treated for dysentery on Sunday, January 4, 1863; on Thursday, January 29<sup>th</sup>, 1863, he was treated for rheumatism, and, on Saturday, February 7<sup>th</sup>, 1863, he was transferred to the hospital on shore; condemned by a Medical Survey on Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, 1863. [CSS Gaines Medical Journal.]

**Gannamore Gannamore**, born Manila, Philippine Islands, about 1813; complexion, yellow; 5 feet in height; previous occupation, cook; enlisted in the United States Navy for 1 year, at New Orleans, Louisiana, December 5, 1863; served as landsman aboard the *USS Portsmouth*, 1864. [NPS Soldier and Sailor Database.]

**Hachadon P. Garabedian**, born at Constantinople, Turkey. Appointed Third Assistant Engineer in the United States Navy, August 6, 1864, from Massachusetts; served aboard *USS Geranium*. Discharged August 19, 1865. Married Tillie H. Wynkoop on June 18, 1871, at Philadelphia. Employed as a machinist after the war. Died on August 25, 1881, at Philadelphia, of phthisis pulmonalis, and buried at the Fernwood Cemetery. (*Information from copies of his pension papers in possession of the author.*)

Joseph Garido, Ordinary Seaman, aged 19, occupation Sailor, enlisted December 18, 1861, for 3 years, at New Bedford, Massachusetts. Born Guam, eyes black, hair black, copper complexion. [Ed Milligan – Naval Enlistments, Page 358, Volume 17.]

John Giles, born China, about 1819; previous occupation, cook; enlisted in the United States Navy, aged 44, at New York, on March 3, 1863, and served as ship's cook aboard the *USS Wyandank*, 1864 – 1865; personal description at the time of enlistment shown as colored complexion, and standing at 5 feet 3 inches tall. [Find The data web site at <http://civil-war-sailors.findthedata.org/>.]

John Glacy, born Turkey; served with Company K, 47th New York Infantry. (Muster Roll.)

James Godfrey, East Indies, enlisted at Buffalo, at the age of 43, on July 15, 1863, and mustered in as private in company E, 16th New York Cavalry, to serve three years, on July 25, 1863; deserted at Washington, D.C., on September 4, 1863. [Ed Milligan; New York Adjutant Generals muster roll at [http://dmna.ny.gov/historic/reghist/civil/rosters/cavalry/16thCavCW\\_Roster.pdf](http://dmna.ny.gov/historic/reghist/civil/rosters/cavalry/16thCavCW_Roster.pdf).]

**Antonio Francisco Gomez**. Although often shown as Antonio Frank Gomez, this native of the Indian sub-continent was officially registered, in the California Great Registers of voters of the state, as Antonio Francisco Gomez. It was indicated that he was born in Lahore, in the Punjabi region of what is modern day Pakistan, though, at the time of his birth, it was a part of India. The British did not occupy that part of India until 1849, and by which time Gomez, whose original name was Conjee Rustumjee Cohoujee Bey, and who was stated to have been the son of a prince of the Punjab, was sent to London for studies. Some accounts also state that Gomez was a Parsee, in which case his ancestors may have come from Persia (modern day Iran), many of whom settled in some parts of northern India. Bey itself is not a specific Indian surname, but has its origins in places such as Turkey, and Persia. As such, there is some doubt that, as a Parsee, he would actually have been a prince in Punjab.

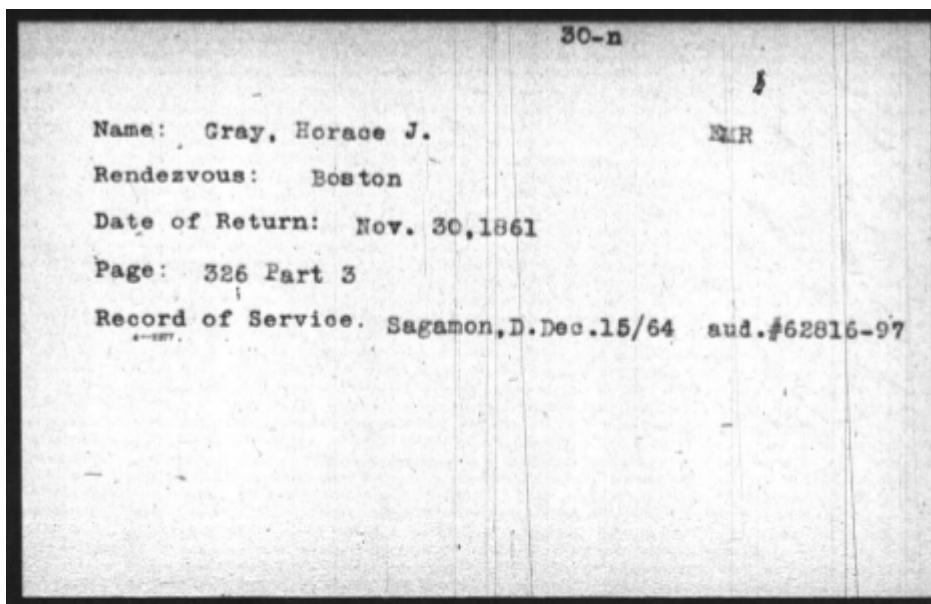
After his studies in London, he moved to Brooklyn, New York, about 1860, where he met the reverend Henry Ward Beecher, who wanted to train Bey for the ministry. Beecher changed Bey's name to Antonio Francisco Gomez.

Instead of continuing his studies for the ministry, some months after the commencement of the war, Gomez decided to throw in his lot for the Union, enlisting at New York, on February 8, 1862, as a landsman in the United States Navy. This was the first of three enlistments in that service, all of them being at New York. Having enlisted at New York, he was sent aboard the receiving vessel, the *North Carolina*, at the Brooklyn Navy Yard, and subsequently aboard the *USS Dacotah* and the *USS Louisville*, before being discharged on January 5, 1863. Re-enlisting the very next day, again at New York, Gomez was sent aboard the *USS Iroquois*, January 12, 1863, and was rated as ward room steward. After his second discharge from the Naval service he re-enlisted for a third time, at New York, again aboard the receiving vessel *North Carolina*, on January 26, 1864, and was sent, on February 20, 1864, aboard the *USS Niagara*, aboard which he remained until his final discharge, at Lisbon, Portugal, on April 12, 1865 (His actual date of expiry of service was listed on the muster roll as January 20, 1865, but, because the vessel was cruising in European waters at the time, Gomez remained on board until arriving at the next port of call).

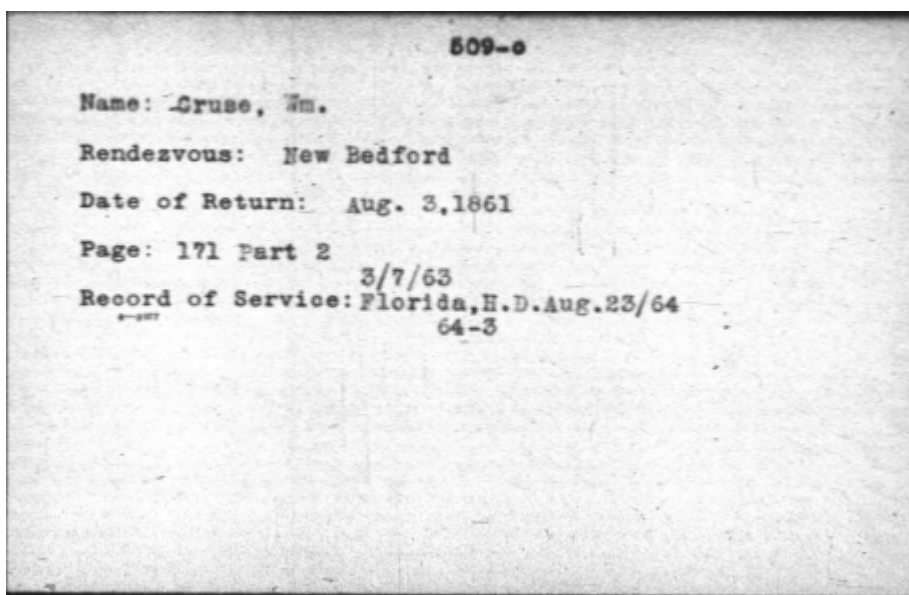
After his return to the United States, he eventually settled in California, and commenced work at the United States Naval Pay office in San Francisco. His first wife, listed as New York born Alice M. Gomez, in the 1870 United States Census, is shown, however, as a native of Ireland in the 1880 census. It is not known whether his first wife had died, or if they had separated, but, in 1889, he married Suzanne Dutreux, a popular concert singer, in San Francisco. Gomez, in his later years, joined the Grand Army of the Republic, General George H. Thomas, Post 2, at San Francisco. He died at the age of seventy-four, at his home on Gough Street, San Francisco, after contracting a slight cold, which developed into pneumonia, on Friday morning, February 17, 1911, and was buried, on the Sunday following, at the Presidio, with full honors provided by his GAR post. He was survived by his widow and four children. [Naval Rendezvous Enlistment records at [www.fold3.com](http://www.fold3.com), and [www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org); *Index to Rendezvous Reports, Civil War*, at [www.fold3.com](http://www.fold3.com); *Complete List or Muster Roll of the Crew of the U.S. Steam Frigate "Niagara" on the Thirty-first day of December, 1864*; 1870 U.S. Census; 1880 U.S. Census; *San Francisco Call* dated Monday, August 16, 1909, page 7, January 5, 1911, page 9, and Saturday, February 18, 1911, page 16; Naval pension papers of Antonio F. Gomez; California Great (Voter) Registers, 1868 through 1904.] **Marino Gomez**, Ordinary Seaman, aged 21, enlisted July 1, 1864, for 1 year at New Bedford, Massachusetts. Born Philips Island, Guam, eyes black, hair black, copper complexion; 5 feet 8 ¾ inches tall; a cut across the wrist 2 ½ inches above ??, a scar on outside right leg; \$48 bounty paid. [Naval Enlistment Rendezvous records at FOLD3.com.]

Manuel R. Govier, USN; born Madras, India; enlisted at Boston, Massachusetts; hazel eyes, black hair, dark complexion. (*Information from Ed Milligan, Alexandria, Virginia.*) **This sailor was actually born in Madeira, not Madras, shown in two different Naval Enlistment Rendezvous records.**

Horace J. Gray, born China, about 1839; previous occupation cook/mariner; enlisted at New York, July 15, 1864, for three years, in the United States Navy; served as landsman aboard the *USS Minnesota* and *USS Wyandank*; personal description at the time of enlistment shown as black complexion, and standing at 5 feet tall. [Find The data web site at <http://civil-war-sailors.findthedata.org/>.] **Not verified – unreliable web site.**

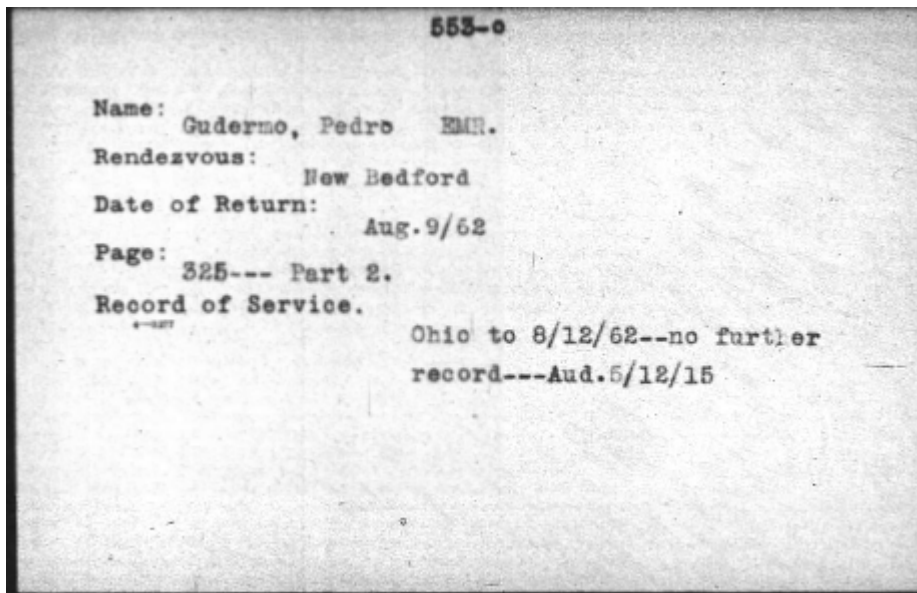


**William Gruse** (or **Greese?**), born Ladrone Island, Pacific Ocean, about 1837; enlisted at New Bedford, aged 24, for three years, as seaman in the United States Navy, on August 7, 1861; physical description at the time of enlistment shown as black eyes, black hair, copper colour complexion, and standing at 5 feet 4 ½ inches tall. [Naval Rendezvous Enlistment records at [www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org).]



**Pedro Gudermo**, born Manila, about 1837; enlisted at New Bedford, aged 25, for three years, as ordinary seaman in the United States Navy, on August 9, 1863; physical description, at the time of enlistment shown as black eyes, black hair, copper colour complexion, and standing at 5 feet 5 inches tall. [Naval Rendezvous Enlistment records at [www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org).]





William Haig, Pondicherry, India, Company K, 20th Ohio Infantry; died August 15, 1900. (Muster Roll; Pension Index Card.)

John Hamilton, Seaman, aged 61, enlisted March 17, 1862, for 3 years, at New York. Born Smyrna (Turkey), eyes bronze, hair gray, swarthy complexion. Page 206, Volume 19.

John Hamilton, born Manila, Philippine Islands, about 1842; enlisted in the United States Navy, aged 19, at Boston, on July 3, 1861, and served as landsman aboard the *USS Vincennes*, 1863 – 1864; personal description at the time of enlistment shown as black complexion, and standing at 5 feet 1 inch tall. [CMSR; NPS Soldier and Sailor Database; Find The data web site at <http://civil-war-sailors.findthedata.org/>.]

J.W. Hancock, Second Class Fireman, *USS Wabash*, aged 37, enlisted May 21, 1864, for 3 years, New York. Born India, eyes brown, hair brown, *light* complexion. (Muster Roll.) (*Probably Caucasian.*)

Joseph Handy, born Decatur Island, South Pacific, about 1841; resident of Franklin, Connecticut; previous occupation as a steward; enlisted in the United States Navy, at the age of 23, as landsman, for three years, at New Bedford, Massachusetts, on December 1, 1864; personal details at the time of enlistment shown as black eyes, black curly hair and negro complexion, and standing at 5 feet 1 ¼ inches tall; also notations made: “*a roundish scar ¾ inch on breast left side, about 4 inches from left nipple, a scar near middle of back, a scar on middle of right arm, a small cut at outer end of left eyebrow*”; died, aged 23, at the United States Navy hospital, Chelsea, December 18, 1864, of typhoid. [Information researched by Ed Milligan, of Alexandria, Virginia, from the Medical Log of the *USS Red Rover*, page 265, at the National Archives; Naval Enlistment Rendezvous records at FOLD3.com.]

Thomas Harman, Landsman, aged 21, occupation Button Maker, enlisted August 4, 1863, for 2 years, at New York. Born India, eyes gray, hair red, *fair* complexion. Page 427, Volume 27. (*Probably Caucasian.*)

Sandy Harper, born S. Islands [Sandwich Islands or Society Islands], about 1842; complexion, negro; 5 feet 2 inches in height; occupation, mariner; enlisted in the United States Navy, for 3 years, at Kittery, Maine, December 1, 1865; served as ordinary seaman aboard the *USS Guard*, 1865. [NPS Soldier and Sailor Database.]

500-b

LF EMR

Name: Harper, Sandy,

Rendezvous: Kittery,

Date of Return: Dec. 3/64

Page: 910 Part 5

Record of Service: R.S. Boston, 2/25/65 Guard, R. Nov. 28/65 7/8/65

William Harrison, East Indies, Company L, 1st WV Cavalry. (Muster Roll.) **CMSR actually shows place of birth as the West Indies.**

**John Harry**, born China, about 1834; resident of Newark, New Jersey; previous occupation, cook; enlisted at the age of 30, at New York, for three years, as landsman in the United States Navy, on June 25, 1864; personal description, at the time of enlistment, shown as black eyes, black hair, dark complexion, and standing at 5 feet 7 inches tall; also indicated to have scars on his buttock, left groin, knee and leg, and a tattoo of a woman on his right forearm; served as seaman aboard the *USS Commodore Morris*. [Ed Milligan; Naval Rendezvous Enlistment records at FOLD3.com.]

IH 354-c

Name: Harry, Jno.

Rendezvous: New York

Date of Return: June 25, 1864

Page: 443 Part 2

Record of Service: N.A. Squad, Minn., Com. Morris, 8/6/64 64-3

R. July 31/65 RSNY

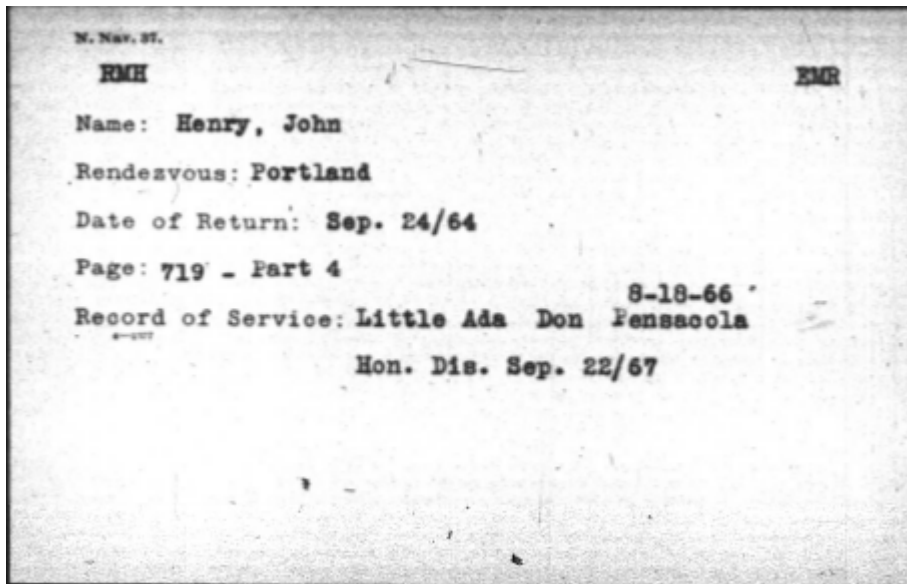
Charles W. Hayes, born Calcutta, India, about 1827; previous occupation, cook; enlisted as landsman in the United States Navy, aged 35, at Baltimore, on May 21, 1862; personal description at the time of enlistment shown as black complexion, and standing at 5 feet 2 inches tall. [CMSR; NPS Soldier and Sailor Database; Find The data web site at <http://civil-war-sailors.findthedata.org/>.]

Samuel Henderson, born India; enlisted as private, company C [no regiment shown]; served 18 months; suffered from rheumatism; admitted to the Michigan National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers, Northwestern Branch; died July 4, 1894. [Data from the Massachusetts National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers, and shown in their report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1895; online database at Ancestry.com.]

**Antone Henry**, born Roto, near Guam , about 1842; black hair, complexion, mulatto; 5 feet 2 inches in height; enlisted in the United States Navy, for 3 years, at New Bedford, September 3, 1864; served as ordinary seaman. [NPS Soldier and Sailor Database; Muster Roll of USS Colorado shows he was received from the USS Ohio, and also shows his birthplace as Siam.]

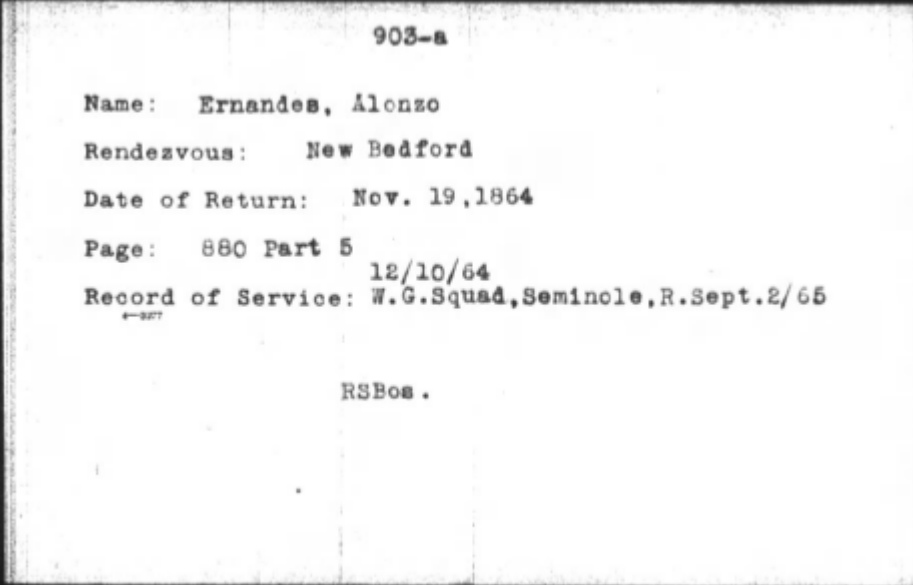
**John Henry**, born Manila, about 1838; previous occupation, mariner; enlisted at Philadelphia, aged 25, for one year, as seaman in the United States Navy, on June 29, 1863; physical description, at the time of enlistment shown as black eyes, black hair, copper colour complexion, and standing at 5 feet 6 ½ inches tall. [Naval Rendezvous Enlistment records at [www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org).] (See next entry.)

**John Henry**, born Manila, about 1838; resident of New Gloster, Maine; previous occupation, mariner; enlisted at Portland, Maine, aged 26, for three years, as ordinary seaman in the United States Navy, on September 22, 1864; physical description, at the time of enlistment shown as dark eyes, black hair, dark complexion, and standing at 5 feet 6 ¼ inches tall; later served aboard the *USS Little Ada*. [Ed Milligan; Naval Rendezvous Enlistment records at [www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org).] (See previous entry - probably the same person.)



**Alonzo Hernandez** (surname also shown as Ernandes), born Manila, Philippine Islands, about 1835 (Naval Rendezvous roll shows his birthplace as Guam, and year of birth as about 1843); resident of Maine; complexion, mulatto; 5 feet 4 inches in height; previous occupation, mariner; enlisted in the United States Navy for 3 years, at New Bedford, November 10, 1864; noted to have a scar on the top of his right shoulder and a scar (1 inch)

above right knee; also face marked by small pox scars, and pug nosed marked by large nostrils; served as ordinary seaman aboard the *USS Seminole*, 1865. [*NPS Soldier and Sailor Database*; Naval Rendezvous Enlistment records at [www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org).]

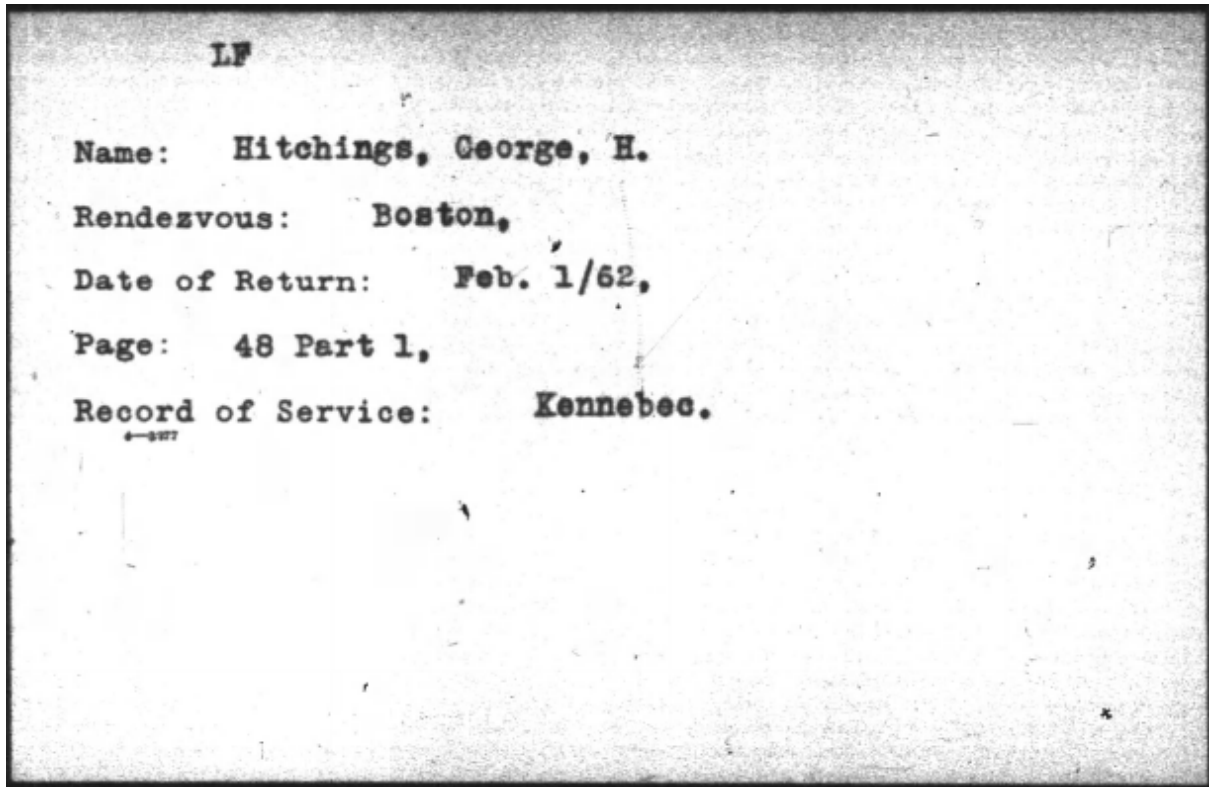


903-a

Name: Ernandes, Alonzo  
Rendezvous: New Bedford  
Date of Return: Nov. 19, 1864  
Page: 880 Part 5  
Record of Service: W.G.Squad, Seminole, R. Sept. 2/65  
12/10/64  
RSBos.

**George Higgins**, born Madras, East Indies, about 1838; enlisted at New York, aged 25, for one year, as ordinary seaman in the United States Navy, on February 12, 1863; personal description at the time of enlistment shown as dark eyes, dark hair, dark complexion, and standing at 5 feet 8 inches tall; indicated to have had previous Naval service of three years. [Naval Rendezvous Enlistment records at [www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org).]

**George Hitchings**, born China, about 1838; previous occupation, cook; enlisted, at the age of 24, for three years, as landsman in the United States Navy, at Boston, on January 31, 1862; personal description shown as "Chinese", and standing at 5 feet 2 ½ inches tall; served aboard the *USS Kennebec*; tried for committing an unnatural act with a fellow sailor, coal heaver George W. Libby. [Naval Enlistment Rendezvous records at FOLD3; *Sexual Misbehavior in the Civil War: A Compendium*, by Thomas P. Lowry, published 2006, page 214.]



Henry Hollins, Seaman, aged 32, enlisted August 16, 1864, for 3 years, at New Bedford, Massachusetts. Born Taluhana, eyes brown, hair brown, dark complexion. Page 155, Volume 36.

**Hong Neok Woo**, born Antowtson, near Changchow, China, August 7, 1834; entered the American Mission Church school, at Shanghai, about 1847, and was baptized about 1849, at the school chapel; arrived in the United States in March, 1855, and resided at Lancaster, Pennsylvania since then; served, under the name of **Neok Ung Hong**, in company I of the 50<sup>th</sup> Regiment, Pennsylvania Infantry (militia of 1863, formed during the invasion of Pennsylvania by the Confederate Army of Northern Virginia); this unit was organized between July 1 and July 11, 1863, and discharged on August 15 of the same year; applied for, and was provided with, a United States passport, in December, 1864, under the name, Ung Hoong Neok, having been declared as a naturalized citizen; personal description, at the time of application, shown as black eyes, black hair, olive complexion, and standing at 5 feet 2 ½ inches tall. [A *Chinese Soldier in the Civil War*, by William Frederic Worner, no place or date of publication shown; *History of Pennsylvania Volunteers, 1861 – 1865*, volume 5, pages 1291 – 1293, published at Harrisburg, 1871; *United States Passport Applications, 1795 – 1925*, at Ancestry.com.]

## A CHINESE SOLDIER IN THE CIVIL WAR

BY WILLIAM FREDERIC WORNER

In these days when the restriction of immigration is a much-mooted question, it is pleasing to record that some sixty odd years ago there came to this country a poor Chinese youth who lived in our city for nine years, during which time he acquired considerable knowledge of our habits, customs and language. On his return to his native land, he entered the ministry, rose to a position of distinction in the Church and became widely known and honored by Christians and non-Christians alike. My only apology for presenting a brief sketch of his life, especially that part spent in Lancaster, Pa., is to correct the erroneous impressions prevalent concerning this remarkable foreigner.

Hong Neok Woo was born August 7, 1834, in a little hamlet called Antowtson, five miles outside the south gate of the city of Changchow, in the district of Yanghuhsien, China. His people though poor were industrious and independent farmers. His father frequently visited Shanghai for the purpose of selling farm products. On one of these visits he heard of the boys' school, opened in 1845, by Bishop William J. Boone, of the American Church Mission, and he determined to send his son to it to prepare him for working in a foreign "hong". He entered the Mission School at the age of thirteen. Two years later, he was baptized by Bishop Boone in the school chapel and thus belonged to the first generation of Christians in China. The following year he was confirmed by the same prelate.

When Commodore Perry made his expedition to Japan in 1852-1854, for the purpose of concluding a treaty of commerce with that country, several of his ships came in 1854 to Shanghai. One of the ships in the expedition was the frigate "Susquehanna", another was the "Powhatan". During their stay in port the officers were in the habit of visiting the Mission and attending the Sunday services there, it being the only American Mission in Shanghai at that time.

From these officers young Woo learned of the Perry expedition and of its speedy return to America. He formed a strong desire to visit that country by working his way across the ocean aboard one of the ships. The Rev. Mr. Points, an American missionary, negotiated with the officers of the frigate "Susquehanna" for Woo to be taken on board as cabin boy. He was assigned to wait on Dr. John S. Messersmith, the surgeon of the ship. After a voyage of eight months, during which time the ship touched at all the important ports enroute, he landed in March, 1855, at the Philadelphia Navy Yard. A few days were spent in a hotel and then he proceeded, by train, to Dr. Messersmith's home in Lancaster, Penna.

Lancaster at that time contained about 20,000 inhabitants. Woo lived with Dr. Messersmith at 40 North Lime street until the marriage of the latter.

During the nine years Woo lived in Lancaster (1855-1864) it was his custom on Sunday to attend the morning service in St. James' Episcopal Church, of which the Rev. Samuel Bowman was then rector, and to spend the afternoon calling on friends or taking walks in the country. Occasionally, he attended the afternoon service. St. James' Church at that time had a mixed choir of men and women and they sang from an upper

gallery at the back of the church, above the two entrances. In the evening, he visited the other churches in the city and some of the meeting-houses. In his autobiography he says of the latter: (1)

"Sometimes Dr. Messersmith took me to one of those places just to see how people would behave themselves in the name of Divine Worship. One day we visited such a place. The people made lots of noise and did much crying over their sins and confessions. They prayed in a loud voice and sang lustily. Sometimes one would fall down on the floor and do other things which would be described as indecent in any other place. We felt very curious worshipping God not reverently".

Woo was invited to attend the parochial school founded and conducted by Bishop Bowman. He declined, explaining that he was a poor student at the Shanghai Mission School, that he forgot his lessons when the time for recitation came, and that his desire was to become a mechanic. He applied at the Lancaster Locomotive Works for a job, but owing to the depression in business, he was not employed.

Mr. Joseph Clarkson, a neighbor of Dr. Messersmith and organist of St. James' Church for many years, strongly advised Woo to learn the trade of printer, stating that it would be useful wherever he went and would give him a practical opportunity of learning the English language. He accepted the advice and became an apprentice in the office of the "Lancaster Examiner and Herald", where he worked for seven years, four as apprentice and three as journeyman. Later, he was employed in the office of the "Daily Express", as pressman. While oiling a machine in the latter office his right hand caught in a cogwheel and the flesh, skin and nail were torn from the middle finger. He consulted Dr. Henry Carpenter, who instead of amputating the finger advised him to let nature heal it. This course, fortunately, was successful and the finger was saved. Referring to this experience in his autobiography he says:

"Long afterward when I was engaged in hospital work in Shanghai, dressing wounds and caring for the injured, the sight of a wound or injury never failed to remind me of this incident and I was all the more happy relieving others".

On September 22, 1860, he was naturalized as an American citizen in the local court.(2) He was the only Chinese naturalized in Lancaster county and was one of the few admitted to citizenship in this country.(3)

During the Civil War, when Pennsylvania was invaded by the Confederate army under General Lee, he responded to the call for 50,000 volunteers issued by Governor Curtin for protecting the State and strengthening the Northern Army. (4) In his autobiography he refers to his enlistment in these words:

"I volunteered on June 29th, 1863, in spite of the advice of my Lancaster friends against it, for I had felt that the North was right in opposing slavery. My friends thought I should not join the militia and risk my life in war, for my own people and family were in China and I had neither property nor family in America whose defense might serve as an excuse for my volunteering."

Hong Neok Woo, however, did not participate in any fighting. He was enrolled as a private at Lancaster Pa., on June 29, 1863, in Company I, 50th Regiment Infantry, Pennsylvania Volunteer Emergency Militia, commanded by Captain John H. Druckemiller, which was immediately sent to Safe Harbor where it camped on a hill at the mouth of the Conestoga creek. The people of Lancaster county at that time feared the invasion of the Confederate forces, and volunteers were stationed at various points along the Susquehanna river. On July 2, 1863, Woo returned to Lancaster city and was mustered into the service of the State. The Company was sent to Harrisburg, where it was equipped. From thi

place it was transported by train through the Cumberland valley to Chambersburg. After a short stay in the latter town it marched on through Hagerstown to Williamsport, Maryland, and was stationed at Dam No. 5, about five miles above that place, on the Potomac river, where it did picket duty. (5)

Concerning his experience as a soldier there was nothing unusual. His military duty consisted of taking turns at cooking, doing sentinel work, practicing target shooting, etc., etc. "There was one march", Woo says in his autobiography, "which impressed itself on my memory deeply. For one afternoon and night we marched. It happened to be a very warm summer day and I was so tired I could not go any further, and I had to lie on the roadside and rest my sore feet." The Company subsequently returned to Camp Curtin, Harrisburg, Pa., and Private Woo was mustered out of the service at Lancaster, Pa., on August 15, 1863. So far as could be learned he was the only Chinaman who served in the Civil War. (6)

The nine years spent in Lancaster, Pa., were uneventful, on the whole. Among his friends he counted Dr. Messersmith and his sister Miss Harriet, Bishop Bowman and Mr. Joseph Clarkson, the Rev. J. Isidor Mombert, Mr. Edmond Kline, one of the editors and proprietors of the "Examiner and Herald Weekly", Mr. Michael O. Kline, connected with the Lancaster Cotton Mills, and Mr. George M. Kline, the lawyer.

In February of 1864, he decided to return to his native land. He sailed from New York city on board the "Kiukiang", one of the Oliphant Company's new boats built in New York for special service between Hankow and Shanghai, on the Yangtse river. He worked on board ship to earn his passage money, and reached Shanghai in May 1864. One of the first acts on landing was to register his name in the American Consulate.

Shortly after his arrival in Shanghai, he was offered the position of catechist in the American Mission, but he was obliged to decline the offer as his nine years' residence in America had nearly robbed him of much of his knowledge of the Chinese language. For eight months he was practically like a foreigner in learning to speak his native dialect fluently. He subsequently became Archdeacon Thomson's assistant; and in 1866, during the first period of his work, he helped in establishing the first dispensary of the Mission. Out of it eventually developed the present Saint Luke's Hospital, Shanghai.

On May 1, 1867, he was ordained Deacon by Bishop Williams in the Church of Our Savior, Shanghai; and on May 24, 1880, he was advanced to the priesthood by Bishop Schereschewsky in St. John's Chapel, Jessfield. The Rev. Dr. Mombert, who had been Woo's rector in Lancaster, Pa., sent him Dr. Henry's Commentaries and some theological books.

To describe in detail the many activities in which Woo was engaged or to enumerate the humanitarian enterprises which he founded and helped to support, would tax your patience and extend beyond the scope of this article. He served successively as catechist, hospital assistant, physician and chaplain; organizer of and teacher in boys' schools, and general missionary of the diocese. At the age of 72 he began a vigorous campaign for raising money for the establishment of an Industrial Home for poor widows. He was able to secure a large sum with which land was purchased and buildings erected. This Home, which now accommodates more than one hundred women, was the crowning achievement of his life and will ever stand as a memorial of his philanthropy. (7)

He died on August 18, 1919, and was buried in Westgate Cemetery, the oldest Christian burying ground in Shanghai.



## REFERENCES.

1. "Autobiography of the Rev. H. N. Woo," published in Chinese and transliterated into English, but not published, by the Rev. Andrew Yu Yue Tsu, Ph. D., of St. John's University, Shanghai.
2. His name appears on record in the Prothonotary's Office in Lancaster, Pa., as "W. Hoong Neok." He wrote it in this way for the reason that in Chinese the family name comes first. While in Lancaster, Pa., he was known as Hong Neok, pronounced "Hun Yoek."
3. The Chinese anti-naturalization law (sec. 14, chap. 126) passed May 6, 1882, prohibited the naturalization of Chinese in America.
4. In the Adjutant General's Office in Harrisburg, Pa., his name is recorded: "Ung Hong Neok". The family name Woo is "Ung." More properly it should have been spelled "Ng" without the vowel "U", for it then would be a correct trans-literation of the Chinese character in pronunciation. The change in spelling made the pronunciation easier.
5. Ellis and Evans' History, page 193.
6. On the certificate of his military record his age is given as 24. This is incorrect. He was 28 years old.
7. Vol. 6, No. 2, "Shanghai News Letter," edited by Dr. Pott.

**John How** (muster roll of *USS Pawtucket* shows his surname as Howe), born Hong Kong, China, about 1834; resident of Kingston, New York; previous occupation cook; enlisted at New York, at the age of 30, for three years, as landsman in the United States Navy, on July 2, 1864; personal description at the time of enlistment, shown as black eyes, black hair, dark complexion, and standing at 5 feet 2 ½ inches tall; two scars on forehead; served as cook aboard the *USS Pawtucket*. [Ed Milligan; Naval Enlistment Rendezvous records at FOLD3.com.]

IH

Name: How, Jno.

Rendezvous: New York

Date of Return: July 2, 1864

Page: 464 Part 2

8/27/64

Record of Service: Pawtucket, R. June 7/65 aud. 99

4-227

William R. Howard, Landsman, *USS Wabash*, aged 32, occupation Farmer, enlisted May 20, 1864, for 3 years, at Chicago. Born India, eyes brown, hair black, dark complexion. (Muster Roll.)

George Huggins (or Wuggins), dis. exp. (?) February 6, 1863, l. (?) February 16, 1860 Valparaiso (?), described as Indian. Volume 23.

James C. Hunter, Macao, China, 6th KY Cavalry. (Muster Roll.) **CMSR actually shows place of birth as Scott County, Kentucky.**

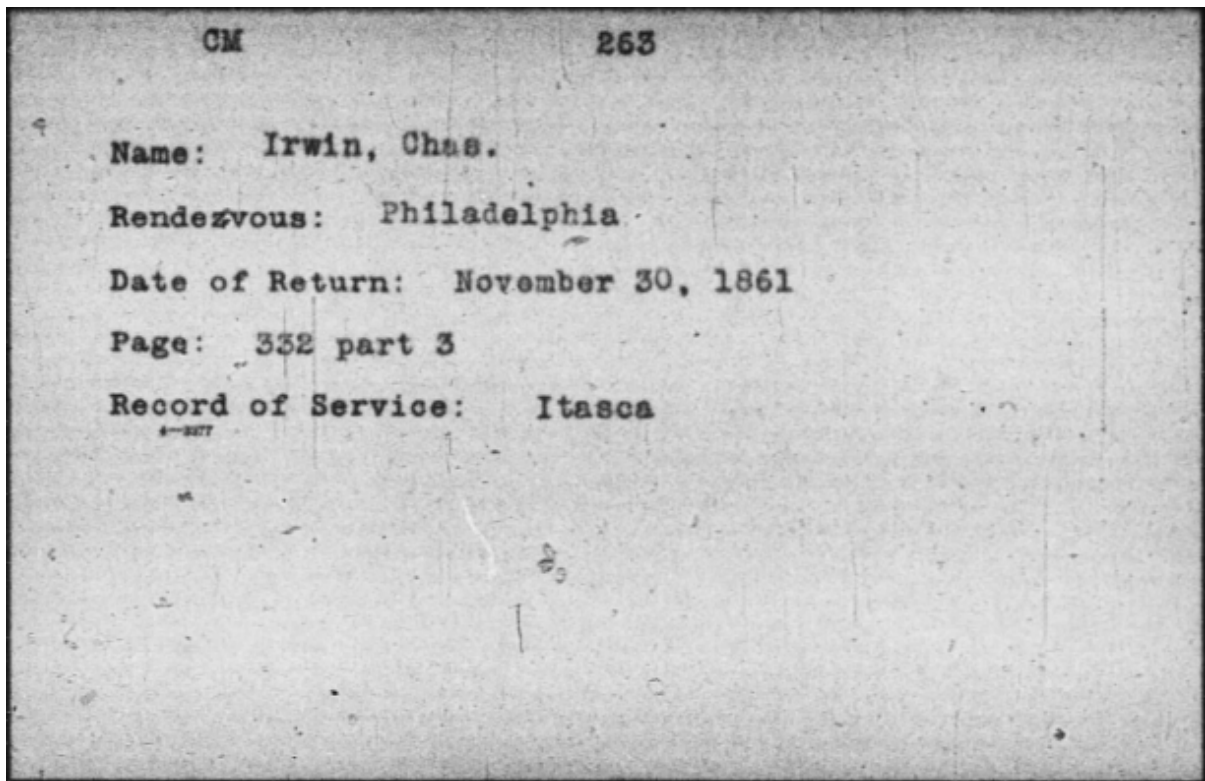
William C. Hunter, Macao, China, 6th KY Cavalry. (Muster Roll.) **CMSR shows his rank as 2<sup>nd</sup> lieutenant – almost certainly not a native of China.**

George W. Huson, Calcutta, India, Company D, 20th MI Infantry. (Muster Roll.)

**John Hussey**, born Canton, China, about 1834; occupation, labourer; enlisted at New Orleans, aged 28, on September 23, 1862, and mustered in as private, in company K, 2<sup>nd</sup> Louisiana Infantry (United States), on October 23, 1862; physical description at the time of enlistment shown as gray eyes, black hair, dark complexion, and standing at 5 feet 8 inches tall; mustered in at the same time as fellow Chinese born soldiers, John Francis, and Pedro Acow; Hussey was absent without leave from New Orleans, since July 4, 1864, and dropped as a deserter on October 1, 1864. [Compiled Military Service Record at FOLD3.com.]

**Raphael Ignases**, born Manila, Philippine Islands, about 1834; enlisted as ordinary seaman in the United States Navy for two years, at Boston, at the age of 27, on July 31, 1861; personal details at the time of enlistment shown as black eyes, black hair, dark complexion, and standing 5 feet 2 ¼ inches tall. [*United States, Naval Enlistment Rendezvous, 1855-1891.*]

**Charles Irwin**, born Hong Kong, China, about 1838; previous occupation as a mariner; enlisted as landsman in the United States Navy, at Philadelphia, for 3 years, on November 26, 1861; personal details at the time of enlistment shown as black eyes, black hair, dark complexion, and standing 5 feet 3 inches tall. [*Naval Enlistment Rendezvous, 1855 – 1891, at FOLD3.*]



George James, Seaman, *USS Louisville*, aged 23, enlisted February 25, 1862, for 2 years, at New Bedford, Massachusetts. Born Zanzibar, eyes dark, hair dark, dark complexion. Resident of Massachusetts. (Muster Roll.)

Jacob Jenkins, born Manila, Philippines, about 1839; previous occupation, sailor; enlisted at the age of 26, in the United States Navy, at Kittery, Maine, on March 22, 1865, and served as landsman aboard the *USS Agamenticus*, 1865; personal description, at the time of enlistment shown as Mulatto complexion, and standing at 5 feet 4 inches tall. [CMSR; NPS Soldier and Sailor Database; Find The data web site at <http://civil-war-sailors.findthedata.org/>.]

**James Johnson**, born China, about 1837; previous occupation, sailor; enlisted, aged 27, at New York City, on February 1, 1864, and mustered in for three years, on the same day, as a private in company M, 18<sup>th</sup> New York Cavalry; Company M, 18<sup>th</sup> New York Cavalry; personal details, at the time of enlistment shown as black eyes, black hair, yellow complexion, and standing at 5 feet 6 inches tall; deserted July 22, 1864, at Thibodeaux, Louisiana. [New York, Civil War Muster Roll Abstracts, 1861 – 1900, at Ancestry.com; New York Adjutant Generals Muster Roll at [http://dmna.ny.gov/historic/reghist/civil/rosters/cavalry/18thCavCW\\_Roster.pdf](http://dmna.ny.gov/historic/reghist/civil/rosters/cavalry/18thCavCW_Roster.pdf).]

John Johnson, Company L, 6<sup>th</sup> New York Cavalry, native of Calcutta, India; previous occupation, laborer; enlisted at Saratoga, New York, October 22, 1861, aged 26; black eyes, black hair, dark complexion. Mustered as servant; discharged January 17, 1862, at York, Pennsylvania. (Muster Roll; see also, Barry Crompton's Archergram newsletter, no. 171 dated May 28, 1995, page 4.)

John Johnson, born in Hindoostan, India; aged 30 years; height 5 feet 5 ½ inches; dark eyes, black hair, dark complexion; occupation, porter; enlisted November 28, 1863, at Providence, Rhode Island, for 3 years; served in company K, 11<sup>th</sup> Regiment United States Colored Heavy Artillery; mustered out of service, October 2, 1865. [CMSR.]

**William John Jones**, alias used by William A. Temple when he shipped aboard the *CSS Shenandoah*, October, 1864, as Steerage Steward, later as Ordinary Seaman; born Madras, India (another source indicates that he was a native of London, England); resided at no. 108, Saint James Street, Liverpool, in 1864; punished, January 20, 1865, for calling ship's cook, John Williams "a black scamp"; allowed liberty at Melbourne, Australia, returning aboard the cruiser, January 31, 1865; later (in 1866) shipped aboard the vessel *Radnagore* as able seaman. [*Alabama Claims*, 1, 966, 976 and 990; *Alabama Claims Correspondence* 3, 401; *CSS Shenandoah Deck Log*; *ORN* 1, 3, 783; *Whittle* 106.]

John Joseph, born Bombay, India, about 1839; complexion, negro; 5 feet 3 inches in height; previous occupation, mariner; enlisted in the United States Navy for 3 years, at Callao, Peru, April 19, 1864; served as ordinary seaman aboard the *USS Lancaster* and the *USS St. Mary's*, 1864. [*NPS Soldier and Sailor Database*.]

Martin Joseph, born Manila, Philippine Islands, about 1837; complexion, dark; 5 feet 5 inches in height; previous occupation, mariner; enlisted in the United States Navy for 3 years aboard the *USS Ohio*, July 6, 1864; served as seaman aboard the *USS Dacotah*, 1865 – 1866. [*NPS Soldier and Sailor Database*.]

Samuel Joseph, born Manila, Philippine Islands, about 1840; previous occupation, mariner; enlisted in the United States Navy, aged 25, at New York, on February 21, 1865, and served as ordinary seaman aboard the *USS Ella*, 1865; personal description at the time of enlistment shown as colored complexion, and standing at 5 feet 3 inches tall. [*CMSR*; *NPS Soldier and Sailor Database*; *Find The data* web site at <http://civil-war-sailors.findthedata.org/>.]

Henry Judson, *USS Monitor*, aged 21, occupation Student, enlisted January 28, 1864, for 3 years, at Albany. Born Burmah [Myanmar]. Discharged December 12, 1864; Soldiers' Home record shows Judson as being born in Moulmein, Asia, and having actually served as a private in company M, 15<sup>th</sup> New York Heavy Artillery, and his physical description as having blue eyes, and of light complexion, obviously Caucasian. (Muster Roll.)

Joseph Kanaka, born Otaheita [Tahiti], about 1837; complexion, colored; 5 feet 7 inches in height; previous occupation, mariner; enlisted in the United States Navy for 3 years, aboard the *USS Potomac*, October 10, 1864; served as seaman aboard the *USS Hartford*, 1865. [*NPS Soldier and Sailor Database*.]

**John Kim**, born China, enlisted as a substitute, at the age of 27, on October 27, 1864, at Troy, as a private in company G, 61<sup>st</sup> Pennsylvania Volunteers, for one year's service; deserted October, 1864. [Birth data from Ed Milligan; Roster at <http://www.phmc.state.pa.us/bah/dam/rg/di/r19-65RegisterPaVolunteers/r19-65MainInterface.htm>.]

William King, Calcutta, East Indies, Company C, 61st MA Infantry. (Muster Roll.)

**Ki-Ying**, born Canton, China, about 1841; enlisted at the age of 20, at New York, on November 30, 1861, for three years, as landsman in the United States Navy; personal description at the time of enlistment shown as chestnut eyes, black hair, "Chinese" complexion, and standing at 5 feet 2 ¼ inches tall. [Naval Rendezvous Enlistment records at FOLD3.com.]

N. Nav. H.

IE

73-c

Name: Ki Ying

Rendezvous: New York

Date of Return: Nov. 30, 1861

Page: 331 Part 3

Record of Service: Failed to appear

8-107

L. Kubser, born China, about 1843, indicated to have served during the Civil War, in company F of the 64<sup>th</sup> New York Infantry, and was later admitted to the Soldiers' Home at Hampton, Virginia, on January 23, 1905; however the roster of the 64<sup>th</sup> New York, as well as the Soldiers' Home register for Hampton does not show a person of this name. [*Times Dispatch*, (Richmond, Virginia), dated January 25, 1905.]

## The times dispatch., January 25, 1905, Image 5

About [The times dispatch. \(Richmond, Va.\) 1903-1914](#)

Image provided by: Library of Virginia; Richmond, VA



William Henry Kwan, China?, Company B, 15th VA Bn., CSA. (Mil. Im. Sept. 1983.) **This has never been confirmed, as the CMSR cards show no one of this name in Confederate service.**

Kwong Lee, born China; indicated to have served during the war:

Image provided by: University of California, Riverside; Riverside, CA



of Geary street... not be re-... A lot of peop... ck. Being it sp... sly expend... e have had fo... on them. Much... that line is un... no unnecessary... could lease the... question of ma... years."

DEED VERY RIOTS

Troops Ready to Charge

22—Anticipat... following the... ant of the N. A... tanners, when... ot, state troops... to proceed on a... s charge of the... erce of deputy... t guns, guarded... k, in charge of... red that at the... otting he would... y and two regi... e scene. He be... equired to start...

egan when the... lopers strikers... ners about the... oman were at... nd clubs. The... e revolvers and... rhaps fatally... rikers, another riot oc... when the police... e strike leaders... were shot. The... red in the air... rrested. d negotiations... will be held to... ve been a move... epe their com... rted by Sheriff

SEVEN WRECKED

and Three

22—A big ma... westbound North... in, left the rails... the down grade... are with it, and... eckage in the

CHINESE CIVIL WAR VETERAN TO VOTE

Will Cast Ballot Despite Federal Statute and Constitution of California

Despite the federal statute and the constitution of California, Kwong Lee, a native of China, registered as a voter yesterday and will be allowed to participate in the November election.

A federal statute enacted in 1852 debars all Chinese, unless born in this country, from exercising the franchise. The constitution of this state says that no native of China shall ever enjoy the privilege of voting. But Kwong Lee, native of China, is going to vote just the same.

For Kwong Lee was naturalized in 1874, before the federal statute was enacted. More than that, Kwong Lee is a veteran of the Civil war, having first seen service in 1862 aboard a gunboat which carried the mails for the army up and down the Mississippi.

That this Chinese-American was no noncombatant was proved yesterday when he bared his quivering head to Registrar Zemansky to show where a confederate bullet had plowed its way. Kwong Lee was shot five times in the defense of the country of which he was not yet a citizen. Besides the bullet hole in the head, he has another in the breast, one in the left leg, one in the right foot and a shell wound in the hip.

The Chinese appeared at the registrar's office yesterday with Cameron King Jr., who asked Zemansky whether he was entitled to register. After hearing the facts and examining Kwong's naturalization papers, Zemansky said that he was qualified. The Chinese accordingly registered, refusing to state his politics.

Kwong Lee is 70 years old and belongs to the Chinese reform society. The following candidates were assigned places on the ballots yesterday, their petitions having been found to contain sufficient signatures: John H. Carson, republican, supervisor; Gustave W. Barruther, republican, supervisor; Morris J. Winter, republican, supervisor; Edgar W. Briggs, republican, supervisor; Carl W. Mueller, republican,

Secretary Thorpe to notify Gray Brothers that unless they paid the fine rent on bunker space assigned them at Channel street before next Thursday their gravel bunkers would be declared an obstruction and removed from state property. Secretary Thorpe reported that all requests and demands for the money had been ignored. Repeated efforts had been made to see a member of the firm at the firm's office, but the state collector had been unable to get beyond a noncommittal young woman who is now acting as buffer for the firm in place of Miss Carolina Brasch, who was killed by James Cunningham, the laborer who couldn't get his pay.

The board of public works in a communication accepted the assignment at Harrison street wharf for the city fire lugs, and agreed on behalf of the city to stand the expense of such changes in construction as may be necessary.

the main... tunity to... not be a... Very truth

SAN FRANCISCO

Frank's Death

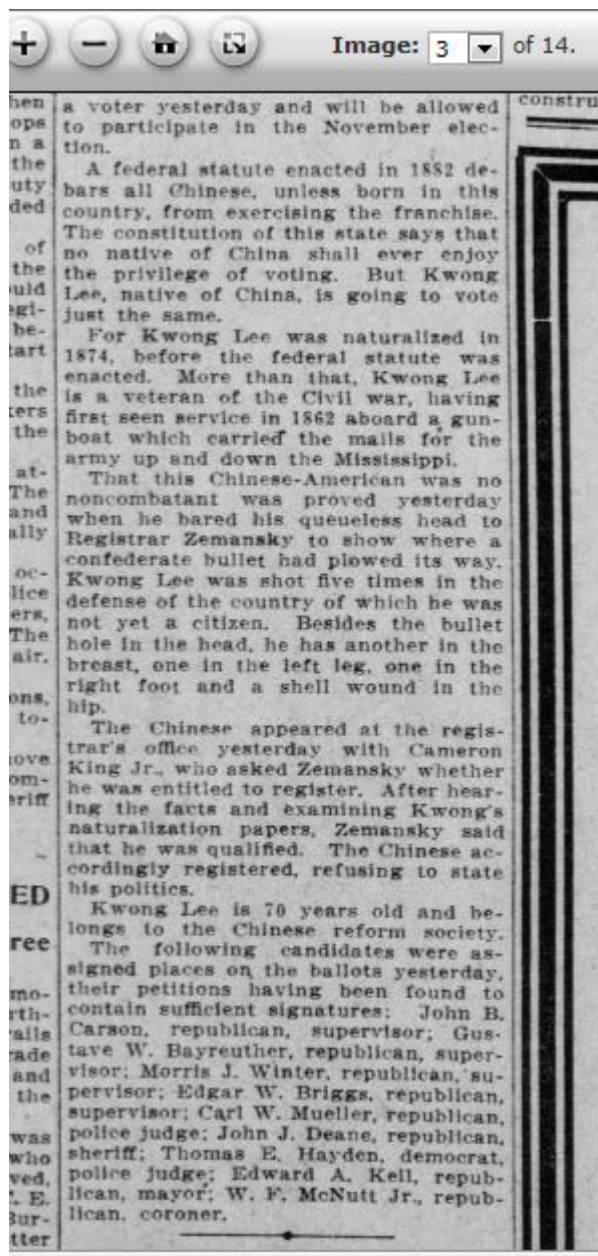
STOCKTON—A man who was killed for the 16th time on July 6, 1891, died of a heart attack in Stockton. He was 70 years of age, but was placed in the stockton hospital. Through the efforts of the stockton relatives...

Children's Clothes Today

Friday and Saturday—that's when you miss them and you have failed to take advantage of the offers of the year. Sale positive

For Norfolk, Russia

Roos Made Children's Clothes are the best values. At these figures they are unbeatable. Regularly \$5.00



James Labord, China, Company D, 1st MS Mounted Rifles, CSA(?) [Ed Milligan - Muster Roll.]

**Peter La Cruz** (surname also shown as **De La Cruz**), born Manilla, about 1837; served as seaman aboard the *CSS Gaines*, Mobile Squadron; treated for an intermittent fever on May 1, 1862; transferred to the hospital on shore on Sunday, July 6, 1862; later returned to the vessel; reported and treated for fever on Saturday, October 25, 1862, and again, with the same condition, on Wednesday, July 8, 1863, and Monday, August 17, 1863. [CSS Gaines Medical Journal.]

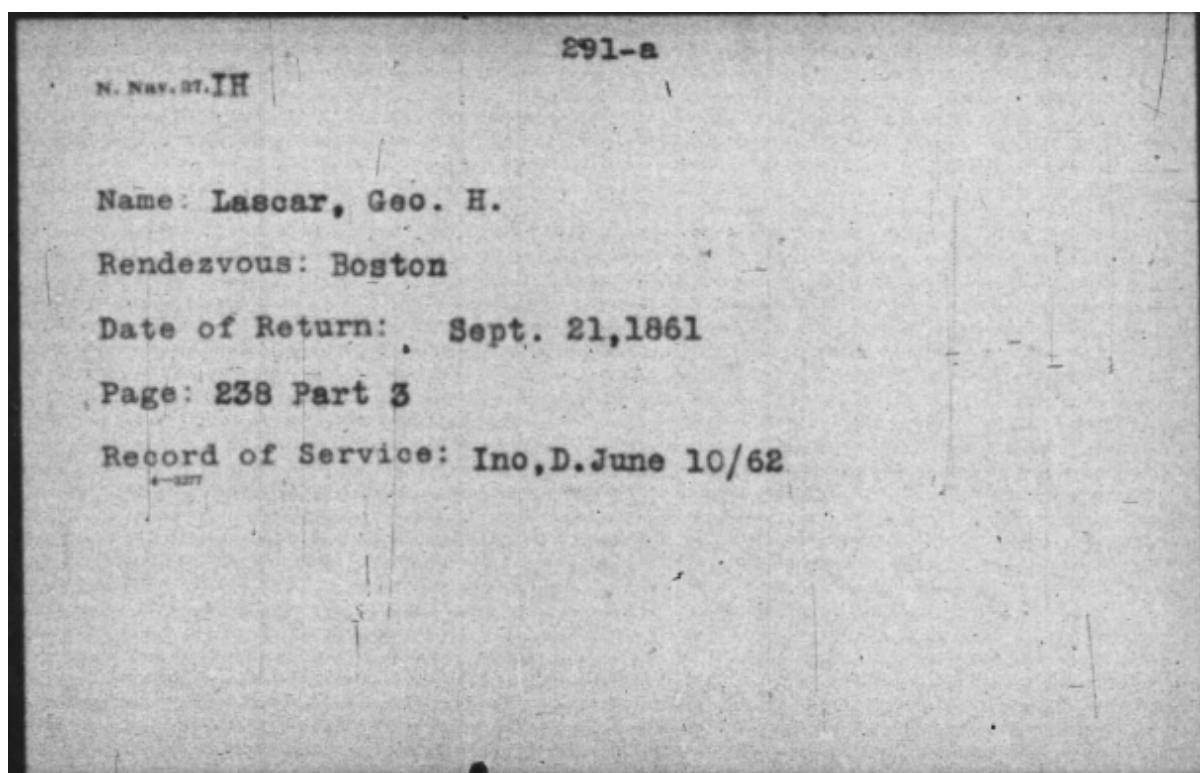
**Thomas Lamb**, born East Indies, about 1843; previous occupation, sailor; enlisted at New York, aged 21, for three years, as landsman in the United States Navy, on August 15 1864; personal description at the time of enlistment shown as gray eyes, brown hair, fair complexion; discharged from the Naval service on March 7, 1866; post war occupation as a seaman; admitted to the Soldiers' Home at Hampton, Virginia, on June 6, 1891, suffering from chronic rheumatism and impaired sight, and was discharged from the Home on



September 26, 1891. [Ed Milligan; *United States National Homes for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers, 1866 – 1938*, Hampton, Virginia, at [www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org).]

Younger Lamb, enlisted January 17, 1864, aged 29, at Thompkins (?), in Company A, 13th New York Heavy Artillery; born Calcutta, India; gray eyes, brown hair, fair complexion; promoted as 2<sup>nd</sup> lieutenant in the 116<sup>th</sup> USCT. (Muster Roll.) (*confirmed Caucasian.*)

**George H. Lascon** (surname also shown as **Lascar**), born Bombay, India, about 1826; previous occupation, cook; enlisted at Boston, aged 35, for one year, as landsman in the United States Navy, on September 16, 1861; personal description, at the time of enlistment shown as “East Indian”, and standing at 5 feet 4 inches tall. [Naval Rendezvous Enlistment records at [www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org).]



George Lathrop, Landsman, aged 24, occupation Seaman, enlisted March 29, 1865, for 3 years, at Brooklyn. Born Africa, eyes gray, hair dark, ruddy complexion. Page 189, Volume 43.

**William Lawrence**, born Madras, India, about 1840; previous occupation, sailmaker; enlisted at Philadelphia, at the age of 21, for three years, as seaman in the United States Navy, on April 12, 1861; personal description at the time of enlistment shown as black eyes, black hair, dark complexion, and standing at 5 feet 4 ½ inches tall. [Naval Rendezvous Enlistment records at [www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org).]

N. Nav. 37. 796-a  
R L  
Name: Lawrence Wm.  
Rendezvous: Philadelphia  
Date of Return: april 13/61  
Page: 53/part I  
Record of Service. Union-Brooklyn  
4-227

**John Lemons** (also shown as **Lemon**), born Mahec, East Indies, about 1805; shipped at Boston, August 1, 1864; served as seaman aboard the *USS Phlox*, 1865; admitted to the Naval Hospital at Portsmouth, Virginia, June 12, 1865, with rheumatism and pulmonary affection; discharged on "C.O.D." July 4, 1865. [U.S. Naval Hospital Tickets and Case Papers, 1825-1889, at Ancestry.com.]

NW 766-b EMR  
N. Nav. 37.  
Name: Lemon, John  
Rendezvous: Boston  
Date of Return: Aug. 6, 1864  
Page: 559 Part 3  
9/18/64  
Record of Service: Phlox, Hospl.  
4-227 65-2

**Vincente Leon**, born Guam, about 1845; citizen of Massachusetts; enlisted at New Bedford, aged 18, for one year, as ordinary seaman in the United States Navy, on March 5, 1863; physical description, at the time of enlistment shown as black eyes, black hair, dark complexion, and standing at 5 feet 4 ½ inches tall. [Naval Rendezvous Enlistment records at [www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org).]

John Lewis, born Manila, Philippine Islands, about 1816; previous occupation, cook; enlisted in the United States Navy, aged 47, at New Orleans, on December 5, 1863, and served as landsman aboard the *USS Portsmouth*, 1864; personal description at the time of enlistment shown as yellow complexion, and standing at 5 feet tall. [CMSR; NPS Soldier and Sailor Database; Find The data web site at <http://civil-war-sailors.findthedata.org/>.]

**Juan Lodigo**, born Nanking, China, about 1826; black eyes, black hair, black complexion; 5 feet 4 inches in height; previous occupation, labourer; enlisted, as a substitute for Edward M. Pratt, December 3, 1864, at New Haven, Connecticut, for 3 years; served as private in company K, 31<sup>st</sup> Regiment, United States Colored Infantry; deserted July 10, 1865. [CMSR.]

**Antonio Lofes (or Lopes)**, born China, about 1833; previous occupation, seaman; enlisted at Brooklyn, aged 31, for three years, as seaman in the United States Navy, on August 22, 1864; personal description at the time of enlistment shown as dark eyes, black hair, dark complexion, and standing at 5 feet 5 ¼ inches tall; scars noted on his right thigh and arm; enlisted on the same day, at Brooklyn, as Marcella Montes, another sailor born in China. [Naval Rendezvous Enlistment records at [www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org).]

N. Nav. 37. NW 692-d

Name: Lofes, Antonio

Rendezvous: Brooklyn

Date of Return: Aug. 27, 1864

Page: 626 Part 3

Record of Service: 9/3/64  
N. A. Squad., S. de Cuba, to  
Princeton June 17/65 "Never reported"  
Aud. '99

John Lucas, Seaman, aged 28, enlisted March 8, 1865, for 3 years, at Hoboken, New Jersey.. Born Guam, eyes black, hair black, copper complexion. Page 207, Volume 43.

**William C. Lutter**, born Maulmain, East Indies (Moulmein, Burma, present day Myanmar), about 1840; previous occupation, labourer; enlisted at New York, aged 22, for one year, as seaman in the United States Navy, on September 23, 1862; physical description, at the time

of enlistment shown as hazel eyes, dark hair, swarthy complexion, and standing at 5 feet 9 inches tall; served aboard the *USS Mohican*. [Ed Milligan; Naval Rendezvous Enlistment records at [www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org).] **See also, C. William Sutter, who may be the same person.**

N. Nav. St. 42-1  
LF  
Name: Lutter, William, C.  
Rendezvous: New York,  
Date of Return: Sept. 27/62  
Page: 420 Part 2  
Record of Service: 9/27/62 10/7/62  
Phila Station, Mohican, Dis. 5/11/64.  
Aud. 99.

**Bob Macator**, born Macator, Pacific Islands, about 1841; complexion, negro; 5 feet 5 inches in height; enlisted in the United States Navy, for 3 years, at New Bedford, December 9, 1864; served as landsman; *"a hole in the end of his nose and both ears, slit out at the lobe"*. [NPS *Soldier and Sailor Database*; Naval Rendezvous Enlistment records]

N. Nav. St. 40  
BF  
Name: Macator, Bob.  
Rendezvous: New Bedford,  
Date of Return: Dec. 10/64  
Page: 931 Part 5  
Record of Service. D.D. Dec. 25/64, R.S. Boston.

**Abel Mahomet**, private, company A, 11th Maine Regiment, Army of the James; described as an "Arab," who spoke very little English, but was intelligent, and was well liked by his

comrades; mustered out with the Regiment in February, 1866. [Information provided by [Wayne Reuel Bean](#), of Greeneville, Tennessee; Civil War Service Records at FOLD3.com.]

C. K. Marshall, anglicized name of Chinese born T.K. Dzau, indicated to have served for the Confederacy, during the Civil war.

THE BUFFALO EXPRESS, THURSDAY MORNING, JUNE 8, 1905.

## CHINAMEN IN THE CIVIL WAR

Chinese Y. M. C. A. Worker says  
his Father fought under  
General Lee.

## ANOTHER WORE THE BLUE

The Latter, H. N. Woo, still lives.  
Americans have wrong im-  
pression of China.

The father of S. K. Dzau, the native Chinese Y. M. C. A. worker, who is in this town on a visit, fought in the American Civil War. He was with the Southern troops, serving under General Robert E. Lee. This surprising bit of information was conveyed to Secretary A. H. Whitford of the Buffalo Y. M. C. A. by Mr. Dzau in the course of a casual conversation yesterday.

"Why, I didn't know there were any Chinese in the Civil War," said Mr. Whitford.

"Yes, my father was in the war for a year," said Mr. Dzau. "There was another Chinaman in the war. He was a friend of my father and he was on the Northern side. I guess they were the only Chinamen in that war. I often remember hearing my father speak about his horse. He was in the cavalry. He had a black horse with a white spot on it. He thought a great deal of it. My father's name was T. Z. Dzau. His American name was C. K. Marshall. He was one of the first Chinamen brought over to this country to be educated by the missionaries. He came in 1857 or 1858. He was only fourteen years old. Dr. Walter Lambuth, an American missionary, brought him to the United States. Dr. Lambuth's old home was in Georgia. My father lived near Macon, Ga., while he was studying. He made his home with some Southern family, as Dr. Lambuth had to return to China. After the war

was staying. He made his home with some Southern family, as Dr. Lambuth had to return to China. After the war had been in progress a couple of years there was a call for reserves. The family with whom my father was staying had no one to send. The head of it asked him if he would go and my father said he would. He served in the Southern army for a year or so, being in one of the regiments under General Lee. He was in several fights, but was never shot. He had part of his hand crushed once, by an artillery wheel. My father remained in this country for fourteen years. Years afterward he made a second visit to attend a Methodist conference at Nashville, Tenn. He died in China three years ago. My father's friend who fought on the Northern side is still alive. He is the Reverend H. N. Woo. Although he is very old, he is still active in church work in Shanghai."

Mr. Dzan will leave this city next Monday. He will go to Youngstown, O., for a few days. From there he will go to Cleveland, then to Chicago and then to Lake Geneva, Wis. He will sail for China from the Pacific Coast on July 29th.

Mr. Dzan, who speaks English as well as any educated American, has made many friends here. He is a very interesting talker, as various little clubs and church organizations have found out within the last week or so. He has gained much valuable information during his tour of the Y.M.C.A. organizations of this country and expects to put his information into practical use when he gets back to the Chinese Y. M. C. A. at Shanghai, of which he is the secretary.

"I find that wherever I go people have a misconception of our life in China," he said yesterday. "I think this is due to the information brought back here by missionaries. Until very recently the missionaries had access only to the lowest classes in China. That's one reason, I think, that there is such an impression in America that we all live in little bamboo houses. We have many brick and stone dwellings in China; had them many, many years before the

Western invasion. The people whom the missionaries used to reach were of the same type as those who live in log huts down South in this country. All nations have poor people as well as rich. You may enter many fine Chinese houses of either brick or stone and find them luxuriously furnished with paintings, carvings, beautiful furniture and all the other accessories that you find in American mansions. The bamboo huts are in the minority, for they are the homes of the very poorest. Some of the richer type of houses in our land cover many acres and are surrounded by beautiful gardens. By and by, the pictures of Chinese scenes that are sent over here will be changing and then American people will get a better idea of our life over there."

Stephen Martyn, Coal Heaver, aged 23, occupation Jeweler, enlisted August 8, 1863, for 2 years, at New York. Born Turkey, eyes black, hair black, dark complexion. Page 427, Volume 27.

**Thomas Matthew**, born East Indies, about 1831; previous occupation, baker; enlisted at Boston, aged 32, for three years, as ordinary seaman in the United States Navy, on October 1, 1863; physical description at the time of enlistment shown as hazel eyes, black hair, copper complexion, and standing at 5 feet 2 inches tall; noted to have had a scar over his right eye, and to have lost his 4<sup>th</sup> right finger. [Naval Rendezvous Enlistment records at [www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org).]

Thomas McCarty, Ordinary Seaman, aged 35, occupation Mariner, enlisted April 20, 1864, for 2.9.13 (?), aboard *USS Anacostia*. Born Calcutta, eyes gray, hair brown, *light* complexion. Page 297, Volume 33. (*Muster Rolls for the USS Anacostia show that Thomas McCarty, born Calcutta, India, aged 26, enlisted from the US Army, at W. Lebanon, on October 3, 1863.*)

George McHalley, Calcutta, India, Company G, 4th PA Cavalry. (Muster Roll.) - **Not shown in the Pennsylvania Volunteer volume.**

**William McCloclan** (surname also shown as **McLaughlin**), born China; previous occupation as a cook; enlisted at the age of 21, at New York City, for 3 years, on August 21, 1862, and mustered in on September 5, 1862, as a private in company I, 119th New York Infantry; personal details at the time of enlistment shown as black eyes, black hair, dark complexion, and standing at 5 feet 7 inches tall; deserted from camp in Georgia, September 29, 1864. (see also, entry for Joseph Daily, alias Joseph Archum.)[[http://dmna.ny.gov/historic/reghist/civil/rosters/Infantry/119th\\_Infantry\\_CW\\_Roster.pdf](http://dmna.ny.gov/historic/reghist/civil/rosters/Infantry/119th_Infantry_CW_Roster.pdf); *New York, Civil War Muster Roll Abstracts, 1861 – 1900*, at Ancestry.com; see especially, pages 7 to 9 at **Navy Survivors Original (Disapproved) pension file no. 51254, for Joseph Archum, alias Joseph Daily**]

George McMillan, Landsman, *USS Cherokee*, aged 46, occupation Laborer, enlisted January 19, 1864, for 3 years, at Chicago (?). Born Ceylon, eyes bronze, hair black, fair complexion. Resident of Louisiana. Page 149/29, Volume 32.

Ernest Megger, Second Class Boy, *USS Osceola*, aged 14, enlisted August 17, 1863?, for 3 years, at Boston. Born Constantinople, eyes hazel, hair brown, fair complexion.

Anton Mendiza, born Philippine Islands, about 1824; complexion, mulatto; 5 feet 4 inches in height; previous occupation as steward and mariner; enlisted in the United States Navy for 2 years, at San Francisco, California, September 28, 1864; served as wardroom steward aboard the *USS Saranac*, 1864 – 1865. [*NPS Soldier and Sailor Database*.]

Peter Mendola, born India, about 1840; complexion, black; 5 feet 5 inches in height; enlisted in the United States Navy for 3 years, at Boston, Massachusetts, July 30, 1863; served as ordinary seaman aboard the *USS Wabash*, 1863. [*NPS Soldier and Sailor Database*; see also, entry for Peter Mindola.]

Charles Messer, Ordinary Seaman, *USS Colorado*, aged 24, enlisted September 12, 1864, for 1 year. Born Sumatra [Indonesia] (his pension documents and death certificate indicate that he was born in Turkey), eyes black, hair black, dark complexion. (Muster Roll.) **Pension file at Navy Widows' Certificates NO.17269**

Constantine Michaels, born Turkey; 61st Massachusetts Infantry. (Muster Roll.) **Not shown in this unit, in “Massachusetts Soldiers, Sailors and Marines in the Civil War”.**

Joseph B. Miller, First Class Fireman, aged 29, occupation machinist, enlisted October 22, 1861, for 3 years, at New York. Born Calcutta, eyes black, hair brown, fair complexion. Page 154, Volume 16.

Oscar Miller, born Manila, Philippine Islands, about 1835; previous occupation, mariner; enlisted in the United States Navy, aged 29, at New Bedford, on November 10, 1864, and served as ordinary seaman aboard the *USS Seminole*, 1865; personal description, at the time of enlistment shown as Mulatto complexion, and standing at 5 feet 4 inches tall. [CMSR; NPS Soldier and Sailor Database; Find The data web site at <http://civil-war-sailors.findthedata.org/>.]

**Peter Mindola**, born Isle of Guam, about 1840; enlisted at New Bedford, aged 23, for one year, as ordinary seaman in the United States Navy, on May 30, 1863; physical description, at the time of enlistment shown as black eyes, black hair, copper colour complexion, and standing at 5 feet 5 inches tall; indicated to have had a scar between his left shoulder and neck. [Naval Rendezvous Enlistment records at FOLD3.com.]

**Charles Mine**, born Singapore, East Indies, about 1813 (in his widow's pension declaration, she states that he was actually a native of Manila, Philippine Islands, and of “Spanish extract”); married Mary Ann Thompson at New York, about 1854 or 1855; Charles' personal description, at the time of enlistment was black hair, black eyes, brown complexion; 5 feet 10  $\frac{3}{4}$  inches in height; enlisted in the United States Navy for 1 year, at New York, December 30, 1863, and sent aboard the receiving vessel, *North Carolina*, until December 31, 1863; previous occupation, sailor, which he had been for some 30 years prior to enlistment; served as seaman aboard the *USS Hartford*, January 1 to December 20, 1864, and returned to the *North Carolina*, December 21, 1864, until he was discharged on December 28, 1864; it was indicated that, while aboard the *USS Hartford*, and in the West Gulf Blockading squadron, he suffered from repeated attacks of fever, a result of severe exposure while on duty, as a diver; also suffered from consumption and paralysis of the left hand; resided, after the war, at Long Island, New York, for ten years, then at Greenville, New Jersey for eight years, and finally to Virginia; in his later years he resided at Bowers Hill, Norfolk County, Virginia, and by occupation was patching cane bottom chairs; sent to the Southern Branch, National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers, Hampton, Virginia, September 10, 1885, and to the hospital of the Home on September 13, 1885; died of senile debility in the Home at Hampton, Virginia, December 22, 1889; widow was Mary Ann, a resident of Norfolk, Virginia, in 1901; Mary Ann died December 21, 1901. [NPS Soldier and Sailor Database; Navy Widows Certificate No. 4910]

**Alfred G. Mitchell**, born Calcutta, India, about 1837; credited to Greenland, New Hampshire; first enlistment as a seaman at New York for 3 years, at New York, on June 7, 1861; first enlistment details indicate his place of birth as New York, aged 24, and that he had a year's previous Naval service; at this time his personal details are shown as gray eyes, brown hair, dark complexion and 5 feet 9 inches tall; enlisted as a seaman in the United States Navy for 3 years, August 31, 1864, at Portsmouth, New Hampshire; personal details at the time of enlistment shown as gray eyes, black hair, dark complexion and 5 feet 9 inches tall; also noted to have coat of arms and a scar on his back, and to have had four years previous Naval service; served as a seaman aboard the *USS Vandalia*, *USS Beaugard* and



the *USS Dale*; deserted from the *USS Dale*, July 12, 1865. [*New Hampshire Rosters*; Naval Rendezvous Enlistment records.]

Pierre Moliere, Batavia, East Indies, Company G, 41st NY Infantry. (Muster Roll.) – **Index card actually shows his surname as Molyre.**

**Marcella Montez**, born China, about 1836; enlisted at Brooklyn, at the age of 28, for three years, as landsman in the United States Navy, on August 22, 1864; previous occupation, seaman; personal description, at the time of enlistment, shown as dark eyes, black hair, light complexion, and standing at 5 feet 4 inches tall; enlisted on the same day, at Brooklyn, as Antonio Lofes, another sailor who was born in China. [Naval Rendezvous Enlistment records at [www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org).]

N. Nav. 37. 196-g  
R L  
Name: Monte, Marcella  
Rendezvous: Brooklyn  
Date of Return: Aug. 27/64  
Page: 626/part 3  
Record of Service: 9/3/64 N.A. Squad., Minn., San de Cuba,  
Princeton, June-17/65, -Never-reported-  
4 Aug. 92, Removed by Secy and Dis. June 17/65

**A Moor** (surname also shown as **Moore**), born China, about 1842; black eyes, black hair, mulatto complexion; 5 feet 4 inches in height; previous occupation, cook; enlisted at Providence, Rhode Island, January 9, 1865, for 1 year, as private in the 7<sup>th</sup> Regiment, United States Colored Infantry. [*CMSR*.]

John Moore, born East Indies, about 1821; shipped at New York, June 20, 1864; personal description shown as grey hair, hazel eyes, fair complexion and 5 feet, 8 ½ inches tall; served as seaman; admitted from Pensacola Hospital, March 31, 1866, with paralysis; “disease not contracted in the service; March 6 – Condemned by Medical Survey as unfit for service and recommended to be sent North for discharge from service”; “Vermont – C.O.D. April 12, 1866”. [*U.S. Naval Hospital Tickets and Case Papers, 1825-1889*, at Ancestry.com.]

**George Morgan**, born Madras, East Indies, about 1842; resident of Pitcher, New York, in 1864; previous occupation, fireman; enlisted as a substitute, at New York, at the age of 22, for three years, as 2<sup>nd</sup> class fireman in the United States Navy, on August 30, 1864; personal description, at the time of enlistment, shown as hazel eyes, brown hair, dark complexion, and

standing at 5 feet 7 inches tall; noted to have had a scar on his right hip; previous Naval service of 4 years. [Naval Rendezvous Enlistment records at [www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org).]

**Peter Mullen**, born China; previous occupation as a mariner; enlisted in the United States Navy, at the age of 28, at New York, on April 12, 1864, for two years service; personal details at the time of enlistment shown as hazel eyes, black hair and swarthy complexion, and standing at 5 feet 3 inches tall; served as ordinary seaman aboard the *USS Onondoga*; the *Onondoga's* roll shows his eye color as bronze. [Ed Milligan – Navy records, Page 240, Volume 32; Naval Enlistment Rendezvous records at [FOLD3.com](http://FOLD3.com).]

N. Nav. 37. 25-j  
LF  
Name: Mullen, Peter,  
Rendezvous: New York,  
Date of Return: April 16/64  
Page: 240 Part 1  
Record of Service. 4/13/64 Onondaga, Dis. July, 24/66, R.S.  
B.Y.

Andrew S. Murdock, East Indies, Company G, 33rd NC Infantry, CSA. ("North Carolina Troops", Volume IX, page 205.)

Alex Murray, Seaman, aged 21, occupation Mariner, enlisted August 3, 1863, for 3 years, at Philadelphia. Born Calcutta, eyes brown, hair brown, fair complexion. Page 428, Volume 27.

**Daniel Newport**, born East Indies, about 1838; black eyes, black hair, black complexion; 5 feet 6 ¼ inches in height; previous occupation, labourer; enlisted as a substitute August 31, 1864, at Hartford, Connecticut, for 3 years, in the 29<sup>th</sup> Connecticut Volunteer Infantry (Colored); mustered out with his regiment, October 24, 1865, at Hartford, Connecticut. [CMSR.]

**Charles Newton**, born Marquasar (or Marquesas Island), Pacific Ocean, about 1821; enlisted as seaman in the United States Navy, aged 40, at New Bedford, Massachusetts, on September 11, 1861, for 3 years; personal details at the time of enlistment shown as hazel eyes, dark hair, dark complexion, and standing at 5 feet 7 inches tall. [Naval Enlistment Rendezvous records at [FOLD3.com](http://FOLD3.com).]

**John C. Nicholas**, born Guam, about 1843; resident of Cranbery, Maine; enlisted at New Bedford, aged 21, for three years as landsman in the United States Navy, on November 17,

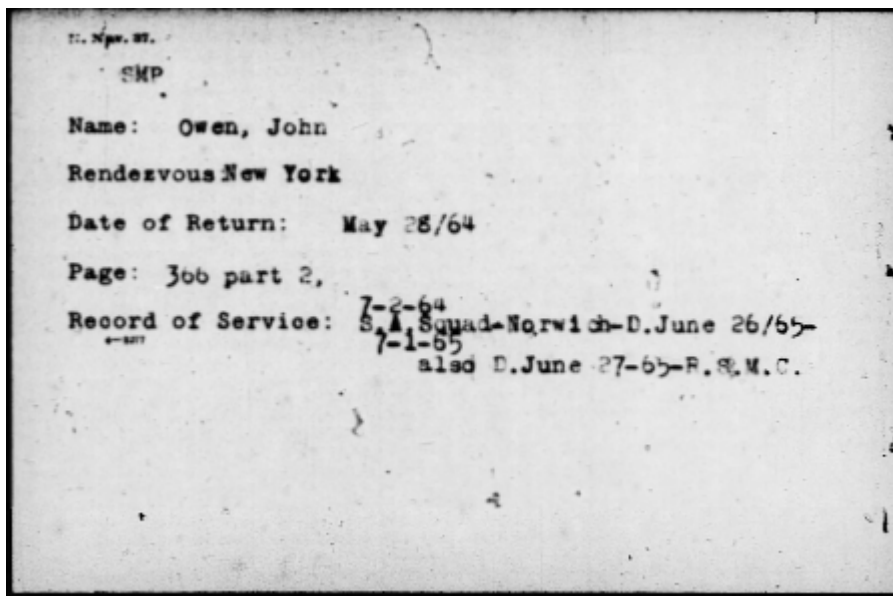
1864; physical description at the time of enlistment shown as black eyes, black hair, swarthy complexion, and standing at 5 feet 2 ¾ inches tall; noted to have a dark molar spot on his breast, equally distant from each nipple, a scar on the upper part of his right thigh, and vaccination on his right arm. [Naval Rendezvous Enlistment records at [www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org).]

**Joseph Nichols**, Ordinary Seaman, aged 38, enlisted (as a substitute for Isaac S. Crufts) July 12, 1864, for 3 years, at New Bedford, Massachusetts. Born Guam, eyes dark, hair dark, dark complexion; 5 feet 7 ½ inches tall. [Naval Rendezvous Enlistment records at [FOLD3.com](http://FOLD3.com).]

Henry Ogden, Landsman, aged 21, enlisted September 3, 1864, for 3 years, at New Bedford, Massachusetts. Born Guam, eyes dark, hair b/s, copper complexion. Page 104, Volume 37.

Emile Onferme, Ordinary Seaman, aged 25, occupation Mariner, enlisted February 21, 1865, for 3 years, at New York. Born Mauritius, described as Black. Page 109, Volume 42.

**John Owen** (surname also shown as **Owens**), born China, about 1829; resident of Brooklyn, New York; previous occupation, cook; enlisted at New York, May 24, 1864, for one year, as landsman aboard the receiving vessel *North Carolina*; personal details at the time of enlistment shown as black eyes, black hair, copper complexion, and standing 5 feet 1 inch tall; tattoo of a picture of an anchor on left forearm; also served aboard the *USS Norwich*; admitted to the Naval hospital at New York on June 18, 1864, with an erysipelatent inflammation over the left side of the face; disease originated in the line of duty; after treatment he was returned to duty on June 30, 1864. [*U.S. Naval Hospital Tickets and Case Papers, 1825 – 1889* at [Ancestry.com](http://Ancestry.com); *Enlistments at Naval Rendezvous* at [www.fold3.com](http://www.fold3.com); Ed Milligan.]



**William Packingham** (surname also shown as **Packenham**), born East Indies, about 1840 or 1842; resident of California; shipped at San Francisco, California, June 6, 1864; personal description shown as 5 feet 8 inches tall, dark hair, black eyes, gray complexion; served as 1<sup>st</sup> class fireman aboard the *USS Narragansett*; admitted to the Naval Hospital (San Francisco?), on September 16, 1864, for an injury received while in the performance of his duty, and which resulted in the loss of the index and second fingers of his left hand. [*U.S. Naval Hospital Tickets and Case Papers, 1825-1889*, at [Ancestry.com](http://Ancestry.com).]

N. Nav. 27.                      MLF  
Name: Packinham, Wm.  
Rendezvous: N.York.  
Date of Return: Jan. 10/63.  
Page: 19 part 1.  
Record of Service: No record of service. Aug. 29.

N. Nav. 27.                      HW  
Name: Packenham, Wm.  
Rendezvous: 6/6/64, New York R.S. Ret. May 13/65  
Date of Return:  
Page: MK 74 Part 3  
Record of Service: Dis. May 12/65, late "Barragansett"

Pascal Pacrad (or Pacard?), Landsman, *USS Passaic*, aged 19, enlisted November 30, 1863, for 1 year, at Boston. Born Turkey, eyes bronze, hair black, light complexion. Page 700, Volume 30.

Thomas Palmon, Ceylon [Sri Lanka], Company H, 54th NY Infantry. (Muster Roll.) **Not shown on the regimental roster of the 54<sup>th</sup> New York.**

Asbury H. Parry, born Manila, Philippine Islands, about 1837; previous occupation, mariner; enlisted in the United States Navy, aged 27, at Ohio, on July 6, 1864, and served as seaman aboard the *USS Dacotah*, 1865 – 1866; personal description at the time of enlistment shown as dark complexion, and standing at 5 feet 5 inches tall. [CMSR; NPS Soldier and Sailor Database; Find The data web site at <http://civil-war-sailors.findthedata.org/>.]

**Joseph Pasco**, born East Indies, about 1832; black eyes, black hair, black complexion; 5 feet in height; previous occupation, sailor; enlisted March 19, 1864, at Brooklyn, New York, for 3 years, as private in the 31<sup>st</sup> United States Colored Infantry. [CMSR.]

William J. Patterson, enlisted at Albany, August 25, 1862, aged 20, in the 11th New York Independent Battery; previous occupation, bookkeeper; born Burhanapour, India; gray eyes, **brown** hair, **light** complexion. (Muster Roll.)

John C. Peau

## Salt Lake tribune., November 08, 1904, Page PAGE FOURTEEN, 1

The Salt Lake tribune. (Salt Lake City, Utah) 1890-current

provided by: University of Utah, Marriott Library

Image: 14 of 14. Page All Pages Issues All Issues Text PDF

**CHINESE VET CIVIL WAR.**

**Astoria Has Only Chinaman in U. S. Who Fought for Union.**

ASTORIA, Or., Nov. 7.—John C. Peau, a Chinese resident of this city, fought through the Civil war in the Union army. It is believed that he is the only Chinese who regularly enlisted and remained in service during the fighting. Peau is now 61 years of age. His knowledge of events of the war is as thorough as that of the ordinary Grand Army man, and although his memory is rather poor, his recital is accurate.

Peau was born at Canton, China, and came to America at the age of 13. He first visited San Francisco, but later went to New York, where he attended school. He adopted American customs and avoided the Chinese colony. During a vacation he visited Fort Sumter and chanced to be there when the Confederates made the initial assault of the rebellion. The incident had the effect of making Peau pro-Union and when President Lincoln issued the first call for 75,000 volunteers, Peau responded and became a Union soldier.

The company with which Peau enlisted took part in the first great battle of the war. After Bull Run Peau re-enlisted with an Ohio company and served from 1862 to 1865. He was only slightly wounded, although he took part in several important engagements.

In 1865 Peau came West and visited Astoria, where there were but few white inhabitants. He also went to Portland, and thence to Lewiston, Ida., where he was engaged in the mercantile business for ten years. He passed through Spokane en route to the Kootenai country when there was but one house at the eastern Washington metropolis.

peared:

"Theoretically, California should furnish the best and most varied health resort and sanitariums in the United States. Within her borders almost every form of wasting disease should find the means of temporary, if not permanent, relief."

This theoretical statement, from an unbiased, scientific standpoint, is abundantly confirmed by experience. The cool and bracing coast climate, devoid of any trace of malaria, extends from the northern part of the State to the extreme south. There is the choice between this cool, humid atmosphere and the dry, warm atmosphere of the inland valleys.

Of altitude there is yet a greater difference. From Plain Valley, 300 feet below sea level, to the upper Sierras, 7000 or 8000 above, any altitude can be selected, and comfortable homes be found.

The peculiarity of an almost rainless summer, during which the injurious germs of animal and vegetable decay are destroyed by thorough desiccation, is one of the striking features of California climate.

During the rainy season it is usually too cool to facilitate fermentation, and the result is, except along some of the river valleys, an absolutely pure atmosphere. The ocean winds entering through the several coast openings, are tempered by the intermediate area passed over, and often receive desirable healing properties by taking up the resinous odors of the pines and redwoods of the coast range.

The skillful physician, acquainted with the climatic conditions should find little difficulty in selecting a locality where climate and environment will do all that these agencies can ever do toward the restoration of health. There is enough of wildness to keep the mind constantly engaged, and enough of civilization to satisfy the most exacting. People whose systems are charged with malaria, or are "run down" by

**WE NEVER MISS FACTS OR MISS OUR**

**By Arriving at Salt Lake City You Gain On THE WORLD**

Leave Salt Lake City 8 A. M. U. P. and W. St. Louis 7:15 a. m. ing. 47 hours and 15 ning time.

Our competitors, same morning, arrive the evening, 10 hours longer on the road.

Returning, the V. Louis 7:30 p. m. (p the Fair), reaches morning, connectin Pacific "Overland I Salt Lake next aftu 45 hours and 50 mi time, with a throu directions, without Salt Lake and Grounds or Union.

Our competitors, same evening, arriv ing, 15 hours and 1 the road.

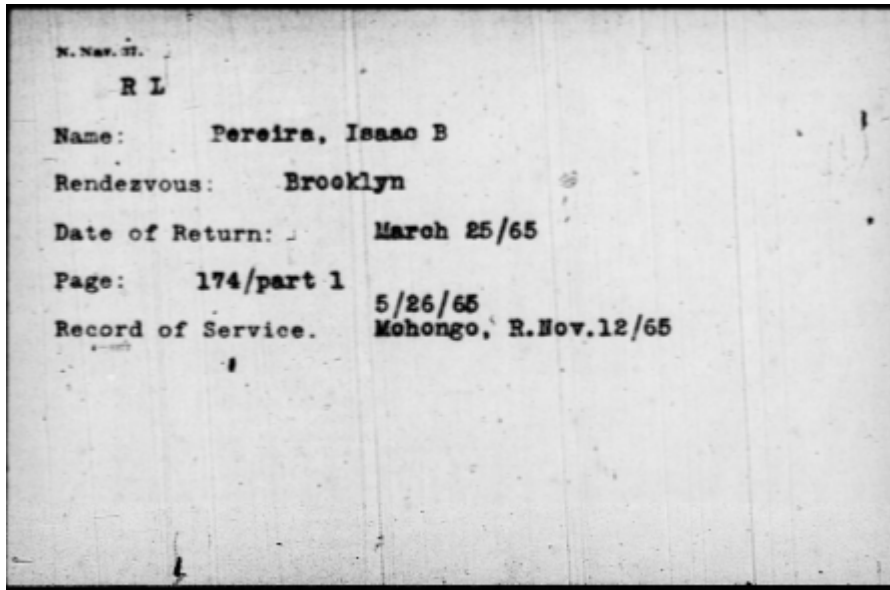
Examine the offic our figures.

For rates and st ions call at 261 M City.

200 Rambo

For sale cheap. Tl fered and bred for and see them or w INTERMOUNTAIN

**Isaac B. Preira (Pereira)**, born Bombay, about 1841; resident of Brooklyn, New York (at the time of enlistment, in 1865); previous occupation, cook; enlisted at Brooklyn, at the age of 24, for three years, as landsman in the United States Navy, on March 24, 1865; received bounty payment; personal description at the time of enlistment shown as black eyes, black hair, brown complexion, and standing at 5feet 4 inches tall; also indicated to be "pitted"; served aboard the USS Mohongo; deserted November 12, 1865. [Naval Rendezvous Enlistment records at FOLD3.com; Rendezvous Reports Index.]



Antonio Peres, born Guam, about 1842; complexion, yellow; 5 feet 3 inches in height; previous occupation, waiter; enlisted in the United States Navy for 2 years, at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, October 12, 1864; served as wardroom cook aboard the *USS Supply*, 1865 - 1866. [NPS Soldier and Sailor Database.]

Joseph Perez, Ordinary Seaman, aged 28, enlisted September 3, 1864, for 3 years, at New Bedford, Massachusetts. Born Guam, eyes black, hair b/s, copper complexion. Page 104, Volume 37.

**John Phillips**, born China; occupation, cook; enlisted at Brooklyn, aged 22, for three years, on December 30, 1863, and mustered in on the same day, as a private in company B, 173<sup>rd</sup> New York Infantry; personal details at the time of enlistment shown as black eyes, black hair, dark complexion and standing at 5 feet 6 inches tall; captured April 23, 1864, at Cane River Crossing, Louisiana; paroled May 27, 1865; discharged at New York City, as a private, on July 10, 1865.

[[http://dmna.ny.gov/historic/reghist/civil/rosters/Infantry/173rd\\_Infantry\\_CW\\_Roster.pdf](http://dmna.ny.gov/historic/reghist/civil/rosters/Infantry/173rd_Infantry_CW_Roster.pdf); *New York, Civil War Muster Roll Abstracts, 1861 – 1900*, at Ancestry.com.]

**Arnold Pierce**, Ceylon [Sri Lanka], about 1837; enlisted at New York city, aged 27, to served three years, on May 28, 1861; mustered in as private in company D, 99<sup>th</sup> New York Infantry, on June 14, 1861; transferred to company B and company F, no dates specified; back to company B on October 1, 1861; deserted at Suffolk, Virginia, on April 2, 1863. [Ed Milligan; New York Adjutant General's roll at [http://dmna.ny.gov/historic/reghist/civil/rosters/Infantry/99th\\_Infantry\\_CW\\_Roster.pdf](http://dmna.ny.gov/historic/reghist/civil/rosters/Infantry/99th_Infantry_CW_Roster.pdf).]

**Joseph L. Pierce**, born China, resident of Berlin, Connecticut; enlisted on July 26, 1862, and mustered in as private in Company F, 14th Connecticut Volunteers, on August 23, 1862; promoted corporal on November 1, 1863; mustered out with the company on May 31, 1865; Pierce filed for the U.S. government pension on October 25, 1890, and, after his death at Meridian, Connecticut, on January 3, 1916, his widow applied for the pension. [*History of the Fourteenth Regiment, Connecticut Volunteer Infantry*, by Charles D. Page, published at Meriden, Connecticut, 1906; Pension card index.]



**JOSEPH** L. PIERCE.

From page 131 of *History of the Fourteenth Regiment, Connecticut Volunteer Infantry*, by Charles D. Page, published at Meriden, Connecticut, 1906.

**Sabas Pilisardo** (first name also shown as **Babas**; he was also known as **Sebastian Feliciana**), born Manila, Philippine Islands, about 1827; married Johanna Sullivan on July 8, 1855, at St. Andrew's Church, New York; first enlistment at New York, for three years, as seaman, on July 29, 1861; personal details shown as born Manila, citizen of Pennsylvania, aged 34, dark eyes, black hair, copper colored complexion, and 5 feet 4 inches tall; sent aboard the receiving vessel *North Carolina*, until September 30, 1861, then sent aboard the *USS Lancaster* until June 13, 1864; admitted to hospital February 3, 1863, "*with vulnus contusion while at night quarters; was accidentally struck by a rammer over the left eye causing a wound about one inch in length, to which adhesive strips were applied; accident originated in the line of duty; returned to duty February 10, 1863*"; subsequently served aboard the *USS St. Mary's* until July 7, 1864; discharged from the *USS Savannah* on July 26, 1864; enlisted again, at New York, for two years service, as a seaman aboard the *USS Vermont*, on September 5, 1864, and served on that vessel until September 18, 1865; previous service of 3 years, as sailmaker's mate, noted; personal description, at the time of enlistment shown as black eyes, black hair, and brown complexion, and 5 feet 4 inches tall; also served as seaman aboard the *USS Grand Gulf* until his final discharge on November 9, 1865; he was involved as a fisherman for a short time, after his discharge, but subsequent suffered from spells of insanity; widow's statement was that her husband had incurred a gunshot wound to the head, which produced brain trouble, and which resulted in his death from paralysis; mortuary records of the parish of New Orleans show that Sabas Pilisardo was admitted to the Charity Hospital on February 16, 1888, and died while an inmate of that institution March 4, 1888, of general paralysis; widow was Johanna Pilisardo, and who filed for a pension on January 28, 1895; in a Medical Referee's report of April 9, 1895, it was stated that the late

Sabas Pilisardo had suffered from hemiplegia and subsequently became insane; she passed away on May 24, 1907 (another page in the pension file shows her death was on October 17, 1906, at the Charity Hospital, New Orleans); her last address was shown as the Shakespear Alin House, New Orleans, Louisiana. [*United States, Naval Enlistment Rendezvous, 1855-1891*; Navy Widows Certificate No. 9351.]

**Joseph Raimen**, born India, about 1845; complexion, creole; 5 feet in height; enlisted in the United States Navy for 3 years, at Port De France, April 1, 1865; served as landsman aboard the *USS Hartford*, 1867 – 1868. [*NPS Soldier and Sailor Database*.]

**Manuel Raini**, born Manilla, East Indies, about 1839; black eyes, black hair, black complexion; 5 feet 2 inches in height; previous occupation, cook; enlisted February 3, 1864, at New York, for 3 years, as private in the 26<sup>th</sup> United States Colored Infantry (a notation on his service card of this unit indicates “name not taken up on muster rolls of Regiment”); also shown as having enlisted in the 31<sup>st</sup> United States Colored Infantry (similar notation shown – “name not taken up on muster rolls”). [*CMSR*.]

George Read, Landsman, aged 25, occupation Printer, enlisted October 11, 1862, for 1 year, at New York. Born East Indies, eyes gray, hair black, *light* complexion. Page 442, Volume 22. (*Probably Caucasian*.)

**James Reid**, born Batavia, East Indies, about 1840; complexion, black; 5 feet 4 inches in height; previous occupation, mariner; enlisted in the United States Navy for 3 years, at New York, July 11, 1864; served as seaman aboard the *USS Minnesota*, 1864, *USS Dawn*, 1864 – 1865, and the *USS Wyandank*, 1865. [*NPS Soldier and Sailor Database*.]

Lewis Reid, Landsman, *USS Cincinnati*, aged 25, enlisted October 11, 1862, for 1 year. Born East Indies, eyes gray, hair black, *light* complexion. (Muster Roll.) (*Probably Caucasian*.)

**Jan Riede** (see entry for James Reid, almost certainly the same person), born East Indies, about 1840; previous occupation, seaman; enlisted at New York, at the age of 24, for three years, as seaman in the United States Navy, on July 11, 1864; personal description at the time of enlistment shown as black eyes, black hair, copper complexion, and standing at 5 feet 4 ½ inches tall; scar on knee. [Naval Rendezvous Enlistment records at FOLD3.com.]

**Peter Rigaldo** (surname also shown as **Regaldo**; first name is also shown, in two other entries, as **Pedro**), born Manilla, about 1833; served as seaman aboard the *CSS Gaines*, Mobile Squadron; treated for rheumatism on Monday, July 14, 1862; treated for gonorrhoea on Tuesday, June 16<sup>th</sup>, 1863; treated for rheumatism on Wednesday, July 8, 1863; treated for a fever on Friday, August 7, 1863. [*CSS Gaines Medical Journal*.]

Peter Robinson, born Philippine Islands, about 1824; previous occupation, steward/mariner; enlisted in the United States Navy, aged 40, at San Francisco, on September 28, 1864, and served as wardroom steward aboard the *USS Saranac*, 1864 – 1865; personal description at the time of enlistment shown as Mulatto complexion, and standing at 5 feet 4 inches tall. [*CMSR*; *NPS Soldier and Sailor Database*; *Find The data* web site at <http://civil-war-sailors.findthedata.org/>.]

Robert Robinson, born China (one source shows birthplace as Elizabeth, New Jersey), about 1842; enlisted June 23, 1864, and served as a private in company C, 45<sup>th</sup> United States Colored Troops; discharged by order of the Secretary of War, June 23, 1865; occupation, labourer; yellow complexion, black hair, black eyes, standing at 5 feet 3 inches tall. [*CMSR*.]



Abram Rock, born Singapore, East Indies, about 1813; enlisted in the United States Navy, aged 50, at New York, on December 20, 1863, and served as seaman aboard the *USS Hartford*, 1864; personal description at the time of enlistment shown as brown complexion, and standing at 4 feet 11 inches tall. [*Find The data* web site at <http://civil-war-sailors.findthedata.org/>.]

Prince Romerson (his surname is also shown as Robinson), born Owyhee [Oahu], Sandwich Islands (his birthplace is also indicated as being in India), about 1840; height 5 feet 3 ½ inches (his naval record shows his height as 5 feet 2 inches tall); black complexion (naval record lists complexion as mulatto), black eyes, black hair; occupation, barber; originally enlisted at New York, January 22, 1863, for one year, as landsman in the United States Navy; served aboard the *USS Wamsutta*; also indicated to have enlisted in the United States Navy, aged 23, at Boston, and served as ordinary seaman aboard the *USS Wabash* (this particular enlistment shows his surname as Robinson, birthplace as India, and personal description as black complexion, and standing 5 feet 5 inches tall) later enlisted April 23, 1864, at Boston, by G.W. Messinger, for 3 years, in the United States Army; mustered by lieut. D. Madden, May 5, 1864, at Readville, Massachusetts; served in company M, 5<sup>th</sup> Regiment Massachusetts Colored Cavalry; promoted to sergeant by virtue of Regimental order to date from June 1, 1864; absent sick at New Orleans, since July 8, 1865; shown as being present on the Hospital Muster Roll of Corps d'Afrique, U.S.A. General Hospital, at New Orleans, Louisiana in July and August, 1865; mustered out of service at New York City, October 9, 1865; discharged October 10, 1865, at Dav. Island, New York Harbor. [*CMSR; NPS Soldier and Sailor Database; Find The data* web site at <http://civil-war-sailors.findthedata.org/>.] **To be corrected, with the details from Ruthanne's e-mail of 11 May, 2014, 10.26.**

**Andrew Rodgers**, Ordinary Seaman, aged 20, enlisted July 6, 1864, for 3 years, at New Bedford, Massachusetts. Born Guam, eyes dark, hair black, copper complexion; 5 feet 1 ½ inches tall. Page 480, Volume 35.

**Mananea Romalus**, born Manila, about 1835; enlisted at New York, aged 26, for three years, as landsman in the United States Navy, on September 3, 1861; physical description at the time of enlistment indicated as "Lascar", standing at 5 feet 5 ½ inches tall. [Naval Rendezvous Enlistment records at [www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org).]

N. Nav. St.  
R L

Name: Romalus, Manaca

Rendezvous: New York

Date of Return: Sept. 7/61

Page: 222/part 2

Record of Service: E.B.Hale, Dis.Sept.24/61.

Dis.March 30/63 . 4 Aud.. R.S.N.Y.. Aud.99

James Rontongo, Seaman, *USS Potomac*, aged 24, enlisted November 16, 1864, for 3 years, at Boston. Born Tahiti, eyes black, hair black, dark complexion. Sent to hospital January 21, 1865.

Joseph Rontongo, aged 27, occupation Sailor, enlisted November 10, 1864, for 3 years, at Baltimore. Born Otahiti, eyes black, hair brown, dark complexion. Page 858, Volume 39.

Manuel Roymanus (or Raymanus), Manilla [Phillippines], Company H, 25th NY Cavalry, enlisted February 15, 1864, aged 25; previous occupation, sailor; black eyes, black hair, dark complexion; deserted at Camp Stoneman, August, 1864. (Muster Roll.) – **Index card actually shows his surname as Raymus, a private in company H, 25<sup>th</sup> NYC. Also shown as Raymor.**

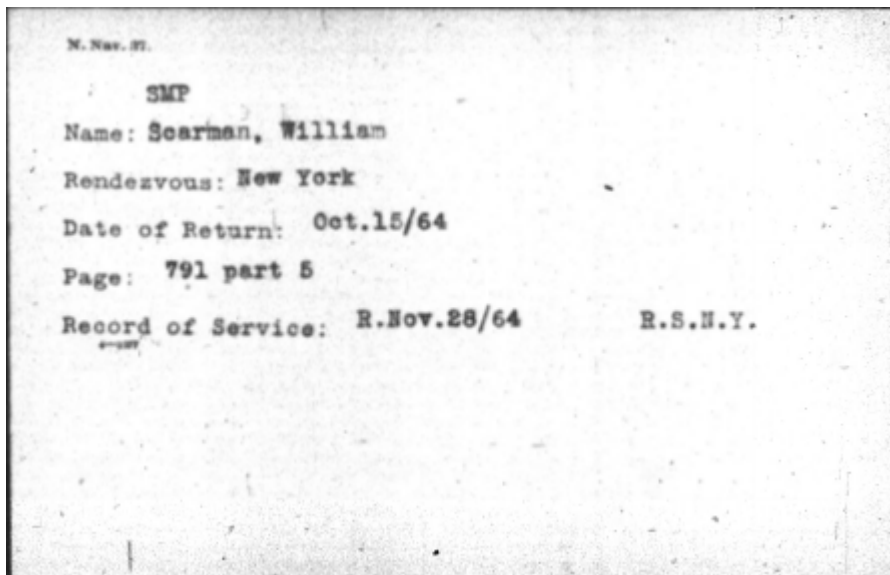
Lester L. Russell, China, *USS Montgomery*. (Muster Roll.)

**Francisco Sabarino**, born Manilla, about 1837; served as seaman aboard the *CSS Gaines*, Mobile Squadron; treated for cholera morbus on Sunday, May 18, 1862; treated for a contusion after he had been struck in the breast by a heavy log, on Saturday, June 28, 1862; treated for paronychia on Monday, August 25, 1862; treated for pleurisy on Monday, November 3, 1862; on Saturday, November 8, 1862, he was transferred to hospital (ashore). [CSS Gaines Medical Journal.]

**Manuel Santos** (or **Santoz**), born Manila, about 1818; enlisted at Boston, aged 45, for one year, as seaman in the United States Navy, on April 8, 1863; physical description, at the time of enlistment shown as “Manilla man”; standing at 5 feet 2 ¾ inches tall; indicated to have served aboard an ironclad vessel. [Ed Milligan; Naval Rendezvous Enlistment records at [www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org).]

**William Scannan**, born East Indies, about 1815; shipped at New York, October 4, 1864, and served as seaman aboard the *USS Vermont*; personal description shown as 5 feet 9 inches tall, dark hair, brown complexion, hazel eyes; admitted to the Naval Hospital, from the receiving ship *Vermont*, on October 19, 1864, with febris, conc. c; “has been under treatment for diarrhoea and fever. The former is now checked but the fever is of a depressing character. Is taking quinine”; deserted the service on November 28, 1864 (*see next entry*). [*U.S. Naval Hospital Tickets and Case Papers, 1825-1889*, at Ancestry.com.]

**William Scarman (Searman)**, born India, about 1825; resident of Sullivan County, New York; previous occupation as a sailor; enlisted, at New York, in the United States Navy, aged 39, as seaman, for two years, on October 11, 1864; personal details, at the time of enlistment shown as gray eyes, dark hair, dark complexion, and standing at 5 feet 10 ¾ inches tall; noted to have a burn on his right thigh (*see previous entry*). [Naval Enlistment Rendezvous records at FOLD3.com.]



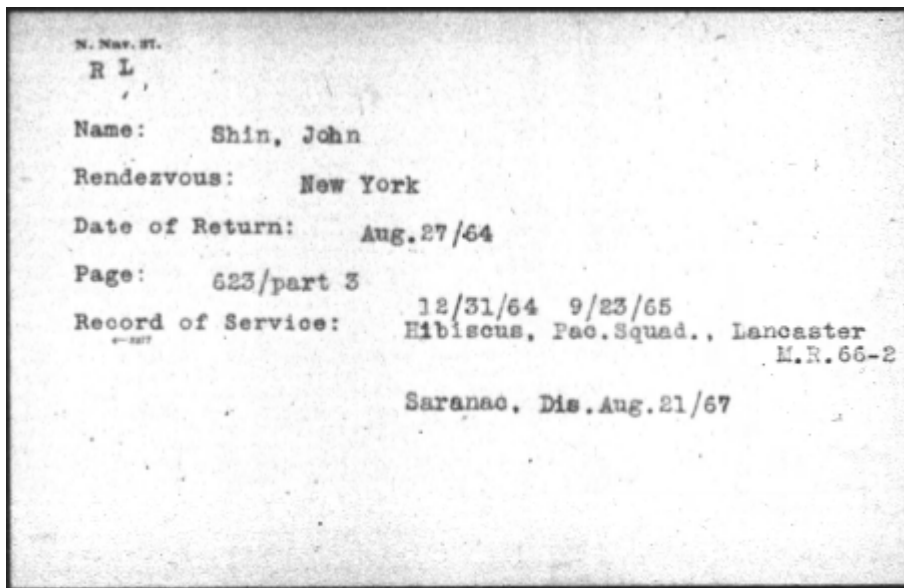
Edward M. Schneider, Private, Company K, 57th Massachusetts Veteran Volunteers; born Bronza, Turkey; enlisted at Boston, Massachusetts, March 8, 1864, at age 17; mortally wounded at Petersburg, Virginia, June 17, 1864, died June 19. (*Information from roster in Warren Wilkinson's Mother, May You Never See The Sights I Have Seen.*)

Charles D. Scott, Calcutta, India, 60th OH Vols. (Muster Roll.)

John Scott, Seaman, aged 24, enlisted August 21, 1863, for 1 year, at Boston. Born East Indies, eyes black, hair light, *light* complexion. Page 452, Volume 27. (*Probably Caucasian.*)

William Shawn, 1st New York Independent Artillery; born India; enlisted April 16, 1864, aged 25; gray eyes, dark hair, dark complexion; died of typhoid fever, February 22, 1865. (Muster Roll.)

**John Shin**, born China, about 1840; resided at Huron, New York; previous occupation, cook and steward; enlisted at New York, at the age of 24, as landsman in the United States Navy, on August 22, 1864; personal description, at the time of enlistment shown as black eyes, black hair, dark complexion, and standing at 5 feet 6 inches tall; also noted to have scars on both cheeks; served aboard the *USS Hibiscus*, on the Pacific Squadron and on the *USS Lancaster*; discharged August 21, 1867. [Naval Rendezvous Enlistment Records at FOLD3.com; Rendezvous Reports Index.]



Ryland K. Shuck, Macao, China, Company A, 4th KY Cavalry. **Actually confirmed as the son of American Missionaries.** (Muster Roll.)

**John A. Shun**, *see* **John Ah Shoen**.

Duke Simmons, Malaya, *CSS Shenandoah*, Confederate States Navy. (*From the list of personnel aboard the vessel included with affidavit signed by William G. Temple at Liverpool, in November, 1865.*)

Charles J. Simons, India, Company A, 9th NH Vols. ("The Congressional Medal of Honor" - Sharp & Dunnigan Publications, page 907.)

**William H. Small**, born Bombay, about 1839; previous occupation, sailor; stated to have been free on April 19, 1861; enlisted at the 4<sup>th</sup> District, New York, for 3 years, on January 20, 1864, and mustered in on the same date, as a private in company G, 26<sup>th</sup> United States Colored Infantry; personal description at enlistment shown as black eyes, black hair, black complexion and standing at 5 feet, 6 inches tall; mustered out at Hilton Head, South Carolina, on August 28, 1865. [*United States Colored Troops Military Service Records, 1863 – 1865*, at Ancestry.com.]

**Benjamin Smart**, born Navigator Island (present day Samoa), about 1839; previous occupation, labourer; enlisted as a substitute, at Boston, aged 25, for three years, as landsman in the United States Navy, on June 27, 1864; physical description at the time of enlistment shown as "Pacific Islander", and standing at 5 feet 5 inches tall; noted to have tattooing on both forearms. [Naval Rendezvous Enlistment records at [www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org).]

**Harry Smith**, Ordinary Seaman, aged 39, enlisted April 5, 1865, for 3 years, at Hoboken, New Jersey. Born Wahoo, eyes dark, hair black, copper complexion; 5 feet 4 inches tall; notation: "many letters on l. arm E\*LTN, a long Kannack mark on R. f. arm – lost some upper front teeth". [Navy enlistment rendezvous records at FOLD3.com.]

John Smith, Seaman, *USS Monongahela*, aged 40, enlisted July 18, 1862 (or 1864?), for 1 (3?) year, at New Bedford, Massachusetts. Born Friendly Islands (present day Tonga), eyes dark, hair dark, dark complexion. In hospital at Key West, January 13, 1865. Page 517, Volume 35.

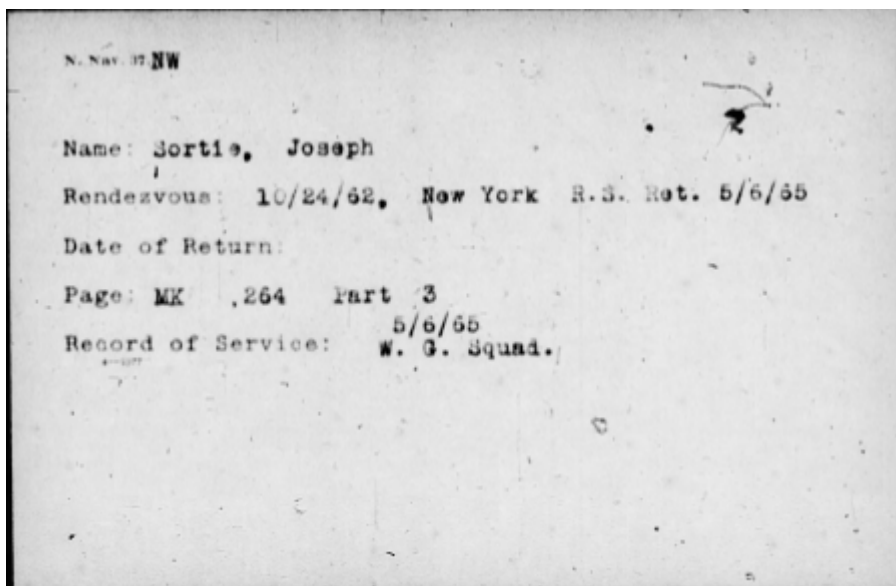
John Smith, born China, about 1829; served as landsman aboard the *USS Itasca*; admitted to hospital on January 29, 1864; the Naval surgeon, Thomas J. Turner reported, on Smith: “Patient has been in Hospital for several months; fistula operated on about a month after admittance; wound very slow in healing and soon after closure, another fistula made its appearance.....condemned by Medical Survey.” [U.S. Naval Hospital Tickets and Case Papers, 1825 – 1889 at Ancestry.com.]

Robert Smith, 11th New York Independent Battery; previous occupation, bookkeeper; born East Indies; enlisted at Albany, New York, August 8, 1862, aged 33; discharged December 6, 1862. (Muster Roll.)

**Thomas Smith**, born Hong Kong, China, about 1831; previous occupation, mariner; enlisted at Philadelphia, aged 30, for three years, as landsman in the United States Navy, on November 26, 1861; personal description at the time of enlistment shown as black eyes, black hair, dark complexion, and standing at 5 feet 3 ½ inches tall; served aboard the *USS Potomac*. [Ed Milligan; Naval Rendezvous Enlistment records at [www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org).] (*Muster Rolls of the USS Potomac show Thomas Smith, Landsman, native of Canton, China, aged 23, enlisted November 26, 1861, at Philadelphia.*)

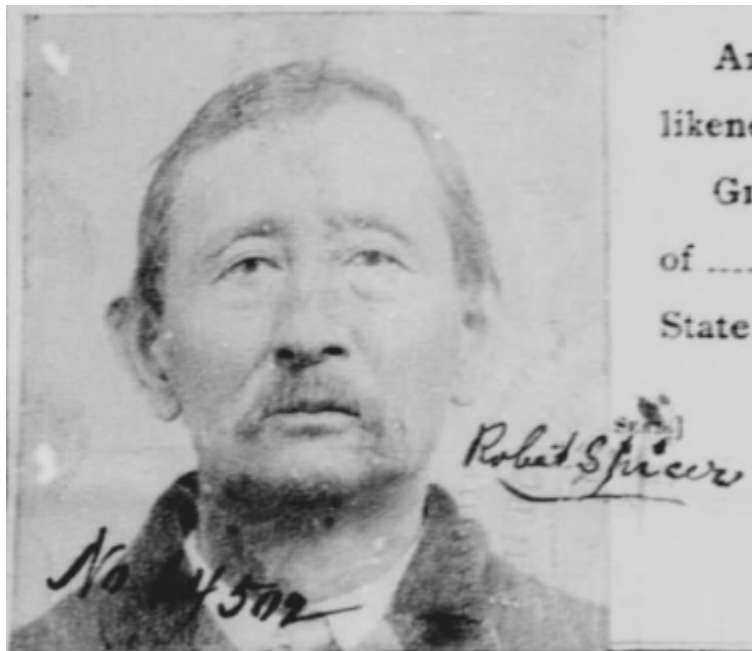
William Smith, Landsman, *USS New London*, aged 21, enlisted February 15, 1865, for 3 years, at New Orleans. Born India, eyes ---, hair brown, fair complexion, resident of India. (Muster Roll.)

Joseph Sortee, born Madras, India, about 1834; complexion, negro; 5 feet 6 inches in height; enlisted in the United States Navy for 3 years, at Callao, Peru, October 24, 1862; served as wardroom cook aboard the *USS Narragansett*, 1864 – 1865; sent to the hospital on March 21, 1865, suffering from syphilitic rheumatism, and was indicated to have been frequently on the binnacle list, for the past five months, suffering from that condition; discharged March 27, 1865. [NPS Soldier and Sailor Database; U.S., Naval Hospital Tickets and Case Papers, 1825 – 1889, at Ancestry.com]



John Spelman, born India, about 1845; enlisted in the United States Navy, at Port de France, aged 20, on April 1, 1865, and served as landsman aboard the *USS Hartford*, 1867 – 1868; personal description at the time of enlistment shown as Creole complexion, and standing at 5 feet tall. [Find The data web site at <http://civil-war-sailors.findthedata.org/>.]

**Robert Spicer**, born Shanghai, China; resided at Noark, Connecticut, since 1852; enlisted at New London, Connecticut, July 20, 1862, at the age of 17, and served as landsman aboard the *USS Sabine*, until August 1, 1862, and then transferred to the Western Gunboat Flotilla, and served on the gunboat *Eastport* from August 2, 1862, until the transfer of that vessel to the Navy; then served on the *USS Clara Dolsen* October 1, 1862 to November 10, 1862, then aboard the *Abraham* from November 11, 1862 to December 31, 1862, as seaman from January 1, 1863 until July 19, 1863, when he was discharged at Cairo, Illinois; filed for a pension on February 25, 1889, alleging fever, ague and chronic diarrhoea; married Alice Summers at Jersey City, New Jersey on July 23, 1875; no children from the marriage; in a Certificate of Residence, issued to Chinese labourer under the provisions of the Act of May 5, 1892, Robert Spicer is shown, in 1893, to be a Chinese labourer, residing at Noark, aged 49, a fisherman by occupation, black eyes, olive complexion and 5 feet 4 inches tall; in an affidavit made out by E. Spicer, jr., at New York, on November 7, 1900, he declares that in March, 1852, he (Elihu Spicer, jr.) was captain of the bark *Fanny*, of Mystic, Connecticut, and was at Shanghai, China, when the Chinese stevedore stated to captain Spicer that he had a young brother, aged 7, who was depended on him, since their parents were deceased; Captain Spicer suggested that he adopt the young boy, and this was acceded to by the elder brother, and allowed by the Chinese authorities; they sailed to New York, and, in the meantime, the young Chinese boy was given the name of Robert Spicer, and his Chinese name dropped altogether; after arrival at New York in July, 1852, Robert was sent back to the home of captain Spicer, in Noark, Connecticut, where he was sent to school; Robert continued living at Noark for the rest of his life, other than the periods when he was at sea, and in the United States Navy, during the war; Robert died of apoplexy at Groton, Connecticut, March 26, 1900; Alice died February 24, 1915, and she was buried at St. Peter's Cemetery, West Side Avenue, Jersey City, New Jersey. [Navy Widows Certificate #15222.]



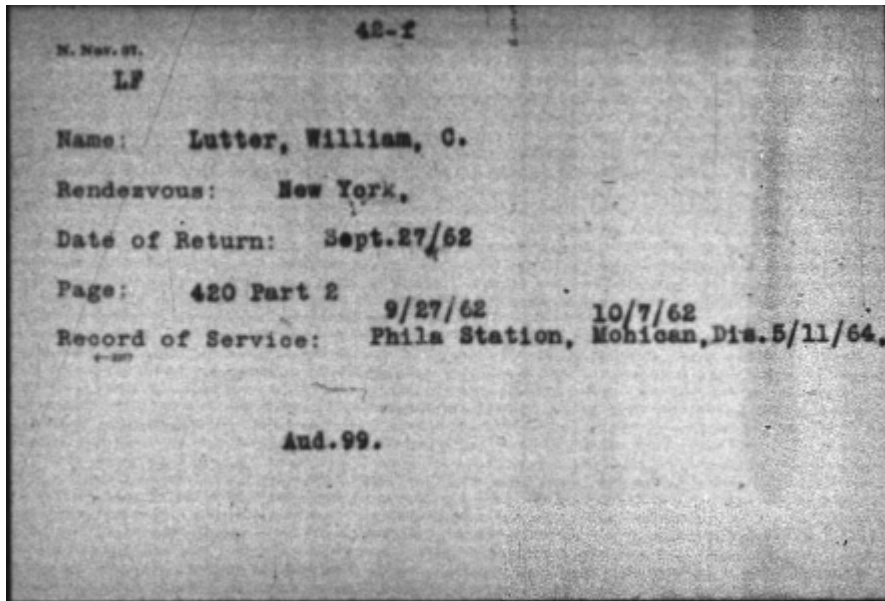
- Robert Spicer, about 1893.

Theodore Spooner, Landsman, *USS Mount Washington* and *USS Minnesota*, aged 20, enlisted April 12, 1861, for 3 years, at Boston. Born Smyrnia (Turkey), Asia Minor, eyes hazel, hair black, dark complexion. (Muster Rolls.)

Moses Stalvey, Landsman, *USS Osceola*, aged 28, occupation Stone Cutter, enlisted November 29, 1864, for 3 years, at Point Lookout. Born Arabia, eyes gray, hair dark, *fair* complexion. (*Probably Caucasian.*)

Nicholas Stavon, Ordinary Seaman, *USS Powhatan*, aged 25, enlisted January 30, 1865, for 3 years, at Boston. Born Turkey, eyes hazel, hair black, dark complexion. (Muster Roll.)

C. William Sutter, Seaman, aged 22, occupation Mariner, enlisted April 6, 1865, for 3 years, at Philadelphia. Born Calcutta, East Indies, eyes hazel, hair black, dark complexion. Page 208, Volume 43. **See also, William C. Lutter, who may be the same person.**



**Thomas Sylvanus**, born China, about 1842; first enlisted as a private in company D, 81<sup>st</sup> Pennsylvania Infantry, on September 24, 1861, for three years; subsequent service in that regiment “not accounted for”; enlisted at New York, aged 21, to serve three years, and mustered in as a private in company D, 42<sup>nd</sup> New York Infantry; captured at Weldon Railroad, Virginia, on June 22, 1864, and sent to Andersonville prison; later transferred to Camp Lawton, Millen, Georgia, on November 11, 1864; while a prisoner of war, he was transferred (on the rolls) to company D, 82<sup>nd</sup> New York Infantry, and then, as a corporal, (also on the rolls, in his absence in captivity) to company H of the 59<sup>th</sup> New York Infantry, on July 10, 1864; paroled and then mustered out of the regiment on May 22, 1865. **Article from the New York Times dated June 21, 1891: “OUR CHINESE SOLDIER BURIED – THE SINGULAR CAREER OF THOMAS SYLVANUS ENDED – INDIANA, PENN. – When the grizzled veterans of Indiana Post, No. 28, G.A.R., on Tuesday laid to rest their comrade Thomas Sylvanus, they buried a soldier whose life had been of more than passing interest. Sylvanus was a full blooded Chinaman about forty six years of age. He was born in Hong Kong, singularly enough, on the Fourth of July. In 1857 a Presbyterian missionary brought him to Philadelphia and taught him the English language. When the war broke out, ‘Tom Chinaman’, as he was popularly known, went to the front as a private in the Eighty-first Pennsylvania Volunteers. He made a good soldier, but ill health compelled his discharge late in 1862. Nine months later he had so far recovered that he re-enlisted in Company D, Forty-second New York. With this command he fought gallantly in the seven days’ battle before Richmond, and did his part in the Wilderness and at Spotsylvania, and in the series of engagements in front of Petersburg. He was a corporal of the Color Guards at Cold Harbor. When the**

breastworks were charged, all the others detailed to hold up the flag fell, but the plucky Chinaman waved the Stars and Stripes defiantly and survived. During the assault on Petersburg Tom fell into Confederate hands, and until the war closed he spent his days in the prisons of Andersonville and Jacksonville. Tom early became a Christian. For nearly twenty years he had been living here and was a devout member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He took out naturalization papers at Pittsburgh in 1870, and is said to have been the first Chinaman to take that step. Soon after that he married an American girl, by whom he had three children. Sylvanus was granted a pension eight years ago on account of disability, and only a few days before his death the department granted him an increase. He is said to have been the only Chinese pensioner on the rolls.” - the Andersonville Prisoner of War database, at the National Park Service web site, incorrectly shows his surname as Sylvanns. [NPS POW database at <http://www.nps.gov/civilwar/search-prisoners.htm>; Civil War Prisons, Andersonville database at <http://www.civilwarprisoners.com/search.php?database=andersonville>; New York Adjutant Generals rolls at [http://dmna.ny.gov/historic/reghist/civil/rosters/Infantry/42nd\\_Infantry\\_CW\\_Roster.pdf](http://dmna.ny.gov/historic/reghist/civil/rosters/Infantry/42nd_Infantry_CW_Roster.pdf), [http://dmna.ny.gov/historic/reghist/civil/rosters/Infantry/59th\\_Infantry\\_CW\\_Roster.pdf](http://dmna.ny.gov/historic/reghist/civil/rosters/Infantry/59th_Infantry_CW_Roster.pdf) and [http://dmna.ny.gov/historic/reghist/civil/rosters/Infantry/82nd\\_Infantry\\_CW\\_Roster.pdf](http://dmna.ny.gov/historic/reghist/civil/rosters/Infantry/82nd_Infantry_CW_Roster.pdf); “*History of Pennsylvania Volunteers, 1861 – 1865*, volume 2, page 1184. ]

**CHINAMAN IN THE ARMY.**

He Was the Only Mongolian Known to Have Been in the Civil War.

The enlistment of a Chinaman in the volunteer army in California the other day recalls the fact that there was but one oriental in the war of the rebellion. His Chinese name is unknown, but the name under which he enlisted was Thomas Sylvanus. He was born in Baltimore about 26 years before the outbreak of the war. When only a child he was taken to Pittsburgh, where he acted as a servant for a wealthy family in that city. When the war broke out Thomas ran away and enlisted in the army. He served Uncle Sam until the close of the war, shortly after which he turned up in Indiana, Pa., where he resided until his death, which occurred a few years ago.

While in the service of the United States Sylvanus contracted a disease of the eyes, from which he almost went blind. In 1860 he applied for and was granted a pension of \$12 per month. He also secured several hundred dollars back pension. Thomas was an industrious fellow, but had poor judgment about financial affairs. Just previous to his securing his pension he married an American woman. When he secured his money from the government he embarked in a losing venture, and it was not long until he was "busted." An examination of the records discloses the fact that Sylvanus was the only Chinaman in the late war, and consequently the only one of his race who drew a pension. At last accounts his wife and children were still living in Indiana, Pa. - Washington Post.

Union Springs NY Advertiser, no date or page shown.



**Robert Tahiti**, Ordinary Seaman, US Steamer *George Maugham*, previous occupation Mariner, aged 29, enlisted July 7, 1864 for 3 years, at New Bedford, Massachusetts. Born Tahiti, eyes dark, hair black, copper complexion; 5 feet 8 inches tall; served as ordinary seaman on the USS *George Maugham*. [Ed Milligan; Naval Rendezvous Enlistment records at FOLD3.com.]

John Terry, born East Indies, about 1825; shipped as a private in the United States Marine Corps, at Brooklyn, on June 27, 1862; personal description shown as 5 feet 10 ½ inches tall, dark hair, dark complexion, hazel eyes; admitted to the United States Naval Hospital at New York, from the Marine Barracks, on April 30, 1866, with erysipelas – “was brought into the barracks hospital yesterday morning in a stupid condition and with face swollen. General symptoms those of debility; has a moist skin, weak frequent pulse; brownish coated tongue &c. During yesterday his stomach was very unstable, though during last night and this morning his condition has been slightly better. There is no evidence to denote that disease originated in the line of duty.” Returned to duty at the Marine barracks on May 9, 1866. [*U.S. Naval Hospital Tickets and Case Papers, 1825-1889*, at Ancestry.com.]

**Domingo Thomas**, born Manila, Philippines, about 1834; resident of Massachusetts; black eyes, black hair, yellow complexion; 5 feet 6 inches in height; previous occupation, sailor; enlisted in the United States Navy for 1 year, at New Bedford, January 16, 1863; served as seaman. [*NPS Soldier and Sailor Database*; Naval Enlistment Rendezvous records.]

**John Thompson**, born Manila, about 1840; citizen of Massachusetts; enlisted at New Bedford, aged 23, for one year, as ordinary seaman in the United States Navy, on March 3, 1863; physical description, at the time of enlistment shown as black eyes, black hair, copper colour complexion, and standing at 5 feet 4 inches tall. [Naval Rendezvous Enlistment records at [www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org).] (*See also next entry.*)

John Thompson, born Manila, Philippine Islands, about 1840; black eyes, black hair, complexion, colored; 5 feet 4 inches in height; previous occupation, sailmaker; enlisted in the United States Navy for 2 years at Norfolk, March 31, 1864; served as seaman aboard the *USS Minnesota*, 1864 and the *USS Brandywine*. [*NPS Soldier and Sailor Database*.] (*Probably the same person shown in the previous entry.*)

**John Thompson**, born China, about 1834; enlisted at New York, aged 29, for one year, as landsman in the United States Navy, on April 27, 1863; personal description, at the time of enlistment shown as hazel eyes, black hair, dark complexion, and standing at 5 feet and ½ inch tall; later served as officer’s servant aboard the *USS Commodore Jones*. [Ed Milligan; Naval Rendezvous Enlistment records at [www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org).]

**Samuel Thompson**, born China, about 1844; enlisted at New York, at the age of 20, for three years, as landsman in the United States Navy, on July 11, 1864; personal description, at the time of enlistment shown as black eyes, black hair, yellow complexion, and standing at 5 feet 4 inches tall. [Naval Rendezvous Enlistment records at FOLD3.com.] (see also, next entry.)

Samuel Thompson, born China, about 1844; complexion, yellow; 5 feet 4 inches in height; enlisted in the United States Navy for 3 years, at New York, July 11, 1864; served as landsman. [*NPS Soldier and Sailor Database*.]

**John Tomney** (surname also shown as Tommy), born China; enlisted at New York city, May 15, 1861, to serve three years; mustered in as private in Company D, 70th New York Infantry, on June 21, 1861; promoted corporal at an unspecified date; killed in action at

Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, on July 2, 1863. [New York Adjutant General's roll at [http://dmna.ny.gov/historic/reghist/civil/rosters/Infantry/70th\\_Infantry\\_CW\\_Roster.pdf](http://dmna.ny.gov/historic/reghist/civil/rosters/Infantry/70th_Infantry_CW_Roster.pdf) ; Article in *Daily Alta* California, Aug. 5, 1863.]

**From the Richmond *Daily Dispatch*, dated March 24, 1862, 'Local Matters – Affairs on the Potomac':**

### **An Adventure**

On Monday, a small party of Federal came to Dr. --'s house in the upper part of Stafford, and after getting something to eat left. Soon after leaving, they overtook a cart of the Dr's loaded with bacon, which he was sending off. They seized this, together with the cart and horse, as booty, but the negro boy who was driving escaped.

After this party had left Dr. --'s, he was surprised by the sudden appearance before him, in his room, of a Federal soldier, a picket, armed with a musket, who called out-- "You are my prisoner!" The Dr. sprang at the man and wrested the gun from his hand, coolly answering-- "No, sir, you are my prisoner." The Dr. started the fellow before him, but before they had gone far, the soldier said he would go no further. Dr. -- told him he would shoot him if he did not, but the fellow said he would as soon be as be taken prisoner. Fortunately at this juncture some of our scouts came in sight, and the prisoner [ did'nt ] seem to be at all disposed to die, as the Texans were willing to accommodate him. He was forwarded to Richmond on Wednesday.

The fellow is a Chinaman; so it seems the United States are hiring of all nations their refuse people, to subjugate the independent people of the South.

**From the New York World of July 9, 1863, also in the New York Times, July 12, 1863, and reprinted in the California Daily Alta of August 5, 1863:**

### **CHINA AT GETTYSBURG.**

Among the killed at Gettysburg was a young Chinaman, known as John Tommy. He was attached to the First Regiment Excelsior brigade, in Capt. Price's company. John Tommy was the only representative of the Central Flowery Kingdom in the Army of the Potomac, and was wide known both from that circumstances and certain peculiarities of his own. John Tommy came to this country immediately after the breaking out of the war, and was induced to enlist in General Sickles' brigade, at that time being raised in this city. He was then a mere lad, entirely ignorant of our language. Being bright, smart, and honest, he soon became a favorite at Red Hook, Staten Island, and was at once the butt and the wit of the whole regiment. Before he became located on the Maryland shore of the Potomac opposite Acquia Creek, in one of the reconnoissances on the south side of the river, Tommy was taken prisoner and soon became a lion in the rebel camp. He was brought before General Magruder, who surprised at his appearance and color, asked him was he a mulatto, Indian, or what? When Tommy told him he was from China, Magruder was very much amused, and asked him how much he would take to join the confederate army. 'Not unless you would make me a brigadier general,' said Tommy, to the great delight of the secesh officers who treated him very kindly and sent him to Fredericksburg. Here Tommy became a great lion, and his picture was published in the Fredericksburg papers. Subsequently he was sent to the Libby Prison, Richmond, where he met his captain, Benjamin Price, who had been taken prisoner at Williamsburg.—After his parole Tommy came to New-York city, where he employed his time in attending upon his

sick and wounded comrades. He was the kindest of nurses, and spent his little means in providing delicacies for his sick fellow soldiers. In the subsequent engagements at Fredericksburg, Chancellorville, and the last at Gettysburg, John Tommy was one of the bravest soldiers in that bravest, of brigades, the Excelsior. He seemed not to know what fear was, and was the universal favorite of all his fellow-soldiers. He had not been wounded up to Gettysburg, but in Friday's fight he was struck by a shell which tore off both legs at the thighs, and he shortly bled to death. The company he was in went into the action with twenty-eight men, and lost twenty in killed and wound. Tommy's case is peculiar, and he was the only representative of the empire of China in the finest army on the planet.

**Charles Towell**, born Amoy, China, about 1838; previous occupation, mariner; enlisted at Philadelphia, aged 26, for one year, as landsman in the United States Navy, on September 5, 1864; physical description, at the time of enlistment, shown as brown eyes, black hair, black complexion, and standing at 5 feet 4 inches tall; received a bounty of \$33, but a notation is made that his enlistment was cancelled, no reason given. [Naval Rendezvous Enlistment records at [www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org).]

N.K. Van Husen, India, Company B, 100th NY Vols. (Muster Roll.)

Amos Vendros, born Madras, India, about 1834; enlisted, aged 28, in the United States Navy, at Callao, Peru, on October 24, 1862, and served as wardroom cook aboard the *USS Narragansett*, September 30, 1864, till about March 18, 1865; personal description at the time of enlistment shown as Negro complexion, and standing at 5 feet 6 inches tall. [CMSR; NPS Soldier and Sailor Database; Find The data web site at <http://civil-war-sailors.findthedata.org/>.]

George Voglesang, born East Indies, about 1839; complexion, mulatto; 5 feet 4 inches in height; previous occupations, waiter and labourer; enlisted in the United States Navy for 1 year, at Brooklyn, New York, September 2, 1864; served as landsman aboard the *USS Neptune*, 1864 – 1865. [NPS Soldier and Sailor Database.]

John Voglesang, Landsman, *USS Neptune*, occupation Waiter, enlisted September 5, 1864, for 1 year, at New York. Born in the East Indies, eyes dark, hair dark, dark complexion. Deserted November 10, 1864, at Philadelphia. (Muster Roll.)

**Martin Willamore** (surname also shown as **Williamore**), born Manilla, about 1840; served as seaman aboard the *CSS Gaines*, Mobile Squadron; on Wednesday, September 3, 1862, Willamore reported to the surgeon aboard the *CSS Gaines*, with a punctured wound, which was noted in the journal as follows: “*Was stung with the fang of a fish nearly an hour since, and has just been brought to the ship suffering the most intense pain. The sting from this fish, called here ‘sting-rae’ is considered very dangerous. I at once applied caustic poultices and gave morph. Sulph.*”; treated for a fever on Sunday, October 5, 1862, Wednesday, July 1<sup>st</sup>, 1863, and Thursday, August 6, 1863. [CSS Gaines Medical Journal.]

Brazilla Williams, born East Indies, about 1839; previous occupation, waiter/labourer; enlisted in the United States Navy, aged 25, at Brooklyn, on September 2, 1864, and served as landsman aboard the *USS Neptune*, 1865; personal description at the time of enlistment shown as Mulatto complexion, and standing at 5 feet 4 inches tall. [Find The data web site at <http://civil-war-sailors.findthedata.org/>.]

George Williams, born East Indies, about 1832; credited to Rindge (?), New Hampshire; enlisted as a substitute, aged 32, in the 4<sup>th</sup> Regiment, New Hampshire Volunteers

(unassigned) on August 9, 1864; mustered in as private, on the same day; discharged May 6, 1865, at Galloups Island, Boston Harbor, Massachusetts. [*Revised Register Of The Soldiers And Sailors Of New Hampshire In The War Of The Rebellion 1861-1866*, published at Concord, 1895.]

James Williams, Seaman, aged 27, occupation Sailor, enlisted May 24, 1864, for 3 years, at New York. Born Otahiti, eyes bronze, hair dark, dark complexion. Page 365, Volume 34.

**John Williams**, born Japan; occupation, labourer; enlisted, aged 22, at Brooklyn, for three years, on August 25, 1864, as a substitute for William E. Bailey, jr., 3<sup>rd</sup> Congressional District, New York, and mustered in on the same day, as a private in company I, 1<sup>st</sup> New York Cavalry; personal details at the time of enlistment shown as black eyes, black hair, dark complexion, and standing 5 feet 6 inches tall; mustered out June 16, 1865, at Washington, D. C. [[http://dmna.ny.gov/historic/reghist/civil/rosters/cavalry/1stCavCW\\_Roster.pdf](http://dmna.ny.gov/historic/reghist/civil/rosters/cavalry/1stCavCW_Roster.pdf); *New York, Civil War Muster Roll Abstracts, 1861 – 1900*, at Ancestry.com.]

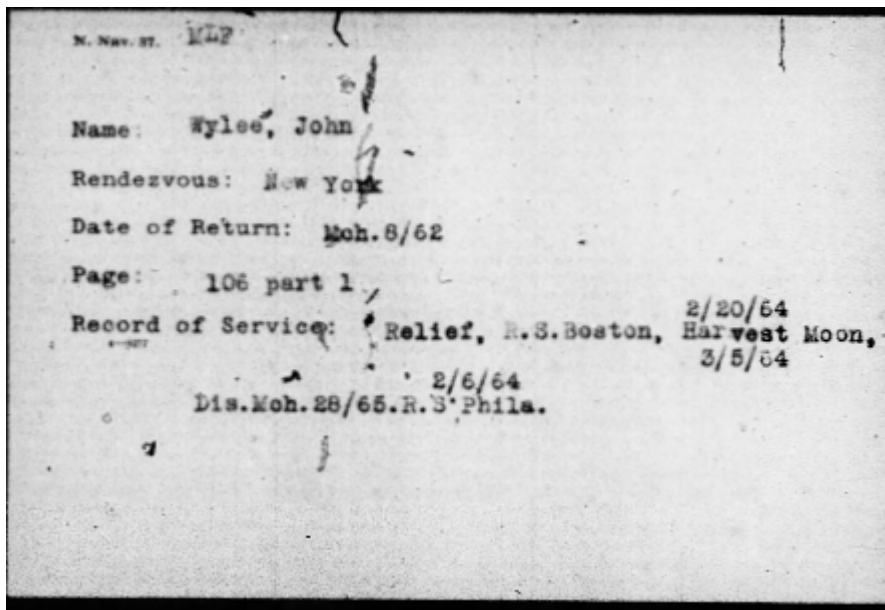
Thomas Williams, Seaman & Coxswain, *USS Mohican*, aged 29, occupation Mariner, enlisted July 9, 1862 (or 1864?), for 1 year, at New York. Born Asia, eyes black, hair black, dark complexion. Page 481, Volume 35. (*See also the Muster Roll of USS Mohican.*)

**Peter Wilson**, born Manila, about 1843; resident of Wayne County, New York; previous occupation, sailor; enlisted at New York, aged 21, for three years, as landsman in the United States Navy, on August 18, 1864; physical description at the time of enlistment shown as hazel eyes, black hair, swarthy complexion, and standing at 5 feet 6 inches tall. [Naval Rendezvous Enlistment records at [www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org).]

**John A. Wing**, born Canton, China, about 1838; resident of Warren, New Jersey; previous occupation as a mariner; original enlistment at New York, at the age of 25, in the United States Navy, on December 18, 1861, for three years service; personal description at the time of first enlistment shown as black eyes, black hair, and complexion described as “China”; sent aboard the receiving vessel North Carolina, and later served as officers’ steward aboard the *USS Pursuit*; also served aboard the *USS Hendrick Hudson*; re-enlisted, at the age of 37, at New York, for two years, as landsman in the United States Navy, on March 20, 1865; personal description at the time of this re-enlistment, shown as dark eyes, black hair, sallow complexion, and standing at 5 feet 5 inches tall; indicated to have a scar on the left side of his forehead; also served aboard the *USS Savannah*, and the *USS Vermont*; sent to the Naval hospital at Brooklyn, and was then honourably discharged from the Naval service on May 3, 1865; first marriage to Kate McGowan, who died in New York City, in 1867; second marriage to Louisa Hang at Macao, China, on November 7, 1872, from which three children were born; applied for the United States government pension in 1890, stating disabilities as pleurisy, left side, rheumatism and catarrh of the head. [Ed Milligan; Naval Rendezvous Enlistment records at FOLD3.com; Navy Survivors Certificate, pension no. 15323, for John A. Wing.]

Alfred Wong, China, 12th NY Cavalry. (Muster Roll.)

**John Wylee**, born China, about 1834; enlisted at New York, at the age of 28, for 3 years, as landsman in the United States Navy, on March 3, 1862; personal description, at the time of enlistment, shown as dark eyes, black hair, swarthy complexion, and standing at 5 feet 7 ½ inches tall. [Naval Rendezvous Enlistment records at FOLD3.com.]



**Filepe Xavier**, born in Goa, India, about 1836; former occupation shown as a musician; enlisted at Boston, in the United States Navy, on June 15, 1859, for three years, as a 2<sup>nd</sup> class musician; personal description, at the time of enlistment shown as being a “Hindoo” and 5 feet 3 ½ inches tall; also stated to have been in the Naval service, previously, for 5 months. [Naval Rendezvous records at [www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org).]

Thomas Young, Officer's Cook, *USS Monitor*, aged 24, enlisted March 10, 1861, for 3 years, at Boston. Born Cape Town, South Africa. (Muster Roll.)

**Leon Zapanto**, born Manila, about 1816; citizen of the United States; previous occupation, carpenter; enlisted at Norfolk, at the age of 44, for three years, as seaman in the United States Navy, on September 11, 1860; previous service in the Navy of 13 years; personal description, at the time of enlistment, shown as hazel eyes, black hair, dark complexion, and standing at 5 feet 5 ¾ inches tall; served as carpenter's mate aboard the *USS Owasco*. [Ed Milligan; Naval Rendezvous Enlistment Records at [FOLD3.com](http://FOLD3.com).]

Unnamed – From the *Richmond Daily dispatch*, dated Wednesday, June 17, 1863 –

### **From Fredericksburg.**

There was nothing from Fredericksburg by last evening's train except twelve Yankee prisoners captured at Falmouth. They were a motley set, including Irish, Dutch, and a **Chinaman**. A gentleman who walked over the course on the Stafford side says there is not a Yankee about the old camping ground. A few worthless tents are left standing, some bayonets dropped about in the old camps, cartridge boxes, "played out" uniforms, which would be valuable to a paper mill, tin cups, canteens with holes in them, a broken cannon wheel, &c., show that the large family which has been occupying the premises have carefully cleaned up everything valuable before leaving.

*Researched and compiled by Terry Foenander with assistance from Edward Milligan and others.*

**Sources:**

*NPS Soldier and Sailor Database:* Data from the National Park Service Civil War Soldier and Sailor database, at URL: <http://www.itd.nps.gov/cwss>

MA Roster - Massachusetts State Rosters.

Mil. Im. - Military Images magazine.

Muster Roll - Information obtained from original muster rolls at the National Archives, by Ed Milligan.

NH Rosters - New Hampshire Rosters issued by State Adjutant General.

Pension - Pension records, National Archives, Washington, D.C.