

# Fort Scott National Historic Site

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## Civil War Quartermaster Teacher's Guide

# **An Army Marches on its Stomach: The Work of the Quartermaster at Fort Scott Teacher Packet**

**Pre-program lesson: Complete the following lesson prior to the distance learning program.**

**Grade level: 6-8**

**Time Requirements: One class period**

**Materials:** "Reliability", "Who is the Quartermaster", & The Hungry Soldier" worksheets  
"Conversion Tables" and "Quartermaster Department Directory" handouts  
'Moving Goods" worksheet needed for the extension

## **Kansas Curricular Standards:**

**Kansas, United States, and World History:** The student uses a working knowledge and understanding of significant individuals, groups, ideas, events, eras, and developments in the history of Kansas, the United States, and the world, utilizing essential analytical and research skills.

Benchmark 2: The student understands individuals, groups, ideas, events, and developments during Kansas territory and the Civil War (1854-1865).

**Number and Computation:** The student uses numerical and computational concepts and procedures in a variety of situations.

Benchmark 4: Computation – The student models, performs, and explains computation with rational numbers, the irrational number pi, and first-degree algebraic expressions in one variable in a variety of situations.

## **Pre-Conference Lesson Plan:**

- Discuss with the students how much we rely on other people, whether it be the firefighter or the police officer. Lead a short classroom discussion as to how our lives would be without those two types of people.
- Put students into pairs or small groups in your classroom.
- Pass out the 'Reliability" worksheet to each student.
- Give the students several minutes to read over the directions, talk amongst themselves, and write down their ideas as to how their lives would be different without these people.
- When the students have finished, they will share their group's ideas about how important these people are and how without them their lives would be much different. You can rank the importance of these professions in order on the board if you wish to, but the students should be able to explain why one job is more important than another.
- Collect these papers and redistribute them on the day of the video-conference.

## **Distance Learning Program Materials:**

- Return the completed **“Reliability”** worksheet to students.
- Pass out the **“Quartermaster Department Directory”** and the **“Who is the Quartermaster” worksheet** for activity 1.
- Pass out **“The Hungry Soldier”** worksheet and the **“Conversion Tables”** handout for the activity 2.

**Extension:**

Have the students think about what they have learned about the role of the quartermaster and how vital it was to the soldiers at Fort Scott. Next, they will think about a modern day distribution center (i.e. Wal-Mart distribution center) and compare and contrast it to the 1860's quartermaster department. Pass out the **“Moving Goods”** worksheet to the students. Let them use the viendiagram to compare the shipping of goods during the Civil War and today.

## **Reliability**

Have you ever thought about how much we rely on other people in order to carry out even the simplest duties of everyday life? Think of how we live now and how our lives would be different if we didn't have the people listed below. Brainstorm with a classmate, then, write down how life would be different if the following people didn't exist. Try to be as specific as possible.

1) Mechanics:

2) Farmers:

3) Plumbers:

4) Doctors:

5) Musicians:

6) Seamstresses:

7) Truck Drivers:

8) Soldier:

Are any of these people more important than others? Which do you think is the most important? Why?

## Who Is the Quartermaster?

The job of the quartermaster wasn't just the responsibility of one man. Captain W.H. Insley was the Quartermaster at Fort Scott during the Civil War, however, he couldn't do it alone. Look at the directory of the Quartermaster Department at Fort Scott from the Civil War. Beside the person's name is their job title. When you see a "do", that means that they have the same job as the person above them. Take 3 minutes and write down as many different jobs as you can find on the directory. Beside the job, put tally marks for the number of times that job occurs. After 3 minutes are over, answer the questions on the bottom of the page.

1. Which job(s) came up the most often? Why do you think that is?
2. Which job(s) came up the least? Why do you think that is?

# Conversion Tables

## Liquid Capacity Conversions

1 Gallon = 4 Quarts = 8 Pints = 16 cups = 128 fluid ounces = 256 tablespoons

1 Quarts = 2 Pints = 4 cups = 32 fl oz = 64 tbsp

1 pint = 2 cups = 16 fl oz = 32 tbsp

1 cup = 8 fl oz = 16 tbsp

1 fl oz = 2 tbsp

## Dry Capacity Conversions

1 pound = 16 ounces (oz) = 6 ½ cups

1 oz = 2.46 cups

## The Hungry Soldier

The Quartermaster would supply a company a set amount of rations to be split evenly amongst the troops. Below is a list of what a US Army company would receive from the quartermaster on a daily basis. This supply of food would be split amongst all of the soldiers in the company. Use the conversion sheet provided to find out exactly how much food each soldier would receive every day to eat.

| <u>Articles</u>               | <u>100 Rations</u> |
|-------------------------------|--------------------|
| Pork                          | 75 lbs             |
| Beef (salt) (in lieu of pork) | 125 lbs            |
| Flour                         | 112 lbs            |
| Hard Bread (in lieu of flour) | 75 lbs             |
| Beans or peas                 | 15 lbs             |
| Coffee                        | 10 lbs             |
| Sugar                         | 12 lbs             |
| Vinegar                       | 1 gallon           |
| Salt                          | 2 quarts           |

Each soldier in the company of 100 people would receive daily:

\_\_\_\_\_ ounces of pork      *OR*      \_\_\_\_\_ ounces of salt beef  
\_\_\_\_\_ ounces      *OR*      \_\_\_\_\_ ounces of hard bread  
\_\_\_\_\_ ounces or either beans or peas  
\_\_\_\_\_ ounces      *OR*      \_\_\_\_\_ cups of coffee  
\_\_\_\_\_ ounces of sugar  
\_\_\_\_\_ tablespoons of vinegar  
\_\_\_\_\_ tablespoons of salt

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Each soldier in the company of 100 people would receive daily:

**$75/100 * 16 = 12$**  ounces of pork      *OR*       **$125/100 * 16 = 20$**  ounces of salt beef

**$112/100 * 16 = 17.92$**  ounces      *OR*       **$75/100 * 16 = 12$**  ounces of hard bread

**$15/100 * 16 = 2.4$**  ounces or either beans or peas

**$10/100 * 16 = 1.6$**  ounces      *OR*       **$1.6 * 2.46 = 3.936$**  cups of coffee

**$12/100 * 16 = 1.92$**  ounces of sugar

**$1/100 * 256 = 2.56$**  tablespoons of vinegar

**$2/100 * 128 = 2.56$**  tablespoons of salt

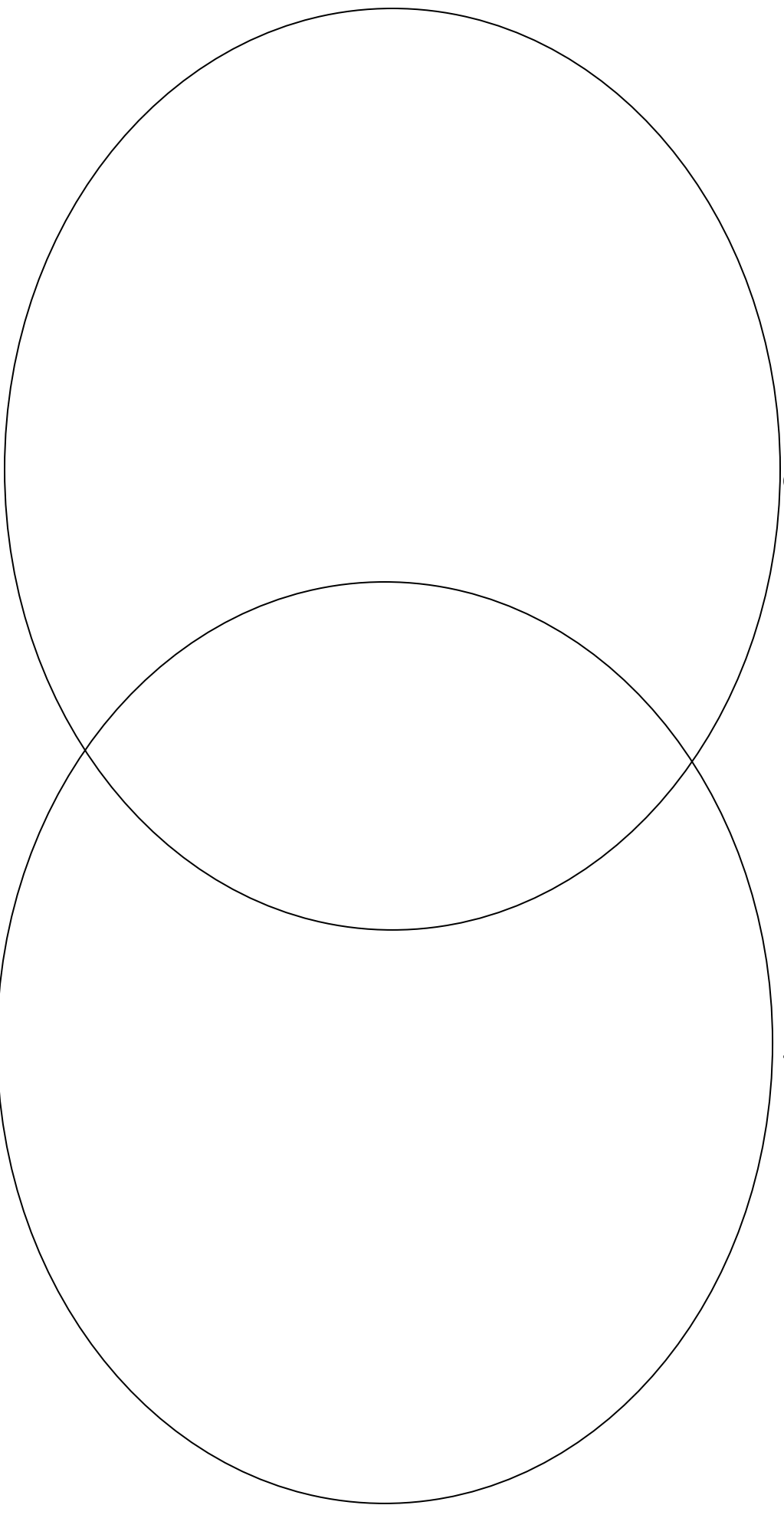
## Moving Goods

### Fort Scott Quartermaster vs. Modern Day Distribution Center

Think about what it takes to get a truck delivering goods to a store in your town. Who loads the truck? Does someone need to drive the truck? How fast can it get to where it is going? Now think about how supplies reached the soldiers at Fort Scott during the Civil War. Are there any similarities to the way a store receives its goods today? What are the differences? Use the venn diagram below to compare and contrast the moving of supplies to a store in your town from a distribution center several states away to the way supplies were shipped to Fort Scott during the Civil War

1860's Wagon Train

Modern Day Truck



## 19<sup>th</sup> Century Wal-Mart Distribution Center

1860's

Today

Covered Wagon

18-Wheeler Truck

Horseshoe

Tire

Wagon Driver

Truck Driver

Dirt Road

Interstate Highway

# Q. M. DEPARTMENT.

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1. M. H. Insley, Captain and Assistant Quartermaster.
2. W. A. Shannon, Property Clerk.
3. H. I. Roscoe, Bookkeeper.
4. J. R. Lambdin, Abstract Clerk.
5. B. E. Campbell, do.
6. A. Griffin, do.
7. R. C. Walker, Corresponding Clerk.
8. Frederick Peck, Copying Clerk.
9. Wm. C. Sanford, do.
10. N. A. Merritt, do.
11. L. T. Cowings, Master Mechanic.
12. Hugh Kirkendall, Master Transportation.
13. Wm. Pearson, Assistant Master Transportation.
14. George W. Boyle, Assistant Store-keeper.
15. Joshua Cren, do.
16. George Wakefield, Forage Master.
17. George Dole, Assistant do.
18. Henry Priden, Corral Master.
19. James W. Gaw, Herd Master.
20. David C. McComas, Foreman B. S. Shops.
21. John Daniels, Foreman Carpenter Shops.
22. Allen James, Teamster.
23. Allen R. H., do.
24. Anthony John, do.
25. Anthony Welley, do.
26. Anderson James, do.
27. Ard Charles, do.
28. Anderson William, do.
29. Anderson William 2d., do.
30. Armstrong Wm., W. M. at Post.
31. Armstrong Scott, Assistant do.
32. Adams John Q, Herder.
33. Anderson Enoch, do.

34. Adams Archibald, Blacksmith.
35. Allen Erasmus, Teamster.
36. Anderson Wiley, Scunit.
37. Blackworth Thomas, (col'd.) Laborer.
38. Brown James, do.
39. Burke Herman, Teamster.
40. Beannan Andrew, do.
41. Brassbridge Geo. W., do.
42. Briskoe J., do.
43. Bailey John, do.
44. Barrioklowe Perry, do.
45. Bailey James, do.
46. Brown James, do.
47. Benty Lewis, do.
48. Barr James, do.
49. Bushead Henry, do.
50. Ballard Archibald, Herder.
51. Barnes Edward, do.
52. Beecher Daniel, do.
53. Beardon Ephraim, do.
54. Bowlegs John, do.
55. Burnett Chas. C., Blacksmith.
56. Brown Mark, do.
57. Burns Geo. W., do.
58. Bromledge Herman, do.
59. Branrom Jessee, do.
60. Byrne Patriok, Carpenter.
61. Bean Patroon, Blacksmith.
62. Chandler Hiram, Laborer.
63. Crolley Frank M., Teamster.
64. Cowell George, do.
65. Corney John, do.
66. Courist John, do.
67. Clark Adam, do.
68. Cosgrove Patrick, do.
69. Croak William, do.
70. Cook John, do.
71. Cox William, do.
72. Cox Thos. J., do.
73. Crane Henry, do.
74. Carrier Joseph, do.
75. Cram Marion, do.
76. Crain William, do.
77. Coe M., Laborer
78. Coe Justice, do.
79. Collins Alonzo, do.
80. Carroll Michael, Wagon Master.

81. Campbell Waller, (col'd) Laborer.
82. Callahan Pat., Herder.
83. Colbough Wm., do.
84. Carner John, do.
85. Carlton B. S., Blacksmith.
86. Conners Domini, Teamster.
87. Driskell James, do.
88. Drum William, do.
89. Davis Adam H., do.
90. Davis Wm. T., do.
91. Dalaway William, do.
92. Dunn H. A., do.
93. Donashan I. B., do.
94. Dixon William, do.
95. Downes Festes, do.
96. Durkee Chas. W., do.
97. Davis A. I., do.
98. Doyle Robert, do.
99. Doorley Thomas, do.
100. Doyle James, do.
101. Duffey Patrick, do.
102. Dickey John A., Wagon Master.
103. Dickenson Burry C., Laborer.
104. Drake L. M. Jr., Teamster.
105. Drake L. M. Sen., do.
106. Donovan Martin, do.
107. Donahoe Arthur, Blacksmith.
108. Davidson John, Saddler.
109. Disbrow Sam. G., Painter.
110. Delay W. F., Teamster.
111. Doyle John, Laborer.
112. Daniels Ransom, do.
113. Daniels James, do.
114. Ehlerdorf Theodore, Teamster.
115. Eddleman George, do.
116. Easely Samuel, Herder.
117. Frazer John, Laborer.
118. Fredrickson Christian, Teamster.
119. Fitzpatrick Patrick, do.
120. Franks John, do.
121. Finnegan Patrick, Blacksmith.
122. Fuller Cyrus, Saddler.
123. Fuller J. T., Laborer.
124. Fuller C. E., do.
125. Gibson Henry, Teamster.
126. Gibson John, do.
127. Gillece William, do.

128. Grubb John, do.
129. Glascoow Milton, do.
130. Gordon Clem, do.
131. Glasgow William, do.
132. Gazzier John, Herder.
133. Gooch Herbert, Saddler.
134. Gaston Josiah, Carpenter.
135. Greenwood James, Teamster.
136. Godfrey Washington, do.
137. Grimes Joseph, Messenger.
138. Gillson, Blacksmith.
139. Harris William, Laborer.
140. Huddleston James, do.
141. Hapron George R., Teamster.
142. Hill Adam, do.
143. Harrell Joseph A., do.
144. Haine Thomas J., do.
145. Heller Daniel, do.
146. Horton P. P., do.
147. Hancock Gilbert, do.
148. Hartman John, do.
149. Howard George, do.
150. Hawley Thomas, do.
151. Holmes George, do.
152. Hooper Eli, Laborer.
153. Hayden Claton, do.
154. Hawker Jessie, do.
155. Hamlin Patrick, Assistant Corral Master.
156. Hatch W. W., Herder.
157. Hammon George, do.
158. Hammond Albert, do.
159. Hieckox Emory R., do.
160. Hoggott John L., do.
161. Hayden Henry, Laborer.
162. Hayden M., do.
163. Hoogland L. B., Herder.
164. Hacket James, Blacksmith.
165. Hatch Levi, Carpenter.
166. Herbert Thomas, Painter.
167. Harris George, Teamster.
168. Irej John, do.
169. Ingersall James, Assistant Wagon Master.
170. Ihrag George O., Herder.
171. Indigott Gabriel, Blacksmith.
172. Jackson Burton, Teamster.
173. Jones E. I. B., Laborer.
174. Johnson William, Blacksmith.

175. Jaderberg Louis, do.
176. Jacobson Charles, Wheelwright.
177. Johnston Thomas, Teamster.
178. Jumper Thomas, do.
179. Jackson John, Head Laborer.
180. Jenkins Robert, Train Master.
181. Johnston Charles, Teamster.
182. Jones Henry, Scout.
183. Johnson James, Laborer.
184. Jones Edward, Teamster.
185. Kelsey Charles, do.
186. Kirk Richard, do.
187. Karleskeint Geo., Laborer.
188. Keys G. H., Teamster.
189. Kent John, Saddler.
190. Kline David, Carpenter.
191. Keefer Alexander, Teamster.
192. Kufer Harry, do.
193. Luney Stephen, Laborer.
194. Lynds Edward, Teamster.
195. Ladd Abraham, do.
196. Lacock Franklin, do.
197. Lacock Alex., do.
198. Lucas M. H., do.
199. Lathrop Thomas, do.
200. Lathrop George, do.
201. Lawless Patrick, do.
202. Lovejoy Edward, do.
203. Leonard John, do.
204. Layton Wm., Laborer.
205. Long James, do.
206. Lore E. H., Teamster.
207. Lore Richard, do.
208. Lyberger Byard, Laborer.
209. Long George, do.
210. Loosey Stephen, do.
211. Marshall Benj., do.
212. McMillen Alfred, do.
213. McBroom Calvin, do.
214. McLeod John, do.
215. Massip Joseph, do.
216. Mueller John, do.
217. McIntire Duncan, do.
218. Marthing Richard, do.
219. Marshall J. L., do.
220. Mileham Thomas, do.
221. Mitzel Benj., do.

- 222. Moor Scott, do.
- 223. McGowan James, do.
- 224. Mooney James, Teamster.
- 225. May Paul, do.
- 226. McCarty Daniel, do.
- 227. Masyaw James, do.
- 228. Morrison John, do.
- 229. Manderson A. J., Wagon Master.
- 230. Martin Asher, do.
- 231. Morrillion John, Assistant do.
- 232. McKinstry William, do.
- 233. Mason Jefferson, Herder.
- 234. Mason John, do.
- 235. Mason Alvin, do.
- 236. Manlove Orland, do.
- 237. McBroon Henry, do.
- 238. Murray Thomas, do.
- 239. Manzors Henry, do.
- 240. Mason William, Blacksmith.
- 241. McKee Jackson, do.
- 242. Mars Alex., Laborer.
- 243. Marshall Lewis, Teamster.
- 244. McDonough James, do.
- 245. Miller Henry, do.
- 246. McKay John, Laborer.
- 247. Mars John, do.
- 248. Mills Henry, do.
- 249. Morrow John, do.
- 250. Nichols Wm. W., Teamster.
- 251. Neighbors A. G., do.
- 252. Ney David, do.
- 253. Nichols Henry, do.
- 254. Neidiger Joseph, do.
- 255. Nugent William, do.
- 256. Osborn John M., do.
- 257. Oneal Dow, do.
- 258. Obiger Wallace, do.
- 259. Osborn A. J., do.
- 260. Oar Jessee, do.
- 261. O'Connor Thomas, do.
- 262. Patrick John, do.
- 263. Prigmore J. T., do.
- 264. Patrick Frank, do.
- 265. Peweft James, do.
- 266. Parker John, do.
- 267. Preston John, do.
- 268. Preston George, do.

269. Pillians Daniel, Herder.
270. Parks Daniel, do.
271. Paine Martin, do.
272. Perry Joseph, Blacksmith.
273. Pelterman S. S., Wheelwright.
274. Pierson Joshua, Teamster.
275. Paine Cornelius, Blacksmith.
276. Rickey William, Wagon Master.
277. Red Benjamin, Laborer.
278. Romeigh Daniel, Teamster.
279. Ryan Reason H., do.
280. Rollins William, do.
281. Robinson Daniel, do.
282. Russell S. T., do.
283. Roherbach Frank, do.
284. Reynolds John, Blacksmith.
285. Riley Barney, Blacksmith Helper.
286. Rantt Daniel, Wheelwright.
287. Reynolds John, Carpenter.
288. Robertson John, Teamster.
289. Richards E., Wagon Master.
290. Russell Samuel, Teamster.
291. Roberts Jas. F., do.
292. Reader George, Receiving and Shipping Clerk.
293. Ryan John, Laborer.
294. Sanders Reuben, do.
295. Sinkler Richard, do.
296. Shannon Ellis, Teamster.
297. Shriner John, do.
298. Sullivan C., do.
299. Starks Levi, do.
300. Scott M., do.
301. Shields Michael, do.
302. Sliger James M., do.
303. Smith Charles, do.
304. Steward William, do.
305. Skin James, do.
306. Starks James, do.
307. Stone Geo. W., do.
308. Shay John, do.
309. Sherman Patrick, Wagon Master.
310. Stockton Wm. H., Head Herder.
311. Stone William, Herder.
312. Standrook Ben., do.
313. Simpson John, do.
314. Simpson J. A., do.
315. Simpson Leonard, do.

316. Stone Newton, do.
317. Smith Major, Laborer.
318. Sunny Moses, Blacksmith.
319. Stephenson Milton, do.
320. Sanders Anderson, Teamster.
321. Superman Albert, Blacksmith.
322. Skale Henry, Teamster.
323. Thompson George, Laborer.
324. Thompson John, do.
325. Tennon Elijah, do.
326. Thompson John R., Teamster.
327. Tinsley Jacob, do.
328. Terrell S. F., do.
329. Tucker Mason, do.
330. Thorington John, Laborer.
331. Trowbridge John, Assistant Wagon Master.
332. Toles George, Herder.
333. Terrel Thomas, Laborer.
334. Tomberlin John, Herder.
335. Tottington Albert, Blacksmith.
336. Toal Edward, do.
337. Tyler Chas. C., Carpenter.
338. Tuttle Ira, Scout.
339. Vinnegar Peter, Laborer.
340. Valeley John, Teamster.
341. Vann Charles, do.
342. West John, Laborer.
343. Wells Hazzard K., Teamster.
344. Watkins Robert, do.
345. Welch Edward, do.
346. Warnsley N., do.
347. Wroughton Thos. J., do.
348. Williams Rees, do.
349. Williams Jerome, do.
350. Williams Amos, do.
351. Ward Joseph, do.
352. Wall John, do.
353. Wisdom John, do.
354. Whitmore Edward, Laborer.
355. Whitmore Nelson, do.
356. Wolf Joseph, Herder.
357. Whaley Joel, do.
358. Wood Jas. T., Assistant Wagon Master.
359. Weaver Fortune, Blacksmith.
360. Whitmore Aaron, do.
361. Weiler John, Wheelwright.
362. Wear William, Harness Maker.

- 363. Watt Robert A., Stone Mason.
- 364. Weymire F. R., Teamster.
- 365. Warfield Jefferson, do.
- 366. Weir James, do.
- 367. Williams Jackson, do.
- 368. Ward George, do.

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Robinson Capt. Edward, J. C. S. Vols. Depot Commissary,  
bds. Buchanan, bet. Hendricks and Stanton.  
May Victor, chief clerk, bds. Buchanan, bet. Hendricks and  
Stanton.  
Robinson Homer, assistant clerk, bds. Buchanan, bet. Hend-  
ricks and Stanton.  
Shaffenburg M. A., assistant clerk, bds. Buchanan, between  
Hendricks and Stanton.  
Smith James A., assistant clerk, bds. Buchanan, bet. Hend-  
and Stanton.

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Clark George J., ordnance officer, commanding department.  
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Gould David B., second clerk.  
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Williams J. K., receiving and issuing stores.  
Doane Philip L., master armorer.  
Parker S., armorer.  
Vail William, armorer.  
Greenwood Joseph, painter.  
McCoon George H., mechanic.  
Bryant J. A., mechanic.

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