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at Middleton, Tenn.; resigned. John A. Whiting; captured near Nashville.

MONTEGOMERY.—J. F. Gaines; resigned. W. G. Campbell; resigned.

MORGAN.—J. W. Harper; resigned. Josiah Patterson; (company detached).

TALLAPOOSA.—John G. Stokes; resigned. Jesse Fitzpatrick; resigned. Henry Washburn.

CALHOUN.—D. T. Blakey; promoted. Warren S. Reese; transferred. J. Monroe Anderson.

PIKE, DALE, COFFEE.—A. H. Johnson; promoted. George P. Fuhrman; captured at Middleton.

AUTAUGA AND MONTGOMERY.—Joseph Hodgson; resigned. George Speed; killed at Noonday Creek.

MONROE AND BUTLER.—Orlando H. Abney; resigned. Jas. Hightower; resigned. V. M. Elmore; promoted. Bolling Kavanaugh.

PIKE AND BUTLER.—C. H. Colvin; resigned. Sydney E. Allen; killed at Murfreesboro. Robert Allen; wounded.

MONTGOMERY.—Britton C. Tarver; resigned.

SECOND ALABAMA—(CAVALRY).

This regiment was organized at Montgomery, May 1, 1862. Proceeding to west Florida, it operated there about ten months, and was engaged in several skirmishes. Ordered to north Mississippi, and placed under Gen. Ruggles, the regiment lost 8 men in a skirmish at Mud creek. It was then placed in Ferguson's brigade, and operated in the Tennessee valley, taking part in numerous skirmishes. The Second fought Grierson at Okalona, with a loss of about 70 men killed and wounded, then harassed Sherman on his march to and from Mississippi. Joining Gen. Wheeler, the Second performed arduous duty on the flank of the army in the Dalton-Atlanta campaign, and lost a number of men in the battle of July 22 at Atlanta. Having accompanied Hood to Rome, the Second then fell on Sherman's rear, and skirmished almost daily with some loss. The regiment tracked Sherman to Gretnesboro, N. C., then escorted President Davis to Georgia. At Forsyth, in that State, the regiment laid down its arms, 450 strong.

FIELD AND STAFF.

COLONELS.—F. W. Hunter of Montgomery; relieved. R. Gordon Earle of Calhoun; killed at Kingston, Ga. John N. Carpenter of Greene.

LIEUTENANT COLONELS.—James Cunningham of Monroe; resigned. John P. West of Shelby; resigned. J. N. Car-

penter; promoted. Jos. J. Pegues of Tuskalooosa; wounded at Nickajack.

MAJORS.—Mathew R. Marks of Montgomery; relieved. J. N. Carpenter; promoted. J. J. Pegues; promoted. Richard W. Carter of Butler.

ADJUTANT.—James M. Bullock of Greene.

CAPTAINS, AND COUNTIES FROM WHICH THE COMPANIES CAME.

CALHOUN.—Richard G. Earle; promoted to colonel. Jacob W. Whisenant; wounded at Kennesa.

SHELBY.—John P. West; promoted to lieutenant colonel. Frank King.

GREENE.—John N. Carpenter; promoted. James A. Anderson; wounded at Nickajack.

TUSKALOOSA.—J. J. Pegues; promoted. James Eddins.

BUTLER.—R. W. Carter; promoted. Joseph Allen.

MONTGOMERY.—Wm. L. Allen; died in the service. Bethel J. Bonham.

COOSA.—Wm. P. Ashley; wounded at Decatur, Ga.

MONROE.—Jas. H. McCreary; resigned. F. E. Richardson.

MONTGOMERY AND DALLAS.—Felix Glackmeyer; resigned. A. N. McIver; resigned. Walter H. Daniel.

MONTGOMERY.—Thomas R. Stacey; resigned. A. P. Wilson.

THIRD ALABAMA—(CAVALRY).

This regiment was organized at Tupelo, in June 1862, by companies that had been in the service some months, and several of which, as "Murphy's battalion," had fought at Shiloh. The regiment accompanied the army into Kentucky, and was engaged in daily conflicts with the enemy, particularly at Bramlet's Station and Perryville. It fell back with the army, and was on constant and arduous duty during the remainder of the war, protecting its communications, guarding its rear and flanks, and often raiding upon the enemy's trains and outposts. It was part of the brigade composed of the First, Third, Fourth, Ninth, Twelfth, and Fifty-first Alabama cavalry, commanded first by Gen. Allen of Montgomery, subsequently by Gen. Hagan of Mobile. The Third was engaged at Murfreesboro, Shelbyville, Chicamauga, Kingston, Knoxville, Mossy Creek, Strawberry Plains, losing continuously in casualties, and suffering severely during Longstreet's winter campaign. In the Dalton-Atlanta campaign it performed arduous service, fighting with severe loss at Decatur, and helping to capture Stoneman's column. In front of Sherman, the regiment shrouded Hood's movements, then harassed the former on his march, participating in the fights near Macon, at Winchester, Aiken, Fayetteville, Bentonville,

Raleigh, and Chapel Hill. Reduced by its losses to a skeleton, the regiment surrendered in North Carolina.

FIELD AND STAFF.

COLONELS.—James Hagan of Mobile; wounded at Franklin and Kingston, Tenn.; promoted. Josiah Robins of Wilcox; wounded near Fayetteville.

LIEUTENANT COLONELS.—S. Jennings Murphy of Mobile; transferred. T. H. Mauldin of Monroe; resigned. Josiah Robins; promoted. John D. Farish of Wilcox; wounded near Fayetteville.

MAJORS.—F. Y. Gaines of Chocta; retired. Jo. Robins; promoted. J. D. Farish; wounded in Coosa Valley. D. P. Forney of Calhoun.

ADJUTANTS.—R. R. Gaines of Chocta; wounded at Farmington; transferred. John L. Reddish of Wilcox; wounded in Coosa Valley; transferred. A. H. Smith.

CAPTAINS, AND COUNTIES FROM WHICH THE COMPANIES CAME.

CHOCTA.—W. W. Lang; retired. W. P. Cheney.

MONROE.—T. H. Mauldin; promoted. T. J. Billingslea.

WILCOX.—Josiah Robins; promoted. J. Wesley Voltz.

WILCOX AND DALLAS.—Thos. F. Jenkins; resigned. J. D. Farish; promoted. S. W. Pegues.

MOBILE.—Paul Ravesties; transferred. J. W. Smith; resigned. J. C. Brown.

PERRY AND DALLAS.—Wm. Cathy; killed at Perryville. R. W. Cole; resigned. Thomas Norris; killed at Chapel Hill.

CALHOUN.—D. P. Forney; promoted. . . . Stewart.

AUTAUGA.—J. D. Hill; resigned. Wm. Mims.

DALLAS AND WILCOX.—James Boykin; transferred. Augustus Tomlinson; died in the service. Thomas Lenoir; killed at Resaca. Henry R. Gordon.

DALLAS AND WILCOX.—R. W. Smith; transferred. . . . Holloway.

RODDY'S FOURTH ALABAMA—(CAVALRY).

This regiment was organized at Tuscumbia, October 1862, and was sent to middle Tennessee. It wintered near the army, but in the early spring was sent to the Tennessee Valley. When Dodge advanced up the valley, the Fourth met him below Tuscumbia, and contested the ground to Town Creek, losing severely. It took part in the pursuit of Streight, and, as the heart and nucleus of Roddy's brigade, was on constant and perilous duty. The regiment fought with loss at Tishomingo, and suffered severely in the battle of Harrisburg. On Forrest's Athens and Pulaski raid, the Fourth bore

the brunt of two or three fights, and was badly cut up. It bore the leading part in Gen. Roddy's movements, repelling raids, picketing the front, and making a number of daring attacks, such as that at Barton's and the one at Florence. When Wilson crossed the mountains, the regiment was in his front, and fought nearly all the way from Montevallo to Selma. The larger portion of the Fourth was captured at Selma, and the remnant laid down its arms at Pond Spring.

FIELD AND STAFF.

COLONELS.—P. D. Roddy of Lawrence; promoted. Wm. A. Johnson of Lauderdale; wounded at Pulaski.

LIEUTENANT COLONELS.—Wm. A. Johnson; promoted. F. M. Wines of Morgan.

MAJOR.—Dick Johnson of Lauderdale, wounded near Florence; killed near Moulton.

CAPTAINS, AND COUNTIES FROM WHICH THE COMPANIES CAME.

FRANKLIN.—Jas. Williams; killed at Courtland. C. J. Hyatt.

LAUDERDALE.—Joseph H. Sloss; transferred. Thos. Williams; wounded near Bainbridge; killed near Huntsville. J. M. Weems.

LAUDERDALE.—Wm. H. Welsh.

FRANKLIN.—W. R. Julian; till re-organized. John A. Steele.

LAWRENCE.—Thomas Dorherty.

LAWRENCE.—J. H. Shackelford; transferred. Ward McDonald.

FRANKLIN.—John Newsom; transferred. John C. Nelson; wounded and captured.

FRANKLIN.—Jere. Daily; till re-organized. Edw. J. Odum.

WALKER.—E. Kelly; wounded.

LAWRENCE.—Philip Thirlkill; transferred. . . . Maguire.

RUSSELL'S FOURTH ALABAMA—(CAVALRY).

At Murfreesboro, Tenn., Dec. 1862, four companies of the original battalion with which Gen. Forrest entered the service, were united with the six companies of the Fourth Alabama battalion, and the regiment organized. The four companies that had been with Forrest for 15 months, had fought at Fort Donelson, Shiloh, and numerous other engagements. A few days after its organization, the regiment went with Forrest on a raid into west Tennessee, and fought at Lexington, Trenton, Jackson, and Parker's Cross Roads, capturing two pieces of artillery at the first, and losing severely at the last mentioned battle. A few weeks later, the Fourth was in the attack on Fort Donelson, by Wheeler and Forrest, and there suffered severely. Attached to Allen's brigade of Wheeler's

this eloquent minister, entitled "First Series of Discourses," was published some years ago, and is inferior to no work of the kind yet published in this country.

JAMES HAGAN, a prominent cavalry officer of the late war, is a citizen of Mobile. He is a native of Ireland, born in 1821, and came with his parents to America in his infancy. His father became a farmer in Pennsylvania, and he grew to manhood in that State. He then joined his uncle, John Hagan, a wealthy merchant of New Orleans, and soon after became connected with a branch of his uncle's business in Mobile city. At the commencement of the war with Mexico, with a party of adventurous spirits from this State,* he joined Col. Hays' Texas rangers, and took part in the storming of Monterey. He was then commissioned captain in the Third Dragoons, and served with it under General Taylor. Mustered out of service at the peace, he gave his attention principally to planting. In 1861 he was commissioned captain, and entered the service with a company from this county. Shortly after, he was commissioned major of the proposed regiment of which Gen. Wirt Adams was appointed colonel. Just after the battle of Shiloh, the Third Alabama Cavalry was organized and he was made colonel of it. He was from that time till the close of the struggle, amidst the pine barrens of North Carolina, on constant and active duty, for the last two years as a brigade commander under Gen. Wheeler. He was wounded near Franklin, Tennessee, at Kingston, Tennessee, and at Fayetteville, North Carolina. His brigade consisted of the First (Blakey), Third (Robbins), Fourth (Russell), Ninth (Malone), Twelfth (Reese), and Fifty-first (Kirkpatrick) Alabama Cavalry. Gen. Hagan was promoted just before the close of the war to the rank of brigadier general. He is a man of stalwart frame, generous nature, and manly impulses. As a commander he was a faithful subaltern, and a fearless leader. He is of the stuff of which soldiers are made, and his men were warmly attached to him. He married a daughter of Hon. S. W. Oliver of Conecuh, deceased.

PRICE WILLIAMS is a leading merchant and business man of Mobile. He was born in Buckingham county, Virginia, in 1811, and came to this State in 1835. Locating in Sumter county, he was clerk of the county court there for thirteen years. He then became a merchant here in a firm of which the late Hon. R. A. Baker and Gen. Lawler of Talladega were the other partners. In 1851 he represented the county in the general assembly, and has been president of the board of trade

*The late Capt. Wm. Walker of Mobile, Col. Winston Hunter and his brother Lawrence, and Major James Boykin, all of Dallas, were among his comrades.

of the city. He is a skillful financier, and one of the most enterprising and public spirited citizens of the county. He married a sister of Mr. Preston G. Nash of Sumter, and his son, Capt. Price Williams, commanded a company of the exempts in the regiment called forth under Col. C. W. Butt for the defence of the city in 1864-'5. Hon. John R. Tompkins, the faithful representative of the county in the general assembly of 1865, is a son-in-law of Mr. Williams.

DECATUR C. ANDERSON is a prominent attorney of Mobile. He came from Tennessee to Marengo county about the year 1840, and represented that county in the general assembly of 1843. He came to reside here several years later, and was solicitor of the judicial circuit from 1851 to 1855. He is now occupied with an extensive practice, associated with Hon. James Bond, late circuit solicitor. Mr. Anderson is a scholar and gentleman of many accomplishments, thoroughly read in the law, and possessed of a captivating manner as an orator.

DANVILLE LEADBETTER was a citizen of Mobile, but born at Livermore, Maine, in 1811. He was graduated at West Point in 1836, and assigned to the engineer corps. He was on duty for some years at Troy and Oswego, New York, then at Mobile, 1845-'48, and in 1853 was again assigned to duty here. The custom-house was built here under his superintendence. He resigned the commission of captain at the beginning of the war, and accepted from his adopted State the commission of lieutenant colonel, and the command of Fort Morgan. He was soon after ordered to the field with the rank of brigadier general, and was on duty in east Tennessee. He was then ordered to superintend the construction of defences for Mobile harbor, and also served for a short time as chief of the engineer department of the Western Army, in which capacity he was present at the battle of Mission Ridge. He took refuge in Mexico at the peace, and from there went to Canada, and died at Clifton, September 26, 1866, at the age of about fifty-five years. Gen. Leadbetter "was a true man. His patriotism was genuine. His integrity was above suspicion. He was just, honest, fearless; a tried soldier, a skillful engineer, an accomplished scholar, a thorough gentleman, a good citizen."* He was reticent and reserved in demeanor, which is often, as with him, the reflex of a noble and considerate soul, and an evidence of a distaste for the simulated feelings mankind are wont to display. He married Mrs. Hall, *nee* Kennedy, of this county.

HENRI ST. PAUL came to reside in this county in 1865. He is the son of a French officer who distinguished himself in

*Major W. T. Walthall.