

21st Ohio Inf

PATRIOTS  
IN  
DISGUISE

Women Warriors  
of the Civil War

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New York

CLAYTON, Mrs. Frances Louisa (w). Enlisted in a Minnesota regiment to be with husband. She was wounded and her husband killed in the battle of Stone's River, Tennessee.

COLLINS, Sarah. Wisconsin soldier, enlisted with brother but detected by her mannerisms and sent home.

COMPTON, Lizzie (Elizabeth) (w). 125th Michigan Cavalry. When wounded and sex detected, claimed to have enlisted at 14 and served eighteen months in seven different regiments, "leaving one and enrolling in another when fearing detection."

COX, Lucy Ann. *Vivandiere* for 13th Virginia Regiment.

DAY, Frances (k). (Sergeant "Frank Mayne") served in 126th Pennsylvania Infantry. Later mortally wounded in a battle while serving with a different regiment in the western theater.

DEMING, Mrs. L. L. daughter of regiment, 10th Michigan Infantry.

DEAVERS (DIVERS/DEVAN), Bridget. Served in 1864-1865 Virginia campaigns, allegedly with 1st Michigan Cavalry.

EDMONDS, Sarah Emma ("Franklin Thompson"). Served for two years in 2nd Michigan Infantry as soldier, spy, and nurse.

ETHERIDGE, Anna. Served as daughter of the regiment with 2nd Michigan Infantry in Army of Potomac, and later with 3rd and 5th Michigan regiments, for a total of three years.

EWBANK, Hannah. Served as daughter of the regiment with the 7th Wisconsin Infantry.

GOODRIDGE, Ellen (w). Served with boyfriend James Hendrick in an early Wisconsin regiment. Went on skirmishes and raids, and was wounded in action.

HART, Nancy. Virginia. Served as guide for Jackson's cavalry. Once captured, escaped by shooting captor.

HENRY, Margaret. Captured by Federals near end of war with another female soldier in Confederate uniform, and imprisoned at Nashville.

HINSDALE, Jane. Regimental nurse in 2nd Michigan Infantry. Enlisted with husband Hiram H. Taken prisoner after 1st Bull run while helping the wounded and searching for missing husband. Escaped and took information on Confederate movements to authorities in Washington, D.C.

HODGERS, Jennie ("Albert Cashier"). 95th Illinois Infantry. Only woman known to have served complete three-year term of enlistment disguised as man, maintaining male disguise well after the war.

HOOK, Frances (w). ("Frank Martin"). Served in 90th Illinois, 2nd East Tennessee Cavalry, 8th Michigan. Joined a new regiment each time discovered in previous one. Once taken prisoner.

JENKINS, Mary Owen. Served in 9th Pennsylvania Cavalry.

JONES, Annie. Alleged consort of Custer and other officers in D.C. area camps. Said to have served as scout and spy.

JONES, Lizzie. Served as daughter of the regiment in 6th Massachusetts Infantry.

KIRBY, Mrs. William. Husband and son in Confederate army. She smuggled weapons through Federal lines at Baton Rouge, Louisiana; caught, convicted as spy, imprisoned on Ship Island. Died there near end of war. Son killed at Gettysburg, husband survived.

LILLYBRIDGE, Annie (w). Detroit. Served in 21st Michigan Infantry. After Battle of Pea Ridge found shot in arm, taken to Hospital in Louisville. Swapped discharge with Joseph Henderson to reenlist.

MARCUM, Julia. Female soldier from Kentucky. (No other details known. Source: Ida Tarbell letter in National Archives.)

MCCREARY, Mary (Mrs.). Served as private with husband in Company H, 111st Ohio, but after several months "found herself in a delicate condition," obtained leave from the colonel, went home, and never returned.

MILLER, Charley. Served in 18th New York Regiment as "drummer boy" using name "Edward O. Hamilton." Preferred to live as male since childhood.

MOORE, Madeline. Joined army to be with boyfriend, was elected lieutenant and served in West Virginia under General George B. McClellan, and later at Bull Run.

MURPHY, Mary Ann. Served as "Samuel Hill" in Company B, 53rd Massachusetts, with brother Tom.

NILES, Mrs. Elizabeth A. Fought in Civil War beside her husband in 4th New Jersey. Died October 4, 1920 at age 92.

OWEN(s), Mary (w). From Huntingdon (or Montour) County, Pennsylvania. Served eighteen months, fought in three battles and wounded twice. When she returned home she claimed to have been married to the man with whom she had enlisted. He was killed and she wounded in same battle.

PETERMAN, Georgianne. From Ellenboro, served two years as a "drummer boy" with 7th Wisconsin.

PETERSON, Belle. Young country girl who lived near Ellenboro. Enlisted in a Wisconsin regiment probably late in 1862 and "served in the army for some time."

PHILIPS, Bettie Taylor (Mrs. W. D.). When with her husband in 4th Kentucky Infantry (Confederate), cared for wounded on battlefield, part of famous "Orphan Brigade." Arrested, held as spy at Nashville.

REYNOLDS, Mrs. Belle. Served with her husband, a lieutenant in 17th Illinois Infantry. Traveled with regiment, saw combat while under fire at Shiloh.

ROONEY, Rose (Mrs.). Served with 15th Louisiana Infantry. Braved battlefield shot and shell in order to care for the wounded. Later a hospital matron in New Orleans for soldiers' home.

SEABERRY, Mary Y. From Columbus, Ohio, served in Company F, 52nd Ohio as "Charles Freeman" until "sexual incompatibility" was admitted, November 10, 1862.

SMITH, Mary. Enlisted in 41st Ohio Infantry, McClellan *Zouaves*, to avenge death of only brother at Bull Run. At Camp Wood, Ohio, found out to be a woman by her mannerisms.

SULLIVAN, Betsy (Mrs.). Battlefield nurse with Company K, 1st Tennessee Infantry (Confederate). Served with husband, John Sullivan, and shared the hardships of army life with the regiment.

TAYLOR, Sarah. Served as daughter of the regiment with the 1st Tennessee Regiment.

TEBE, Marie (w). "French Mary" served in 27th Pennsylvania Infantry ("Washington Brigade") which was at 1st Bull Run, and the 114th Pennsylvania Infantry as *vivandiere*. Frequently under fire as battlefield nurse, wounded in action, awarded medal for gallantry.

THOMPSON, Ellen P. L. Served in 139th Illinois Infantry Regiment.

THOMPSON, Lucy Matilda (w). ("Bill Thompson"). At 49, followed her husband, Bryant Gauss, into the Bladen Light Infantry (Bladen County, North Carolina), 18th North Carolina Regiment. Wounded at 1st (or 2nd) Bull Run and again

*Massachusetts*

Lizzie Jones served as a daughter of the regiment in 6th Massachusetts Infantry.  
Mary Ann Murphy served as "Samuel Hill" in 53rd Massachusetts Infantry.

*Michigan*

Bridget Deavers served as battlefield nurse in 1st Michigan Cavalry.  
Sarah Emma Edmonds served as soldier, spy, and nurse in 2nd Michigan Infantry.  
Jane Hinsdale served as nurse in 2nd Michigan Infantry, once captured by enemy.  
Anna Etheridge served as a daughter of the regiment and battlefield nurse in the 2nd, 3rd, and 5th Michigan infantries.  
Mary Burns enlisted (as "John") in 7th Michigan Cavalry, but was discovered in about two weeks.  
Frances Hook served in the 8th Michigan Infantry.  
Anny Lillybridge served in the 21st Michigan Infantry.  
Elizabeth Compton served in the 125th Michigan Cavalry.

*Minnesota*

Unidentified Minnesota girl claimed two years of service before being wounded.  
Mrs. Frances Clayton wounded in action with a Minnesota regiment at Stone's River, Tennessee.

*Missouri*

Frances Clalin allegedly served in a Missouri militia cavalry regiment in Federal service.  
"John Williams," Company M, 17th Missouri Infantry, was discovered to be a woman.

*New Jersey*

Female soldier in a New Jersey regiment who had been in four battles with her husband was discovered when she gave birth, and was sent home.  
Fannie Wilson, from New Jersey, served eighteen months before being discovered during Vicksburg campaign.  
Mrs. Elizabeth A. Niles, who served with her husband in 4th New Jersey Infantry, died in 1920 at age 92.

*New York*

Drummer boy "Edward O. Hamilton" in 18th New York Infantry was a girl who had preferred to act as a male since childhood.  
The 39th New York Infantry ("Garibaldi Guard") had at least six *vivandieres* who dressed in red, blue, and black costumes.  
The 40th New York Infantry reportedly had a female lieutenant colonel (source: Ida Tarbell letter in National Archives).  
Arabella G. Barlow served with her officer husband in the 61st New York Infantry during the 1862 Peninsula Campaign, at Gettysburg, and in the siege of Petersburg, also acting as a nurse on and near the battlefield.  
A female soldier identified only as "Nellie A.K." enlisted with her brother in the

102nd New York Infantry, until discovered and discharged near Chattanooga, Tennessee.

*North Carolina*

Lucy Matilda Thompson served as "Bill Thompson" in 18th North Carolina Infantry.  
Malinda Blaylock posed as "Samuel" to serve with her husband in the 26th North Carolina Infantry.

*Ohio*

~~Mary McCreary served in Company H, 21st Ohio Infantry.~~  
Mary Smith enlisted in 41st Ohio Infantry to avenge only brother's death at 1st Bull Run. Sex discovered at Camp Wood, Ohio, September, 1861 by female mannerisms.  
Mary Y. Seaberry served as "Charles Freeman" in Company F, 52nd Ohio Infantry.  
Two women served three years in 59th Ohio Infantry.  
Charlotte ("Charley") Anderson served in 60th Ohio Infantry. Discovered to be female and sent home to Cleveland by provost marshal of Army of Potomac.  
Female sergeant in 74th Ohio Infantry gave birth, after twenty months of service.

*Pennsylvania*

Female using name "Charles Martin" served as drummer boy in a Pennsylvania regiment. Was in five battles.  
Mary Owen Jenkins served in 9th Pennsylvania Cavalry.  
Marie Tebe served in 27th and 114th Pennsylvania Infantry regiments.  
"Charles D. Fuller" (female name not known) served in 46th Pennsylvania Infantry.  
Frances Day ("Frank Mayne") served in 126th Pennsylvania Infantry.

*Rhode Island*

Kady Brownell served with husband, Robert, in 1st Rhode Island Infantry as color bearer at 1st Bull Run, and in 5th Rhode Island as a daughter of the regiment.

*Tennessee*

Tennessee teamster with Sheridan in Shenandoah Valley discovered to be a woman when she got drunk and fell in a river.  
Sarah Taylor served as a daughter of the regiment in 1st Tennessee Infantry.  
Frances Hook served in 2nd East Tennessee Cavalry (Union).  
Anna Clark served as "Richard Anderson" in Confederate 11th Tennessee Infantry. (See Amy Clarke.)

*Virginia*

Mary and Molly Bell ("Tom Parker" and "Bob Martin"). Confederate soldiers from Virginia arrested by Federals in the fall of 1864 after two years of service.  
Nancy Hart served as a cavalry scout for "Stonewall" Jackson.  
Lucy Ann Cox served as a *vivandiere* in 13th Virginia Infantry.