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## SOME BUCKINGHAM SOLDIERS IN THE WAR OF 1812

By William Shepard

When the second struggle with England began the new and slightly unsteady Government of the United States had to oppose to the trained British military their raw state militias, which numerically were superior to the enemy but were in other ways greatly inferior. The record of the State militias in the war was not brilliant: we have heard only too often how they ran at Bladensburg, and of their ill behavior elsewhere. But in extenuation it should be remembered that they were untrained, imperfectly armed in some instances, and officered by men who, in a number of cases, had no military training. The war was not popular, nor did it rouse much enthusiasm, and was condemned by many as needless and silly. The troops that won for the United States her liberty were also badly trained, it might be urged: there is again the fact that the French and Indian wars had prepared officers for the armies of the rebel colonies, trained in the most difficult form of warfare: again, there was an abundant determination and enthusiasm, which any military man knows the value of. And these men, who served in the Revolution, had passed the age when they could stand the hardships of battle when the War of 1812 broke out.

The following old memorandum book was found recently in looking for materials for a history of Buckingham county, Virginia. It contains three sections: the first, written in the beautiful script of Sergeant Hill; the middle, composed of accounts of slave hire in another hand, and finally a section that bears the earliest date, at the back. The way in which these parts became transposed was that the little book was opened at the back, the owner then carried it with him to the war, and later used it to set down his plantation accounts in. The memorandum book was the property of Lieutenant Marmaduke Gannaway, who served in a company designated at various times as Captain Joseph McLaurine's Company, and as Captain David Long's Company of Infantry, 4th Regiment of Virginia Militia. He enlisted August 4, 1814, and was discharged October 1, 1814. It is assumed that the last entries, first in time, concern service in the State Militia prior to the time these men were mustered into service in 1814. One of the men named there, Theoderick C. Gannaway, served in this war as sergeant in a Detachment of Infantry under command of Lieutenant Stephen Hooper, detached from the 24th Regiment, Buckingham, attached to the 5th Regiment Virginia Militia, and in Captain George Booker's Company of Infantry, detached from 24th and 10th Regiments, Buckingham, and attached to the 5th Regiment of Virginia Militia. His service commenced Dec. 31, 1813, and ended April 11, 1814.

It is not known yet how many men served from Buckingham in this war, but the names of other men will be found in an article on certain Buckingham families soon to appear in the Quarterly.

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## ON THEIR MARCH FROM NEW CANTON 5th Aug. 1814

James West  
 John Napper  
 James Hackett  
 William Rion  
 John Nicholson  
 John Fours (for H. W.)  
 William Hill No Rations from 3rd to 5th Inst.

No. 2  
 Edmund Baird  
 Ben Griffith  
 John K. Moss  
 Caleb Hines  
 William Wooldridge  
 Henry S. Burton  
 Nat Burton no Rations for 3 days.

No. 3  
 Stephen Stinson  
 Thomas Huddleston  
 John Mason no Rations do  
 Stephen Martin  
 Stephen Mattox  
 Charles Lesieur  
 Shadrick Kedd  
 Danl. Guerrant no Rations

	Amo <sup>t</sup> . bro <sup>t</sup> . down \$
John R. McElligott	
3 days Rations &c—	" 95
Wiatt R. Gilbert do do—	" 95
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	\$13.70
Wm. Hill 3 days Rations &c	95
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	\$14.65

Rec<sup>d</sup> of Lieut M. Gannaway Thirteen Dollars 70/100 cents for Transportation of Troops Rations &c from N. Canton to Richmond.  
 Wm. Hill 1st. Sergt.

Rec<sup>d</sup> as above 95/100 for do—\$14.65/100—Wm. Hill 1st. Sergt.  
 Rec<sup>d</sup> of Lieut. M. Gannaway Three Dollars 65/100 for Transportation and Rations for Troops &c from N. Canton to Richmond.  
 \$3.65/100. Wm. Hill 1st. Sergt.

John Cox, 3 days Rations &c— \$ .45  
 Rec<sup>d</sup> of Lieut. M. Gannaway 45/100 for Transportation of Troops from Buck.g to Richmond. \$0.45/100 William Hill, Sg.  
 (The account at the end of the book follows.)

10th June 1813 Servd. with M. D. Gannaway as patrol to wit, Willie Vaughan, Owen Glenn, Richard Addoms, Theodorick C. Gannaway. M.D.G. servd. each man 13 hours  
 The 12 Vaughan, Glenn & addoms, theodrick C.G. &c M.D.G. 4 hours each.

Memorandum of time servd. as patrol with Marmaduk Gannaway  
28th March 1813

Warren Gannaway servd.	10 hours
Robert Gannaway servd.	10 hours
Theodorick C. Gannaway	10
Charles Anderson	7
M. D. Gannaway	10

April 3d. 1813 servd. with M. D. G.

E. Hendrick, William, Robert & Warren Gannaway, Jas. Heeth, John Cox, Purdy Robertson, John Lackland, Theodorick C. Gannaway and M. D. G. 8 hours each.

(8th August 1814. Recd. of Charles Lesur twenty dollars for safe keeping M. D. Gannaway.  
received of Caleb Hines fifteen dollars to keep—

M. D. Gannaway)

Monday the Seventh M. D. Gannaway & theodorick C. Gannaway servd. 8 hours. Col<sup>d</sup> not get any one to serve with us.

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This completes the military entries in the "Memorandum Book of Lieutenant Marmaduka Gannaway," as it is labeled on the brown paper covers. The records of the hire of slaves preserve many names of Buckingham people, besides giving an interesting view of the abundance of slaves at the dates named. The negroes propagated rapidly and became so numerous on some plantations that they were, frequently, hired out for their board. In the following entries the repetition of names has been avoided: where the same slave was hired for several years to one person only one entry has been copied.

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#### Hire of Peter Belloning.

1836 To the Estate of Col. John Gannaway	
1837 To Mrs Martha Epps	\$50
1838 To Mrs George Purkins	50
1841 To Dr. Epps if tolerable well	50
<b>Crag do</b>	
1836 To James Lackland	\$75
1837 To Joseph T Ligon Crag, Nathan & fill in the factory	135.00
1838 Crag to Philip A Boling	70
1839 Crag frost bitten not able to work till August—put to cooperating Huster and Loving for day wo—	7.92
for flour Barrels Wm. L. Brown	18.12
1840 To W. L. Brown to cooperd.	65.00
<b>Daphne &amp; Children &amp; Nathan</b>	
1836 To John Wakeham	15
1837 & 8 Daphney & her family cost the estate \$60 to board them at Wm. B. Armsteds. Daphney was sick—the price found by reference to Dr. C. C. Allen.	
1839 T C Gannaway kept Daphney & Children and charged \$70, it being less than others would board her for.	
1840 Capt. C. Shepherd took Daphne, Rusha & the Children without hire or charge for board.	
1841 the same contract with Capt. Shepard.	

<b>York, and Patty &amp; Children.</b>	
1836	hird to Richard Straton \$75
1837	To William Hacher 70
1838	To Dr. Fisher 65
1840	To Charles Talley 75
1841	York to Dr. Fisher 90
	Patty & Sally to John Oliver for their board.
1842	Patty & Sally put to Glover & Ballone to cook for their board.
	York hired to John Druin for 75
<b>Black John</b>	
1838	To James R. McDearmon 130
1840	To T. C. Gannaway 100
<b>George hired</b>	
1837	To Gannaway Parish 150
1839	To Edward W. Sims 100
1840	To James White for 100
1842	sick until sumer & in Sept went work with R. W. Gannaway while sick his board worth his labour to Sept.
<b>Yellow John hired</b>	
1836	To Maderson Bagby 85
1842	To A. Moseley for 100
<b>Henry hired</b>	
1836	To Wm Evans for 60
1840	To Archibald Allen 100
1841	To Baldwin Allen 100
1842	To Lowrey for & to be loant. 70
<b>Woodson hired</b>	
1836	To Samuel Wright 60
1838	To Curdsville Mills for an 9 mo. hire 63.33
1842	To Gannaway Phrop (?) to cook 50