



Reynolds Recollections

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Mississippi Marriages, 1826-1900 Amite Co

REYNOLDS, Andrew to Cynthia Anderson, 23 Dec 1830;
D. P. to Thursa Whittington, 25 Jan 1843;
John W. to Tempy Hilliard, 13 Oct 1830;
Margaret to Sutton K. Scott, 04 Sep 1835;
Mary to John Hilliard, 31 Aug 1839;
R. S. to S. E. Denman, 15 July 1847;
Thomas M to Thetis Taylor, 20 Jun 1836.

Sacred Heart Cemetery **Okanogan County, Washington** Contributed by Maggie Rail

Runnel, Thaddeus 'Babe', b. 1927, d. 1930
Runnels, Fred, b. 1873, d. 1958
Runnels, George W, b. Feb 14, 1911, d. May 1976
Runnels, Hiram B, b. 1882, d. 1956
Runnels, Lewis H, b. 1913, d. 1931
Runnels, Mary L, b. 1950, d. 1984
Runnels, Maude S, b. Nov 18, 1884, d. Oct 02, 1978, Beloved Mother & Grandmother
Runnels, William R, b. Mar 29, 1921, d. Nov 11, 1965, Washington Pvt 506 Prcht Inf 101 AB Div WWII BSM-PH

Ellisforde Mission Cemetery **Okanogan County, Washington** Contributed by Maggie Rail

Runnels, Ellen (Skukum Anlix), b. 1844, d. 1940, bur/by & w/o George Runnels, dau. of Chief Que-Que-Tas, and Quil-Pe-Tsa **
Runnels, George W, b. Oct 09, 1835, d. Nov 17, 1917
Runnels, John, b. Mar 15, 1873, d. Nov 24,

1895

Runnels, Lewis H, b. 1885, d. 1963

*History of Middlesex County, Massachusetts :
with biographical sketches of many of its
pioneers and prominent men.*
Philadelphia: J.W. Lewis & Co., 1890.

GEORGE RUNELS was born in Warner, N. H., February 3, 1823. During his first sixteen years he worked upon the farm or in the blacksmith shop of his father or his brother. In his seventeenth year he came to Lowell, and for one season engaged in the work of stone-cutting with Gardner K. Eastman. He then went to sea in a whaling vessel. His vessel suffered shipwreck near the Fiji Islands, in the South Pacific Ocean. He escaped in a boat, and after three days upon the water he was rescued by a passing vessel. He next found employment on a trading vessel, and was engaged in the South seas in selling tortoise-shells and *beche de mer*, a species of slug used as a delicacy by the Chinese in making soup. At length, on board an English vessel, he traded in the Indies, and while in Calcutta was attacked with the cholera, and was confined to a hospital for six weeks. In 1844, having followed the seas for four years, he returned to his work of stone-cutting in the service of Mr. Eastman. April 1, 1846, he engaged in the business of stone-cutting for himself on Middlesex Street. Four years after this he spent a few months in California. In 1851 he purchased a farm in Waterbury, Vt. Remaining upon his farm about three years, he returned to his business of stone-cutting in Lowell, which he followed for more than twenty years. For the last ten years he has been engaged in erecting buildings and caring for his estate.

In 1862 he was a member of the Common Council, and in 1864 and 1873 he was in the Board of Aldermen. He served as mayor of the city in 1882.

Mr. Runels is a man of modest merit, sound judgment and strict integrity. Though not a politician, he is everywhere known as a worthy, upright man, who in his mayoralty served the city faithfully

New York Times (1857-Present)
New York, New York
31 Oct 1926

Miss Gerdau to Wed on April 19.

The marriage of Miss Marguerite Evelyn **Gerdau**, daughter of Mrs. Otto Gerdau of 135 Central Park West, to Robert Frederick **Raynolds**, son of Mrs. Arjay **Davies** of Easton, Pa., and the late James Wallace Raynolds, will take place April 19 in the chapel or the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church. The Rev. Dr. Minot C. Morgan, junior pastor of the church, will perform the ceremony. Miss Gerdau is a graduate of Miss Spence's School and is a member of the Junior League. Mr. Raynolds was born in Santa Fe, NM He was graduated from Lafayette College. He is now engaged in publicity work in this city. The engagement of the couple was announced last October.

History of the Arkansas Valley, Colorado.
Chicago: O.L. Baskin & Co., 1881.

F. A. RAYNOLDS.
[Frederick A. Raynolds]

Nowhere in the civilized world has the old maxim of "Industry brings its own reward" been better exemplified than in the life of Mr. F. A. Raynolds, now the most prominent bank president in the State of Colorado. He is now only thirty years of age, and for nearly two years has been President of the First National Bank of Leadville, the most flourishing and successful

bank in the great carbonate metropolis. The following will be of interest to our readers, as it is a true outline of the life of the youngest National Bank President in the United States. F. A. Raynolds was born in Canton, Ohio, on September 26, 1850. His father was a first-class business man, and was engaged in mercantile pursuits when young F. A. was born. At an early age, the common schools of Canton had amongst its pupils the subject of this biography, and here he remained until about fifteen years of age, when his attention was turned to the more difficult pursuit of making his own living. Upon leaving school, he entered the dry goods house of David Zollars & Co., father of John W. Zollars, now cashier of the First National Bank of Leadville. At the end of three years, Mr. Raynolds had saved from his earnings about \$500, which he was desirous of investing in some good speculation. The most promising of several which were presented to him was a butter and egg scheme, which promised large returns, but unfortunately yielded nothing, and finally resulted in the loss of his entire investment. Shortly after this failure, the position of traveling salesman for the Eagle Woolen Mills, of Canton, Ohio, was offered to Mr. Raynolds, which he willingly accepted, as it gave him an opportunity to earn a good living, and develop his latent business ability.

Appreciating his merit, in two years he was made Secretary and Treasurer of the same company, and under his personal supervision and management the stock of the concern advanced from 50 cents to par, and the voting treasurer was the means of making some very handsome profits for the corporation. In this manner the time rolled on, until he was imbued with the advice of Horace Greeley, and decided to "go West," and the 4th day of August, 1874, found Mr. Raynolds in Cañon City, Co., starting a bank. This was, and still is, the Fremont County Bank, of which Mr. R. was made Cashier, and afterward promoted to President.

This proving a profitable investment, and seeing an opportunity to start another similar

institution at Rosita, in 1876, the doors of the bank at that place were thrown open, with F. A. Reynolds as President. Two years later, the Leadville boom was starting, and another chance was offered, and as quickly accepted, in the Carbonate camp; and in April, 1878, Mr. Reynolds was the silent partner of Zollars, Eshelman & Co., of the Lake County Bank; and in less than a year later was elected to the presidency of the same institution, although it had then changed its title to the First National Bank. At this time he was only twenty-eight years of age, and President of a National and two State Banks. In the fall of the same year, the Custer County Bank was started at Silver Cliff about thirty miles from Cañon.

This has proven itself to be the best investment, as yet, of any of his undertakings, although the competition at Silver Cliff is stronger than anywhere else in the State. It is the second mining town in importance, and the third in population, in Colorado. Notwithstanding the competition, however, through the able management and business-like efforts of Mr. F. A. Reynolds, the President, and F. W. Dewalt, Cashier, the Custer County Bank is doing nine-tenths of the business of the town. In the spring and summer of 1880, the institutions at Buena Vista, Alpine and Saguache, were started by Mr. F. A. Reynolds, and are doing a prosperous business.

Considerable forethought and ability have been displayed by Mr. Reynolds in organizing this chain of banks, as now the majority of the business of the State, excluding Denver, is transacted through his several institutions, and they can assist each other to a wonderful degree in making business. Mr. Reynolds takes a lively interest in educational matters, and is now President of the Board of Trustees of a new college to be established in Canon City.

Although Mr. Reynolds is but thirty years of age, his hair is slightly sprinkled with gray. He is of courteous demeanor and agreeable, and also quick in his decisions in business matters. In

business he is invariably cool and decided, and although sharp at a bargain, scorns to take any mean advantage. He is a universal favorite with all his employees and associates, and from the even tenor of his living, a long and prosperous life will probably be the reward of his efforts.

[*Editor's note:* F. A. Reynolds/Reynolds was the son of Madison Reynolds b. 20 MAR 1808 OH; had brothers: Lewis b. 1841, Jefferson b. 1844, Joshua Saxton b. 1846 and Albert H b. 1855. Madison's wife was **Sarah M. Slusser**; they were married 29 SEP 1833 in Stark, OH]]

Bureau of Health Policy and Vital Statistics.
Idaho Death Index, 1911-51.

Boise, ID, USA:

Idaho Department of Health and Welfare.
Fremont Co.

City: Ashton

REYNOLDS, Emma Mortenson: 07/06/1865 - 02/19/1950;
Levi Bert: 02/07/1859 - 12/22/1922;
Stillborn: 12/16/1925 - 12/16/1925
Stillborn: 12/16/1925 - 12/16/1925

City: St Anthony

REYNOLDS, Angeline Cur 11/27/1918;
Child: 07/26/1946 - 07/28/1946
Child, 07/15/1948 - 07/18/1948;
Chloe: 01/16/1896 - 09/01/1941;
Lottie Ross: 04/14/1872 - 03/29/1946
Rhoda Bessie: 05/13/1914 - 07/27/1930

History of Ohio.

C. B Galbreath.

Chicago: American Historical Society, 1925.

DANA FARNUM REYNOLDS, of the famous pioneer family of Medina County, has been a resident of Columbus since 1912, was a successful member of the bar there and for the past three years has been assistant United. States district attorney.

He was born at LeRoy, Medina County, in 1883, son of Frederick A. and Louise (**Farnum**) Reynolds. Both the Farnum and Reynolds families were identified with the early period of settlement and development in Medina County and that portion of the Western Reserve. They were of sturdy New England stock, and in the new country exemplified the prominent characteristics of that people, especially in their desire to build up good schools and maintain the latest activities. They were active in the Universalist Church.

The paternal grandfather of the Columbus attorney was Joseph Reynolds, the son of Joseph Reynolds. He was a tanner, lived in the southeastern part of Westfield Township, Medina County, and owned a mill race a dam, a tannery, and for many years carried on the manufacture of leather. The Reynolds family came from Greenfield, New Hampshire.

Mr. Reynolds' mother, Louise (Farnum) Reynolds, was a direct descendant of Governor **Bradford** of the Mayflower. She was the daughter of Hazzelton Farnum. Her grandfather, Asa Farnum, was a native of Maine. When seventeen years of age he set out on foot, carrying an axe on his shoulder, and walked overland to Ohio, making his settlement at what is now the Town of LeRoy, in Westfield Township, Medina County. He located there about 1822. He was a wagon maker, and he had the distinction of manufacturing the first wagons in Medina County. In a business way, however, his chief distinction was as one of the founders of the historic Ohio Farmers Insurance Company, which started business in 1848, and has endured an uninterrupted career of prosperity for three quarters of a century.

The old home of Asa Farnum was about a half mile east of the Town of LeRoy. This is still owned by his descendants. His old house is occupied by his granddaughter, Mrs. Anna (Farnum) **Simmons**. Her husband was a nephew of Jonathan Simmons, who was associated with

Asa Farnum and others in establishing the Ohio Farmers Insurance Company.

Dana Farnum Reynolds was reared at LeRoy, and graduated from the High School there in 1900. He is also a graduate of Buchtel College, now the University of Akron, and in the fall of 1912 came to Columbus and entered the law school of the Ohio State University. He graduated in 1915 with the degree of Juris Doctor. Mr. Reynolds conducted a successful law practice in Columbus until May, 1920, when he was appointed toward the close of the Wilson administration assistant United States district attorney for the southern district of Ohio. While in that office he has assisted in several notable cases handled by the Federal Department of Justice, and his record has added much to his reputation as an able lawyer.

Before coming to Columbus Mr. Reynolds was active in Medina County politics, and was twice democratic candidate for the Legislature. He is a member of the Elks, and the Young Business Men's Club of Columbus.

Mr. Reynolds married Miss Edith **Yocum**, of Wooster, Ohio. Her father, the late Lewis Yocum, was president of the Citizens National Bank of Wooster. Mrs. Reynolds, who is a graduate of Wooster University, is a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution. They have one son, Dana P. Reynolds, Jr., born in November, 1921.

Bouton-Boughton family : descendants of John Bouton, a native of France, who embarked from Gravesend, Eng., and landed at Boston in December, 1635 and settled at Norwalk, Ct..

James Broughton

Albany, N.Y.: Joel Munsell's Sons, 1890.

Children of Enos and Clarissa Bouton Reynolds, of Lewisboro, N. Y.

1. SQUIRE REYNOLDS, b. Lewisboro, N. Y., Jan. 19, 1836, d. Lewisboro,

- April 24, 1869
2. ANGELET REYNOLDS, b. Lewisboro, Aug. 22, 1837, not married; res. Lewisboro, 1888
 3. RHUAMA REYNOLDS, b. Lewisboro, Aug. 25, 1840, m. Edgar **Benger**, and settled at Lewisboro; res. there 1858.
 4. SALLY Ann REYNOLDS, b. Aug. 15, 1842, m. Geo. **Whitney**; res. Lewisboro, 1888.
 5. LEWIS. REYNOLDS, b. New Canaan, Ct., July 29, 1844 and died 1883.
 6. TIMOTHY REYNOLDS, b. Lewisboro, Mar. 23, 1847, m. Sept. 5, 1872, Effle J. **Barratt**.

The Brett genealogy.

Lucy G. Belcher Goodenow
Cambridge, Mass: Murray and Emery Co., 1915.

Polly (Mary) **Brett** - born North Bridgewater, March 1, 1777; married 1796 by Rev. John **Porter**. Captain Ichabod **Reynolds** an officer in the War of 1812. She died May 9. 1866 in her ninetyeth year. He died April 3, 1855. 'The line of Capt. Ichabod Reynolds is its follows:

1. Robert Reynolds was in Boston as early as 1632, joined the church there in August. 1684. and was made freeman the following month. In 1646 Robert Reynolds' home was on the corner of what is now Washington and Milk Streets, where the *Transcript* building now stands. On the opposite side of Milk Street was Governor Winthrop's green, now the site of the Old South Church. The home of the Governor was a little farther north, a two-story frame building facing the green, the west end being about opposite School Street..

2. Nathaniel.
3. Nathaniel.
4. Nathaniel.
5. Thomas.
6. Joseph, had son
7. Captain Ichabod Reynolds, who married Januarv 21, 1796, Mary Brett, daughter of Isaac and Priscilla (**Jackson**) Brett. She was

known long and affectionately as Aunt Polly, and many are the stories told of her large-hearted hospitality. In 1800, Captain Reynolds and his wife, with three small children, removed to Maine from the North Parish of Bridgewater, now Brockton, and settled in Poland, afterwards Minot and now Auburn. The Captain and his wife always lived on the same spot where they first settled, though in three towns, two counties, and two States. The journey was made in winter; much of the road lay through an unbroken wilderness, and the wife and children were drawn upon sleds. Polly carried with her some seeds of a favorite apple and planted them, and apples from these same seeds are still eaten by her descendants. The fruit was a deep red in color, red to the core, and was of an excellent flavor. Many years after they left North Bridgewater, Polly Reynolds visited her old home, going with a horse and shay, and taking several days for the trip. The distance was over a hundred and fifty miles by the road travelled, and probably she made visits on the way, as she had relatives and friends in many of the towns. Her last journey was taken in company with her granddaughter, Mary Brett **Bird**, the mother of Rear-Admiral **Bradford**. Captain Reynolds was deacon of the Baptist Church, and led the choir for many years. He played the bass viol, and composed music which was published in a "Hymn and Tune Book."

In the War of 1812, Ichabod Reynolds was commissioned Captain, and saw much active service. In 1814 he received orders to proceed with his company to Portland, as the British war vessels were hovering off the Harbor. The company, Ezra Brett among the number, included three officers, five sergeants, five corporals, two musicians (drum and fife, probably), and eighty-six privates. When Captain Reynolds received his orders, messengers were sent to the men directing most of them to meet at his house to prepare for the march. A few who lived on the route were ordered to join the company as it passed. The Captain, who was not only a good soldier and patriot but a kind and generous neighbor as well,

fearing the troops would not have had a proper supply of food before leaving their homes in such haste, said to his wife, Polly, can you feed all these men before we march to Portland?" Polly cheerfully replied that she and the "girls" would do their best, and went to work. Nancy, the oldest daughter, aged seventeen, afterwards grandmother of the late Judge **Bonney** of Portland, and Polly, aged fifteen, afterwards grandmother of Rear-Admiral **Bradford**, helped their mother with the preparations. They put the largest kettles over the open fires and filled them with corned beef, pork, and all kinds of vegetables for a "boiled dinner." Then, going into the fields, they gathered the ripe pumpkins and made dozens of pies, which they baked in earthen milk pans, and apple sauce and brown bread completed the bill of fare. The hungry soldiers, many of whom had not even had time to go to their homes from the fields after the alarm, joyfully ate their fill, and prepared for the march with renewed courage. Then Polly, looking at the lately so bountifully spread tables where yet much remained for the children, said, "This is better than that there should not have been enough." The next morning another feast was spread, and after it was eaten the soldiers started for Portland. They were in service for three weeks, and camped on Munjoy Hill. During the absence of the Captain, Polly and the children went into the fields and gathered the corn, pumpkins and other vegetables, as there was not a man left at home or anywhere near to help. When he returned, Polly proudly showed to her husband the well-filled cellars and storehouses, for the harvesting was done.

Children

- i. Otis, b. Bridgewater 1796; d. unmarried Dec. 6, 1874.
- ii. Nancy, b. Bridgewater Sept. 6, 1797; in. Sumner **French**.
- iii. Polly Mary. b. Bridgewater Sept. 16, 1799; in (1) Royal **Bird**, (2) Daniel **Kinsley**.
- iv. Betsey, b. Minot Oct. 27. 1801 m. J. Leonard **Farrington**.
- v. Ichabod b. Minot Aug. 7. 1804; m. Laura Ann **Woodman**.

- vi. Clara b. Minot Feb. 4. 1806: rn. Daniel **Kinsley**.
- vii. James Madison, b. Minot Jan. 7. 1808: m. (1) Hannah **Drake**, (2) Henrietta **Snell**
- viii. Luke, d. y.
- ix. Laura Priscilla, b. Minot Jan. 30, 1814 m Benjamin F. Reynolds.
- x. Samuel Luke b Minot Nov. 21. 1817; m. Rizpah **Gorham**.
- xi. Adoniram Judson b. Minot Sept. 14. 1819: m. Susan A. **Holbrook**.

Genealogy of the descendants of Joseph Ware of Fenwick Colony, England, 1675 : his successors in Florida. Tampa, Fla.:

Franklin Ware

Hillsboro Print. & Lithographing Co., 1969.

Rachel **Reeve**, b. July 10, 1828, d. March 6, 1916, m. March 1, 1852, Roswell S. **Reynolds**.

Children:

1. John Charles Reynolds, b. Dec. 10, 1852, d. Sept. 30, 1853.
2. Algernon Sydney Reynolds, b. Feb. 18, 1854, d. July 16, 1915, m. May 29, 1882, Elizabeth L. **Smith**.

Children:

- a. Algernon Sydney Reynolds, Jr., b. June 9, 1883, m. 1st April 2, 1911, Lois B. **Cretherton**, m. 2nd April 28, 1921, May **Fenneman**.
- b. Fannie Reeve Reynolds, b. Jan. 18, 1886, d. Sept. 4, 1886.
- c. John Paul Reynolds, b. July 6, 1887, m. April 7, 1915, Elsie D. **Walker**.
- d. Dorothy Marie Reynolds, b. July 21, 1890, d. May 12, 1892.
- e. Dorothy Dix Reynolds, b. April 9, 1893, m. Feb. 10, 1916, Clement A. **Sasman**

3. John Paul Reynolds, b. Sept. 20, 1855, d. Nov. 26, 1921, m. Oct. 15, 1881, Marie A. **Mazurie**.

Children:

- a. Victor Mazurie Reynolds, b. Aug. 9, 1882, m. Jan. 23, 1907, Lulu Ann **Doblebower**.

b. Helen Reynolds, b. Feb. 26, 1891, m.
Feb. 16, 1909, James J. **O'Brien**.

c. John Paul Reynolds, Jr., b. Aug. 1,
1893, m. July 29, 1916, Mabel H. **Tomlinson**.

4. Mary Isabella Reynolds, b. Jan. 22, 1864.

*Six generations of LaRues and allied families :
containing sketch of Isaac LaRue, Senior, who
died in Frederick County, Virginia, in 1795, and
some account of his American ancestors and
three generations of his descendants and
families who were connected by intermarriage*

Otis M Mather

Hodgenville, Ky.: unknown, 1921

Sarah **LaRue**: Married Daniel
Reynolds. Lived in Pleasants County, W. VA.,
on the Ohio River. Died about 1895, at a very
advanced age. This couple had a large family. In
a letter written July 25, 1875, Daniel Reynolds
said: "Our children are scattered from home to
Pennsylvania. We number in all 54." Some of
the children were:

1. Rodney Reynolds, who died
subsequent to 1915, near St. Mary's, W. Va.
2. Drusy Reynolds
3. Lucy Reynolds
4. Medora Reynolds
5. Robert Reynolds.
6. Joseph Reynolds.
7. Amanda Reynolds: Married William
Shannon. Located in Kansas.

1880 Census Records

District 102

Fairfax, Franklin Co., VT

REYNOLDS, Nelson W., 39, farmer, b. VT
Augusta, wife, 39 b. VT
Grace A, daughter 9 b. VT
Clark W., uncle 53 b, RI retired mechanist
William C., nephew, 19, b. VT

District 105
Franklin, Franklin Co., VT

REYNOLDS, Rufus, 60, laborer b. Canada
Sarah, wife, 57, b. VT
Clark, son, 34, laborer, b. NY
Martha, wife, 24, b. Canada
Arthur, son, 3, b. VT

REYNOLDS, George, 35, laborer, b. Canada
Nancy, wife, 27, b. Canada
Reuben, son, 6, b. VT
Maggie, daughter, 6, b. VT
Bertha, daughter, 4, b. VT
Sarah, daughter, 2, b. VT
CHANDLER, Lucy, sister, 23, b. Canada

REYNOLDS, George, 30, farmer, b. Canada
Alvera, wife, 31, b. Canada
Sarah, daughter, 7, b. Canada
Minnie, daughter, 5, b. Canada
Eva, daughter, 3, b. Canada
Theenah, daughter, 7 mos., b. VT
COONS, Catherine, servant, 40, b. England.

REYNOLDS, Oscar, laborer, 30, b. Canada
Victoria, wife, 23, b. Canada
Harmon, son, 1, b. VT

REYNOLDS, Oliver, 15, laborer, b. Canada

REYNOLDS, Andrew, 25, laborer, b. VT
Alice, wife, 20, b. VT

Cache Cemetery

Cache, Comanche County, Oklahoma

Submitted by Aggie Cochrane

Reynolds, Gary Don, b. 1952, d. no date, Baby
Reynolds, James A., b. 09-11-1908, d. 11-06-
1973, age: 65yr, Army WW 2
Reynolds, Mary Juanita, b. 1911, d. 1972, age:
61yr
Reynolds, Oleta (**Oldham**), b. 08-12-1925, d.
08-08-1941, age: 16yr
Reynolds, Ronald Kevin, b. 1965, d. 1971, age:
6yr

Runnels, Esther, b. 12-26-1911, d. 01-09-2000, age: 89yr
Runnels, Ina Mae (**Gilgore**), b. 09-15-1921, d. 12-07-1993, age: 72yr
Runnels, J. E., b. 05-18-1917, d. 10-18-1984, age: 67yr
Runnels, Jackie Lee, b. 05-06-1933, d. 07-15-1978, age: 45yr
Runnels, Jennifer Deanne, b. 09-17-1979, d. 10-23-1979, age: 5wk-Baby
Runnels, Lewis A., b. 09-06-1911, d. 03-30-1976, age: 65yr
Runnels, Lillian Mae, b. 07-27-1892, d. 01-05-1965, age: 73yr
Runnels, Lois A., b. 12-11-1924, d. 10-19-1997, age: 73yr, Wed: 6-22-1951
Runnels, Odis M., b. 04-16-1913, d. no date, Wed: 10-10-1931
Runnels, Rita (**Smoot**), no dates, Wed: 9-4-1953
Runnels, Robert, b. 01-06-1890, d. 01-24-1975, age: 80yr

Vivid Experiences at Champion Hill, Miss.

By

Private A. H. Reynolds

[Archibald Hamilton Reynolds (1845-1928)]

Camden, Arkansas

19th Arkansas Infantry

from the Confederate Veteran, January 1910

Just at sunrise on May 16, 1863, three days before General Grant invested Vicksburg, the left wing of Grant's army opened the engagement at Champion Hill with artillery which lasted some time before a general engagement followed with musketry front all along the line. I belonged to Company F, of the 19th Arkansas Regiment, commanded by Col. Tom P. Dockery, then attached to Green's Brigade and Bowen's Division. When the Federal battery opened we were lying just over the brow of the hill on our extreme right, where we had lain since about two o'clock that morning. The firing commenced from the batteries which were in our immediate front, and we moved out on top of the hill and a little to

our left in plain view of the batteries, but did not answer them. They were not firing at us, but at some troops that were marching to the attack near the Champion negro quarters and about the center of our line. Some general and his staff were near by watching the maneuvering of Grant's army. The hill was high with a plain view and about half a mile or more southeast of the negro quarters on the road leading toward Grand Gulf.

I could not see that their batteries were doing any great damage. However, it was one of Colonel Dockery's hobbies to volunteer to take some battery or storm some difficult stronghold with his legion, as he often called the old 19th Regiment, which was a good-sized one then. The Colonel had just volunteered to take his regiment and capture that battery. He was refused, but shortly got a job without volunteering. There was some heavy fighting going on near the center at this time, and occasionally a courier would come dashing up. By this time several officers had congregated near us, with Colonel Dockery in their midst. He had just ridden back to where we were when some fellow came down the road as if racing for life. He rode up to the little bunch and halted. Colonel Dockery was given orders to take his regiment and reenforce (somebody) in the center. As the adjutant rode off Colonel Dockery, as cool as an ice-berg, gave the command: "Attention, load at will; load." My heart got right in my mouth, and I believe every other fellow was in like condition; but not a word was spoken by any one. The next order was: "Forward, double-quick, march." As we passed the squad of officers one of them said: "Turn in at those quarters." When we got there, Colonel Dockery had preceded us and was sitting on his horse as cool as ever and gave a ringing command, "Halt on the right; by file into line; double-quick, march;" and quickly we were in line and facing a regiment of thoroughly routed soldiers. I should like to know who they were. The next command was: "Fix bayonets and hold fire until ordered." With a forward march we passed those troops that were falling back, and then we were ordered to charge. We

had caught the enemy with empty guns, and they gave way easily. We were charging up the long slope from the negro quarters to the highest peak of Champion Hill and almost parallel with the public road to Bolton. At the top of the hill we met another long line of blues climbing the steep hill. They were within eighty feet of us when we gained the top of the hill, and without orders it seemed as if every man in our ranks fired at once. Never before nor since have I ever witnessed such a sight. The whole line seemed to fall and tumble head-long to the bottom of the hill. Ill a moment they came again, and we were ready and again repulsed them. And again and again for several hours in this way we held them at bay, when we charged them and gained the top of the next hill, the spindle top to which place Gen. S. D. Lee always contended the Arkansas troops advanced.

Last February on my way from New Orleans I stopped off at Edwards, three or four miles west of the battlefield and in company with Captain Montgomery, of that place, visited the old battlefield. Captain Montgomery informed me that prior to the death of General Lee he, General Lee, and a Federal general, whose name I have forgotten, went out there to look over the field. General Lee contended that the Arkansas troops ascended to the top of the second and last high hill, when the Federal officer contended that we got no farther than where we had contested our ground so long on the top of the first hill. I could convince him that we advanced to the top of the last hill.

When we reached there we were ordered to fall back, as we were being flanked by Logan's Division. About twenty of us, mostly from my company, were left to cover the retreat, being sharpshooters. We stopped in a hollow that headed up near the Bolton road. After waiting until the command was clearly out of sight, six of our number. Hat Hogg, Billy Watts, Joel Moody, Frank Smith, a half-blood Indian by the name of Busic, and I, went out where we could see over the hilltop. A regiment of Federal infantry was just filing out of the big road to our right and about eighty yards away and advancing at trail arms in an oblique direction toward us,

their commanding officer riding just in front and to our right. When they had covered about half of the distance between us, Billy Watts knelt beside a little oak tree and fired, when the officer fell as if (lead or mortally wounded. Each of us singled out a man and fired. Immediately I primed my gull, a Springfield rifle, and was loading it and watching for another shot and walking backward down the hill, dragging my gun butt on the ground, intending to get my man when they came over the hill, and had just rammed the ball home when my foot came in contact with a root of a huckleberry bush that had been rooted up and I fell sprawling with my head down hill and before I could recover they were upon us. They fired a volley just as I fell, and I have always felt that the fall saved my life. The next instant they were at us with bayonets. I raised on my right elbow just as a big fellow was in the act of thrusting his bayonet through me and fired. The muzzle of my gun was within four feet of his breast and loaded with a Springfield rifle ball and a steel ramrod. I had fallen within ten feet of the hollow where we had previously been. With what strength I had left I sprang over the precipice of the cave; but before I could scramble down the lifeless corpse of my antagonist preceded me with a heavy thud in the slush below. In the next minute we were prisoners of war and passed by where Billy Watts had killed the officer just as they were conveying him off. I noticed then that it was not over forty yards from where he fell to the public road leading to Bolton.

We were carried in that road and taken to a ginhouse about three hundred yards in the direction of Bolton. A negro cabin now stands on the spot where the ginhouse was. It is about two hundred yards from where we were captured and in a line from where we fired our last volley. About two hundred yards from where we were captured and in a line from where we fired our last volley we passed General Grant and his staff. General Grant was dressed in a fatigue suit with a blouse coat, similar to those worn by the private soldiers. He wore no insignia of rank. After some little stops, he rode up the hill in the direction where we were captured. From the

direction we fired and the time that elapsed after our last volley I am satisfied that General Grant and his escort were in range of our rifles and in line with that volley.

Now if that Federal general of whom Captain Montgomery, of Edwards, Miss., spoke as saying we did not reach the top of the last hill toward Bolton will call to memory the above incident, he will be convinced that we captured the last hilltop before we were made prisoners and that that officer was killed by the last firing on the field.

Perhaps some of those fellows who captured us are still living and will concur in what I have said. Comrades Hogg and Moody are still living in Union County, Ark. Moody received a wound through his right shoulder by one of the last guns fired, fell in the cave below, and was made prisoner with the rest of us.

I should like to know about the officer who was killed and the regiment that captured us. I think he was a colonel and of Ohio or Pennsylvania troops.

While visiting there last February, after the lapse of forty-five years, I found the field well preserved and could locate all the surroundings. The tree where Billy Watts knelt when he killed that officer is green and still standing. I should like to hear front or about Billy Watts. He belonged to Company G, 19th Arkansas Volunteers, while I belonged to Company F. We went to prison together and were confined first at Camp Morton, Ind., for about a month, and were sent from there to Fort Delaware for three months, thence to Point Lookout, Md., and were paroled at City Point, Va., December 27, 1863. I rejoined my command near Camden, Ark., while General Steele was in possession of that place. When I returned to my command I found Colonel Dockery promoted to brigadier general, promoted for bravery at Champion Hill, Farmington. Corinth, Hatchey Bridge, Iuka, all of which battles were inscribed on our battle flag. It found a watery grave in the hands of Captain Godbold who perished with it in the Big Black River on the morning of May 17, 1863, as our command was falling back into Vicksburg. No officer was truer or braver than Captain

Godbold, and he sacrificed his life rather than see his colors in the hands of the enemy. Heaven bless that noble soldier!

The Natchez Democrat says of General Dockery's war record: "A more gallant soldier never wore the gray. With his own means he equipped the 19th Arkansas Regiment. He became its colonel, and served with distinction in Cabell's Brigade at Corinth. Miss. His men were devotedly attached to him and were fond of telling that he never said 'Go on,' but 'Come on,' in the thickest of the battle. He was in Bowen's Division at Vicksburg, and there he was promoted to the rank of brigadier general. He was one of the leaders at the battle of Baker's Creek and Big Black; but perhaps he served with most credit for unflinching bravery and military skill at Champion Hill. Here his men did notorious fighting and were cut to pieces. The General had two fine horses shot under him and barely escaped himself. He was known afterwards as 'the hero of Champion Hill'." General Dockery was loved by his friends and dreaded by his enemies. His Christian spirit reminds us that the loving and the daring and the bravest are the tenderest.

He died in New York City on Saturday, February 26, 1898, and was laid to rest in the Natchez Cemetery March 5. The pallbearers were Confederates - viz.: Capt. James W. Lambert, T. Otis Baker, S. E. Reamble, and Maj. John Rawls.

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