

Andrew D. Hoover

(25 Jun 1803 - 15 Apr 1901)

Hoover. On Monday, April 15, 1901, at 5:15 p.m., after a short but painful illness, Andrew D., beloved husband of the late Mary C. Hoover (nee Moseley) aged 97 years 9 months and 20 days.

Weep not, children;
All your weeping is in vain.
Though I leave thee bowed in sorrow,
We shall meet in joy again.
Do not mourn because I leave thee;
God has calle me home to dwell.
Kiss me, children;
And forever fare thee well.
May he rest in peace.

Funeral from late residence, 613 B street northeast, Thursday, April 18, at 3 o'clock p.m. Services at the house. Relatives and friends invited to attend.

Hoover. The death, on April 15, 1901, of Andrew D. Hoover, late "Andrew Johnson Guards," District of Columbia Volunteers, a member of Kit Carson Post, No. 2, G.A.R., is announced. Comrades are invited to attend the funeral ceremony at his late residence, No. 613 B street northeast, on Thursday, April 18, at 3 o'clock p.m.

R.E. Grant, Post Commander
C.F. Keefer, Adjutant

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Defenders of the Capital

Andrew D. Hoover Among the First to Volunteer

List of District Companies, With Their Captains, Who Were First Mustered In

To the Editor of The Evening Star

By the death of Mr. Andrew D. Hoover, noticed in a late number of The Evening Star, the District of Columbia not only lost one of its oldest inhabitants, but also the "oldest defender" of the capital when, in 1861, it was threatened by invasion.

Although fifty-seven years of age, and consequently no longer liable to military duty, he was one of the first to answer Mr. Lincoln's first call in April, 1861. When this call was made the number of white male inhabitants in the District between the ages of twenty and fifty, and thus liable to military service, was 13,000. It is fair to assume that at least 1,000 of these joined the confederate army at or before this call. The quota of the District under the call was 1,627; the number furnished under the same was 4,720, or one man out of every three liable to service. Excluding those who were physically disabled, the proportion is even greater, and is believed to exceed that of any other state or territory.

The 4,720 men were organized and mustered into the United States military service between April 10 and 26, 1861, as thirty-six independent companies and were subsequently organized into eight battalions of infantry. Two of the three companies of cavalry joined the Maryland volunteers and one company of infantry joined the Pennsylvania volunteers before muster in.

The men who thus exhibited their patriotism at the very beginning of the war, when public sentiment in the District was wavering, and when the capital was looked upon as the "enemy's country,"

are fast passing away. Of the thirty-eight captains who commanded them I note only the names of Boyd, Kwight, Marks, Powell, Nally, Clark, Mogan and Ferguson as being still residents here.

The Columbia Historical Society is doing grand work in rescuing from oblivion much that will be of great interest to posterity. If one of the survivors of these "first defenders" would write a short history of the events of that period so far as his associates are concerned, it would no doubt be received as a valuable addition to its archives.

Inasmuch as the original organization of these troops is very little known, and in view of the interest which The Evening Star has habitually taken in local affairs, I venture to furnish the following statement with the request that it will be published:

Organization of the District of Columbia Volunteers of April, 1861.

Cavalry

Presidents Mounted Guard, Capt. Samuel W. Owens; Putnam Rangers, Capt. George H. Thirstleton. This company subsequently became Company L, 1st Maryland Cavalry. Capt. Louis F. Whitney's company, subsequently Capt. William H. Oton's company, independent cavalry. This company subsequently became Company M, 1st Maryland Cavalry. Captain Baker's independent company. This company was on duty only a short time, but subsequently joined the 1st District of Columbia Cavalry, three years' service.

Infantry

Company E, 1st District of Columbia Infantry, joined the 2d Regiment Pennsylvania Reserve Corps as Company F.

First Battalion, infantry -- Capt. J. McHenry Hollingsworth. Company A, Anderson Rifles, Capt. Charles H. Rodier; Company B, Carrington Home Guards, Capt. James Goddard; Company C, Andrew Johnsons Guards, Capt. John H. McBlair; Company D, Potomac Light Guard, Capt. Robert Boyd.

Second Battalion, infantry -- Capt. J. Grey Jewell, Company A, Union Volunteers, Capt. Edward C. Carrington; Company B, Union Volunteers, Capt. James Kelly; Company C, Henderson Guards, Capt. Gabriel J.L. Foxwell; Company D, Union Volunteers, Capt. John McClelland; Company E, Union Volunteers, Capt. James N. Callan.

Third Battalion, infantry -- Capt. John R. Smead, Company A, National Rifles, Capt. John R. Smead; Company B, Stemmer Guards, Capt. Henry M. Knight; Company C, Cameron Guards, Capt. James Elder; Company F, Union Volunteers, Capt. James Fletcher.

Fourth Battalion, infantry -- Captain Lemuel Towers, Company A, Washington Light Infantry, Captain L. Towers, Captain Lemuel Williams; Company B, Washington Light Guard, Captain Samuel A.H. Marks, jr.; Company C, District Union Rifles, Captain Charles J. Morrison; Company D, Washington Light Infantry, Washington Zouaves, Captain J. Tyler Powell.

Fifth Battalion, infantry -- Captain Chas. Everett, Company A, Putnam Rifles, Captain G.H. Thistleton; Company B, Putnam Rifles, Captain J.B. Grinnell; Company C, Jackson Guards, Captain John McDermott; Company D, Metropolitan Rifles, Captain William H. Nally.

Sixth Battalion, infantry -- Captain James Tait, Company A, National Guard, Captain P.H. King, Captain Thos. H. Lloyd; Company B, Constitution Rifles, Captain William H. Degges; Company C, National Guard,

Captain S.A.H. McKim, Captain T. Edward Clark; Company E, National Guard, Captain Richard Morgan; Company F, National Guard, Captain William P. Ferguson.

Seventh Battalion, infantry -- Captain Patrick H. King, Company A, Mechanic's Union Rifles, Captain Alexander Rutherford; Company B, Washington City Guards, Captain Robert Clarke; Company C, Union Volunteers, Captain George H. Miller; Company D, Washington Light Infantry, Howitzer Company, Captain Jeremiah Cross.

Eighth Battalion, infantry -- Captain Arthur Balbach, Company A, Turner Rifles, Captain A. Balbach, Captain Ernst Loeffler; Company B, Turner Rifles, Captain Joseph Gerhard; Company C, Turner Rifles, Captain Wladimir Kczyzanowski.

Charles F. Keefer