

## Fraser, Mose

MOSE FRASER  
Body servant to Lt. Elias Fraser  
12th Reg't S.C. State Troops, Col.  
Jno. D. Wiley's Regiment, C.S.A.

Mose (or Moses) was born in Lancaster Co., SC on Sept. 15, 1842 & lived in the Tradesville area most of his later years until moving to Monroe around 1931. He was "impressed" into service during the war as a cook and body servant (12<sup>th</sup> SC, Co. E); at Morris Island (SC) he helped build fortifications; he also was at Petersburg, VA & witnessed the "Crater" (or "Blow Up") in July 1864. Married three times, his 2<sup>nd</sup> wife was Roxana (Roxie). Only one of their children lived into adulthood. Mose was a farmer. He died Dec. 19, 1934 and was buried at Rose Hill Baptist Church in Lancaster Co., SC.

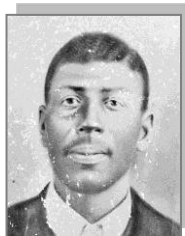
Master during the war: Elias Fraser (possibly Ellis)

## McGill, Lewis

Lewis McGill                      Union Co  
Body-Servant to Ellis Frazier  
Class B Negro enr Dec. 1931

Lewis, son of Hiram & Nancy, was one of the youngest of the pensioners; born in Lancaster, SC around 1850. He was sent with his mistress Maria Frasier's son, Ellis "Elle" Frasier (Frazier) into the war in October 1861 as a body servant & cook. Ellis was transferred to the 12<sup>th</sup> SC, Co. I and died at Sharpsburg, MD in 1862. Lewis told the pension board that he brought the body home. After the war, Lewis and his wife Sallie lived in the Buford township of Lancaster Co., SC. By 1920 he was living in the Monroe township on the Wolf Pond Road. Lewis died Dec. 14, 1933 & is buried at Clarksville AME Zion.

Master during the war: Ellis Frazier



## Perry, Aaron

Aaron was "born a slave" about 1840 in today's Union County. His family believes he was born to a Green & later sold to a Perry family. He married Charlotte Ashcraft about 1859 & had upwards of 15 children. He accompanied his master into service (37<sup>th</sup> NC, Co. D) as a body servant & also helped build fortifications at Fort Fisher for a brief time. A farmer, his hand was steady at the helm of his community in the Lanes Creek area, helping start churches and guiding nearby schools. In John Peter Parker's memoirs of Lanes Creek, he notes that "We called him 'Lawyer' because of his distinguished look and judicial manner". He died Mar. 14, 1930 & is buried at Philadelphia Baptist Church (Canal Rd.)

Master during the war: Lt. Col. John B. Ashcraft

that he is personally acquainted with Sanders, Jeff  
ers, having known him all of his life; that Jeff Sanders and af-  
were reared in close proximity in the Lynch's River community;  
Jeff Sanders is 88 years old and is blind. And this deponent fur-  
es and says that the said Jeff Sanders was a free negro prior to  
Civil War, and was drafted into the service of the Confederacy

Born in South Carolina about 1845 in the Lynches River area, Jeff, aka "Jefferson", was the son of a free person of color, Tempa Sanders. He lists his father as Charles Funderburk in a later marriage record. "Drafted into the service" he spent his time with Capt. Ace Evans (Asa Evans, brother of brigadier general Nathan George "Shanks" Evans). He was a laborer, cook and body servant though he was a 'free negro'. Later a farmer, Jeff is in the Buford township of Union County by 1900. He was married possibly three times & a number of his descendants live in the Wingate area. He died Nov. 4, 1932 & is buried at Nicey Grove.

Master during the war: None

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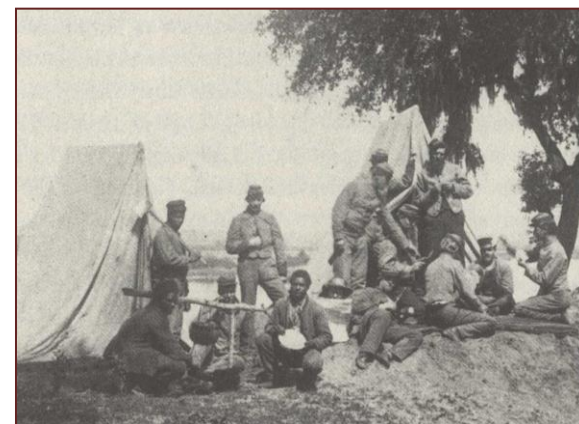
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## Union County, NC: Confederate Pensioners of Color



### *A Confederate Picket Post at Charleston, South Carolina - 1861*

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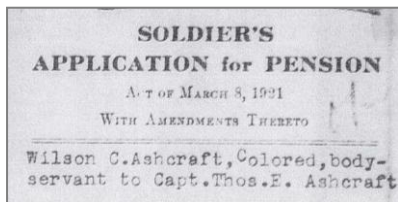
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**Ashcraft,  
Wilson C.**



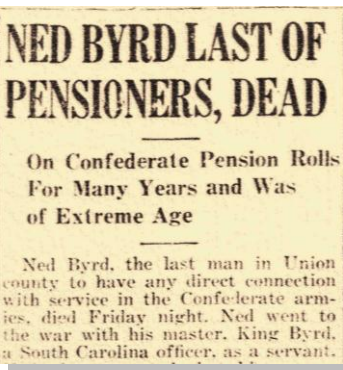
**Clyburn,  
Weary**

Wilson, born in Union County about 1850, was wounded in the second battle of Fort Fisher, NC (Jan. 1865). Husband of Sallie (Carelock), & later Mary; after the war he was a cotton tenant farmer; father of at least 10 children. He died Dec. 3, 1935; burial location unknown.

*He is the only one of the ten pensioners to appear in the State Archives' N. C. State Troop books – because of his pension record.*

Master during the war:

Thomas Ellison Ashcraft, 53<sup>rd</sup>, Co. I

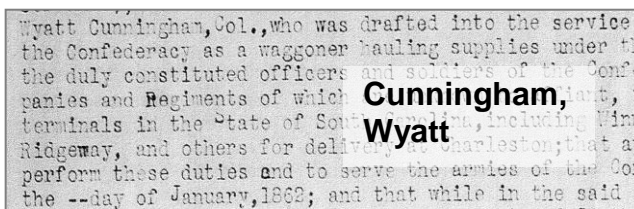


**Byrd, Ned**

Monroe Journal,  
2-10-1942, p5

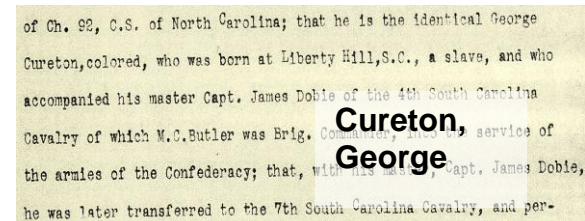
Ned went to war with his master's son, King Byrd (Bird) of S. C. Per Ned, an agreement arose between the two, that if one died, then the other was to promise to take the body home. Young King died & Ned honored the promise. Born about 1853, Ned was a laborer about town who once ran the printing press of the Monroe Register (Enquirer-Journal). He married Penny with whom he had at least 14 children. He answered 'yes' to the veteran question on the 1930 census. When he died Feb. 6, 1942, he was the last man of the county with first-hand knowledge of life in the Confederate army. He is buried at Watts Grove Baptist Church. Master during the war: Charles Byrd

Weary (aka Wary) was born in Lancaster Co., SC around 1841. Raised on the Clyburn plantation he went to war with his master & friend, Thomas F. (Frank) Clyburn, 12<sup>th</sup> SC, Co. E. Frank was wounded in the thigh in May of 1864 near Petersburg, VA. Weary carried his friend from the battlefield while under fire from the enemy. Weary's 2<sup>nd</sup> (possibly 3<sup>rd</sup>) wife was Eliza (Liza) Brown. He had several children and was known for his stories and fiddle playing. Weary died March 30, 1930 and was laid to rest in the "Methodist Cemetery" (Hillcrest City) "wrapped in the Confederate uniform of gray". Of the ten pensioners of color, only Weary has a surviving child today, a 'real daughter' as honored by the SCV/UDC. Master during the war: Thomas F. Clyburn



**Cunningham,  
Wyatt**

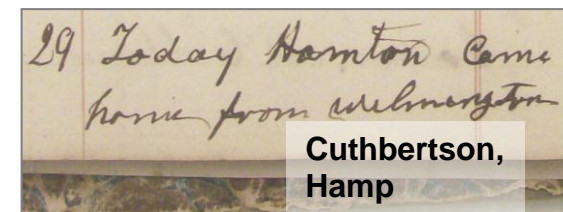
Wyatt was drafted into the service as a wagoner, hauling supplies in and around Winnsboro, Camden, Ridgeway into Charleston. Born between 1835-40 in South Carolina, he was wounded near the end of the war in March 1865. Married twice, possibly three times, he had at least 4 children, moving up to Union County by 1920. He was a laborer and farmer spending his later years with his youngest daughter, Roseanna. He died Nov. 10, 1933 in Monroe & is buried at Ebenezer Church in Waxhaw, NC. Master during the war: Dr. Thomas McDowell, of Liberty, SC.



**Cureton,  
George**

George was born in Liberty Hill, S.C. between 1830/35 and accompanied his master into the 4<sup>th</sup> S.C. Cavalry, later transferring to the 7<sup>th</sup> Cavalry. Son of Allen & Lucy Cureton, he was married twice and had 13 children. George was one of the few who attended the Confederate Reunion to Birmingham, AL in 1931. (a total of 9 made the trip) A farmer, he moved into Union County by 1900. He died at his home in the Tirzah community Sept. 5, 1934 and was buried at Bethel (now Gospel Way) in Waxhaw, NC.

Master during the war: Capt. James Dobie



**Cuthbertson,  
Hamp**

As recorded in his master's journal above, Hamp arrived home from Fort Fisher on Jan. 29, 1864. He had spent a year as a "colored servant" building the fortifications enduring "severe [de]privation, hunger, illness and punishments". Born in Union County around 1840, Hamp is seen as a boarder or lodger throughout the census records and was usually listed as a laborer. It is believed that he never married. On the 1930 census, Hamp answers "yes" to the question of being a veteran of the Civil War. He died between June & December of 1932; burial location unknown. Master during the war: Moses Cuthbertson