

## VETERANS OF THE WAR OF 1812

Partial List of Applicants for Pensions – Personal Reminiscences – Who Killed Tecumseh –  
The First Marriage in Indiana –  
The Real Wards and the Republic in this Vicinity.

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The recent act of Congress granting pensions to surviving soldiers of the war of 1812, or to any of their widows remaining unmarried, has brought out many more of these old veterans in different parts of the country than one would suppose were now living. A few of these aged veterans, or their widows, reside in the vicinity, and thinking a brief sketch of their claims would prove of sufficient local interest to warrant their publication, we called at the office of Messrs. Stotsenburg & Brown, and ascertained the following facts. The first veteran is

**WILLIAM HOWARD**, A well known citizen, who resides on the Corydon road within seventy-five yards of the corporate limits of the city. Mr. Howard is now seventy-five years of age, and is in good condition. He enlisted in Capt. Simpson's company of Kentucky volunteers, in Major Dudley's battalion, and Gen. Duncan McCarthy's brigade, and served six months all in the campaign at Sacketts Harbor. Mr. Howard was honorably discharged after his arduous services. He reared a large family of children, one whom, Martin Howard, died in the campaign against Mexico in 1847, and lies buried on the Rio Grande, twelve miles above its mouth. He had another son and two nephews in Capt. Sanderson's company during the same war. Mr. Howard always enjoyed the cognomen of "Fighting Bill."

**BETSY BARNABY**, Mother of Representative Barnaby of Clark county, who resides on Galt street in this city, is a venerable lady of eighty-three years of age. She is the widow of Henry Barnaby, who was a dragoon in the regular United States service, and belonged to Capt. Morgan's company, during the war of 1812. In the battle of Batalis, New York, he was wounded in the right arm. He served, however, through the entire war on the Canada frontier, and was honorably discharged. Mr. Barnaby died October 16<sup>th</sup>, 1847, drawing his pension up to the day of his death.

**JOHN HILL**, Residing in this city on West street, is a fine looking old gentleman of seventy-four years of age, another veteran of the second war against Great Britain. Mr. Hill enlisted as a private in Capt. Joshua Danforth's company of Maine Volunteers, and served nine months on the Canada frontier, after which he was honorably discharged. Next comes

**COL. GILBERT BUDD**, Perhaps one of the best known citizens of Floyd county, having lived here ever since the writer of this can recollect. Col. Budd is now eighty-two years of age, and gives promise of living many years longer. He enlisted as a private in Capt. David Brown's company of Kentucky Mounted Volunteers, attached to the command of Governor Shelby. He participated in the battle of the Thames, and says that he was by the side of Col. Richard M. Johnson when he killed Tecumseh; that he saw the Indian Chieftain fall, just as he raised his tomahawk to urge his savages on to the charge, and immediately after Col. Johnson discharged his rifle. Col. Budd was always fond of the military. From our earliest recollection we can remember parade days, and can call to mind

the martial mien and courtly bearing of Col. Budd, as he rode at the head of his famous company of mounted "Yellow Jackets," from Georgetown and Edwardsville, on such occasions. Col. Budd has long since given over the glorious pomp and circumstance of parade days, and lives a quiet life a short distance below the city.

**PHILLIP MILLER**, A gray haired veteran of seventy-six years, has his residence on Upper Spring street, above Vincennes. He lived at Fairfield, Ohio, when the war of 1812 broke out and enlisted as a private in Capt. Lamb's company, in which he served during a four month's campaign on the Canada frontier. At the close of this campaign he was mustered out at Fairfield, and soon afterward re-enlisted in Capt. George Hershaw's company, and served six months longer on the frontier, when he returned and was mustered out at Franklinton, Ohio. He a third time entered the service, this time in Capt. Isaac Merriday's company, and after serving another six months, was honorably discharged at Detroit. There is no record that Mr. Miller was in any serious engagement.

**WILLIAM ASTON**, Who is set down at eighty years of age, resides in this township on the Charlestown road. He enlisted as a private in Capt. John Norris's company of Indiana militia on October 1811, the company then rendezvousing at a place called Springville, near Charlestown, Clark county. The company marched to Vincennes, and joined Gen. Harrison, and participated in the battle of Tippecanoe, fought November 7<sup>th</sup>, 1811. After three months service Mr. Aston was discharged. He now lives at the place above stated, has a young wife and his youngest child is eleven years of age.

**NANCY DUCKER**, Widow of Abraham Ducker, who was a private in Capt. Isaac Welkins' company of mounted militia from Kentucky, is also an applicant. Her husband was in Col. Dudley's battalion, attached to Gov. Shelby's command in the expedition to Upper Canada. Mrs. D. is now seventy-nine years of age, and resides two and a half miles below the city on the Budd road.

**ELIZABETH WYMAN**, Widow of Frederick Wyman, resides at Morrisburg, Washington county, and is now seventy-five years of age. Her husband was a member of Lieut. Thomas Berry's company of mounted Indiana militia and served during the Tippecanoe campaign participating in that battle.

**COL. H. C. MONROE**, A venerable gentleman of this city, whom nearly everyone knows, is eighty-three years of age. The Colonel was Aid-de-Camp on the staff of Col. Jesse A. Pierson, who commanded the Seventh regiment of North Carolina militia, under Major General Thomas Brown. Col. M. was in the historical campaign against Fort Hawkins, and marched with his comrades from Salisbury, North Carolina, to join Gen. Jackson's army. In those days there were no railroads on which to transport troops, and it was emphatically "the days that tried men's souls," at least the soles of boots and feet were very much tried. Col. M., however, survived the march and did gallant service during the entire campaign.

**CHRISTOPHER CHRISTISON**, The oldest applicant that has yet presented his claim in this city. He resides on the Grant line road, in this township, and claims to be eighty-eight years of age. It appears that he was a private in Capt. Barbee's Company of Kentucky volunteers, which was attached to Col. Barbee's command, and which fought so bravely in

Gov. Gordon's expedition against Fort Meigs. Mr. Christison served six months in that campaign and was honorably discharged.

**MARY ASTON**, A lady eighty-five years of age, widow of Richard Aston, is the most remarkable personage in the list. She claims to be the first woman married in Indiana, then a Territory, without a surveyed county line; a place almost without boundary. The marriage took place in a log house, not far from Silver Creek, and between this city and Jeffersonville, a Justice of the Peace from a place then known as Springville, performing the nuptial ceremonies, February 20<sup>th</sup>, 1807. Her husband, Richard Aston, was a private in Cap. J. B. Pittman's company of Indiana militia, which served in the Pigeon Roost massacre campaign.

**JACOB MINSHALL**, A veteran of eighty-four, resides on Big Indian creek, in Lafayette township. Mr. M. was a private in Capt. John Mansfield's company of Ohio troops, under Col. Lewis Cass, in the campaign under the notorious Gen. Hull. He was in the command basely surrendered by Gen. Hull. He served four months. Mr. Minshall is a thin and tall old gentleman, and his recollections of the war of 1812 are still fresh.

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