

Henry Hulan 6th Arkansas Infantry Regiment

History of the 6th Arkansas Infantry Regiment

Henry Hulan

1839 – October 6, 1902

Confederate – Company H, 6th Arkansas Infantry Regiment

Pedigree: Henry Hulan, Robert (Bob) Lee Hulan, Fred Tommell Hulan, Linda Hulan Thompson, Vicky Thompson Sykes – Jennifer & Jon Sykes

6th Arkansas Infantry Regiment Battles: Missouri, Bowling Green, Fort Henry, Fort Donelson, Shiloh, Chickamauga, Missionary Ridge, Atlanta, Franklin

6th Arkansas Infantry Regiment was organized at Little Rock on June 10, 1861 with the election of Col. Richard Lyon as Colonel, A.T. Hawthorn as Lt. Col. and D. L. Kilgore as Major. C.A. Bridewell was appointed adjutant and John F. Ritchie as adjutant.

Company commanders were Co. A, the "Capitol Guards" of Little Rock, Cpt. Gordon N. Peay; Co. B; the "Dallas Volunteer Rifles" of Calhoun county, Cpt. P. H. Echols; Co. C, the "Dallas Rifles", Cpt. F. J. Cameron; Co. D, the "Ouachita Voyageurs" of Ouachita county, Cpt. J. W. Kingswell; Co. E, the "Dixie Grays" of Arkansas county, Cpt. Sam G. Smith; Co. F, the "Lafayette Guards" of Lafayette county, Cpt. Sam H. Dill; Co. G, the "Columbia Guards" of Magnolia county, Cpt. J. W. Austin; Co. H, the "City Guards" of Camden, Cpt. S. H. Southerland; Co. I, the "Lisbon Invincibles" of Union county, Cpt. Sam Turner; and Co. K, the "Ouachita Grays" of Ouachita county, Cpt. Hope T. Hodnett.

After the organization, the regiment marched on June 19th overland to Pocahontas. Measles broke out in camp, and a great many died here. In September, 1861, the regiment was transferred to Confederate service in the brigade (consisting of the 2nd, 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th Arkansas Infantry regiments) commanded by Brig. Gen. William J. Hardee. Company B, as well as a number of individual soldiers from the other companies, declined to enlist for Confederate service here, and were released. After a raid into Missouri, the 6th Arkansas returned to camp at Pittman's Ferry, on Current River. The latter part of September, 1861, the brigade was moved to southeast Missouri, and thence by boat to Columbus, KY, arriving on October 3. From there, it was sent to Cave City, Barren county, KY, where it spent the winter of 1861. While camped at Cave City, the 6th Arkansas smelled its first powder, and a deep

companionship with Terry's Texas Rangers and Swett's Mississippi Battery was formed in a skirmish with a Union patrol. Colonel Lyon was killed in an accident on October 10, 1861, while supervising the crossing of the regiment over the Tennessee River, when his horse fell over a precipice with him. Lt. Col. Alexander T. Hawthorn succeeded to Colonel in his place. On December 17th, the 6th Arkansas supported the 8th Texas Cavalry (Terry's Texas Rangers) and Swett's Mississippi Battery in a skirmish at Woodsonville,[sic] KY, when Colonel Terry was killed. The regiment occupied this advanced position until the fall of Fort Donelson, when it moved with the remainder of the army to Corinth, Mississippi under General Albert Sydney Johnston. BG Hardee having been promoted to Major General, Col. T. C. Hindman of the 2nd Arkansas was promoted to brigadier general and the brigade command until he was promoted to major general, and Col. R. G. Shaver was appointed as his successor. Col. Shaver commanded the brigade gallantly at the vicious battle of Shiloh, General Hindman commanding the division. When Corinth was evacuated, the brigade retreated to Tupelo, MS where it remained until July, 1862. Then the 6th Arkansas was sent to Chattanooga, TN, with General Bragg, and from there on to the Kentucky campaign. It was present when 4,500 Federals surrendered at Munfordville, KY, and was in the line at Perryville, when Adjutant Sampson Harris, of Company A, was mortally wounded. Sergeant W. W. Carter of Company A was promoted to lieutenant and succeeded Harris as adjutant. Before the regiment had left Corinth, approximately 200 men of the 12th Arkansas which had escaped from Island No. 10 were organized into two companies and attached to the 6th Arkansas. In December, at Shelbyville, TN, these two companies were returned to their own regiment as the 12th Arkansas had been exchanged by that time. Casualties at the battle of Perryville had already weakened the regiment, as well as decimating the 7th Arkansas regiment, so the 6th and 7th Arkansas regiments were consolidated into one unit on December 15, 1862. The regiment was heavily engaged at the battle of Murfreesboro, TN (Stones River) on December 31, 1862, through January 2, 1863; and in the spring advanced to Bellbuckle [sic], where it remained until June 24, 1863, when it was hastily ordered to the front to Liberty Gap, where it found and reinforced the 5th Arkansas in dealing with a large Union force. It retreated from middle Tennessee to south of the Tennessee River and went into camp at Chickamauga Station, a few miles south of Chattanooga, and remained there until about the 1st of September, when Bragg began maneuvering for the battle of Chickamauga. The regiment was engaged, actually, or in line of battle, all through the Georgia Campaign, at Tunnel Hill, the Atlanta Campaign and the defenses of Atlanta where they, along with the rest of Govan's [sic] Brigade, were captured en [sic] masse near Jonesboro, GA. They were exchanged three weeks later, and rejoined the Army of Tennessee at Palmetto, GA, and were at the battles of Spring Hill, Franklin, and Nashville, TN. The survivors were consolidated into a single regiment, the 3rd Confederate Infantry regiment Consolidated, containing the survivors of the 1st, 2nd,

5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 13th, 15th, Dawson's 19th, and 24th Arkansas and the 3rd Confederate Infantry at the last reorganization of the Army of Tennessee at Smithfield, NC on April 9, 1865, only to be surrendered with General Johnston's army near Greensboro, NC on April 26, 1865. Of the nearly 1000 men mustered with the regiment, only about 150 remained with the colors at the surrender. Officers: Col. Richard Lyon, Field Officers: Lt. Col (later Col.) Alexander T. Hawthorn, Maj. F. J. Cameron, Maj. William F. Douglas, Maj. J. B. Gordon, Maj. Dawson L. Kilgore, Lt. Col. Gordon N. Peay, Maj. (later Lt. Col. and Col.) Samuel G. Smith. References: Calvin L. Collier, First In – Last Out: The Capitol Guards, Arkansas Brigade (Unit history and muster rolls for Company A.)

Widow's Application for Pension Form

[stamp: Arkansas Confederate Pension Record Courtesy: Arkansas History Commission]

WIDOW'S APPLICATION FOR PENSION.

State of Arkansas

County of Sevier

I, Mrs. H. B. Hulin do solemnly swear that I am the widow of Henry Hulin who served as a soldier in the army (or sailor in the navy) of the Confederate States, being a member of Co. H. Sixth Regiment of Volunteers Infantry from the State of Arkansas or a member of the crew of the ship called [blank]; that he was honorably discharged (paroled or released) from such service on or about the First day of May 1865 and did not desert the same; that I am now, and for the last twelve months have been, a bona fide resident of this State; that I do not own property, real or personal, or both, or money or choses in action, in excess of the value \$400.00 (exclusive of household goods and wearing apparel), nor have I conveyed title to any property to enable me to draw a pension, and that I am not in receipt of any income, annuity, pension or wages for any services, the emoluments of an office, in excess of \$150.00 per year; that my said husband died the sixth day of October 1902. He died at home and that I have not since remarried, so help me God.

Widow Application

APPLICATION OF of Mrs. H B Hulin WIDOW.

Pullman P.O.

Sevier County.

Examined and \$50.00 allowed and Auditor authorized to draw warrant for same.

Filed 4/28 03

Jas L Cannon [illegible letters]

This 14 day of Aug. 1903 Sec'y of State.

I.C. Minors Auditor.

State of Arkansas

County of Sevier

SS.

We, the undersigned, sitting as Pension Board for Sevier County, do certify that we have examined the application of the within named Mrs. H B Hulin for pension, under Act of the General Assembly of the State of Arkansas, as approved March 11, 1901, and the proof in support of same, and find that said applicant is [blank] the widow of a Confederate soldier, is [blank] in indigent circumstances, and that her claim is [blank] just, and that she could [blank] be allowed \$50.00 pension.

H. H. [illegible] [SEAL]

Geo. H. Bell [SEAL]

W. S. Roy [SEAL]

Proof of Service for Widow Form

PROOF OF SERVICE FOR WIDOW

(By Comrades of Husband if Possible)

State of Arkansas

County of Ouachita

On this day personally came before the undersigned, a Notary Public within and for the County of Ouachita and State of Arkansas J A Reeves and J A Agee citizens of Ouachita County State of Ark whom I certify to be creditable persons and worthy of confidence, who being duly sworn, state: That they were each, personally, well acquainted with applicant's husband Henry Hulin and knew him for forty years years [sic] respectively. That he was a Confederate soldier. Belonging to Company H 6th Ark Regiment of Volunteers Infantry That as such soldier he served from May 15th 1861 to May 1st 1865 That he was honorably discharged (paroled or released) from such service and did not desert the same. That he is now dead and that his widow has been for the past twelve months a bona fide resident of Arkansas. That to the best of our knowledge, all property now owned by his widow is not worth exceeding \$400 (exclusive of household goods and wearing apparel). That his widow is not in receipt of any income, annuity, pension or wages for any services, or the emoluments of an office, in excess of \$150 per year, and that she is not since remarried. That we have no interest in this claim.

J. A. Reeves

J A Agee

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 31st day of March 1903

S B Lide N.P.

My commission expires, Dec. 3, 1906