

F. L. Henry

"D" Co. Georgia 14th Battalion State Guard Infantry

Enlisted as a Private

Mustered into "D" Co. Georgia 14th Battalion State Guard Infantry on August 1, 1863



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- **Organization:** The 14th Battalion Georgia State Guard (sometimes referenced alongside other local, temporary, or specialized units) was active during the latter part of the war.
- **Role:** The Georgia State Guards were organized for short-term service (usually six months) to allow the Confederate government to use regular troops elsewhere.
- **Composition:** The 14th Battalion is associated with local defense, with some elements historically linked to Augusta or Macon regions.

IDENTIFIED CONFEDERATE WOODEN CANTEEN

G

F L HENRY



During the course of the Civil War millions of canteens were manufactured in the South. Every man in the Southern Army carried a canteen and most would go through several by War's end. To supply this need, canteens were manufactured at Confederate government facilities, but these locations could only supply a small fraction required to equip the army. In order to meet the pressing need for canteens, the Confederate government purchased the vast majority from private makings.

The most widely used Confederate canteen was made of wood because any cooperage could easily convert to the production of wooden canteens as they required exactly the same skills as barrel making. Revolutionary War canteens were also made of wood and are often confused with Confederate era canteens. The Confederate canteen can be differentiated from its Revolutionary War counterpart by the lathe turned front and back faces. The front and back faces of the Revolutionary War canteens were cut and shaped by hand, consequently they lack lathe turning marks. The lathe marks are readily apparent on faces of Confederate made canteens. The lathe turned wood faces were joined by horizontal slats and metal bands held together with copper or tin loops.



This is the standard Confederate issue wood drum canteen with forged iron bands and three tin cross straps, and a pewter spout. The canteen retains part of its original leather sling. A bit of grey (how fitting!) paint has at some time dripped onto the canteen. Otherwise, the canteen is in very good condition with a nice patina.

These wooden canteens were the perfect thing for a bored fellow to carve on, so they did. The level of information found carved into wooden canteens runs from simple initials, to elaborate carvings, and every possible variation between.





This canteen has the name "F. L. Henry" carved into the face in large letters, below a large "G".



There are three F. L. Henry's who appear in the Confederate records: one who served the State of Georgia, one Tennessee, and one Louisiana; however, the Tennessee and Louisiana soldiers have no connection to the letter "G" leaving it to represent the state of Georgia.

F. L. Henry

F. L. Henry of Macon, Georgia served in Company D, 14th Battalion Georgia Infantry (Georgia State Guards) defending Macon during the War. He was originally a fireman when, in 1863, he along with 63 other firemen were mustered into Confederate service in Company D, 14th Battalion Georgia Infantry (Georgia State Guards) for a period of 6 months. Their service was limited to the defense of the city of Macon and the patrol of said city, and are not to be ordered out of the county Bibb.

A letter dated January 14, 1864 describes Henry as a brick mason and speaks of his desire to be employed at the Macon Arsenal. The letter writer, presumably a superior of Henry's, recommends that the request be granted.

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As a critical Confederate arsenal and supply hub, Macon, Georgia, was defended throughout the Civil War, successfully repelling Union cavalry attacks in July and November 1864. Despite its significance, the city surrendered without major resistance to Union Gen. James H. Wilson on April 20, 1865.

F. L. Henry

Henry, F. L.
Mason

(CONFEDERATE.)

REFERENCE CARD.

See Manuscript No. **3940** page.....

Jan. 1863

MACON Arsenal Ga.

GENERAL INDEX CARD.



This card must not be taken from the files.

6413

1857
Henry F. L.

Co. D, 14 Batt'n Georgia Inf.
(State Guards.)
(Confederate.)

Private | Private

CARD NUMBERS.

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Number of medical cards herein 0

Number of personal papers herein 0

BOOK MARK:

See also

(Confederate.)

H

1 - 4 Battalion.
(State Guards.)

Ga.

F. L. Henry

Priv., { Capt. Geo. S. Obear's Company
(Firemen Guards)*

Appears on a copy of a

Roll†

of the organization named above,

for *Not stated*, 186 .

NOTE: "Macon, Ga., Aug. 1, 1863. I hereby certify that the above and foregoing sixty four (64) men Firemen of the city of Macon were this day mustered into the Confederate military service for six months, under the requisition of the President of the Confederate States, and proclamation of the Governor of Georgia, for local defence; the service they are to perform being the defence of the city of Macon and the patrol duty of said city, and are not to be ordered out of the county of Bibb.

L. N. WHITTLE,
Col. & A. D. C."

Remarks :
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*This company was also known as Company D, 14th Battalion Georgia State Guards. Other records show that it was not called out.

†Certified copy sworn and subscribed to by J. L. Nichols, Orderly Sergt., on Nov. 9, 1863.

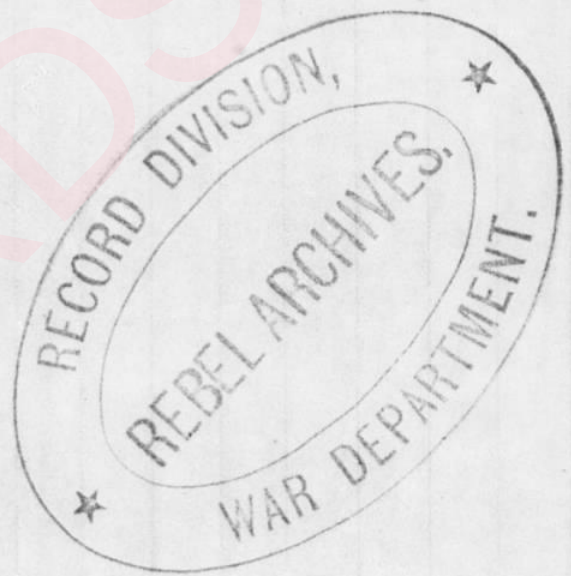
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J. L. Nichols
Copyist.

Macon Army
J. Fuss

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Jan'y 11th

Recommends application
for detail of S. L. Newry
at Brickmans, in State
Guard



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January 14: 1867

Col. James W. Denton
Chepelt. Amosia

Sir:

St. L. Henry, a Brickman
belonging to Capt. G. S. Obeary Company, State Guard
has applied for employment, and asks that application be
made to Genl. Cobb for his detail. - He is I think a good
man, and I recommend that his services be secured
if possible

Very Respectfully
your Obedt. Servt.

J. H. C. J. C.

Adj. M. A.

NAME OF MILITIA DISTRICT

Lewis City

REAL ESTATE

President or other Officer can make the Return for this District, with their return, on Form 1000000.

No. *1/16* DISTRICT
 GEORGIA MILITIA,
 Post Office *Macon*

1 (Total value)
 2 (Lands)
 3 (Districts)
 4 (Towns)
 5 (Agents or Firm)
 6 (President of M. D. Co., etc.)
 7 (Supt. of R. R. Co., etc.)
 8 (President of Co., etc.)
 9 (Number of lands entered for sale between 27 Oct. and 31st of year)

10 (Total number acres of land)
 11 (Number)
 12 (District)
 13 (Section)
 14 (Approximate Value of Land)
 15 (Approximate value of City or Town Property)

13 (Value of interest in any tract of land owned by the State)
 13 (Value of interest in any tract of land owned by the National Bank of this State)
 14 (Signed in blank, or otherwise, and dated)
 15 (Building, such as City, Town, or Village, or any part of the same, and, in case of a building, the name of the building)
 16 (Value of land and building, or other interest in land, as shown on the tax map)
 17 (Total value of lands owned by the State)

NAMES—(First Name in Full) ACRES DOLLARS DOLLARS DOLLARS Dots Dots Dots DOLLARS

<i>Anderson Mrs. D. J.</i>		1				1800					
<i>Anderson W. B.</i>		2									
<i>Beard O. R. Sgt.</i>	1	3				2500					
<i>Beard M. J. Col.</i>		4				1500					
<i>Bryant E. L.</i>	1	5			800						
<i>Byrd S. J.</i>	1	6				1500					
<i>Chavis Joseph</i>		7			275	4575					
<i>Col. Geo. Harris</i>		8				600					
<i>Adm. Col. Jackson</i>		9			500						
<i>Wm. H. Hall Sr.</i>	1	10				6500					100
<i>Harris Sterling</i>	1	11				1000					
<i>Hart J. W. H.</i>		12	1140		8000	2500					
<i>Hartley S. J.</i>	1	13				2500					
<i>Harris L. A. Capt.</i>	1	14			600	4200					
<i>Dr. J. H. Harrison</i>		15			700	1200					
<i>Dr. W. H. Harrison</i>		16			600						
<i>Hill W. E.</i>	1	17	337		4200						
<i>Holmes J. O.</i>	1	18									
<i>Hopson Arch. A.</i>		19				475					
<i>Hoskins Ed. Sgt.</i>	1	20				1500					
<i>Hoskins J. W.</i>	1	21				1800					
<i>Hoskins J. L.</i>		22				1100					
<i>Hammock A. J. for Thomas Wood</i>		23				1000					
<i>Col. Geo. W. H. Hammock</i>		24				10000					
<i>Hammock A.</i>		25									500
<i>Hammock W. B.</i>		26									6000
<i>Holmes S. L.</i>	1	27				3000					
<i>Holmes J. W.</i>	1	28				25600					
<i>Holmes S. L.</i>	1	29			280	1905					
<i>Holmes W. L. Jr.</i>	1	30				6000					
<i>Col. Wm. M. H. Hammock</i>		31	130		2500	8500					
<i>Holmes J. W.</i>		32	550		1000						
<i>Holmes J. W. for Mrs. M. J. H.</i>		33				1100					
<i>Holmes J. W.</i>		34				5750					
<i>Holmes S. L. & others</i>		35				2000					
<i>Holmes S. J.</i>		36									500
<i>Holmes S. J. & others</i>	1	37			350						
<i>Dr. W. H. Harrison</i>	1	38									
<i>H. P. Adams</i>		39			4000						
<i>H. P. Adams & Co.</i>		40				4000					5700
<i>Holt C. L.</i>		41	10		1100						
<i>Holt C. L.</i>		42			500						
<i>Holt J. J.</i>	1	43									
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F L Henry

Obituary

FORMER MACON MAN DIES IN ATLANTA

After an illness of several days Mr. F. L. Henry, a pioneer citizen of Macon, died at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon at the residence of his son, Mr. W. T. Henry in Atlanta. The deceased was a retired contractor, and many of the more prominent buildings of Macon today were erected under his supervision. He lived here when the city was building up rapidly, and was considered one of the most efficient members of the craft. On Tuesday last he was seventy-four years of age.

Mr. Henry is survived by a brother, Mr. R. L. Henry, of this city, three sons, Mr. George L. Henry of Macon, Mr. W. T. Henry of Atlanta, and Mr. F. L. Henry of Atlanta. He leaves a sister, Mrs. J. M. Keen of Brunswick.

Funeral services will be conducted tomorrow by Rev. T. D. Ellis. The detailed arrangements have not been concluded. They will be announced later.