

Hall County History

Gainesville 'Dragoons' mustered in 1836

In 1836, a 74-man cavalry unit known as the "Gainesville Dragoons" were mustered under their Captain Thomas Holland for duty wherever the State might send them.

In a letter to the capitol, then at Milledgeville, Captain Holland volunteered his troops for immediate service.

The following is a brief report from Thomas to "His Excellency" William Schley. In the document, the original now on file in the Georgia Department of Archives, Thomas lists his company's members.

I have the honor to Report to your Excellency the volunteer Corps "Gainesville Dragoons" under my Command, now ready to be mustered into the United States service agreeable to the order of your Excellency, consisting of a full quota of Commissioned, and non-commissioned officers, and Sixty one privates ready to march at a moments warning, to the point

that may be designated by your Excellency.

Thomas Holland C G. D.
Thomas Holland — Capt.,
Allen Blake — 1st Lieut., Davis
Whelchel — 2nd Do., David
Graham — Cornet., Samuel P.
Tinsley — 1st Serg., Walter S.
Armour — 2nd Do., Caleb T.
Furr — 3rd Do., William G.
Norris — 4th Do., Thomas J.

Kidd — 1st Corp., John Saye —
1st Corp., Joseph Watkins —
3rd Do., William Cook — 4th
Do.
Privates: Elyjah Willhouse,
Ellis Buffinton, Andrew J.
Davis, William D. Pitman,
James Whitlock, Robert Ar-
mour Jr., Robert Young Jr.,
John Webber, Wade Parker,
Joshua Gibbs, Hugh P. Holland,

Benjamin Dunagan, Russell
Williams, John R. Barrett,
Henry Wigley.
Pinkney N. Sherrill, Joel T.
Wood, Joseph Barrett, James
A. Hope, James R. Thacker,
John S. Whittemore, Leander A.
Connelly, James M. Bibb,
William Weaver, Archibald
Carpenter, William Wheeler,
James P. Agerton, Warren

Clayton, Richard H. Waters,
Joseph B. Williams.
James G. Davis, Augustus G.
Hunt, Andrews Barr, James M.
Suddeth, Hugh P. Williams,
John J. Smith, Joseph H.
McClesky, William Thrasher,
William Bagwell, John Sortor
Jr., Garnett Bramlet, Robert
Jarret, Robinson C. Prator,
James L. Watters, Caleb W.

Paine.
Builford B. Light, Pleasant G.
Light, George W. Sortor,
Thomas Clements, Jefferson
Going, Robert S. Pritchard,
Thomas S. Jones, John Beardin,
Sterling Mayfield, Wm. Hender-
son, Alston Cooper, Andrew J.
Fenn, Henry Blake, Samuel M.
Barkley Jacob Pettyjohn, Ed-
wards Armour.