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Hall County history

*Barber led Hall County in Cherokee removal*By SYBIL McRAY
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An original letter on file in Georgia Department of Archives gives information pertinent to Hall County Military.

"Thus, Sir, we have turned nearly one third of our men, who have formed themselves into two Companies, have Elected their Officers (returns of which are sent on) and now await your Orders.

"I was not aware that I should restrict them to the precise number called for — and therefore report them as they are. Remaining very Respectfully, Your Obt Servt. Benjamin Dunagan Col. 44th Regt. G.M."

On Reverse: "HALL. Report from the 44th regiment — two companies raised in lieu of a draft. Whole No. 165. Ordered on file 25 June 1836."

An original document listing further information is in the possession of T.J. Merritt,

Gainesville. "Clarksville — Head Quarters 7th Division Geo. Militia 24th April 1838. To Col. Dunagan: In conformity to orders from the Adjutant General the following will be the routine for the drill of Officers and the review of inspection in the regiment under your command.

"On Friday the 18th of May next the Convention of the field Staff Company and non commissioned Officers (Corporals included) of your Regiment in Gainesville — On Saturday the 19th the review of inspection at your Regimental muster ground.

"EVOLUTIONS: 1st. Wheeling on the right and left by platoons. 2nd. Forming close and open Columns. 3rd. Countermarching by platoons and Battalions. By order of the Maj. Genl. J.F. Carter, Aid de Camp.

(TO) Majr T. Barber: Sir, the above is a true copy of an order from the Majr Genl with which you will strictly comply. Ben-

jamin Dunagan Col. 44th Regt. G.M. E.M. Johnson Clk."

The following document were the orders for Major Barber: "Gainesville, April 27, 1838. Majr. Truman Barber. Sir, In accordance with orders from the Executive department as follows (viz) "A requisition has been received from Gen. Scott of the United States Army for twenty companies of the Militia of Georgia to be employed in the

United States service, in removing the Cherokee Indians from this State — You will proceed immediately to raise by draft or volunteering from the militia of the County of Hall one company to consist of sixty-four privates, four sergeants, four corporals, one drummer and one fifer.

"You will therefore be and appear with all the Officers and privates in your Battalion at

Gainesville on Thursday the 3rd day of May next in order to carry said order into effect.

"You will direct your Officers commanding Companies, specially to enrol every man in their several Districts — And present a list containing all their names at an early hour on said day. By Order of the Governor, Benjamin Dunagan Col. 44th Regt G.M., E.M. Johnson Clk."

"Book A Marriages", Hall County, Ga. (cert. 725) records marriage of Truman Barber, erroneously stated as Freeman Barber, to Emily Wooley, December 24, 1831. Isaac Dorsey J.P. performed the marriage.

The 1852 Tax Returns of Hall County list Truman Barber in 268th District G.M. (Tadmire) owner of 1385 acres in Hall County and having property in

Counties of Lumpkin, Gilmer, Cherokee and Paulding.

December 30, 1859 Mrs. Emily Barber of Hall County, is given \$200 for her and her minor children's support for the following year. The commissioners certifying this support were C.L. Simmons, Joab Martin, D.M. Eberhart, N.B. Cobb, and Henson Bagwell. "Misc. D. — 12 months support, inventory and appraisement 1850-1868."

The 1860 Federal Census Hall County, Ga. enumerates Emily Barber age 50, born S.C.; children listed were: Sarah Barber age 18; Mariah Barber age 16; and Emily Barber age 14.

The Barbers are buried in the Hopewell Baptist Church cemetery: Truman Barber, born March 20, 1793, died November 17, 1859; Emily Barber, born January 9, 1810, died February 4, 1881.