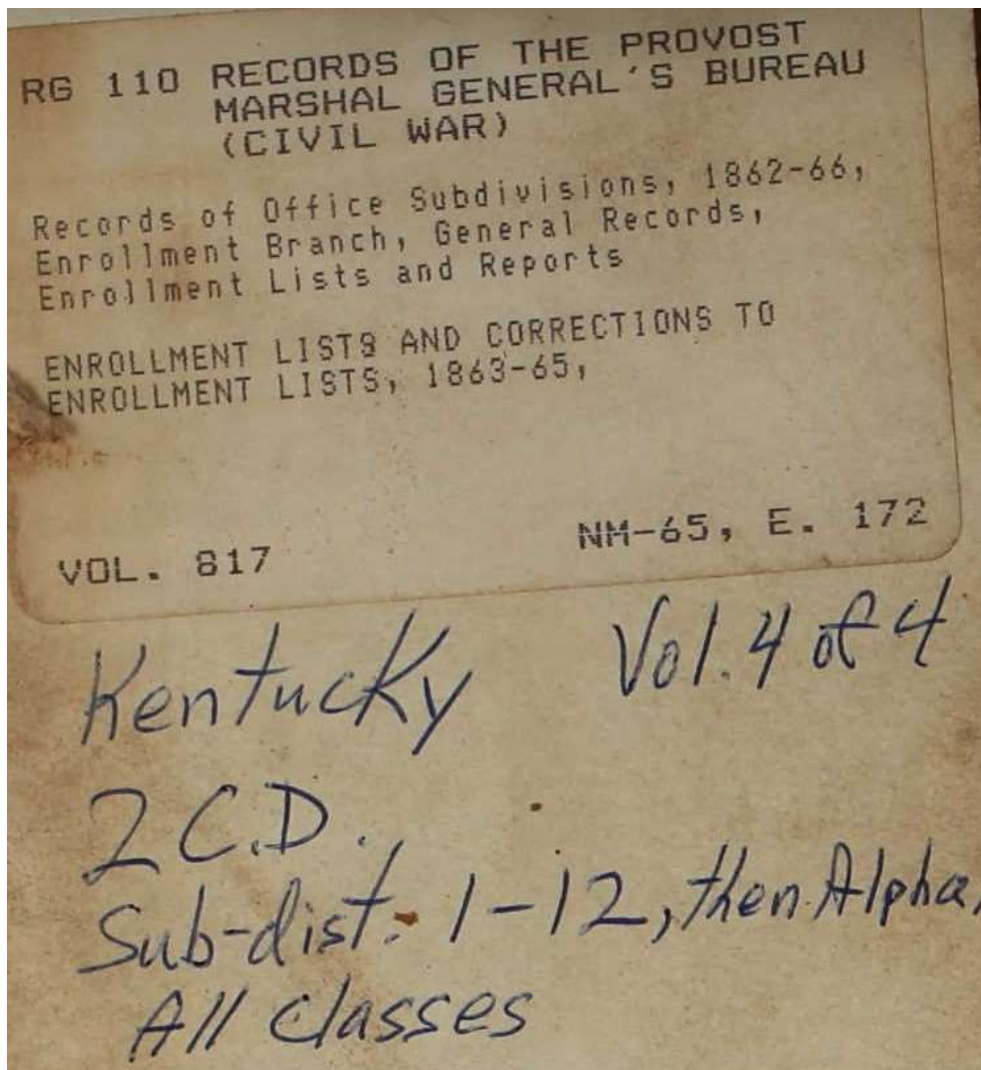


Civil War Draft Registrations in McLean County

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During the Civil War by 1863 it became necessary for the federal government to enroll and draft men into the Union Army. The Conscription Act enacted 3 March 1863 declared that men between the ages of 20 and 45 were eligible for duty. Aliens who had filed their declaration of intention to become citizens were also eligible. The draft lasted until 1865, when the war ended. The records are part of Record Group 110 Records of the Provost Marshal General's Bureau. There were four drafts between 1863 and 1865, which included 3.175 million records. In July 1863, the army carried out the first of four drafts; the next three followed in 1864.

All males, including colored residents, between 20 and 45 were subjected to the draft. The following were exempt: men who were mentally or physically impaired; the only son of a widow; the son of infirm parents; and a widower with dependent children. A few paid a substitute to serve for them. The going price was around \$300, but quickly went to \$1,100 or more.

These records include 631 volumes of registries and are basically lists of individuals who registered for the draft. The records are split into two different classes, Class I are those aged 20-35 as well as those 36-45 and unmarried. Class II is everyone else that registered.

Enrollees had their names placed on consolidated lists. The lists are arranged by state, then by congressional district, and then alphabetically by the first letter of the surname. The lists give name, county & state of residence, age as of 1 July 1863, race, occupation, marital status, place of birth (state or country), former military service, and in a few cases additional remarks. The remarks included – over age; dead; in service; physical disability; and non resident (many upon emancipation emigrated elsewhere).

The individual entries may include other comments; such as in the case of colored enrollees their (slave) owners may be listed. The lists do not include information about the men's families. The colored enrollees were registered under the surname of their slave owners and not all subsequently selected that surname to be their own.

The consolidated lists show those men that were enrolled in the draft but give no clue as to whether or not they actually subsequently served in the Army or not. Of the almost 2.5 million men enrolled in the draft, only 5.54 percent were drafted. Eleven colored registrants in McLean County, KY were listed as then serving in the military; they were:

Peter Baker	Isaac Johnson	Edward Nall
Nicholson Eaves	Levi Johnson	Andrew Short
Edward Fleming	Levi Johnson	Henry Tanner
Benjamin Holton	Munroe Johnson	

The four consolidated lists of registrants were labeled Volumes 1 thru 4. Only the Volume 4 list contained “Colored” residents of McLean County, KY.

The following are the “Colored” residents of McLean County, KY who were registered for the Civil War Draft:

**Enrollment List of Persons Subject to Military Duty
in the Second District of Kentucky**

Volume 4 – McLean County

	age	occupation	place of birth	owner
	(second line are any remarks)			
Able, Simon	42	laborer	KY	Benjamin Able

	non resident in January 1865			
Allen, Thomas	33	laborer	KY	R. W. Allen
Baker, Allen	22	laborer	KY	Elisha Baker
Baker, Peter	30	laborer	KY	Elisha Baker
	in service in December 1864			
Bennett, Harry	20	laborer	KY	Philip Bennett
Bennett, Lewis	30	laborer	KY	Philip Bennett
Bennett, Sam	21	laborer	KY	Philip Bennett
Bibbs, William	26	farmer	KY	
Blann, John	35	laborer	KY	Nancy Blann
	non resident in January 1865			
Bland, Abraham	35	laborer	KY	William Bland
Boyle, Robert	35	laborer	KY	John Boyle
Brown, Garrett	23	laborer	KY	W. H. Brown
Calvert, Richard	23	laborer	KY	Collins Calvert
Calvert, Tuscanora	30	laborer	KY	Richard Calvert
Cox, Elias	42	laborer	KY	J. B. Cox
	non resident in January 1865			
Crabtree, Alexander	30	laborer	KY	W. H. Crabtree
Crampacher, Richard	23	laborer	KY	Samuel L. Crampacher
Crampacher, Robert	21	laborer	KY	Samuel L. Crampacher
Donohoo, Louis	43	laborer	KY	Nancy Donohoo
Drake, George	45	laborer	KY	Samuel P. Drake
	non resident in January 1865			
Dyer, Lewis	50	laborer	KY	Azro Dyer
	over age in January 1865			
Dyer, Richard	40	laborer	KY	Azro Dyer
	over age in January 1865			
Eaves, Henry	22	laborer	KY	Sanders Eaves
	non resident in January 1865			
Eaves, Nicholson	21	laborer	KY	Sanders Eaves
	in service in September 1864			
Eaves, Patrick	25	laborer	KY	John Eaves
	non resident in January 1865			
Eaves, Thomas	43	laborer	KY	Sanders Eaves
Ellison, Abraham	23	laborer	KY	John P. Ellison
Faith, Granville	30	laborer	KY	Joseph Faith
Faith, Moses	30	laborer	KY	Joseph Faith
Fleming, Edward	30	laborer	KY	Ezekiel Fleming
	in service in December 1864			
Fleming, Fielding	24	laborer	KY	Ezekiel Fleming
	non resident in January 1865			
Fleming, Isaac	20	laborer	KY	Ezekiel Fleming
Fleming, Ranel	38	laborer	KY	Ezekiel Fleming
Freeman, William	39	laborer	KY	
Gibbs, Cornelius	21	laborer	KY	William Gibbs

Gillett, Joseph	25	laborer	KY	Andrew J. Gillett
			dead in January 1865	
Glover, Henry	22	laborer	KY	Walker Glover
Glover, Thomas	34	laborer	KY	Francis Glover
Griffith, Joseph	25	laborer	KY	Henry Griffith
			non resident in January 1865	
Hancock, Henry	30	laborer	KY	J. M. Hancock
Harrelson, Elijah	35	laborer	KY	William Harrelson
			non resident in January 1865	
Harris, Willis	21	laborer	KY	Robert Harris
Hay, Munroe ?	22	laborer	KY	James Hay
			non resident in January 1865	
Hay, John	25	laborer	KY	James Hay
			non resident in January 1865	
Head, Booker	38	laborer	KY	R. P. Head
Hicks, Henry	36	laborer	KY	M. J. Hicks
Higgs, Luke	25	laborer	KY	H. Higgs
			non resident in January 1865	
Higgs, Patrick	42	laborer	KY	H. Higgs
Holton, Benjamin	22	laborer	KY	S. A. Holton
			in service in December 1864	
Houston, Aaron	30	laborer	KY	Benjamin Houston
Houston, Peter	42	laborer	KY	Adam Houston
			non resident in January 1865	
Howard, Joseph	22	laborer	KY	James Howard
			non resident in January 1865	
Howard, Sigh	39	laborer	KY	Hannah Howard
Howard, Stephen	23	laborer	KY	Allen Howard
Hudson, Lewis	20	laborer	KY	D. L. Hudson
			non resident in January 1865	
Hynes, Thomas	22	laborer	KY	James Haynes
			non resident in January 1865	
Jackson, Knob.	30	laborer	KY	J. T. Jackson
Johnson, Henry	22	laborer	KY	Isaac Johnson
Johnson, Isaac	33	laborer	KY	E. M. Johnson
			in service in December 1864	
Johnson, John	22	laborer	KY	C. A. Johnson
Johnson, Levi	28	laborer	KY	J. W. Johnson
			in service in December 1864	
Johnson, Levi	30	laborer	KY	W. A. Johnson
			in service in December 1864	
Johnson, Munroe ?	25	laborer	KY	W. A. Johnson
			in service in December 1864	
Johnson, Richard	42	laborer	KY	Benjamin Johnson
Johnson, Robert	30	laborer	KY	Isaac Johnson
Kittinger, Henry	25	laborer	KY	Daniel Kittinger

Knox, Benjamin	34	farmer	KY	free
Landrum, Jeff	36	laborer	KY	Thomas Landrum
Landrum, William	24	laborer	KY	Thomas Landrum
			non resident in January 1865	
Little, William	24	laborer	KY	Douglas Little
McGuanama ?, Alfred	21	laborer	KY	M. McGanama ?
			non resident in January 1865	
Moore, Nelson	30	laborer	KY	William Moore
			non resident in January 1865	
Moore, Nelson	23	laborer	KY	Squire Moore
			non resident in January 1865	
Moorman, Gilbert	30	laborer	KY	Alfred Moorman
Morehead, George	24	laborer	KY	Henry Morehead
Morehead, Henry	35	laborer	KY	George Morehead
Nall, Edward	22	laborer	KY	Sarah Nall
			in service in February 1865	
Nall, James	32	laborer	KY	James P. Nall
Nall, Richard	28	laborer	KY	Sarah Nall
Patterson, Robert	25	laborer	KY	Lankston Patterson
Plain, Bart	25	laborer	KY	Benjamin Plain
			non resident in January 1865	
Porter, Edmund	32	laborer	KY	J. E. Porter
Porter, George	22	laborer	KY	J. E. Porter
Porter, Wilson	35	laborer	KY	James Porter
			non resident in January 1865	
Powell, Willis	44	laborer	KY	Edward Powell
Powell, Willis	30	laborer	KY	Dr. E. Powell
Ruby, Beverly	40	laborer	KY	W. W. Ruby
Rudy, Henry	44	laborer	KY	J. A. Rudy
Short, Andrew	35	laborer	KY	W. T. Short
			in service in December 1864	
Short, Edmund	30	laborer	KY	David Short
			non resident in January 1865	
Short, John	24	laborer	KY	W. T. Short
			non resident in January 1865	
Short, Joseph	26	laborer	KY	David Short
Shrader, Henry	35	laborer	KY	Margaret Shrader
			non resident in January 1865	
Shutt, Henry	21	laborer	KY	W. H. Shutt
Shutt, Isaac	44	laborer	KY	W. H. Shutt
Shutt, Moses	30	laborer	KY	W. H. Shutt
Singleton, David	22	laborer	KY	Stanly Singleton
Smith, James	25	laborer	KY	Remus Smith
Tanner, Henry	35	laborer	KY	Anna Tanner
			in service in December 1864	
Tanner, Jack	35	laborer	KY	Thomas Tanner

Tanner, Morton	23	laborer	KY	Thomas Tanner
Taylor, Henry	36	laborer	KY	A. H. Taylor
		non resident in January 1865		
Taylor, Pumpry	37	laborer	KY	A. H. Taylor
		non resident in January 1865		
Tibbs, John	36	laborer	KY	Mary Tibbs
Tibbs, Rosen	35	laborer	KY	Mary Tibbs
Towns, Peter	24	laborer	KY	P. L. Towns
Wall, Nelson	33	laborer	KY	C. H. Wall
West, Albert	22	laborer	KY	Enos West
West, Thomas	25	laborer	KY	William West
Whayne, John	26	laborer	KY	Baylor Whayne
Williamson, William	20	laborer	KY	B. H. Williamson
Wilson, Tobe	23	laborer	KY	H. R. Wilson

