



Partnering to Interpret Legacies of the Civil War and Reconstruction

Mr. & Mrs. Charles and Joy Hord
5722 Old Nashville Highway
Murfreesboro, Tennessee 37129

January 14, 2008

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Hord,

Thank you so very much for sending along a copy of the letter from Willie Bibb and the accompanying note from the daughter of Mrs. Bibb about his successful application for a pension. Your thought that there might be a connection to the Samuel Bibb mentioned in our new Civil War exhibit is certainly intriguing. While Samuel Bibb fought for the Union (his unit, the 17th United States Colored Troops, was posted to Murfreesboro for some time), we have learned that he was born in Alabama and returned there after the war, prior to moving to a veterans' home in Dayton, Ohio, in his later years. Since receiving your letter, we have been able to check the Colored Confederate Pension Applications available on-line from the Tennessee State Library and Archives and found that Willie Bibb served with the 12th Alabama Infantry for the Confederacy. While there is no documented connection between the two men found yet, this certainly leads one to wonder if there isn't an Alabama connection of some sort.

Regardless, it is *wonderful* to have some information on Willie Bibb since he did live here in Murfreesboro at 123 Vine Street and received a pension for his service to the Confederacy. No doubt this information will come in handy on a future project or exhibit.

Again, thank you for sharing this letter with us. We always appreciate having such resources available for our students and staff to access as they continue to research Tennessee and its Civil War stories.

Sincerely yours,


Melissa A. Zimmerman
Heritage Programming Specialist



Dr. Antoinette G. van Zelm
Historian

123 Vine St.
Minneapolis Tenn. Nov 28th 1921

Mrs. Sid Bibb.

Crestwood Ky.

To Mrs. W. E. Blackburn.

my dear Old miss:-

long, long time since I have seen you, although I have thought of you from time to time, knowing as I do that you were the very making of me your training and kind advise when a boy has made me what I am today, when but a lad I use to think that my mister was very hard on me, but since being out in the world alone I can truthfully say that all you did for me made me a better man, Now I am very old and can't hardly see how to do work like I use to. Mrs. Sid the Sanyes here told me that the Arkies here were receiving pensions

Those who were in the Army with
 their old masters, he told me that I
 would have to have some one that
 knew me and would write a
 statement to the effect. So I was
 kindly asking if you would write
 a statement for me showing how
 long and when I was serving with
 my Master in the Army, please do
 this as soon as possible for me, some
 of the other old darkies here, ^{the} white
 people have signed theirs already
 and I knew you would know all
 about me and just what to say.
 I trust you are keeping well
 with my best ^{highest} respects to you and
 hoping to hear from you soon.

I am your humble servant.
 Willie Pitt

Cherry Plat Near Murfreesboro 11th Jany, 1863

"To" R H T Shatton and others

Capt R G C Galbreith is here at the hospital five miles from Murfreesboro on the Nashville Pike severly wounded and is very anxious that some of his friends in Nashville should come and see him and if possible remove him to Nashville. I write at his solicitation and hope some of his friends will come without delay as it is impossible for him to receive the attention his situation requires amidst so large a number of wounded as are here.

Respectively

Thomas Hord

P.S. I have read the above to the captain and he request me to add a postscript saying for Gods sake act promptly for his suffering is intense.

Thos Hord

outside of envelope

Capt R J C Gaillbreth was wounded in the right shoulder
or arm on the 31st day of Dec 1862 in a charge near Mr. T

Thos Hord's five miles from Mrsessboro on the Nashville
Pike. He lingered nearly a month. His right arm was
amputated he died a few days after and was buried

near Mr. Hords house. A headboard with Capt Gaillbreth's

4 Tenn Com

cut on it marks the last resting place of this gallent
confederate soldier.

The following persons subscribed and paid the amounts opposite their names to J. H. Reed for the Nashville and Murfreesboro Turnpike to be used for the Dixie Highway. The aggregate amount paid was five thousand dollars.

T. E. Hord.....	\$ 500.00	W. E. Gibbons.....	2.50	W. H. Tompkins.....	25.00
Hord & Washington.....	111.67	C. Jordan.....	5.00	Murfreesboro Auto & Livery Co.....	50.00
J. T. Bell.....	250.00	Mrs. Lizzie Ward.....	100.00	J. P. Hickman.....	25.00
Cloe Bond.....	100.00	O. L. Thrasher.....	50.00	W. H. King.....	50.00
W. H. Sikes.....	525.00	Wat King.....	50.00	R. E. Murphy.....	10.00
Felix Haynes.....	15.00	C. E. Miller.....	25.00	T. L. Robinson.....	10.00
Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Gold..	25.00	John Mullins.....	15.00	W. L. Petty.....	25.00
Joe Wade.....	20.00	Jack Davis.....	50.00	V. K. Earthman.....	25.00
John H. Thomas.....	25.00	C. H. Culberson.....	100.00	Will King.....	15.00
Homer Gannon.....	10.00	Jim Rion.....	25.00	Ed Clark.....	25.00
Joe Mullins.....	10.00	J. C. Clark.....	25.00	J. C. Jackson.....	150.00
Thomas Tedder.....	50.00	J. R. Watson.....	25.00	R. L. Neal.....	2.00
Jack Gannon.....	5.00	E. M. Smith.....	75.00	Mrs. Kate Talley.....	75.00
R. F. Haynes.....	250.00	T. K. David.....	25.00	H. B. Talley.....	25.00
Joe Gannon.....	10.00	E. P. Leach.....	100.00	Horace Chambers.....	200.00
Joe Clark.....	40.00	J. E. Manson.....	100.00	Chip Henderson.....	25.00
E. S. Vanderford.....	50.00	S. B. Smith.....	25.00	W. J. Thurston.....	100.00
G. S. Dismukes.....	50.00	J. K. Hartman.....	10.00	Alex Bell.....	25.00
Percy H. Jarratt.....	10.00	T. P. Bridges.....	25.00	H. S.....	25.00
J. W. Dill.....	10.00	W. M. Freeman.....	100.00	W. M. Howland.....	10.00
N. C. Dunn.....	50.00	G. S. Harding.....	50.00	Wat Hicks.....	23.33
Luther Jacobs.....	10.00	J. W. Alexander.....	25.00	Daye Cohen & Co.....	28.00
J. A. Garrett.....	5.00	R. L. Smith.....	25.00	Murdock Washington	25.00
G. W. Crosthwait.....	200.00	Haley Bros.....	40.00	Total.....	\$5,000.00
J. R. Thurston.....	100.00	John Brittan.....	100.00	Received the above amount,	
S. T. Brackin.....	200.00	Arch Jordan.....	10.00	J. H. REED.	
W. C. Ridley.....	25.00	R. W. Ross.....	2.50		
W. B. Coleman.....	25.00	Wm. Hollan.....	10.00		
R. T. Batey.....	5.00	Tom Lassiter.....	25.00		
W. Y. Posey.....	100.00	Frank Washington.....	10.00		
W. C. Hibbett.....	10.00	J. C. Batey.....	25.00		

The Dixie Highway was built in \$5,000 increments. The section of highway through Florence had its tollgate house at Overall Creek.