

CW/VFM-1,2: *Adams Rifles*

The Adams Rifles were a company of civilian men formed in 1861 under the leadership of Captain David McConaughy for the purpose of monitoring possible Confederate activity in the area and served as scouts and spies during the Gettysburg Campaign and the Maryland Campaign.

(1) Handwritten list of officers and privates. Dated Apr. 28. Later penciled notations. CW/VFM-1. Manuscript. 4pp.

Officers: Captain D. McConaughy, 1st Lieutenant Saml. G. Cook, 2nd Lieutenant Thomas A. Shorb, 3rd Lieutenant Craig M. Geiselman, 1st Sergeant E. O. Creager, 2nd Sergeant T. S. Slentz, 3rd Sergeant Geo. A. Codori, 4th Sergeant James Wilson, 5th Sergeant Wm. Spangler.

Privates: Wm. H. Aughinbaugh, Adam Baker, Louis H. Baugher, James Benner, John Boermath, [crossed out, John H. Bushman], Wm. G. Brickel, F.W. Baugher, Jm. E. Benner, David Culp, John Culp [noted: “of J”], Henry Doersom, Henry Dutters, John Ertter, Wm. R. Eyster, Jacob Eckenrode, Samuel Fisher, Geo. Finefrock, Samuel K. Folk, Francis C. Gardner, Jacob W. Gilbert, John Z. Hollenbaugh, Joseph A. Houck, Joshua Happoldt, W. H. Houghtetin, John Hoffman, David Heagy, Hamilton [no first name given], Dav. Kitzmiller, Jacob Kitzmiller, D.W. Longevell, Joseph Meals, John A. Myers, David G. Myers, Geo. Musser, Theodore McAllister, R.J. McIlhensy, Henry Maesser, F. W. McElroy, Basil Norris, Charles Polly, John Reighard, Levi Spangler, Charles E. Skelly, [crossed out, Wm. Spangler], [?] Striebinger, Joseph Shorb, David Z. Saunders, Charles H. Stallsmith, Peter Thorn, [?-same as Striebinger] Tawney, C.S. Tawney, J.E. Weeble, Samuel Wolf, [added with pencil, “(?) J. Wm. Wible”], Jacob B. Young, Emanuel Ziegler

Note: All names of privates are listed in original document with surname first, thus “Adam Baker” becomes “Baker, Adam”

(2) Ticket to a Re-Union Ball and Reception. Un-addressed invitation to the Adams Rifles reunion on 29 May 1882. CW/VFM-2. 2 items.

Ticket:

Front: "Admit the Bearer to Re-Union Ball and Reception. Gettysburg Springs Hotel. J.W. Geary, Master of Ceremonies. Wednesday Evening, Aug. 25, 1869. "Star & Sentinel," Gettysburg, Pa."

Back: handwritten in pencil "-----, That all amendments to the constitution or by-laws be one for one ----- before action be taken."

Invitation: "1861-1882 Re-Union of the Adams Rifles. To (blank) You are invited to the Re-Union of the Adams Rifles, organized for Border Defence [sic] on the 29th of May, 1861; to be held at McConaughy's Hall in Gettysburg on the evening of Monday, the 29th of May, 1882, being the 21st anniversary of the command. Supper to be served at 9 P.M. S.G. Cook, Wm R. Eyster, Geo. A. Codori, J. Edw. Wible, D. McConaughy, J.J. Myers, Theodore McAllister, Craig M. Geiselman, Chas. H. Stallsmith, Com. Of Arrangements. Gettysburg, Pa., May 23d, 1882.

Inside: La Envoy. The 21st annual recurrence of the date of the organization of the Adams Rifles, formed at the early outburst of the Rebellion through the spontaneous uprising of our citizens for border defence [sic], recalling as it does memories and associations of a most interesting and stirring character, and tending to kindle, inflame and cherish sentiments of patriotic devotion, and by force of common sympathy to strengthen the bonds of fraternity and union, affords a fitting occasion for this Reunion. And at it may good cheer and social intercourse with the recalling and recounting by comrades of personal incidents and reminiscences of the war period, now long happily past, cause our thus gathering together to be cherished by all as a "red letter day" in life's history. To that end all are cordially invited to attend and participate. The Committee.

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