

History of the Pilot Hill Rangers, California Militia 1864-1866

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PILOT HILL RANGERS

Bangor Guard, Fifth Brigade
 Pilot Hill Rangers, Company F, Second Infantry Battalion, First
 Location: Bangor, Butte Division, Fourth Brigade
 Reference: Dead Office File, Row 4, File 7
 Location: Pilot Hill, Placer County
 Mustered in September 1, 1864
 Mustered out July 28, 1866

<u>Commanding Officers</u>		
<u>Name</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Commission</u>
James Kemp, Captain	Aug. 29, 1864	Sept. 20, 1864
J. D. Donaldson, First Lieut.	Aug. 29, 1864	Sept. 20, 1864
James Kemp, Captain (Re-elected Sept. 9, 1865)	April 15, 1865	April 24, 1865
John S. Martin, First Lieut.		Oct. 11, 1865

Activities:

The Pilot Hill Rangers was organized September 1, 1864, at Centerville as there was no available hall at the town of Pilot Hill to accommodate the men desiring to form the volunteer militia company. At the meeting James Kemp was elected Captain and J. D. Donaldson, First Lieutenant and the members designated their organization as Pilot Hill Rangers, befitting such a group from the town of Pilot Hill.

This company of Rangers was organized primarily to maintain law and order and was kept in readiness at all times, for the purpose of quelling any difficulty arising within this mining district. The population of Pilot Hill was composed of many nationalities, which often led to anti-racial riots, and it being the duty of the company to maintain law and order the members were always prepared to be called out on short notice.

Captain Kemp was re-elected in 1865, with John S. Martin elected as First Lieutenant. They held their ranks until the disbandment and mustering out of the company July 28, 1866, in accordance with the Military Law passed that year by the State Legislature.