

# **History of the Redwood Cavalry, California Militia 1863-1866**

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REDWOOD CAVALRY

Redwood Cavalry, Company E, First Cavalry Regiment, Second Brigade  
Reference: Dead Office File, Row 7, File 5  
Location: McCartysville, Santa Clara County  
Mustered in June 18, 1863  
Mustered out August 10, 1866

Commanding Officers

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Commission</u>
Abijah McCall, Captain (Promoted Nov. 4, 1863)	June 18, 1863	June 25, 1863
L. L. Tourtilotte, First Lieut.	June 18, 1863	June 25, 1863
H. M. Leonard, Captain	Nov. 4, 1863	Nov. 14, 1863
L. L. Tourtilotte, First Lieut. (Re-elected Nov. 4, 1863)		
H. M. Leonard, Captain (Re-elected Nov. 5, 1864)		
Ebeu Vandyne, First Lieut.	Nov. 5, 1864	Nov. 18, 1864
M. W. Blabon, Captain	Dec. 2, 1865	Jan. 3, 1866
Ebeu Vandyne, First Lieut. (Re-elected Dec. 2, 1865)		

Activities:

During the troubled years of the Civil War, volunteer military companies sprang up all over the State. The little town of McCartysville, Santa Clara County, was no exception for on June 18, 1863, the Redwood Cavalry, under the command of Captain McCall was organized there.

This company was a credit to the County, being a splendidly drilled unit and having in Captain McCall a very capable officer. The Redwood Cavalry was ever ready to answer the call of the authorities to suppress any Secession movements displayed in Santa Clara County.

With the close of the Civil War, the excitement connected with being a member of a military company soon waned. Many members resigned or failed to attend the company's meetings. Captain Blabon, who was then in command of the unit, respectfully asked Brigadier-General John Hewston to muster out of service the Redwood Cavalry, which was complied with on August 10, 1866.