

History of the Washington Guard (Yolo County), California Militia 1863-1866

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WOODLAND GUARD

Woodland Guard, unattached, Fourth Brigade.
Reference: Dead Office File, Row 4, File 6
Location: Woodland, Yolo County
Mustered in May 18, 1863
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WASHINGTON GUARD

Washington Guard, Fourth Brigade.

Reference: Dead Office File, Row 4, File 6.
Location: Washington, Yolo County.
Mustered in May 18, 1863.
Mustered out June 21, 1866.

Commanding Officers

Name	Rank	Commission
Amos Mathews, Captain	May 18, 1863	May 27, 1863
Charles H. Trainer, First Lieut.	May 18, 1863	May 27, 1863
Amos Mathews, Captain (Re-elected 1864)		
A. J. W. Palmer, First Lieut.	March 21, 1864	April 7, 1864
Amos Mathews, Captain (Re-elected 1865)		
Joseph Gills, First Lieut.	April 10, 1865	May 8, 1865
Amos Mathews, Captain (Re-elected 1866)		
Joseph Gills, First Lieut. (Re-elected 1866)		

Activities:

By request of the citizens of Washington, Yolo County, the Washington Guard was organized May 18, 1863, with sixty volunteers enrolled for Military duty. Officers were elected during the same meeting. A Bond for the arms and accoutrements was approved and this equipment was received in August of that year.

As there is no evidence on file that this company engaged in Indian skirmishes or quelling the Secessionists, it is highly probable this corps was organized for social purposes only, as the Washington Guard was not active in military affairs. When the State Legislature enacted the Military Law of 1866 as an economic measure, the company was mustered out of service June 21, 1866.