History of the Yolo Union Cavalry, California Militia
1863-1866

YOLO UNION CAVALRY

Yolo Union Cavalry, Unattached, Fourth Brigade
      Reference: Dead Office File, Row 4, File 6
      Location: Buckeye, Yolo County
            Mustered in April 21, 1863
            Mustered out July 27, 1866

Commanding Officers

Name	Rank	Commission
Elias Peterson, Captain	April 21, 1863	May 6, 1863
(Resigned Oct. 9, 1863)		
James Edgar, First Lieut.	April 21, 1863	May 6, 1863
James Edgar, Captain	Feb. 19, 1864	March 16, 1864
John Mull, First Lieut.	Feb. 19, 1864	March 16, 1864
James Edgar, Captain		
(Re-elected June 1865)		
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Activities:

The Yolo Union Cavalry of Woodland, Yolo County, was organized at a meeting held in a private residence at Buckeye. The commanding officers elected were Elias Peterson, Captain and James Edgar, First Lieutenant. A Bond was filed for the arms which were received by the unit December 1863. Another Bond of $2,000 was filed to cover cost of the clothing.

An election was held in February 1864 to fill the vacancy caused by Captain Peterson's resignation. The reason for the early election was to enable the officers to attend the Camp of Instruction at Camp Kibbe. Thirty-three members attended and wore the regulation caps, dark blue blouses, and dark trousers.

Although active and having an increased membership, the Yolo Union Cavalry was mustered out of service under the Military Law of 1866. This law was the outcome of a recommendation by Brigadier General G. S. Evans that the number of Cavalry companies in the State be reduced to ten, and as the Union Cavalry had no real reason for continuance, it was among the corps ordered to disband.*

*Adjutant General Report, 1867-1869, page 78.