

History of the Jackson Guard, California Militia/National Guard of California 1863-1868

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JACKSON GUARD

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Jackson Guard, Fourth Brigade

Reference: Dead Office File, Row 4, File 6

Location: Jackson, Amador County

Mustered in October 28, 1863

Mustered out June 4, 1868

Upon the death of Adjutant-General James M. Allen, Brigadier-General Howell, commanding the Fourth Brigade mustered the Jackson Guard out of the service of the California National Guard, June 4, 1868.*

Commanding Officers

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Rank</u> | <u>Commission</u> |
|---|---------------|-------------------|
| Walter S. Cooledge, Captain | Oct. 28, 1863 | Nov. 14, 1863 |
| James W. Bye, First Lieut. | Oct. 28, 1863 | Nov. 14, 1863 |
| Harry E. Babcock, Captain | Nov. 26, 1864 | Dec. 6, 1864 |
| Charles G. Hammond, First Lieut. | Nov. 26, 1864 | Dec. 6, 1864 |
| Harry E. Babcock, Captain (Re-elected Nov. 30, 1865) | _____ | _____ |
| E. G. Freeman, First Lieut. | Nov. 3, 1865 | Dec. 8, 1865 |
| Harry E. Babcock, Captain (Re-elected Nov. 24, 1866) | _____ | _____ |
| E. G. Freeman, First Lieut. (Re-elected Nov. 24, 1866) | _____ | _____ |

Activities:

The Jackson Guard was organized in Jackson, Amador County on October 28, 1863, under the command of Captain Walter S. Cooledge. This company was composed of sixty-five well drilled and loyal Union men, who aided the civil authorities in maintaining law and order in Amador County during the War of the Rebellion. On July 14, 1866, the Jackson Guard was reorganized and became known as the Jackson Guard, Company H, of the National Guard of California. There are no records concerning the activities of this company other than participating in the usual company drills and Brigade Encampments. On May 1, 1868, it was deemed advisable to materially reduce the existing military force for the following reason:*

- 1.-The interest of the State did not demand the maintenance of so large a force.
- 2.-A number of companies were located far in the interior, where it was entirely unnecessary to keep up the organizations.
- 3.-The Legislature reduced the military tax from five cents to one and one quarter cents on the one hundred dollars of the taxable property of the State.

*Adjutant General Report, 1867-1869, page 8.

