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CIVIL WAR MUSTER ROLL OF CAPT. ISHAM YOUNG'S COMPANY I, FIRST  
REGIMENT OF EAST TENNESSEE VOLUNTEER INFANTRY, U.S.A.

Transcribed by Steve Cotham

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<u>NAMES</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>ENLISTED WHEN</u>	<u>ENLISTED WHERE</u>	<u>ENLISTED BY WHOM</u>	<u>PERIOD</u>
1. Isham Young	Capt.	Aug. 9/61	Kingston, Tenn.	Geo. Littleton	3 Yr.
1. George W. Littleton	1st Lt.	"	"	"	"
1. Alexander D. Rhea	2nd Lt.	"	"	"	"
1. Yocum C. Bush	1st Sgt.	"	"	"	"
2. Amos Hart	Sgt.	"	"	"	"
3. Jesse H. Littleton	Sgt.	"	"	"	"
4. Felix H. Hall	Sgt.	"	"	"	"
5. Thomas H. Sturgess	Sgt.	"	"	"	"
1. William Driskill	Cpl.	"	"	"	"
2. John J. Overton	Cpl.	"	"	"	"
3. Archey A. McLemore	Cpl.	"	"	"	"
4. Christian G. Martine	Cpl.	"	"	"	"
5. Isaac L. Monger	Cpl.	"	"	"	"
6. William H. King	Cpl.	"	"	"	"
7. Willis L. Breazeale	Cpl.	"	"	"	"
8. Hiram C. Derossett	Cpl.	"	"	"	"
1. Miller, Thomas J.	Pvt.	"	"	"	"
2. Adams, James	Pvt.	"	"	"	"
3. Abbott, Dewitt C.	Pvt.	"	"	"	"
4. Ainsworth, James R.	Pvt.	"	"	"	"
5. Allen, James	Pvt.	"	"	"	"
6. Anderson, John	Pvt.	"	"	"	"
7. Burns, Henry C.	Pvt.	"	"	"	"
8. Brown, William H.	Pvt.	"	"	"	"
9. Byram, John	Pvt.	"	"	"	"
10. Byram, Hamilton	Pvt.	"	"	"	"
11. Byrd, Joseph	Pvt.	"	"	"	"
12. Brashears, John	Pvt.	Nov. 2/61	London, Ky.	"	"
13. Brashears, Robert	Pvt.	"	"	"	"
14. Bowman, James	Pvt.	Oct. 2/62	Portland, O.	Isham Young	"
15. Bowling, Hugh L. W.	Pvt.	Oct. 8/62	"	"	"
16. Breazeale, Thomas B.	Pvt.	"	"	"	"
17. Casteel, Edmund J.	Pvt.	"	"	"	"
18. Christian, George	Pvt.	Nov. 14/62	Gallipolis, O.	"	"
19. Clevenger, Elihu	Pvt.	Aug. 9/61	Kingston, Tenn.	Geo. Littleton	"
20. Cates, John	Pvt.	"	"	"	"

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<u>NAMES</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>ENLISTED WHEN</u>	<u>ENLISTED WHERE</u>	<u>ENLISTED BY WHOM</u>	<u>PERIOD</u>
21. Christian, John	Pvt.	Aug. 9/61	Kingston, Tenn.	Geo. Littleton	3 Yr.
22. Crenshaw, Samuel L.	Pvt.	"	"	"	"
23. Childress, James A.	Pvt.	"	Montgomery, Tenn.	E. Langley	"
24. Cates, Willis	Pvt.	Mar. 3/62	Cumb. Ford, Ky.	Geo. Littleton	"
25. Driskill, Richard	Pvt.	Aug. 9/61	Kingston, Tenn.	"	"
26. Everett, Jesse P.	Pvt.	"	"	"	"
27. France, William	Pvt.	"	"	"	"
28. Freeman, James P.	Pvt.	"	"	"	"
29. Headrick, Alexander	Pvt.	"	"	"	"
30. Helton, Silas	Pvt.	"	"	"	"
31. Hart, John J.	Pvt.	"	"	"	"
32. Hester, Churchwell	Pvt.	Nov. 2/61	London, Ky.	"	"
33. Hart, Henry C.	Pvt.	Nov. 14/62	Gallipolis, O	Isham Young	"
34. Harvey, Joshua B.	Pvt.	"	"	"	"
35. Harwell, Wm. M. R.	Pvt.	"	"	"	"
36. Ingram, Moses L.	Pvt.	Oct. 8/62	Portland, O	"	"
37. Johnson, Robert M.	Pvt.	Aug. 9/61	Kingston, Tenn.	Geo. Littleton	"
38. Johnson, Marcellus B.	Pvt.	"	"	"	"
39. Johnson, Marcus D. L.	Pvt.	July 1/62	Cumb. Gap, Tenn.	Isham Young	"
40. Lane, William	Pvt.	Aug. 9/61	Kingston, Tenn.	Geo. Littleton	"
41. Lane, Solomon	Pvt.	"	"	"	"
42. Lyle, Ezra A.	Pvt.	"	"	"	"
43. Littleton, George P.	Pvt.	"	"	"	"
44. Lane, Albert	Pvt.	Mar. 3/62	Cumb. Ford, Ky.	"	"
45. Mosier, James M.	Pvt.	Aug. 9/61	Kingston, Tenn.	"	"
46. McKinney, Henry M.	Pvt.	"	"	"	"
47. Maples, Wilson	Pvt.	"	"	"	"
48. Maddux, David S.	Pvt.	"	"	"	"
49. Mayton, Wm. H. H.	Pvt.	"	"	"	"
50. McCormic, James B.	Pvt.	Nov. 2/61	London, Ky.	"	"
51. Mucke, Joseph A.	Pvt.	"	"	"	"
52. Monger, John E.	Pvt.	Mar. 3/62	Cumb. Ford, KY.	"	"
53. Overton, Robert	Pvt.	Aug. 9/61	Kingston, TN	"	"
54. Pickel, Hugh H.	Pvt.	"	"	"	"
55. Roberts, Charles	Pvt.	"	"	"	"
56. Robinson, Charles J.	Pvt.	"	"	"	"
57. Rich, William J.	Pvt.	"	"	"	"
58. Sturgess, Columbus L.	Pvt.	"	"	"	"
59. Smith, Benjamin H.	Pvt.	"	"	"	"
60. Stinett, John R.	Pvt.	"	"	"	"
61. Scarbrough, Jonathan R.	Pvt.	"	"	"	"
62. Tuder, James H.	Pvt.	"	"	"	"
63. Tuder, John W.	Pvt.	"	"	"	"
64. Tinel, James F.	Pvt.	Mar. 3/62	Cumb. Ford, Ky.	"	"
65. Wells, William J.	Pvt.	Aug. 9/61	Kingston, Tenn.	"	"
66. Wells, George W.	Pvt.	"	"	"	"
67. West, George W.	Pvt.	"	"	"	"
68. Watson, William J.	Pvt.	"	"	"	"
69. Whistlehunt, Peter	Pvt.	"	"	"	"
70. Woods, Henry B.	Pvt.	"	"	"	"
71. Williams, Mathias	Pvt.	"	"	"	"

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MUSTER ROLL of Captain *Isham Young*, Col  
 Colonel *Robt. H. Byrd*, from the *3<sup>rd</sup> Regt*

No	NAMES. PRESENT AND ABSENT. (Privates in alphabetical order.)	RANK.	JOINED FOR SERVICE AND ENROLLED AT GENERAL RENDEZVOUS COMMENCEMENT OF FIRST PAYMENT BY TIME.				M
			WHEN.	WHERE.	BY WHOM.	PERIOD.	
1	<i>Isham Young</i>	<i>Capt</i>	<i>Aug 9/61</i>	<i>Kingston Tenn</i>	<i>Geo Littleton</i>	<i>3 Yrs</i>	<i>Aug 20/61</i>
1	<i>George W Littleton</i>	<i>1<sup>st</sup> Lt</i>	" "	" "	" "	" "	" "
1	<i>Alexander B Whelan</i>	<i>2<sup>nd</sup> Lt</i>	" "	" "	" "	" "	" "
1	<i>Locum B Bush</i>	<i>1<sup>st</sup> Lieut</i>	" "	" "	" "	" "	" "
2	<i>Amos Hart</i>	<i>Serj</i>	" "	" "	" "	" "	" "
5	<i>Jesse M. Littleton</i>	"	" "	" "	" "	" "	" "

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NAMES	RANK	ENLISTED WHEN	ENLISTED WHERE	ENLISTED BY WHOM	PERIOD
72. Worsham, William T.	Pvt.	Aug. 9/61	Kingston, Tenn.	Geo. Littleton	3 Yr.
73. Watson, Alfred G.	Pvt.	Aug. 24/62	Cumb. Gap, Tenn.	Isham Young	"
74. Washington, George	Pvt.	Nov. 17/62	Cin., O.	"	"
Rich, Henry	Pvt.	Aug. 9/61	Kingston, Tenn.	Geo. Littleton	"
Smith, Alexander J.	Pvt.	"	"	"	"
Felts, Jesse L.	Pvt.	Mar. 3/62	Cumb. Ford, Ky.	"	"
Breazeale, James F.	Pvt.	Oct. 8/62	Portland, O	Isham Young	"
Felts, James W.	Pvt.	Aug. 9/61	Kingston, Tenn.	Geo. Littleton	"
"Died in Hospital at Murfreesboro, Tenn. Jan. 18th 1863."					
Grubb, Samuel L.	Pvt.	Aug. 9/61	Kingston, Tenn.	"	"
"Died in Camp near Murfreesboro, Tenn. Feby. 3rd 1863."					
Stalley, Myram	Cpl.	Aug. 9/61	Kingston, Tenn.	"	"
"Died in Genl. Hospital, Nashville, Tenn. Feby. 3rd 1863."					
Cates, William	Pvt.	Aug. 9/61	Kingston, Tenn.	"	"
"Died in Hospital, Murfreesboro, Tenn. Feby. 14th 1863."					
Capps, Marcus B.	Pvt.	Aug. 9/61	Kingston, Tenn.	"	"
"Deserted at Cumberland Ford, Ky. March 1st 1862."					

\*Records of Events which may be necessary or useful for future reference at the War Department, or for present information.

## CAPT. ISHAM YOUNG'S MUSTER ROLL

Left Nashville 2 Jan. 1863 to guard train of supplies to forces at Stones River. Reached point of destination morning 3. Soon marched to the front, firing kept up during the day the Rebels. Morning of the 5 ordered to follow the Enemy who was on report on the evening came upon and attacked the rear. brisk fight ensued. but resulted in complete rout of the Rebels. 3 men wounded Co. I. Same evening took up camp near Murfreesboro, Tenn. where 28 Feb. finds us. Feby Regt left for Nashville, Tenn. to guard train through. returned to camp evening of 12 - 1863."

### LETTERS FROM THOMAS BIBLE TO CAPT. JESSE M. LITTLELTON

Midway Greene Co, Tenn.  
January 6, 1866

Capt. Jesse M. Littlelton

Much esteemed friend and late companion in arms. I do not know that I could profit myself more during these idle moments then to correpond with an old friend with whom I have mingled in times that tried mens souls.

Capt. Jess I often think of the fresh pork and branbread that I & you demolished at the Siege of Knoxville and elsewhere at Uncle Sam's expense. I suppose you have not forgotten the 12 lbs. of pork we eat in one day and two nights. Capt. I hated to see you leave the Regt but I did not blame you for going. Had I been you I would have went too. After you left I never had a Lieut. worth a cuss. Sharp run and left me at the battle of Resacca & was dishonorably dismissed the service for cowardice and Kesterson was dropped as absent without authority but come up under the proclamation of the President of March 11th 1865 after peace was made. So you see I helled it through by myself. Sometimes responsible for two or three companies at a time. But thank God I lived to see the end of the late damnable rebellion and have obtained an honorable discharge and a certificate of non-indebtedness from the U.S. and can independently say to Uncle Sam to take his old muskets and fight who he pleases. I gave him the best that was in my shop for over two years and a half. Capt. after we left Ga they give us the devil in Middle Tenn and North Carolina. I was at Cincinnati and Columbus Ohio. Fort Fisher, Wilmington Fort Anderson, Raleigh and Goldsboro, N.C. was at Burkesville Junction near where Lee surrendered and Petersburg City-Point. Fortress Monroe, at sea and on the Potomac and the Chesapeak-bay. At Harper's Ferry, Baltimore and Washington City and the Devil only knows where all--

We made special application to the Secretary of War to be discharged which was done June 30th 1865 at Company Shops, N.C. and traveled a distance of three thousand miles to get home. The Regiment was in 15 engagements except many skirmishes. And I was lucky enough to be in them all, and was never touched by a ball but once.

Capt. a few more lines and I will close for fear of wearying your patience. I am not married yet and I do not believe you are, but I hope we will soon be. I am trying to farm with that big dady of mine you seen at Greeneville. Capt. I would like to see you - this is such a slow way of talking. If you pass through this country be sure and call and see me.

CAPT. ISHAM YOUNG'S MUSTER ROLL

Excuse broken sentences and all errors. Answer if this is worthy as soon as received.

I am Sir very Respectfully your Obt. Servant

Thomas Bible

Warrensburg Greene Co.  
Tennessee Aug 10th 1869

Capt. J. Littleton

Sir - After being silent for a long time, I write a few lines to an old soldier friend. I am well. Single yet. Can't get a wife, got no credit. No friends & just money enough to buy my whiskey two weeks. And I believe I am better off than most anybody: unless it's some man who has less: Have worked harder this summer on the farm than I ever did & am going to raise less. Dry Dry Dry.

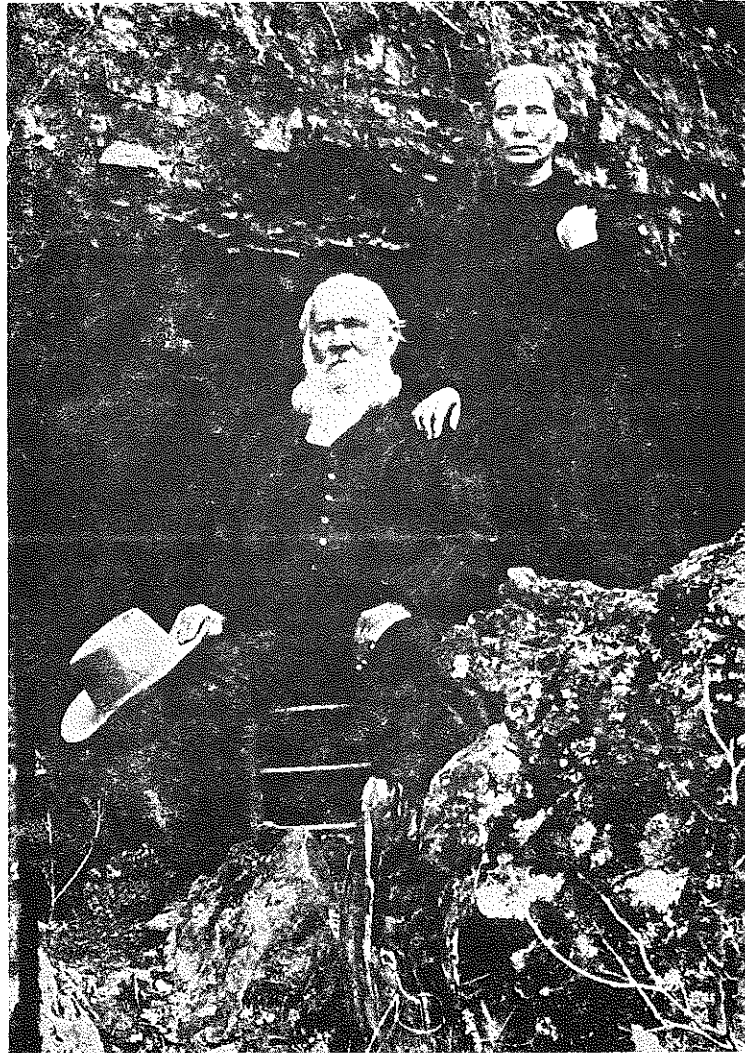
Capt. where are you. What are you doing or are you doing anything; if you are, you are a greater fool than I always took you to be. Before the war I worked hard & the rebels got it all & they will get it again. If you fought hard to sustain this Government & put down treason & havent the leaders of this government played hell punishing it. What has a Union man gained by standing up: or what has the rebel lost. We lost our friends, our property 300,000 of the best men in the nation. 2,700,000,000 dollars to carry on the war. suffered them to assassinate the Chief Magistrate of the nation & nobody punished for it: while the Chief of Traitors {Jeff Davis} and his allies stalk through the Land unmolested, talking bigger, making threats, have more money, better stock & better protected than any union man. They forced themselves out of the Union and on the 5th they forced themselves back again: in this state, - The Brownlow's swapped horses powerful sudden. just what I always feared they would do. Wonder how much boot Uncle Billy got. Our politicians, lawyers, doctors, and last but not least Preachers has got to be corrupt as hell & I could bate that region with ten cents & catch any of them. If the President does not see that the laws is faithfully executed we are in a pretty fix indeed. Rebels has a majority in the State, & of course their interest will be represented, not ours; Our last legislature was just about as intelligent as Ben Nolen of my old company. & the next will nearly all be rebels a cussed site worse. Capt. I do not know what your politics are & as an independent man I don't care. but I am a Strait Republican, for Confiscation. Making treason odious & not for pampering it & offering a reward for it, for hanging one class, Banishing another. Disfranchising another. & if the ballance does right all right. And as for the negro let him vote. & let all the white men stay at home & let Cuffy try politics a while for I know he cannot do worse than we are doing & as for voting with him I will take him and all the crockadiles out of hell before I will take the man whose garments is diped & his hands dripping with the blood of my friends, comrades, & countrymen, unpunished & unrepented.

Lem is still blowing in his old style. Press is married & gone into the recruiting business; Ebb, is just Ebb. Tom Fry married a rebel woman & is

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selling goods at Warrensburg, Col. Reeve is studying law & meanness: Lieut Harned is out with a thrashing machine; I am doing very little except swearing at present & you can very easily see that my profits is small in that business though there is a vast amount of that business on hand. Write to me soon give me the news Pardon error, Excuse haste, &c.

Tom Bible



"Aunt Tennessee & Uncle Jesse At Big Cave"

Capt. Jesse M. Littleton and His Wife Martha Tennessee Jenkins Littleton