

Provisional Company Enrolled Missouri Militia at Boonville

The information concerning this company of enrolled militia was obtained from the Alvoid papers, Collection Number 970, Folder 241, "Enrolled Militia Histories" found in the Western Historical Manuscript Collection, Columbia Campus

This company was organized under General Order #107 with Captain Horace Shoemaker commanding. They were ordered into active service on August 26th 1864 and served until January 1st 1865. They were employed guarding the City of Boonville, and scouting Cooper County. On October 1st 1864, Captain Shoemaker assumed command of the Post of Boonville. On the 9th Price's advance under Shelby, drove in the pickets on the Jefferson City road, killing a number of horses and taking Corporal P. Peak prisoner - whom they hanged. Shelby planted a Battery in range and sent Flag of Truce demanding surrender of Thespian Hall, which was fortified and occupied by Captain Shoemaker, and forces under his command - which he surrendered unconditionally. Oct 11th General Price paroled the men - Captain Shoemaker along with the rest - and then they murdered him. The company was collected, Nov 20th, 1864 by First Lieutenant Julius Sombart, under orders of Col Zevely, commanding District 2 Enrolled Missouri Militia - and was doing duty at Boonville. The First Lieutenant and about forty (40) of the men seem to have escaped capture.