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A List of VMI Cadets and Staff at the Execution of John Brown, November 1859.

This list was published in the Petersburg (VA) *Daily Express* of December 8, 1859. The Archives staff has transcribed the list and corrected the numerous misspelled names.

About the List:

While researching the Petersburg, Virginia newspapers, Stephen C. Graap, great-grandnephew of Washington Franklin Sydnor (Class of 1860), "rediscovered" the names of the cadets who were present in Charles Town, over 140 years later in May 2003. He generously shared his research with the VMI Archives.

Alphabetical List of Cadets

Adams = Samuel Finney Adams, Class of 1860

Battelle = James Preston Baltzell, 1860

Breckinridge = Cary Breckinridge, 1860

Bentley = William Weldon Bentley, 1860

Bray = William Harvie Bray, 1861

Booker = Garnett Yelverton Booker, 1862

Baird = John Douglas Baird, 1862

Browne = Orris Applethwaite Browne, 1862

Broome = James Andrew Broome, 1863

Bargwyn = Henry King Burgwyn, 1861

Cunningham = Probably Edward Cunningham, Jr., 1860 (Possibly John Miller Cunningham, 1862)

Cherry = Joseph Blount Cherry, 1860

Coletrane = Branson Elliott Coltrane, 1861

Cox = Theodrick Hall Cox, 1863

Chew = Roger Preston Chew, 1862

Davidson = Charles Andrew Davidson, 1860

Dunn= Thomas Robert Dunn, 1861

Dabney = Edward Moon Dabney, 1862

Fry = William T. Fry, 1862

Fantleroy = Henry Hasseltine Faunt Le Roy, 1860

Goode = Edward Branch Goode, 1862

Gregory = Archibald Hatchett Gregory, 1862

W. Gregory = William Robert Gregory, 1861

A. Gouldmar = Henry Edmond Gouldman, 1863

Galloway = Thomas Spraggin Galloway, 1861

Hutter = James Risque Hutter, 1860

Hubard = Joseph Henry Hebard, 1860

Harris = Charles Henry Harris, 1860 or William Alexander Harris, 1862

Hith = John Heth, 1861

Heuck = John William Houck, 1861

Hart = Thomas Goodwin Hart, 1861

Hairsten = John Adams Hairston, 1862

Harding = Richard James Harding, 1862

Hammet = John Radford Hammett, 1862

Johnson = Valentine Mason Johnson, 1860

Jacobs = John Tyler Jacobs, 1862

Kirby = Edmund Kirby, 1862

Kyle = William Henry Kyle, 1863

Kerr = Severn Parker Ker, 1862

Keuney = Thomas Colston Kinney, 1862

Kent = George Mason Kent, 1860 or James Randall Kent, 1860 (more likely)

Lumeden (Petersburg) = Charles Linnius Lumeden, 1860

Lynch = John Peyton Lynch, 1860 (more likely) or David Campbell Lynch, 1862

Lawson = Campbell Graham Lawson, 1861

Lubboch = Theodore Uglow Lubbock, 1862

Leistwich = James Claytor Leftwich, 1863

Miller = Julius Gordon Miller, 1860 (more likely) or Randolph Russell Miller, 1863

Morrison = James Horace Morrison, 1860 or Emmett Masalon Morrison, 1861

Mercer = William Newton Mercer, 1863 (formerly W. N. Otey)

Morgan = William Henry Morgan, 1860

McCarty = James William McCarty, 1860

Mosely = John Baxter Moseley, 1860 (got drunk after execution)

Marshal = James Keith Marshall, 1860

McDonald = Marshall McDonald, 1860

Majett = Roswell Sparks Majette, 1861

Moseler = Elisha Grigsby Mohler, 1862?

Norton = George Fisher Norton, 1860

Nalle = Edmund Pendleton Nalle, 1863

Oliver = John Mayo Oliver, 1860

P. Otey = Peter Johnson Otey, 1860

J. Otey = Walter Hays Otey, 1859

Overton = William Overton, Jr., 1860

Preston = Charles Henry Preston, 1862

Park = William K. Park, 1861

Pritchard (Petersburg) = William Bond Prichard, 1862

Pendleton = William Barrett Pendleton, 1860

Parker = George Doniphan Parker, 1860

Paris = Andrew Bailey Paris, 1860

Robinson = William Pleas Robinson, 1862

Rowley = Probably William Wirt Revley, 1862

Rouse = Milton Rous, 1863

Scott = Abel Seymour Scott, 1860 (more likely) or Edward Pegram Scott, 1863

Sydnor (Petersburg) = Washington Franklin Sydnor, 1860

Simmons = Probably Thomas Middleton Semmes, 1860

Smith = William Augustine Smith, 1861 or Thomas Henderson Smith, 1862 or William Hill Smith, 1863

Spratley = William Wardlow Spratley, 1862

Taylor = William Hansom Taylor, 1861 or J. V. Taylor, 1863

Turner = Thomas Pratt Turner, 1862 or Thomas Theodore Turner, 1863

Urquhart (Southampton) = Charles Fox Urquhart, 1860

Walchen = Austin Thornton Walden, 1860

Wherry = Benjamin Chapin Wherry, Jr., 1860

Williams = Richard Latane Williams, 1861

Young = John Douglas Young, 1862

Faculty & Staff:

F.H. Smith = Col. Francis Henney Smith, Superintendent

William Gilliam = Major William Gilham

Preston= Major John T. L. Preston

Colston = Major Raleigh E. Colston

Surgeon Graham = Edward Lacy Graham

McCausland = Lt. John McCausland

Otey = Lt. Walter H. Otey

Shipp = Lt. Scott Shipp

Trueheart = Lt. Daniel Trueheart, Jr.

Hempesch = Sergeant John Hampsey

Judge Anderson = Anderson "Old Judge" Dandridge (cook)