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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Lewis Jordan (March 14, 1792- July 5, 1873) was born in Shenandoah County, Virginia. His father had been a Hessian soldier during the Revolutionary War, and Jordan enlisted with the 7th Regiment Virginia Volunteers during the War of 1812. In 1819, Jordan moved with his brother Benjamin and purchased land just south of Corydon, Indiana. In 1828, Jordan moved to Corydon, where he owned a tannery. He was appointed Colonel of the 6th Regiment Indiana Legion, where he was in command during Morgan's Raid. He served as Postmaster and also Justice of the Peace in Corydon.

Zachariah Sims (September 8, 1822-September 15, 1905) was born in Lawrence County, Indiana. Sims travelled around Indiana and Illinois taking various jobs, before he travelled with his brother-in-law through Missouri, Arkansas, Texas, and finally to New Orleans, Louisiana. Sims returned to Indiana and was working as a cooper when the Mexican War began. He joined the 2nd Regiment Indiana Volunteers and was stationed at Camp Bellnapp along the Rio Grande River. However, he and many others fell ill, and Sims resigned and returned to Indiana. He married Joyce Morrow of Martin County, Indiana in 1847, and they settled on a farm near Dover Hill. They had twelve children. Sims was serving as Sheriff of Martin County when the Civil War began, and when his term was over in 1864, he mustered into the 146th Regiment Indiana Infantry on March 9th, 1865. He served at Harper's Ferry and Winchester.

James C. Mills of Pilot Knob, Crawford County, Indiana served as a Sergeant in the 38th Regiment Indiana Veteran Volunteers. He mustered in on December 20th, 1863 and mustered out on July 19th, 1865. In his civilian life, he was a farmer, and in 1904 he ran as the Prohibition candidate for Representative in the Indiana General Assembly for Crawford and Perry Counties.

Nicholas Varner (October 3, 1844-1918) was born in Newtonville, Spencer County, Indiana. He mustered into the 42nd Regiment Indiana Infantry on August 26th, 1861. He was sick and was wounded in the leg and shoulder on April 11, 1862 during the Battle of Wartrace, Tennessee. He spent most of 1863 recovering from his wounds at Camp Dennison, Ohio. He was mustered on December 22, 1863, but he later rejoined the 42nd Regiment as a Veteran Volunteer on January 6, 1864 at Chattanooga, Tennessee. While serving, he was promoted to Corporal. He was mustered out in Louisville, Kentucky on July 21, 1865.

Sources:

Material in the collection.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This small collection contains photocopies of items collected by Senator Richard Lugar's office on behalf of the Veteran's History Project of the American Folklife Center, a division of the Library of Congress. The collection contains photocopies of documents relating to the military service of four veterans. There copies are biographical information, transcripts of a diary, copies of military reports, discharges, muster roll sheets, casualty sheets, a family photograph, and a piece of political ephemera.

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