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I. Elbert Cockrell--P.C. Men in Co. I 7th Ala. Cavalry. Served with Gen. Forrest's action during the Civil War, especially in Miss. They were under the command of Col. Hodgson's Rgt. of the N.B. Forrest Brigade.

II. J.M. Cockrell--same as above

III. Mac Cockrell--McCaa Rangers

Names of officers and privates that composed the old original muster roll of McCaa Rangers, Co. D, 8th Confederate Reg't, Cavalry. The company was mustered into service Nov. 14, 1861.

The exploits of this group of Pickens County men can be found in the history of Gen. Joseph Wheeler, for they were the men who carried out the orders for one of the greatest cavalry generals who ever wore the sword, They especially distinguished themselves in the Battle of Shiloh and other campaigns in Tn. and North Georgia.

Thereafter followed the 100 names of P.C. men in this Reg't.

III . Page 52-- James M. Cockrell. Discharged at Demopolis, 40th Reg't Volunteers, C.S. A. Col. A.A. Coleman commanding, organized 13 March 1862 at Speeds Mill in P.C.

This company reported for duty on May 5, 1865, nearly a whole month after Gen. Lee's surrender.

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From the same source as above

IV. Page 11-- John P." on looking into the records of the circuit court, the docket exhibit other names which will be recognized as pioneers of the region." among others mentioned was the above.

V. W.W. Hill

Page 39-- The Pickensville Blues

This company was originally mustered into service for twelve months with Dr. S.N. Ferguson as Captain.

The day of May 8, 1861 was the day for the company to answer muster call at

Pickensville. With the reverboat Marengo tied up and the boys preparing to board her a most memorial event took place. Capt. Ferguson was requested to have the men line up. This done they were approached by Mr. Nance, one of P.C.'s early settlers. To each man he gave a \$1.00 gold piece then turned to his carriage and called two negro slaves to him and in the presence of the company the boat crew and a large county crew, he presented the slaves to the company to serve them as waiters and cooks. Their value \$1500 each.

After the company reached Mobile they were ordered to Pensacola and there organized into the 5th Alabama Reg't. and sent to serve with the Army of the Potomac, later the Army of North Virginia . These men were present at Gettysburg on July 1st, 2nd, and 3rd 1863 when the Confederate of Pickett's charge and know the bravery shown by the Lee Army. In the muster roll were W.W. Hill, John Woodard (this was James Polk, not John, since there was no John from Pickens)

VI. Page 129--Henry Hill: "In the 11th Alabama Regiment during the War Between the States we again find Pickens County well represented. Co. H of the 11th Reg't. was made up entirely of our men when it was originally formed. As it was the custom during the start of the war for men to form local companies before enlisting, it held true to this group of men who called themselves, "The Pickens County Guards". They organized June 11, 1861 and served the entire war in Gen. Lee's Army, Reuben Chapman, Captain. Among privates were Henry Hill. 120 Pickens County men in this company.

V. Page 142--"So passes into history Pickens Co's. 1st and only Gen. (Brigadier Gen. John M. Kelly) He was born in the house that sits directly behind the Probate Building in Carrollton and was occupied by the late Dr. Hugh W. Hill."

V. Page 148--N. Hill Co. C 20th Alabama--on a list of Veterans of C.S. A. that attended a gathering on 28 Nov. 1889 at Carrollton (county seat) This was the 1st get together for the men in gray since the war. The purpose was to devise ways to raise money for the disabled veterans in the county. A large no. (125) attended.

Note--there were only 8 present from the 5th Ala. Reg't , 7 infantrymen, 1 cavalry. Two veterans from the 5th did not attend, but pledged support. Many others were killed before or at the 3rd battle of Winchester, a few survived to be at Appotomax Court house at the final surrender. James Polk Woodard was not one of these, having fallen at the 3rd. Winchester along with his Commander Robert Rodes.