

## **Madison County Militia Returns, 1801-1861 (.22 cu.ft.)**

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### **Restrictions**

None.

### **Historical Sketch**

The need for an effective military establishment in Kentucky was first voiced in the New Commonwealth's Constitution. The framers of the constitution, many of them veterans of the Revolutionary War, included in the document a provision that "The freemen of this Commonwealth shall be armed and disciplined for its defense...". Since Colonel Isaac Shelby, the new states first governor, had a military background, he enhanced the organization of a defense system. On June 24, 1792, "An Act to arrange this state into Divisions, Brigades, Regiments, Battalions and Companies, and for other purposes was put forth". This act passed due to the newly enacted Federal law for better arrangement of the militia of the various states. It provided for two Divisions, four Brigades, and fifteen Regiments. This was the beginning of the Kentucky Militia.

*This information and more details can be found in the book 'The "Cornstalk" Militia of Kentucky 1792-1811', 1957. By G. Glen Clift. Special Collections call number UA212.C5 1982.*

### **Scope and Content Note**

The Madison County Militia Settlements is a collection of receipts from three different Regiments; the 7<sup>th</sup> Regiment, the 19<sup>th</sup> Regiment, and the 35<sup>th</sup> Regiment, and their paymasters. The collection also includes Muster Rolls, and other Settlements from unknown Regiments. The collection includes Settlements and Muster Rolls dated between 1806 thru 1861 and several documents that are not dated. There is a gap in the 19<sup>th</sup> Regiment Settlements between the years of 1806 -1818. The Muster Rolls and the Settlements from the unknown Regiments are mostly undated. The Muster Rolls usually have the name of the highest officer in charge.

### **Donor Information**

Unknown (2002-051).

## **Folder List**

f.01

1801-1843 Pay vouchers for the 7<sup>th</sup> Regiment Militia.

f.02

1806-1851 Pay vouchers for the 19<sup>th</sup> Regiment Militia.

f.03

1810- 1850 Pay vouchers for the 35<sup>th</sup> Regiment Militia.

f.04

1832-1861 Pay vouchers and Muster Rolls for unknown Regiments. (Most are undated.)

Captains whose Muster Rolls are included

Talton Lay - 1860

Captain Fox - 1860

A. Biggerstaff - 1861

V.H. Wilson

William W. Taylor - Apr 1861

William W. Taylor - Jun 1861

M.C. Hennessy - 1861

William Sircy

J.C. Riley

Samuel Biggerstaff (1<sup>st</sup> Sgt.)

Turner Davis [first name on list]

William K. Hocker [first name on list]

Robert Marshall [first name on list]

Richard P. Fox

R. Fox

Capt. Wormoth's old company