

History of the Emmet Guard (Sacramento), California Militia/ National Guard of California 1864-1872

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EMMET GUARD

Emmet Guard, Company E, unattached, Fourth Brigade.

Reference: Dead Office File, Row 4, File 4.

Location: Sacramento, Sacramento County.

Mustered in March 19, 1864

Mustered out June 11, 1872

Commanding Officers

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Commission</u>
John Foley, Captain	March 19, 1864	April 9, 1864
Thomas A Moran, First Lieut.	March 19, 1864	April 9, 1864
John Foley, Captain (Reelected March 25, 1865)	_____	_____
John F. Sheehan, First Lieut.	March 25, 1865	April 6, 1865
John Foley, Captain (Reelected April 7, 1866)	_____	_____
Charles Brady, First Lieut.	April 7, 1866	Aug. 30, 1866
Timothy W. Sheehan, Captain	April 27, 1867	May 2, 1867
James Coffee, First Lieut.	March 23, 1867	April 5, 1867
Timothy W. Sheehan, Captain (Reelected March 1868)	_____	_____
James Coffee, First Lieut. (Reelected March 1868)	_____	_____
Timothy W. Sheehan, Captain (Reelected March 27, 1869) (Resigned June 18, 1869)	_____	_____
Florence F. Buckley, First Lieut.	March 27, 1869	April 1, 1869
Florence F. Buckley, Captain (Resigned May 5, 1870)	June 18, 1869	June 28, 1869
John D. Mahaney, First Lieut.	June 29, 1869	July 10, 1869
Michael S. Horan, Captain	May 5, 1870	May 17, 1870
John D. Mahaney, First Lieut. (Reelected May 5, 1870)	_____	_____
Michael S. Horan, Captain (Reelected March 25, 1871) (Resigned Nov. 1, 1871)	_____	_____
Patrick Clark, First Lieut. (Resigned Sept. 19, 1871)	March 25, 1871	April 1, 1871
Patrick J. Coffee, First Lieut.	Sept. 19, 1871	Oct. 25, 1871
Patrick J. Coffee, Captain (Resigned May 9, 1872)	Nov. 1, 1871	Nov. 21, 1871
Daniel Foley, First Lieut.	Nov. 23, 1871	Dec. 13, 1871

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Activities:

On March 5, 1864, a petition signed by forty-nine residents of the County of Sacramento, was presented to the Honorable Robert C. Clark, County Judge, requesting the appointment of a suitable person to superintend the organization of a military company, pursuant to which Colonel Josiah Howell was appointed by the Court to call a meeting to organize such a company and elect officers as provided by law. Organization was perfected on March 19, 1864, and the company numbering sixty-one men, adopted the title Emmet Guard, and was mustered into the service of the State as an unattached company. On June 15, 1864, the Emmet Guard was, by request of its members and on the recommendation of the Brigadier General, attached to the Fourth Infantry Regiment, Fourth Brigade, and designated as Company E of that Regiment.*

The Guard developed into an efficient company, well organized and ready for any service assigned to them, taking an active part in public parades and activities and paying strict attention to drill and target practice.** During these years community affairs were quiet for the most part and the absence of new and exciting events probably caused a lack of interest in military affairs and in 1871, the company's membership had dwindled to forty-two men.

On June 11, 1872, after about eight years of service the Emmet Guard, Company E was detached from the Fourth Infantry Regiment and mustered out of the service of the State as an unattached company and the members thereof honorably discharged. The mustering out of several companies by order of the Board of Location and Organization of the National Guard was necessary at that time in order to comply with the military regulations of the State, as amended by the State Legislature in April 1872, limiting the number of companies in the National Guard of California to forty.***

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*Petition and order on file, Adjutant General's Office.

1 **Adjutant General Report, 1870-1871, Page 84.

***Adjutant General Report, 1872-1873, Page 89, also Political Code 1872, part 3, title 4, Page 351.