# History of the Humboldt Guard, National Guard of California 1874

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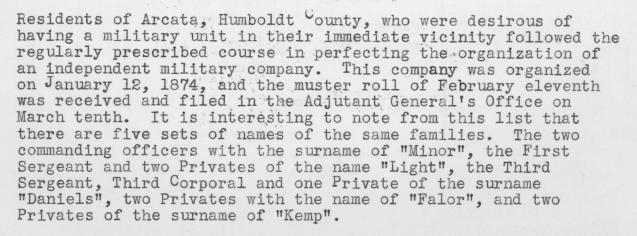
#### HUMBOLDT GUARD

SMITH RIVER INDEPENDENT MOUNTED RIFLEMEN (Continued)

Humboldt Guard, Sixth Brigade Reference: Dead Office <sup>F</sup>ile, Row 4, <sup>F</sup>ile 5 Location: Arcata, Humboldt <sup>C</sup>ounty Mustered in February 11, 1874\* Mustered out

#### Commanding Officers

#### Activities:



Captain Minor's first communication to the Adjutant General on January fourteenth informed the General that, "His company had been organized for the purpose of instruction in Upton's Infantry Tactics and that they respectfully solicited the use of State arms which were in the possession of Robert Burns (formerly Captain of Company B, Home Guard of Arcata), also, if possible the uniforms from the same source." The Captain signed himself as "Ex-Lieutenant, Company A, 71st United States Infantry". This letter was signed by Isaac Minor and Robert Burns as "Sureties". The request in the letter was granted by the Adjutant General as a notation was made from the office indicating it was answered January 31, 1874. The Captain's second letter of February twenty-third, acknowledged receipt of the ordnance stores received of Robert Burns, late Captain of Company B, which included both the arms and the uniforms as had been requested. An Invoice of property received gave a detailed description of the condition of the same, and the Bond properly subscribed and sworn to according to requirements of the State Law.

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\*Date taken from Muster Roll, on file Adjutant General's Office, March 10, 1874.

### HUMBOLDT GUARD (Continued)

## Activities: (Continued)

There are no further records of this independent company. However, there is no doubt but that Captain Minor intended to have a well drilled military unit representing his district, but for lack of enough support from other sources he was unable to continue his activities in making the Humboldt Guard a permanent unit of the Sixth <sup>B</sup>rigade, <sup>N</sup>ational Guard.

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