

# **History of the Lincoln Cavalry, California Militia 1864-1866**

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Mission Guard, Unattached, LINCOLN CAVALRY

Reference: Dead Office File, Row 7, File 2

Location: Mission Dolores, San Francisco County

Lincoln Cavalry, Company M, First Cavalry Regiment, Second Brigade

Reference: Dead Office File, Row 3, File 5

Location: Tomales, Marin County

Mustered in May 16, 1864

Mustered out August 25, 1866

Commanding Officers

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Commission</u>
G. W. Freeman, Captain	April 23, 1864	May 16, 1864
James McCausland, First Lieut.	April 23, 1864	May 16, 1864
G. W. Freeman, Captain (Re-elected 1865)	_____	_____
James McCausland, First Lieut. (Re-elected 1865)	_____	_____
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James McCausland, First Lieut. (Re-elected 1866)	_____	_____

Activities:

At a meeting in the Beck School House, April 23, 1864, the citizens of Tomales organized a volunteer company to be designated as Lincoln Cavalry, Company M. The Captain and First Lieutenant respectively elected were: G. W. Freeman and James McCausland. Although a Bond was filed for the arms and equipment, September of that year found the unit still awaiting arrival of these articles.

There are five Muster Rolls on record with the largest number of members listed as forty-six, indicating this was a small company and while no doubt efficient, it was one of the units ordered disbanded by the Board of Location and Organization under the Military Law of 1866. This ruling materially reduced the militia as an economy measure. Only ten Cavalry companies were allowed to remain as a part of the State militia force and consequently the Lincoln Cavalry, Company M, was mustered out of service August 25, 1866.