

# Captain



## Thomas Binford Winston

1 Dec 1846 to 2 Aug 1848 Mexican American War

21 Jan 1862 to May 1865

American Civil War

Thomas Binford (T.B.) Winston is a Grandfather of Robert Earl Cape

On-Line:

<http://www.ourpast.org/genealogy2/getperson.php?personID=I508&tree=Cape>

**Mexican American War:**

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mexican  
%E2%80%93American\\_War](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mexican%E2%80%93American_War)

Descendants of Mexican-American War Veterans: <http://www.dmwv.org/>  
[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John\\_E.\\_Wool](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John_E._Wool)

**American Civil War:**

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[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Battle\\_of\\_Athens\\_\(1861\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Battle_of_Athens_(1861))  
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# Mexican American War

Private Thomas B. Winston enrolled for a 3 year term in the Virginia Volunteers on December 1<sup>st</sup>, 1846 at Fort Monroe, Virginia. He joined Company A of the 1st Regiment of the Virginia Volunteers, under Colonel John Hamtramck, Captain Robert G. Scott Jr., and 1st Lieutenant Thomas P. August. From his pension application:

"I served on the northern line of Mexico under Generals Zachary Taylor & Wool. Our regiment first landed at Point Isabel, Texas. Thence we went to Camargo and on account of being cut off from Buena Vista we remained at Camargo guarding commissaries and erecting fortifications for some time thence went to Monterey and Buena Vista and remained at Buena Vista until the close of the war."

After the war ended he was discharged at Fort Monroe, Virginia on August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1848. He received a 160 acre land grant as a bounty for his service, and sold it to the Isrel Brothers in Richmond, Virginia on August 2<sup>st</sup>, 1848. Shortly after that he departed for California, spending part of 1849 there, before returning overland to the U.S.

T.B. Winston was born on February 10<sup>th</sup>, 1827. His father and mother died by 1835, and he was raised by his maternal grandparents, T.B. and Nancy Watkins. The Watkins/Binford families were Quakers. T.B. was 19 years old when he enlisted in the Virginia Volunteers.

During the Mexican-American war T.B. Winston is supposed to have become acquainted with Lewis Wallace (1827-1905), author of *Ben-Hur: A Tale of the Christ* (1880). Wallace was a 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant in the 1<sup>st</sup> Regiment, Indiana Infantry, Company H during the Mexican-American war. It is not clear how they met, since Wallace was mustered out on June 14<sup>th</sup>, 1847 in New Orleans.

*Niles' National Register* for July 11, 1846 listed the garments volunteers required for service in the army:

1 Dress Cap	2 Flannel Shirts	1 Forage Cap(glazed silk)	2 Pair drawers
1 Uniform Coat	4 Pairs Bootees	1 Woolen Jacket	4 Pairs socks
3 Pr. Woolen Overalls	1 Leather or Silk stock.	1 Cotton Jacket	1 Fatigue Frock (Lin.)
1 Pr. Cotton Overalls	1 Blanket		

Privates in the army were paid \$8 per month (some were not regularly paid).

## Significant Events of the Mexican American War

### 1846:

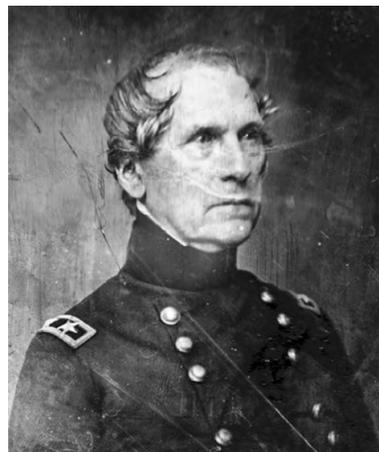
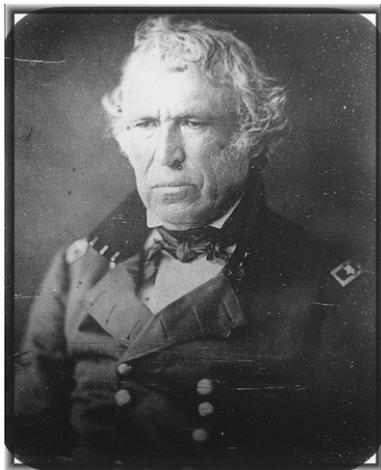
- March 27<sup>th</sup> U.S. Troops under Gen. Zachary Taylor construct Fort Brown on disputed land.
- April 25<sup>th</sup> Mexican Troops attack a US patrol, killing 16
- May 13<sup>th</sup> U.S. Declaration of War
- September 21<sup>st</sup> Battle of Monterrey, U.S. Army victory, leads to two month armistice.

### 1847:

- February 23<sup>rd</sup> Battle of Buena Vista, Zachary Taylor (4,500) vs. Santa Anna (16,000)
- March Gen. Winfield Scott lands at Veracruz, went on to occupy Mexico City.  
Troops included Robert E. Lee, Ulysses S. Grant, George Meade, and Stonewall Jackson.
- April Replacement regiments: Massachusetts, Virginia, N. Carolina, and Mississippi  
The Virginia regiment was sent to Gen. Wool at Saltillo to guard supplies.

### 1848:

- February 2<sup>nd</sup> Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo ends war



**Generals Zachary Taylor and John E. Wool**

After the battle of Buena Vista, General Wool commanded the occupation forces in northern Mexico.



TEAR OFF, ANSWER AND RETURN!

TO ALEXANDER M. KENADAY, SECRETARY, & CO.,

Lock Box 37, Washington, D. C.

Herewith find Postal Money Order for \$ 3.50 .....  
Payable to your order, <sup>Silver</sup> ~~for Medal-Exchange~~ of the National Association  
of Veterans of the Mexican War.

I served in Co. ..., Captain Robert E. Scott  
First Regiment Virginia Vols. (or  
Colonel, commanding Steam Trench  
Enlisted at Richmond Va 1846  
Discharged at St. George 1848  
Post Office address: No. Chambersburg street  
Clark Mo  
Town. County. State.

Received Land Warrant for 1.60 acres.

*Silver Medal*

T. B. Winston  
Signature of Applicant.

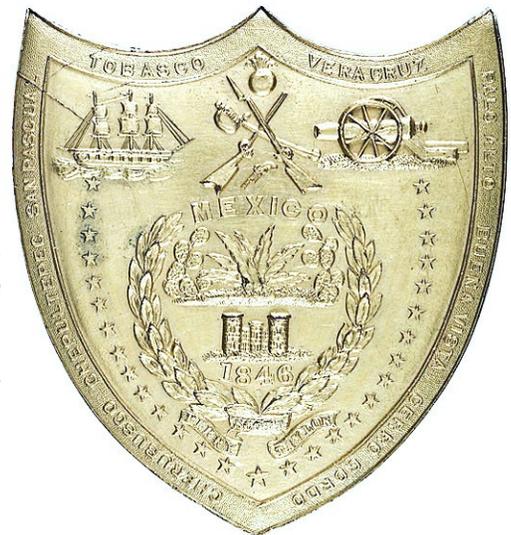
CERTIFICATE OF IDENTITY.

The Undersigned, citizens of Clark Co Mo  
know the applicant to be the identical person he represents himself  
to be, and from our knowledge of his character believe his statement  
to be true.

(Two Witnesses)

E. R. Caldwell  
John H. Winkley

☐ State on back of this whether you propose to attend the meeting in Philadelphia, so that we can judge in advance of the number likely to attend.



The National Association of Veterans of the Mexican War was formed in 1874. Because many of the Mexican war veterans had also served in the Confederate army, there was reluctance by the U.S. Congress to recognize and honor them. On January 29th, 1887, a pension act was finally signed into law. The pension started at \$8 per month, was raised to \$12 in 1900, and later to \$20. T.B. Winston received the pension until he died in 1913. T.B. also ordered a silver medal that had been commissioned by the Association.

# Declaration for Service Pension War of 1846 with Mexico.

State of Missouri, County of Clare ss:

On this 2nd day of March, A. D. one thousand eight hundred and eighty-six personally appeared before me, a Clerk of the Circuit Court, the same being a Court of Record

within and for the county and State aforesaid, (1) Thomas B. Winston aged 59 years a resident of Clare in the County of Clare State of Missouri, who, being

duly sworn according to law, declares that he is the identical (2) Thomas B. Winston who served under the name of (3) Thos B Winston as a (4) Private in the company

commanded by Captain R. L. Scott in the 1st regiment of Virginia Volunteers, commanded by Col Hamtramck in the war of 1846 with Mexico; that he (5) volunteered

on or about the December day of 1846, for the term of three years and continued in actual service in said war for the term of (6) twenty months and was honorably discharged at Fort Monroe Virginia on the August day of 1848. The following

is a brief statement of his service: (7) I served on the northern line of Mexico under Generals Taylor & Worth. Our regiment first landed at Point Isabel Texas. Thence we went to Camargo and on account of being cut off from Buena Vista we remained at Camargo. Guarding communications and erecting fortifications for some time thence went to Monterey and Buena Vista and remained at Buena Vista until the close of the war.

That some of the officers and soldiers of his company were as follows: Captain R. L. Scott, Lieutenants 1st Thos August

Sergeants Bodasler Corporals Cox Privates Atherlon, Monteiro, Pos (Thos & John) Wm Winston (died at Monterey)

He makes this declaration for the purpose of obtaining the pension to which he may be entitled by law and hereby constitutes and appoints, with full powers of substitution and revocation, ALEXANDER M. KENADAY, of Washington, D. C., 621 H street, N. W., (Secretary National Association Veterans of Mexican War), his true and lawful attorney, to prosecute this claim. He also

declares that he has heretofore made no application for (8) I drew a land warrant for 160 acres of land. This warrant was upon my discharge.

and that his residence is No. \_\_\_\_\_ street, city (or town) of \_\_\_\_\_ county

of Clare county, State of Missouri, and that his post-office address is Lehamsburg Clare Co. Mo

(9) Applicant declares that he was born at Loochland in the County of \_\_\_\_\_ and State of Virginia, that he is 59 years of age, 5 feet 11 inches high, of Fair complexion, blue eyes, gray hair, and by occupation farmer His occupation before or at

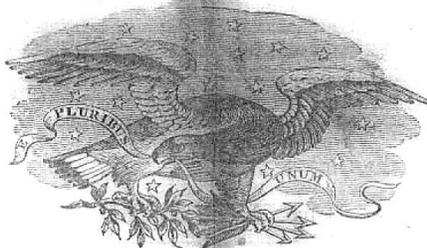
time of enlistment was that of a farmer

ATTEST: Lewis J. Mason Thos B Winston (Claimant's Signature.)

J. R. M. Boulware

N. B.—All the blank spaces in this form must be carefully filled up in accordance with the instructions on the back hereof and from the best information possessed, or obtainable, by the applicant, and sworn to before a COURT OF RECORD.

UNITED STATES VOLUNTEER SERVICE.



KNOW YE, That *Thomas B. Winston* — a *Private* — of *Captain Robt. G. Scotts* — Company [A] *First* — Regiment of *Virginia* Volunteers, who was enrolled on the *21st* — day of *December* — one thousand eight hundred and *Forty* — to SERVE DURING THE WAR WITH MEXICO, is hereby HONORABLY DISCHARGED from the service of the United States, this *Second* day of *August* 1848, at *Fortress Monroe* — by reason of being mustered out of the service on the expiration of his term.

Said *Thomas B. Winston* was born in *Yorkland County* in the State of *Virginia* — is *Twenty two* — years of age, *Five feet Eleven inches* high, *Light* complexion, *Grey* eyes, *Brown* hair, and by occupation, when enlisted, a *Farmer*  
GIVEN at *Fortress Monroe* this *Second* day of *August* 1848.

*J. D. August* 1<sup>st</sup> Lieut.  
Commanding Company.

*W. W. Smith*  
Mustering Officer.

C. ALEXANDER, Printer, Jan 17, 1848

*Richmond Va Aug 24<sup>th</sup> 48*

Sir:

I request that my claim to Bounty Land, under the 9th section of the act of the 11th February, 1847, entitled "An Act to raise for a limited time an additional Military Force, and for other purposes," may be examined, and if I am entitled to Land, I wish to receive a Warrant for one hundred and sixty Acres, and request that you will forward my Warrant to *Miles & Brother Richmond Virginia*

I am, respectfully, your ob't serv't,

*Thos B Winston*

TO THE COMMISSIONER OF PENSIONS,  
Washington City.

# American Civil War

Captain Thomas B. Winston enrolled in the Missouri State Guard on January 21<sup>st</sup>, 1862. At the time he was married to Maria Louisa Nelson, just about to have his 35<sup>th</sup> birthday, and lived at “Locust Lawn”, Chambersburg, Clark Co., Missouri. He was commissioned as a Captain, Company D, 2<sup>nd</sup> Division, of the 5<sup>th</sup> Cavalry Battalion (under Lt. Col. John W. Priest). This was know as Winston's Company, part of (Martin E.) Green's Regular Cavalry.

He must have previously enlisted in the Missouri State Guard, because he told his grandson that he participated in the Battle of Athens, in Missouri, August 5<sup>th</sup>, 1861. At the time he would have been under Colonel Martin E. Green. This battle was near his home in Chambersburg, and Col. Greens troops camped near his land before the battle.

Based on this, he would also have been in the First Battle of Lexington, Missouri, Sep 13-20<sup>th</sup>, 1861.

From the unit history he would have participated in:

March 6 <sup>th</sup> , 1862	Battle of Pea Ridge/Elkhorn Tavern, in Arkansas
September 19 <sup>th</sup> , 1862	Battle of Iuka, in Mississippi
October 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 1862	Battle of Corinth, in Mississippi
May 16 <sup>th</sup> , 1863	Battle of Champion Hill, in Mississippi

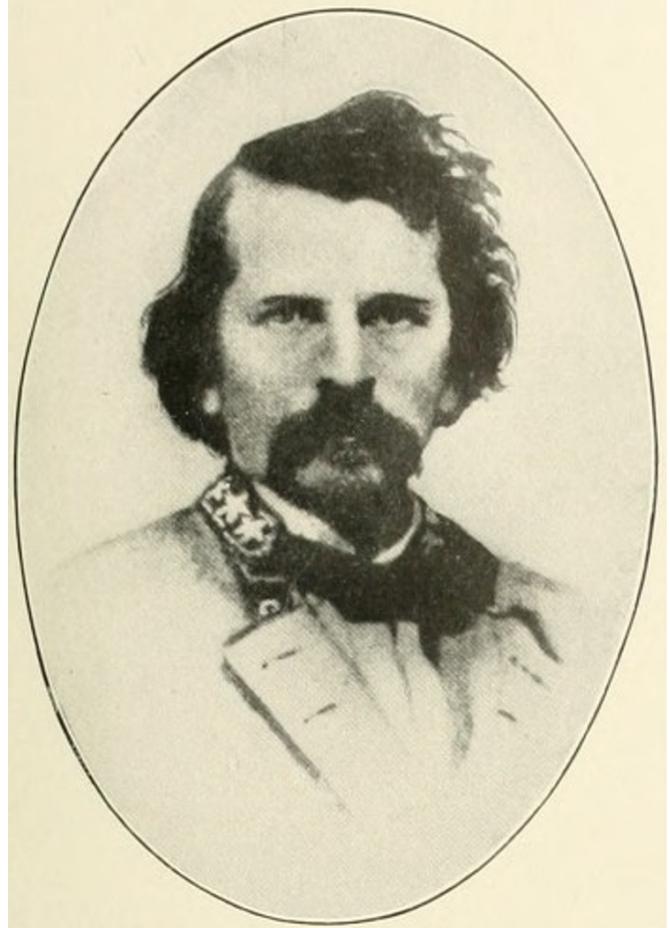
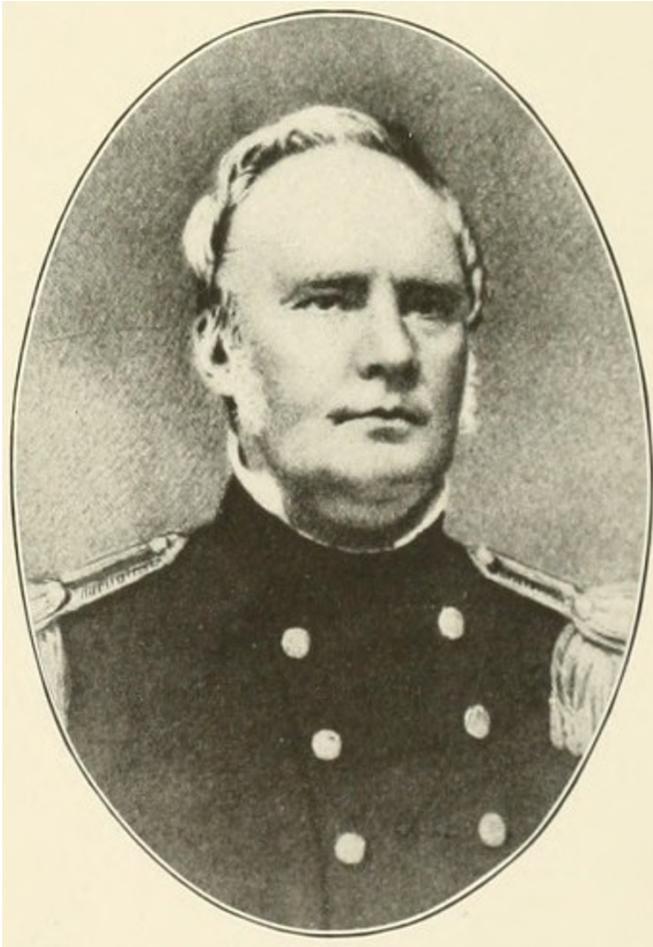
In March of 1862 his unit was merged into the Confederate Army as the “Army of the West”. This Army was then reorganized in late 1862, and then eventually reconstituted as the Army of Missouri in 1864. During part of this time he served under General Mosby Monroe Parsons. This was possibly after November, 1862, when Parsons was commissioned brigadier in the Confederate Army.

On November 17<sup>th</sup>, 1862, T.B. Winston was at Des Arc, Arkansas. He received a pass to visit family. It is not known if the family was his wife or his sister-in-law, Emily (Nelson) Edwards, who lived near Des Arc. At some point while he as in Arkansas, Emily presented T.B. with a Bowie knife.

Captain Winston was taken prisoner at Vicksburg, Mississippi on July 4<sup>th</sup>, 1863, and given parole. The siege of Vicksburg started on May 25<sup>th</sup>, 1862. The Vicksburg defenders consisted of the Confederate Army of Mississippi, under the command of Lt. General John C Pemberton. T.B. Winston served under Brigadier General Martin E. Green, as part of John S. Bowen's division in the Army of Mississippi.

T.B. Winston spent some of his parole time with his wife, and his parole was probably exchanged September, 1863. It is not clear yet where he served from then until his return to Chambersburg at the end of the war in 1865.

In 1891 the state of Missouri established a home for Confederate veterans. T.B. Winston and his wife both applied to live there. Maria Winston was accepted and lived there in 1915.



**Generals Sterling Price and Earl Van Dorn**

VICKSBURG, MISS., June 27, 1863.

Maj. R. W. MEMINGER.

MAJOR: The sad duty devolves upon me of announcing the death of Brig. Gen. Martin E. Green, commanding the Second Brigade of this division.

General Green was shot through the head while examining the position of the enemy in front of his trenches at about 9.30 this morning. Devoted to our cause, without fear or reproach, his loss will be deeply felt by his entire command.

Very respectfully,  
JNO. S. BOWEN,  
Major-general.



*Brig. Gen. Martin E. Green*

Provost Marshal's Office

Capt James F. Barton

See Arc Nov 17<sup>th</sup> 1862

Allow me to introduce Capt  
Thos Winston of Missourie who goes over near the  
river to meet his family, I know Capt W. well  
he has been some time in the service is a true  
southern man & now hastens to see his family  
from whom he has been for 12 or 15 months  
separated before returning to the field, any  
facilities afforded him will be duly appreciated  
by + him & acknowledged by you so

Am S Williams

Provost Marshal

See Arc

Mr Hill at the bank on the Houston  
any other time or at the Fair  
Capt Winston  
A favour of mine I am sure

Capt Jas F. Barton  
Favour (Britten Co  
Capt Thos Winston  
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APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION  
TO THE  
**CONFEDERATE SOLDIERS' HOME**  
AT HIGGINSVILLE, MISSOURI

OFFICERS OF THE HOME.

DR. W. A. WEBB, Surgeon. COL. GEORGE P. GROSS, Superintendent. CAPT. R. H. BENTON, Assistant Superintendent.

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Fayette, Mo.

J. D. INGRAM, Treasurer,  
Nevada, Mo.

J. W. HALLIBURTON,  
Carthage, Mo.

STATE OF MISSOURI,

County of *Platte* } ss.

I, *Maria L. Winston widow of Capt. Thos. B. Winston*

hereby apply for admission to the Confederate Soldiers' Home of Missouri. My full name is.....

*Maria Louisa Winston*

I was born on the *24<sup>th</sup>* day of *Aug.*, 18*35*, at *Morning Star Tenn.*

My present residence is... *414 North Elm Nevada Mo*

My postoffice address is... *Nevada* County of *Platte*, State of Missouri.

I have lived continuously in the State of Missouri for... *64* years immediately preceding this application.

*Capt. Winston*  
I enlisted in the Confederate Army at the town of..... in the County of *Blank*

in the State of *Mo* in..... Company, *Grays* Regiment,

Brigade. *husbands* My rank was... *Captain* I was engaged in the following battles.....

If ever wounded, state when and where.....

If ever captured, state when and where... *Vicksburg Miss.*

If ever in prison, state when and where.....

State when paroled or discharged.....

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**APPLICATION for ADMISSION**  
**TO THE**  
**Confederate Home of Missouri**

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Maria L. Winston of 414 North Elm, Nevada, Missouri was approved for admission to the Confederate home on January 28<sup>th</sup>, 1915. She moved in on February 18<sup>th</sup>, 1915 and left on June 11<sup>th</sup>, 1915. She left the home to move to Colorado with her daughter Sadie.

**NAME OF APPLICANT**

*Maria L. Winston*

Residence

*Nuada*

*M*

Died

19

Buried at

Withdrew

*June 22*

19 *15*

Expelled

19

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**PRESIDENT'S ENDORSEMENT**

The within application is approved.

*P. H. Franklin*

President.

*January 28<sup>th</sup>*

19 *15*

Admitted

*Feb 18*

19 *15*

*Geo. P. Gme*

Superintendent.