

# Bucklesberry, Back in the Day

## War Heroes (Part 2)

The Civil War (1861–1865) was the bloodiest military conflict in US history. Death counts have varied widely from around 618,000 to one million. Author, Spencer Hicks, wrote, "If your family had been in America during this time, they knew someone who was killed during this war."

Two of the founding families of Bucklesberry well-represented in the Civil War were the Herrings and the Suttons. The Lost Souls Genealogy Project lists the following members of the Herring Family from Lenoir and Wayne Counties whose names were recorded on the roster of the Company C 66th NC Infantry Regiment: J. B. Herring, 2nd Lieutenant; B. W. Herring, 1st Sergeant; A. B. Herring, 4th Corporal; and B. I. Herring, George Herring, I. R. Herring, J. B. Herring, and S. B. Herring, all Privates.

Probably the most recognized of the Bucklesberry Suttons who served in the Civil War were the eight sons of Benjamin Sutton, Jr. (1795–1864), son of Benjamin Sutton and Sarah Hardy Sutton. Local genealogist, Glenwood Fields, three-great-grandson of Benjamin, Jr., provided the following biographicals of these eight sons and their record of service (see [www.lenoir.lostsoulsgenealogy.com](http://www.lenoir.lostsoulsgenealogy.com)):

Alexander Sutton (1841–1863), Private, resided in Lenoir Co. where he enlisted at age 20 on April 25, 1861. He served in Company C 27th NC Infantry Regiment and was wounded and captured during the battle at Bristoe Station, VA, October 14, 1863. He was confined in Old Capitol Prison in Washington, DC until transferred to Point Lookout and then transferred to Cox's Wharf, James River, VA, where he was received on February 14-15, 1865, for exchange. Being weak and probably sick from confinement, he died on the way home and is buried in an unknown grave somewhere in VA.

Daniel Sutton (1822–1894), Private, resided in Wayne Co. He served first in Company C 8th Battalion NC Partisan Rangers and was later transferred to Company D 66th NC Infantry Regiment. He was captured at Moseley Hall (now La Grange) and was transferred to Harts Island, NY. He took the oath of allegiance to the US and was released.

Frederick Sutton (1845–1865), Private, resided in Lenoir Co. where he enlisted. He served in Company H 67th NC Infantry Regiment. He was captured at Moseley Hall and died of typhoid fever on April 8, 1865 in a Federal hospital in New Bern.

Henry Sutton (1835–1862), Private, resided in Lenoir Co. and enlisted at Fort Lane at age 26 on September 3, 1861. He served in Company C 27th NC Infantry Regiment and was killed in a

charge made on a Federal artillery unit during the Battle of Sharpsburg, MD on September 17, 1862.

John W. Sutton (1843–1862), Private, resided in Lenoir Co. and enlisted in Craven Co. at age 18 on July 15, 1861. He served in Company C 27th NC Infantry Regiment and died in a hospital at Petersburg, VA, July 19, 1862 of bilious fever. According to his sister, Winnifred Sutton (1844–1923), who wrote her remembrances of wartime in the early 1900's, he was brought home and buried in the family cemetery.

Levi Sutton (1838–1900), Private, resided in Lenoir Co. where he enlisted. He served in Company D 66th NC Infantry Regiment and was captured on Dover Road in Lenoir Co. and released.

Thomas Sutton (1833–1894), Sergeant, resided in Wayne Co. He served first in Company B 8th Battalion NC Partisan Rangers and was later transferred to Company D 66th NC Infantry Regiment. He was captured at Moseley Hall and was transferred to Harts Island, NY. He took the oath of allegiance to the US and was released.

William Sutton (1824–1872), Captain, resided in Lenoir Co. where he enlisted for the War at the age of 38 on June 9, 1861. Nicknamed, Pony Bill, he was Captain of Company A 40th Regiment NC Infantry (3rd Regiment NC Artillery). He was captured at Fort Hatteras on August 29, 1861 and was confined at Governor's Island, NY and at Fort Warren, Boston Harbor, MA until paroled for exchange on June 11, 1862. He resigned in Wilmington, NC on October 15, 1862 while on furlough from May, 1862, suffering the ill effects of yellow fever.

A ninth son of Benjamin, Jr., Benjamin H. Sutton (1847–1909) of Lenoir Co., was too young to enlist in the regular Army. He served instead with the Confederate Home Guard.

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[Caption to accompany photograph]

Thomas Sutton (1833–1894) served as a Confederate Sergeant in the Civil War.

