

“Oh Lordy!”

CHAPTER 5

March to December 1863

“...the Yankeys...have Jackson in their possession & may get Vicksburg...”

Young H.E. Hitch enlisted as a Private with Company I of the 16th South Carolina Regiment on Feb 13 1863 in Adams Run, SC “for the war.” However, from a later letter in the Mowbray collection, we know that Hitch left home for good on his adventure with the 16th on Mar 27 1863. So Mary Hitch in one way received her wish to have her husband home but, in another, only had to give him up again to the war effort after about a brief 6-week stay at the farm.

We need to digress a bit here to see how the 16th South Carolina was created as, it existed for almost a year before Young Hitch came into its ranks. It was commanded by James McCullough (1824-1892), first as a Captain of Company E and, later as Colonel McCullough, commanding the entire regiment. He was born Feb 20 1824, about 25 miles south of Greenville, South Carolina. “Old Beeswax” as he was sometimes affectionately called, initially organized a company of soldiers of a regiment (Company E) that Charles J. Elford was granted to raise in the autumn of 1861 by South Carolina Governor Francis W. Pickens. The regiment consisted of Companies A-K (no “J” because of its handwritten confusion with “I”) and all, except for I and K, were mustered into state service on Dec 12 1861 for twelve months. Five months later, the entire Confederate army was reorganized on Apr 28 1862 and the regiment was re-mustered for three years “or the war.”

Charles Elford, a Greenville lawyer, newspaper editor and mayor, and original organizer of the regiment, was elected its colonel in November 1861, defeating T.S. Arthur. At the same time, James McCullough was elected lieutenant colonel, defeating John M. Jones. After the army-wide reorganization, another election was held on Apr 29 1862 and McCullough supplanted Elford for command of the regiment. Elford left and went on to become colonel for the 3rd South Carolina Reserves in late 1862 and 1863. Wallace B. Ioor defeated D.I.J. Chandler for the rank of major in the elections in November 1861 and was elected lieutenant colonel in the reorganization on Apr 29 1862 while, Charles C. O’Neill was elected major at that time⁹⁵.

The 16th regiment was originally called the Greenville Regiment and, more informally sometimes, the “Greenville Boys,” but would eventually be labelled the 16th South Carolina Volunteer Infantry (SCVI) when it converted from a state-level of service to national service for the Confederate States of America (CSA). The 16th had the honor of being the only South Carolina regiment where every company was comprised of men from the same district. It was the 16th SCVI by April 1862, 10 months prior to when

⁹⁵ An excellent historical background of the 16th SCVI can be found in the book, South Carolina’s Military Organizations During the War Between the States; Volume III, The Upstate, Robert S. Seigler, The History Press, Charleston, SC, 2008; pages 167-177. Some of the content here is taken from this reference.

Young Hitch joined in February 1863. A listing of all Company I members from its inception to the end of the war follows⁹⁶:

NAME			RANK		ENLISTED			PLACE	NOTES
LAST	FIRST	MID	IN	OUT	YR	M	D		
Adair	George	W	Pvt		1864	1	22	Greenville, SC	
Allison	Andrew	Jackson	Pvt		1862	1	24	Camp Hampton	captured 12/16/1864 near Nashville, TN.
Armstrong	J	D	Pvt		1863	3	3	Adams Run, SC	Paroled 4/26/1865.
Austin	John	T	Pvt		1863	3	3	Adams Run, SC	died Caldwell hospital, Griffin, GA 7/16/1864 from wound received at Kennesaw Mt.
Austin	Thomas	Jeremiah	Pvt	2LT	1863	5	1	Adams Run, SC	Elected 2LT 12/7/1863. Had typhoid fever and may have died from it in the summer of 1864.
Austin	William	A	Pvt		1862	3	27	Camp Leesburg	Discharged 3/27/1863 end of service.
Babb	Newton		1LT	Capt	1862	1	24	Camp Hampton	Promoted to Captain on 7/30/1862. Died 11/6/1863 at Murrays hospital, LaGrange, GA.
Baldwin	Jeremiah	C	Pvt		1862	1	24	Camp Hampton	Died 10/21/1863
Bozeman	Toliver	L	Pvt		1862	3	30	Camp Leesburg	Was Captain of Co. E, Hampton Legion from 6/12 to 7/16/1861 when he resigned due to health reasons. Shows as AWOL on rolls here.
Bramlett	James	W	Pvt		1863	4	1	Adams Run, SC	Purportedly died in a hospital in Franklin, TN, 11/30/1864
Bramlett	William	Dacus	Pvt		1864	2	11	Dalton, GA	\$50 bounty due.
Brown	Jerry	Jackson	Pvt		1863	3	12	Adams Run, SC	Discharged 3/28/1864 due to hearing loss from protracted case of typhoid fever.
Burditt	Benjamin	William	Pvt		1862	1	24	Camp Hampton	Paroled 4/26/1865.
Burditt	David	Wilcot	Pvt		1863	7	1	Jackson, MS	Wounded 11/30/1864 with gunshot fractured left ulna upper 3" and front left thigh. Captured Franklin, TN 12/18/1864, sent to Louisville, KY 1/17/1865, sent to Camp Chase in Nashville 1/18/1865. Transferred to Point Lookout 3/26/1865. Took Oath of Allegiance and released 6/9/1865.
Chaplain	Josiah		Pvt		1862	3	27	Camp Leesburg	Discharged 3/27/1863 end of service.
Cheek	Austin		Pvt		1863	2	13	Camp Hampton	
Curry	Wilburn	A	Pvt		1862	2	7	Camp Hampton	
Divier	J	Y	Pvt		1862	3	30	Camp Leesburg	
Edwards	Little	Berry	Pvt		1863	2	11	Camp Hampton	Paroled 4/26/1865.
Farrow	R	M	Pvt		1863	2	13	Camp Hampton	
Forester	Andrew	J	Pvt		1864	2	11	Dalton, GA	\$50 bounty due.
Forester	John	E	Pvt		1862	3	27	Camp Leesburg	Captured by enemy near Kennesaw Mt., GA 6/19/1864, sent to Louisville, KY 6/26, then Camp Morton, IN 6/27. Died of pneumonia at Camp Morton 3/20/1865.
Forester	William	L	Pvt		1862	3	27	Camp Leesburg	
Forester	I	B	Pvt		1863	9	1	Chattanooga, TN	Paroled 4/26/1865.
Forrester	Isaac		Pvt		1862	3	27	Camp Leesburg	Paroled 4/26/1865. (may be the same as I. Forester)
Forrester	John		Pvt		1863	2	13	Camp Hampton	Captured by enemy near Kennesaw Mt., GA 6/19/1864, sent to Louisville, KY 6/26, then Camp Morton, IN 7/14. Released after taking Oath of Allegiance on 6/12/1865.
Fowler	George	R	Pvt		1862	1	24	Camp Hampton	Captured at Battle of Lookout Mountain near Ringgold, GA 11/27/1863. Died of chronic diarrhea at U.S. Field Hospital in Nashville, TN on 12/16/1863.
Fowler	J	W	Pvt						Mislabeled? Co. F?
Fowler	W	Joseph	Pvt		1863	5	1	Adams Run, SC	
Garrett	Erasmus	Newport	Pvt	2LT	1862	1	24	Camp Hampton	Promoted to 2nd LT on 7/30/1862. Resigned 5/2/1864, asked to be xfered to Co. F, Hampton Legion SCV.
Garrett	James	Matthew	Pvt		1863	2	11	Camp Hampton	Died of chronic diarrhea, Lauderdale, MS on Aug 20 1863 or Sep 1 1863 ⁹⁷ .

⁹⁶ The listing in the Table is compiled by the author from Confederate Civil War Military Service records, National Archives, Washington, DC.

⁹⁷ The service records for J.M. Garrett show him deceased in one instance on Aug 20 and another on Sep 1 1863. Since Young Hitch writes a letter on Aug 21 1863 indicating that Matt Garrett "may go home," this researcher would tend to accept the September 1 version of the death date as more accurate.

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LAST	FIRST	MID	IN	OUT	YR	M	D		
Garrett	Miles	Rainwater	Pvt		1863	2	13	Camp Hampton	Died in Clayton hospital in Forsyth, GA on 9/30/1864 of c. diarrhea.
Gary	W	S	Pvt		1863	9	1	Chattanooga, TN	Killed near Decatur, GA on 7/22/1864.
Gault	John	W.P.	Pvt		1862	6	27	Camp Leesburg	
George	Fielding		Pvt		1864	2	11	Dalton, GA	
Goldsmith	Thomas		Pvt		1863	2	13	Camp Hampton	Paroled 4/26/1865
Goodwin	Henry	T	Pvt		1863	2	28	Adams Run	Died 11/16/1863, Rome, GA.
Goodwin	John	Franklin	Pvt		1863	1	28	Camp Hampton	Died 9/23/1863, Greenville, SC.
Goodwin	Johnson	William	Pvt		1863	2	13	Camp Hampton	
Goodwin	William	Davis	Pvt		1862	3	27	Camp Leesburg	
Goodwin	Westly	W	Pvt		1862	1	24	Camp Hampton	Discharged 5/24/1864 for sickness.
Graden	John		Pvt		1863	2	13	Camp Hampton	Went to Co. E in Nov 1863. Wounded 7/22/1864.
Greer	John	B	Pvt		1862	3	27	Camp Leesburg	Nurse in Regt Hospital. Died 10/21/1863 in Demopolis, AL of chronic diarrhea.
Greer	James	Manning	Pvt		1862	3	30	Camp Leesburg	
Greer	John		Pvt		1862	3	27	Camp Leesburg	(may be a duplicate of John B. Greer above)
Hamby	Green	Smith	Pvt		1863	9	1	Chattanooga, TN	Paroled 4/26/1865
Hamby	John	T	Pvt		1862	4	7	Camp Leesburg	Paroled 4/26/1865
Hamby	Stephen	R	Pvt		1862	3	27	Camp Leesburg	
Harrison	John	R	Pvt	SGT	1863	4	15	Charleston	Paroled 4/26/1865
Hawkins	Alfred	J	Pvt		1862	3	27	Camp Leesburg	Transferred to Palmetto Battalion Light Artillery on 5/1/1863.
Hawkins	James	H	Pvt		1862	3	27	Camp Leesburg	
Henderson	James	M	Pvt		1862	2	3	Camp Hampton	Regimental Waggoner. In hospital with syphilis on 1/29/1863, bronchitis in Feb 1865.
Higgins	George	P	Pvt		1862	1	24	Camp Hampton	Transferred to Aikens Partisan Rangers on 10/31/1862.
Hitch	Young	H. E.	Pvt		1863	2	13	Camp Hampton	Killed on picket duty at Kennesaw Mt., GA on 6/19/1864.
Hodges	W	L	1LT		1864	2	11	Dalton, GA	Paroled 4/26/1865.
Holcomb	Hosea	K	Pvt		1863	2	25	Greenville, SC	Killed Kennesaw Mt., GA on 6/28/1864.
Howard	Augustus		Pvt		1862	3	27	Camp Leesburg	Detailled to commissary Jul 1863.
Howard	J	M	Pvt		1864	2	11	Dalton, GA	collected \$50 bounty
Howard	John	Manning	3LT		1862	3	27	Camp Leesburg	Probably is the same as J.M. Howard above.
Howard	Presley	E.A.	SGT	Pvt	1862	1	24	Camp Hampton	Discharged Jan 1863, end of service. Re-enlisted 2/11/1864 at Dalton, GA and collected \$50 bounty.
Howard	W	P	Pvt		1862	3	27	Camp Leesburg	Wounded 8/15/1864.
Howard	Young	O	Pvt	SGT	1862	1	24	Camp Hampton	Promoted to SGT on 8/4/1864, killed 8/24/1864 at Atlanta.
Huff	John	H	Pvt		1862	3	27	Camp Leesburg	
Hurt	Riley	W	Pvt		1862	1	24	Camp Hampton	Detached as blacksmith to Pioneer Corps by Gen Walker in Nov 1863. Paroled 4/26/1865.
Hyde	James	H	Pvt		1862	3	27	Camp Leesburg	Died 2/15/1864
Johnson	James	P	Pvt	SGT	1862	3	16	Camp Hampton	Promoted to SGT on 8/4/1864.
Jones	J	W	Pvt		1864	2	25	Dalton, GA	Killed near Decatur, GA on 7/22/1864. \$50 bounty due.
Jones	James	L	Corp	Pvt	1862	1	24	Camp Hampton	Discharged due to expired service Jan 23 1863.
Jones	James	M	Pvt	3LT	1861	12	12	Camp Leesburg	Re-enlisted 3/27/1862 at Camp Hampton. Elected LT 8/9/1864.
Jones	John	M.H.	Corp		1862	2	26	Greenville, SC	
Kellett	J	A	Pvt		1863	9	1	Greenville, SC	Transferred from Palmetto Battalion Light Artillery on 6/16/1864. Paroled 4/26/1865.
Kellett	W	M	Pvt		1863	9	1	Greenville, SC	Transferred from Palmetto Battalion Light Artillery on 6/16/1864.
Knight	D	T	Pvt		1863	2	13	Adams Run, SC	
Knight	Jesse		Pvt		1862	1	24	Camp Hampton	
Lee	J	B	Pvt		1862	12	17	Greenville, SC	\$50 bounty due.
Linder	Simpson	B	Pvt		1863	12	15	Spartanburg, SC	Transferred from Palmetto Battalion Light Artillery on 6/16/1864. Killed near Decatur, GA on 7/22/1864. \$50 bounty due.
Linder	Willis	Lee	Pvt		1863	3	1	Spartanburg, SC	Transferred from Palmetto Battalion Light Artillery on 6/16/1864. Paroled 4/26/1865.
Locke	George	W	Pvt		1862	3	27	Camp Leesburg	
Locke	Jesse	James	Pvt	3LT	1862	5	16	Camp Leesburg	Elected 3LT 12/23/1863. Died at home of disease 6/4/1864.
Lyon	George	W	Pvt		1862	1	24	Camp Hampton	Died 3/27/1864 in hospital at Dalton, GA.

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Mahaffey	Madison	Roland	Pvt		1862	2	7	Camp Hampton	Captured by the enemy near Kennesaw Mt., GA on 6/18/1864. Rec'd as POW in Louisville, KY on 6/26 and sent to Camp Morton, IN on 6/27/1864. Transferred for exchange 3/4/1865.
Mahaffey	Hoyt	Jackson	Pvt		1863	5	1	Adams Run, SC	Paroled 4/26/1865.
Mahaffey	James	L	Pvt		1863	3	3	Adams Run, SC	
McCrary	James	A	Pvt		1862	2	7	Camp Hampton	Died 12/22/1862 in camp near Wilmington, NC.
McCrary	William	K	Pvt		1862	4	16	Camp Leesburg	Paroled 4/26/1865.
McHugh	William	A	Pvt		1862	3	27	Camp Leesburg	Discharged 3/27/1863 at end of service.
McKinney	James	T.J.	1SGT		1862	1	24	Camp Hampton	Died in hospital on 8/8/1864 of wound received on picket duty in Atlanta.
McKinney	Newton	J.A.	Pvt		1862	4	19	Camp Leesburg	Died 2/23/1864 in Dalton, GA.
McKittrick	Samuel		Capt	LT	1864	2	11	Dalton, GA	Company I was originally named Capt. Samuel McKittrick's Co. in 1861/62. He re-enlisted in 1864 as a PVT and was elected LT 6/28/1864. Killed near Decatur, GA on 7/22/1864. \$50 bounty due.
Nash	Young		3SGT	Pvt	1862	1	24	Camp Hampton	Discharged 1/23/1863 end of service.
Nelson	T	B	Pvt		1863	2	13	Adams Run, SC	
Nelson	W	B	Pvt		1863	2	13	Camp Hampton	
Nix	William	W	Pvt		1862	3	27	Camp Leesburg	Discharged 2/21/1863
Nunly	Francis	F	Pvt	SGT	1862	2	14	Camp Hampton	Re-enlisted 4/16/1863 at Camp Leesburg. Promoted to SGT 8/24/1864 after SGT Howard was killed. Paroled 4/26/1865
Owens	John		Pvt		1862	2	7	Camp Hampton	Died 8/1/1862 of typhoid fever at Adams Run, SC.
Peden	John	McVey	Pvt	Corp	1864	6	16	Charleston, SC	Transferred from Palmetto Battalion Light Artillery 6/16/1864, promoted to Corp 8/4/1864.
Peden	James	Scipio	Pvt		1863	12	1	Greenville, SC	Transferred from Palmetto Battalion Light Artillery 6/16/1864. Died 7/28/1864 in hospital of wound received near Decatur, GA on 7/22/1864.
Peden	Thomas	Carlisle	Pvt		1862	3	27	Greenville, SC	Transferred from Palmetto Battalion Light Artillery 6/16/1864.
Phillips	Claibourn		Pvt		1862	1	24	Camp Hampton	
Rea	Samuel		Pvt		1862	3	30	Camp Leesburg	
Richards	J	A	Pvt		1862	6	27	Camp Leesburg	Discharged 11/20/1862
Roberts	Edward	G	Pvt	Capt	1862	3	20	Camp Leesburg	Elected 2LT 8/21/1862. Elected Capt 4/7/1864. Was clerk for Regimental commissary. Paroled 4/26/1865.
Robertson	Berry	W	Pvt		1862	3	30	Camp Leesburg	
Robertson	George	W.T.	Pvt		1862	3	27	Camp Leesburg	Captured by the enemy near Kennesaw Mt., GA 6/19/1864, sent to Louisville, KY, then to Camp Morton, IN 6/27/1864. Transferred for exchange 2/26/1865.
Robertson	John	Thomas	Pvt		1862	5	28	Camp Leesburg	
Scruggs	William	Berry	Pvt		1863	2	11	Camp Hampton	Paroled 4/26/1865.
Sheffield	William		Pvt		1864	2	11	Dalton, GA	\$50 bounty due.
Simmons	John	Hiram	Pvt		1862	1	24	Camp Hampton	Wounded 7/22/1864. Paroled 4/26/1865.
Smith	James	H	Pvt		1862	4	7	Camp Leesburg	
Smith	Matson		Pvt		1862	3	30	Camp Leesburg	
Step	John		Pvt		1862	4	16	Camp Leesburg	Captured by enemy 11/27/1863 near Missionary Ridge (Ringgold, GA), sent to Louisville, KY 12/9/1863 then to Rock Island, IL 12/11/1863. Died 2/4/1864 of diarrhea.
Stewart	W	Henry	Pvt		1862	1	24	Camp Hampton	Discharged 1/24/1863, end of service. Re-enlisted 2/11/1864 at Dalton, GA, \$50 bounty due. Wounded 7/22/1864. Paroled 4/26/1865.
Stewart	W	W/M	Pvt		1864	7	10	Greenville, SC	\$50 bounty due. Died 12/1/1864 chronic diarrhea, Clayton Hospital, Columbus, MS.
Stewart	William		Pvt		1863	2	13	Camp Hampton	
Taylor	David	S	Pvt		1862	4	16	Camp Leesburg	
Thackston	J	S	Pvt		1862	7	26	Camp Hampton	Transferred from Aikens Partisan Rangers 10/31/1862. Brigade wagoner & ambulance driver. Sent to hospital wounded 6/28/1864.
Thackston	J	F	Pvt		1864	2	11	Dalton, GA	\$50 bounty due. Furloughed from hospital 60 days 8/8/1864, wounded.
Thackston	Thomas	M	Pvt		1863	3	15	Adams Run, SC	

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Thackston	William	S	Pvt	1LT	1862	1	24	Camp Hampton	Promoted to 1LT 7/30/1862. Resigned due to health 10/1863.
Vaughn	Henry	G	Pvt	1SGT	1862	1	24	Camp Hampton	Promoted to 1SGT 8/4/1864 when SGT McKinney was killed.
Vaughn	Paschal	D	Corp	3SGT	1862	1	24	Camp Hampton	Died Franklin, TN ~3/1865.
Vaughn	Toliver	R	Pvt		1862	1	24	Camp Hampton	Killed Kennesaw Mt., GA on 6/20/1864.
Verdin	Allen		Pvt		1862	4	7	Camp Leesburg	Discharged 4/7/1863 end of service.
Verdin	Paul	J	Pvt	SGT	1862	3	27	Camp Leesburg	In hospital, wounded 8/17/1864. Paroled 4/26/1865.
Waldrip	Little	Berry	Pvt		1863	4	13	Greenville, SC	Transferred from Palmetto Battalion Light Artillery 6/16/1864.
Waldrip	William	M	Pvt		1863	5	22	Greenville, SC	Transferred from Palmetto Battalion Light Artillery 6/16/1864. Wounded 8/15/1864.
White	Absalom	Abner	Corp		1863	2	9	Columbia, SC	Promoted to Corp 8/4/1864. \$50 bounty due.
White	Anthony		Pvt	2LT	1863	5	1	Adams Run, SC	Elected LT 8/6/1864. Killed on picket duty 8/7/1864 in Atlanta.
White	John	Jones	Pvt		1863	3	3	Adams Run, SC	Brigade/Division wagon driver. Paroled 4/26/1865.
White	Solomon	A	Pvt		1863	5	5	Laurens, SC	Died of disease 1/28/1864 in Augusta, GA. \$50 bounty due.
White	William	H	Pvt		1862	7	25	Columbia, SC	Was Co. E from 3/6/1862. Died 4/2/1865 in NC.
White	Young	Moses	Pvt		1862	2	3	Camp Hampton	Killed in Franklin, TN Nov 30 1864.
Wood	N	J	Pvt		1863	2	13	Camp Hampton	Wounded in foot 8/29/1863.
Wood	Nicholas	Joseph	Pvt		1862	3	30	Camp Leesburg	Wounded 9/26/1863. (probably the same as N.J. Wood)

The preceding table gives name, rank when the soldier entered service, rank eventually reached before leaving service (if different from entry), date of enlistment and location and, any special items of note from the service files. A company in the Civil War period usually consisted of 100 men and this list contains a total of 134 which accounts for people leaving and new ones joining due to discharge, transfer or becoming a casualty. Probably at no particular time did Company I have its full contingent of 100 men but was closest to that number when it was first formed. More details regarding the service and families of many of these men are presented at various points throughout this book.

We see the thrust of enlistments taking place in three (3) locations: Adams Run (Feb-May 1863), Camp Hampton (Jan-Jul 1862) and Camp Leesburg (Mar-May 1862), all in South Carolina. Adams Run still exists in modern day by its original name and is approximately 25 miles almost due west of Charleston, SC and, is near where the Civil War camp was located. Research indicates that Camp Hampton was located just outside of Columbia, SC and, with the other two, was a primary staging area for troops from the upper part of the state⁹⁸. Camp Leesburg was located not too far from Adams Run in modern-day Colleton County, SC. Besides a few random enlistments elsewhere, the only other site noted for a more general influx into Company I is Dalton, GA in February 1864. This was a later recruiting effort conducted to replenish the depleted 16th regiment and included a \$50 bounty for volunteers who joined at that time.

We need to go back to 1862 to see how Company I of the 16th regiment began. Company I was originally being assembled as Captain Samuel McKittrick’s Company in early 1862 as the embryonic units of the 16th South Carolina began to come together. He was organizing his forces at Camp Hampton, near Columbia in the winter of 1862 but, McKittrick’s Company dissolved into Company I sometime in the spring of 1862 when the general reorganization of the army took place. Captain McKittrick did not join Company I at that time but did as a Private on Feb 11 1864 in Dalton, GA. Like those of Young Hitch,

⁹⁸ While the exact location of Camp Hampton is not known, most historians believe that the camp was located on a site very near where the SC State Archives sits today (2015).