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which was made a part of Gracie's brigade of Bushrod Johnson's division. They were ordered to Petersburg, Va., in the spring of 1864, and did gallant service in repelling Butler's army at Drewry's Bluff. In June they were again in battle before Petersburg with Grant's army, and throughout the siege which followed no command had more arduous service or more bravely performed the duty assigned. They were active participants in the bloody battle of the Crater, fought in various engagements about Petersburg, including Hatcher's Run, and on the retreat to Appomattox were in the battle at Farmville. At Appomattox Lieutenant Collins was wounded in the left side by a ball that passed through his blanket, and was thereby prevented from doing serious damage. He was surrendered and paroled with the army, and then returned to his home. He soon made his home at West Point and was for many years engaged in farming and in mercantile pursuits. Since 1893 he has been actively occupied in contracting and building, erecting five hundred buildings in that period. He is one of the leading men of his city and has served ten years as alderman and four years as mayor of the city. Mr. Collins was married at West Point to Georgia Belle Erwin, and has one son, Thomas Erwin, treasurer of the Rapid Transit company at Atlanta, and a daughter, Mrs. Will Lanier, of West Point.

John Wesley Colyer, of Perry, Houston county, a veteran of Morgan's cavalry, was born near Somerset, Ky., May 8, 1834. His parents were John Colyer, a Virginian of Revolutionary ancestry, and Lydia, daughter of John Purvis, of South Carolina, a soldier of the Revolution. Mr. Colyer, a resident of Kentucky when the war began, and engaged in mercantile business, joined the famous cavalrman, John H. Morgan, when the latter was in command of a squadron in 1861, and served with him for nearly a year in Kentucky and Tennessee, participating in the daring exploits in middle Tennessee that first made the name of Morgan familiar throughout the country. In the summer of 1862 he took part in Morgan's first great Kentucky raid, from Knoxville, Tenn., and was in battle at Tomkinsville, Lebanon, and Cynthiana, where he was wounded July 17, 1862. After his native State was occupied by the armies of Bragg and Kirby Smith he organized a company of cavalry, of which he was elected first lieutenant, and M. B.

Perkins captain. This was made Company C of the Sixth Kentucky cavalry, under the command of Col. J. Warren Grigsby. On the return to Kentucky he served about Murfreesboro under General Buford, and took part in the battle of December 31st and the raid to Lavergne. Joining Morgan again, he participated in the battles of Milton, Snow's Hill and others, early in 1863, and in June set out on the memorable raid through Ohio. Before reaching the Ohio river he was in battle at Green river bridge and Lebanon, and after riding through Indiana and Ohio, around Cincinnati, he took part in the fight near Buffington's Island, on the Ohio river, July 19, 1863, where the greater part of Morgan's command was captured. Here he was wounded and made a prisoner. After some time in hospital at Covington, Ky., he was held at Camp Chase three months and subsequently at Johnson's island, Lake Erie, until June, 1865. During this imprisonment of nearly two years he had frequent opportunities to gain his liberty by swearing allegiance to the United States, but this he steadfastly refused to do as long as the Confederate government was yet maintained. Lieutenant Colyer came to Georgia in December, 1865, and made his home at Fort Valley, where he engaged in farming and merchandising. He served two terms as alderman of Fort Valley, and in 1883 was elected sheriff of Houston county. He was retained in this office six years, and since then he has made his home at Perry, busying himself with farming. Recently he assumed the management of the Wells Hotel, a popular hostelry. Mr. Colyer was married in 1868 to Mary C. Lowman, and they have a son and two daughters.

Wesley O. Connor, superintendent of the Georgia School for the Deaf, at Cave Spring, is a veteran of one of Georgia's most famous Confederate commands, the Cherokee Light Artillery. Mr. Connor was born in South Carolina, and came to Floyd county, Ga., at the age of eight years. When the Confederacy was organized, crystallizing the hope and ambition of the Southern people, he was a teacher in the same institution of which he is now the head. Resigning this position in June, 1861, he entered the Confederate service as a private in the Cherokee Light Artillery, an old military organization at Rome, under the command of Capt. J. G. Yeiser. After some time in camp at Big Shanty, they were sent to Richmond, and thence ordered back to