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CIVIL WAR SERVICE RECORD SOURCE MEMO

Asa T. Renwicke

Private · Co. B (Capt. Harkin's Company) · 27th Regiment Alabama Cavalry
(Harkin's)

Confederate service record (RG 109); POW, took Oath of Allegiance 1865

Technical Source Memo · Researcher-Reviewed

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Every fact in this report is traced to the page that states it.

Prepared from the original compiled service records of the United States National Archives (Record Groups 94 and 109).

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Technical Abstract

RENWICKE, Asa T. (variants: Renwicke / Renwick / Rennick) — Pvt., Co. B, 27th Regiment Alabama Cavalry (Harkin's), Confederate; rank in and out Private, no promotion documented. Enlisted May 20, 1862, Tuscaloosa, Ala., for 3 years; last company roll Sept–Oct 1864 marks him AWOL since Oct. 10, 1864, but the POW record shows capture near Decatur, Ala., Oct. 9, 1864 (Louisville prison → Camp Chase, Ohio). Fate documented: Oath of Allegiance sworn Camp Chase June 12, 1865, and released. Jacket lists 8 cards + 1 personal paper (9 items); pages supplied hold 7 cards + 1 personal paper — one carded item unaccounted for. Canonical spelling per two own-hand signatures (furlough application, oath) is Renwicke.

Quick Reference

| Fact | Detail | Card / Page | Tier | |---|---|---|---| | Enlistment | May 20, 1862, Tuscaloosa, Ala., by Capt. Harkin, 3 years | Co. Muster Roll May–Jun 1862, p.2 | [T2] | | Age at enlistment | 19 yrs (implied b. ~1843) | Co. Muster Roll May–Jun 1862, p.2 | [T2] | | Age at capture | 23 yrs on prison register (implied b. ~1841) | POW Memoranda, p.8 | [T2] | | Horse valuation | \$140 | Co. Muster Rolls May–Jun & Nov–Dec 1862, pp.2–3 | [T2] | | Horse equipment valuation | \$22 | Co. Muster Rolls May–Jun & Nov–Dec 1862, pp.2–3 | [T2] | | Rank | Private in / Private out (no change documented) | Jacket, p.1 | [T4] | | Furlough | Absent on 20-day furlough of indulgence from Aug. 14, 1863 (approved application Aug. 9, 1863) | Co. Muster Roll Jul–Aug 1863, p.4; Furlough Application, p.5 | [T2]/[T1] | | Residence / home | Fayette County, Alabama | Furlough Application p.5; Oath p.9 | [T1] | | Capture | Near Decatur, Ala., Oct. 9, 1864 | POW Memoranda, p.8 | [T2] | | Prison chain | Military Prison, Louisville, Ky., recd Oct. 16, 1864; forwarded Camp Chase, Ohio, Oct. 19, 1864 | POW Memoranda, p.8 | [T2] | | Oath of Allegiance / release | Sworn June 12, 1865, Camp Chase, Ohio; released | Oath of Allegiance, p.9 | [T1] | | Physical description | Complexion fair; hair light; eyes blue; height 5 ft. 8 in. | Oath of Allegiance, p.9 | [T2] | | General Notation | "G 218, V.S. 1864" | Jacket, p.1 | [T4] | | Pencil docket | "bundle 61 - 23" (lower corner) | Jacket, p.1 | [T4] |

Service Timeline

| Period | Status | Remarks (verbatim where load-bearing) | Card / Page | |---|---|---|---| | May & Jun 1862 | Present | Enlisted May 20, 1862, Tuscaloosa; age 19; horse \$140, equip \$22 | p.2 [T2] | | Jul–Oct 1862 | — | No roll survives in jacket (records gap) | — | | Nov & Dec 1862 | Present | horse \$140, equip \$22 | p.3 [T2] | | Jan–Jun 1863 | — | No roll survives in jacket (records gap) | — | | Jul & Aug 1863 | Absent | "Absent - on furlough of indulgence, 20 days, from Aug. 14, 1863"; furlough granted on approved application of Aug. 9, 1863 | p.4 [T2] | | Sep 1863 – Feb 1864 | — | No roll survives in jacket (records gap) | — | | Mar & Apr 1864 | Present | copyist: "Name appears on this roll as Rennick." | p.6 [T2] | | May–Aug 1864 | — | No roll survives in jacket (records gap) | — | | Sep & Oct 1864 | Absent | "absent without leave since Oct. 10, 1864" (last company roll in jacket) — see conflict with capture Oct. 9, 1864 | p.7 [T2] | | Oct 9, 1864 | Captured | near Decatur, Ala. | p.8 [T2] | | Oct 16–19, 1864 | Prisoner | recd Military Prison Louisville, Ky.; forwarded Camp Chase, Ohio | p.8 [T2] | | Jun 12, 1865 | Released on oath | Oath of Allegiance sworn Camp Chase, Ohio; thereupon released | p.9 [T1] |

No company roll survives after Sept–Oct 1864; the POW and oath records carry the documented arc to release. Absence of later Confederate rolls is a records fact, not evidence of desertion, discharge, or death.

Engagements & Casualty Documentation

The record documents no battle engagement or wound. The only casualty-type event documented is capture: | Item | Date | Source language | Card / Page | Tier | |---|---|---|---|---| | Capture | Oct. 9, 1864 | "Captured: near Decatur, Ala., Oct. 9, 1864." | POW Memoranda, p.8 | [T2] | Presence at any regimental engagement is NOT inferred from unit movements; no roll or casualty card places this soldier at a named battle.

Documentary Evidence Inventory

PERSONAL PAPERS (Tier 1 — triage first):

| Document | Date | Establishes | Page | |---|---|---|---| | Furlough Application, original in soldier's hand, signed "Asa T. Renwicke" | Aug. 9, 1863 | Own-hand name spelling; home in Fayette County; mother living; capt. R. Harkin approved same day | p.5 [T1] |

CARDED ABSTRACTS & OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS:

| Document | Date/Period | Establishes | Page | |---|---|---|---| | Jacket-Envelope (RG 109) | compiled 1900s | Name, unit, rank in/out; 8 card nos.; 1 personal paper; Gen. Notation G 218 V.S. 1864; pencil bundle 61-23 | p.1 [T4] | | Company Muster Roll (copyist J.T. Falkner) | May & Jun 1862 | Enlistment, age 19, horse/equip valuation, Present | p.2 [T2] | | Company Muster Roll | Nov & Dec 1862 | Present; horse/equip valuation | p.3 [T2] | | Company Muster Roll | Jul & Aug 1863 | Absent on furlough | p.4 [T2] | | Company Muster Roll (copyist J.T. Falkner) | Mar & Apr 1864 | Present; copyist note name as Rennick | p.6 [T2] | | Company Muster Roll | Sep & Oct 1864 | AWOL since Oct. 10, 1864 (last company roll) | p.7 [T2] | | Memoranda From Prisoner of War Records | Oct 1864 | Capture, prison chain, age 23 on register | p.8 [T2] | | Oath of Allegiance (Camp Chase, Ohio), signed "Asa T. Renwicke" | Jun 12, 1865 | Release on oath; description; Fayette County residence | p.9 [T2]/[T1] signature | | Fold3-style Source Page | provider-added | Digitization provenance note (fictional specimen) | p.10 [T4] |

Jacket reconciliation: Jacket lists 8 card numbers (44518202, 44518390, 44519077, 44519290, 44520011, 44520288, 61230554, 61230801) and 1 personal paper. Pages supplied contain 7 carded abstracts (pp.2,3,4,6,7,8,9) + 1 personal paper (p.5). **One carded item listed is not present among the supplied pages** — a records gap. Book Mark: blank. See also: blank.

Identity & Variants

| Spelling | Where | Page | Tier | |---|---|---|---| | RENWICKE, Asa T. | Jacket | p.1 | [T4] | | Asa T. Renwicke | May–Jun 1862 muster roll | p.2 | [T2] | | Asa T. Renwick | Nov–Dec 1862 muster roll | p.3 | [T2] | | A. T. Renwick | Jul–Aug 1863 muster roll | p.4 | [T2] | | Asa T. Renwicke (signature) | Furlough Application | p.5 | [T1] | | Asa T. Rennick | Mar–Apr 1864 muster roll — copyist: "Name appears on this roll as Rennick." | p.6 | [T2] | | Asa T. Renwick | Sep–Oct 1864 muster roll; POW memoranda | pp.7,8 | [T2] | | Asa T. Renwicke (signature) | Oath of Allegiance | p.9 | [T1] |

Adjudication: Canonical spelling **Renwicke** — supported by two own-hand signatures (Tier 1, pp.5 and 9) and the jacket header, which outrank copyist renderings (Renwick, Rennick). The "Rennick"

(p.6) is expressly flagged by the copyist as the roll's spelling, i.e., the compiler preserving a variant, not an independent identity.

Source Conflicts & Research Gaps

SOURCE CONFLICTS

- **[SOURCE CONFLICT] AWOL vs. capture (pp.7–8) [T2].** Sep–Oct 1864 company roll: "absent without leave since Oct. 10, 1864"; POW memoranda: "Captured near Decatur, Ala., Oct. 9, 1864." Resolution: the dated capture record (Oct. 9) supersedes the AWOL inference; the absence beginning Oct. 10 reflects captivity, not desertion. The narrative must not imply desertion.
- **[SOURCE CONFLICT] Age / implied birth year (pp.2, 8) [T2].** Age 19 at enlistment (May 1862 → b. ~1843) vs. age 23 on prison register (Oct 1864 → b. ~1841); ~2-year drift. Both derived; flagged, not reconciled into a single birth year.
- **[SOURCE CONFLICT] Surname spelling (pp.1–9).** Renwicke / Renwick / Rennick — adjudicated to Renwicke on Tier-1 signatures (see Identity & Variants).

RESEARCH GAPS

- **UNRESOLVED — missing card.** Jacket lists 8 card numbers; only 7 carded abstracts are present in the supplied pages. One carded item is unaccounted for; order the full jacket at NARA (RG 109) to retrieve it.
- **Roll gaps [T2].** No surviving company rolls for Jul–Oct 1862, Jan–Jun 1863, Sep 1863–Feb 1864, and May–Aug 1864 — records gaps, not service facts.
- **General Notation "G 218, V.S. 1864" (p.1)** and pencil "bundle 61 - 23" point to related compilation/filing series worth chasing.
- **Confederate pension pointer:** No federal Confederate pension exists. Residence in Fayette County, Alabama (pp.5, 9) suggests any postwar pension claim would be an **Alabama** state pension (1880s–1890s rolls), plus Fayette County records and U.D.C./cemetery records.
- **POW records pointer:** Deeper prison records exist in Union prison registers (Louisville; Camp Chase, Ohio) and RG 249 (Commissary General of Prisoners).
- **Identity boundary:** This file establishes what the Asa T. Renwicke of Co. B, 27th Ala. Cav. did — enlistment date/place, ages (b. ~1841–1843), Fayette County residence, physical description, and Capt. R. Harkin as commander. It cannot, by itself, prove this man is any particular family's ancestor; same-named men of the era are common. Tying him to a specific line requires correlation with census, county, church, and land records outside this file.

Unit Identification & Standard References

Unit as the file gives it: Co. B (Capt. Harkin's Company), 27th Regiment Alabama Cavalry (Harkin's). Per house standard, this memo carries no narrative unit history: the evidentiary sections above are built solely from the file, and unit context belongs to the standard works. Consult Crute's *Units of the Confederate States Army*, the unit's own state's rosters and adjutant-general reports, the *Official Records*, and the Compiled Service Records (the M-series for the unit's state) for the surviving rolls.

Citing this material: cite the original pages this memo points to, not the memo itself — it is a finding aid to the file, in the manner of a calendar of papers.

Plates — Artifacts Filed with the Claim

Artifact pages are reproduced exactly as they sit in the file — the page as filed, not a cropped detail. Captions state only what the record itself states.

SPECIMEN — Confederate CMSR, RG 109 style (fictional soldier)

Personal Paper — Furlough Application (original, soldier's hand)

Camp near Gadsden, Ala., August 9th, 1863.

Capt. Harkin - Sir, I respectfully ask a furlough of twenty days to go home to Fayette County. I have not seen my mother since the regiment was made up, and the crop is standing in the field with none but her to get it in. I will return at the end of my time as I always have.

Asa T. Renwicke

Approved: R. Harkin, Capt., Aug. 9, 1863

DEMONSTRATION SPECIMEN — fictional soldier and fictional unit; typeset reconstruction of real record types. Not a genuine record.

Plate 1 — Letter (personal paper, soldier's hand) (page 5). inscribed/captioned: "Camp near Gadsden, Ala., August 9th, 1863. Capt. Harkin - Sir, I respectfully ask a furlough of twenty days to go home to Fayette County. I have not seen my mother since the regiment was made up, and the crop is standing in the field with none but her to get it in. I will return at the end of my time as I always have. Asa T. Renwicke Approved: R. Harkin, Capt., Aug. 9, 1863". The jacket's single personal paper: an original furlough request in the soldier's own hand, signed Asa T. Renwicke (Tier 1 for spelling); names his mother and Fayette County home, and Capt. R. Harkin as approving officer.

Document Inventory

Page	Document Type	Summary
1	Jacket-Envelope (RG 109)	Cover for RENWICKE, Asa T., Pvt., Co. B, 27th Regt Alabama Cavalry (Harkin's), Confederate; rank in/out Private; 8 card numbers; 1 personal paper; Gen. Notation G 218 V.S. 1864; pencil 'bundle 61 - 23'; Book Mark and See also blank.
2	Company Muster Roll, May & June 1862	Enlisted May 20, 1862, Tuscaloosa, by Capt. Harkin, 3 yrs; Present; age 19; horse \$140, equip \$22; copyist J.T. Falkner.
3	Company Muster Roll, Nov. & Dec. 1862	Asa T. Renwick, Present; horse \$140, equip \$22.
4	Company Muster Roll, July & Aug. 1863	A.T. Renwick, Absent on 20-day furlough of indulgence from Aug. 14, 1863; furlough granted on approved application of Aug. 9, 1863.
5	Personal Paper — Furlough Application (original, soldier's hand)	Letter to Capt. Harkin, Camp near Gadsden, Ala., Aug. 9, 1863, requesting 20-day furlough to Fayette County to see mother and gather crop; signed Asa T. Renwicke; approved R. Harkin, Capt.
6	Company Muster Roll, Mar. & Apr. 1864	Asa T. Rennick, Present; copyist note 'Name appears on this roll as Rennick'; copyist J.T. Falkner.
7	Company Muster Roll, Sept. & Oct. 1864	Asa T. Renwick, Absent — 'absent without leave since Oct. 10, 1864'; last company roll in jacket.
8	Memoranda From Prisoner of War Records	Captured near Decatur, Ala., Oct. 9, 1864; recd Military Prison Louisville, Ky., Oct. 16, 1864; forwarded Camp Chase, Ohio, Oct. 19, 1864; age on register 23.
9	Oath of Allegiance (Camp Chase, Ohio)	Asa T. Renwicke of Fayette County, Ala.; sworn June 12, 1865 at Camp Chase, released; description complexion fair, hair light, eyes blue, 5 ft 8 in; signed Asa T. Renwicke.
10	Fold3-style Source Page	Digitization provider source page; not part of original record; notes specimen and unit are fictional.

Every Fact and Its Source

Each substantive fact in this report, with the document that states it. Tier 1 = sworn or own-hand documents; Tier 2 = official contemporaneous records; Tier 3 = claim-process paperwork; Tier 4 = administrative material. Notes mark facts a witness learned second-hand, values worked out by calculation, and uncertain readings.

Fact	Source document (page)	Tier	Notes
Asa T. Renwicke, Private, Co. B, 27th Regiment Alabama Cavalry (Harkin's), Confederate; rank in and out Private.	Jacket-Envelope (RG 109) (p. 1)	4	—
Own-hand signatures spell the surname 'Renwicke' (furlough application and oath).	Furlough Application (p.5) and Oath of Allegiance (p.9) (p. 5)	1	corroborated by second source
Surname rendered 'Rennick' on the Mar–Apr 1864 roll with copyist note that the name appears on the roll as Rennick.	Company Muster Roll, Mar. & Apr. 1864 (p. 6)	2	source conflict
Enlisted May 20, 1862, at Tuscaloosa, Ala., by Capt. Harkin, for 3 years.	Company Muster Roll, May & June 1862 (p. 2)	2	—
Age 19 at enlistment (implies birth ~1843).	Company Muster Roll, May & June 1862 (p. 2)	2	calculated/derived
Horse valued at \$140 and horse equipments at \$22.	Company Muster Rolls, May–June 1862 and Nov.–Dec. 1862 (p. 2)	2	corroborated by second source
Present, May & June 1862.	Company Muster Roll, May & June 1862 (p. 2)	2	—
Present, Nov. & Dec. 1862.	Company Muster Roll, Nov. & Dec. 1862 (p. 3)	2	—
Absent on 20-day furlough of indulgence from Aug. 14, 1863; furlough granted on approved application of Aug. 9, 1863.	Company Muster Roll, July & Aug. 1863 (p. 4)	2	—
Requested and was granted a 20-day furlough to Fayette County (approved by Capt. R. Harkin)	Furlough Application (personal paper, soldier's hand) (p. 5)	1	—

on Aug. 9, 1863.			
Present, Mar. & Apr. 1864.	Company Muster Roll, Mar. & Apr. 1864 (p. 6)	2	—
Sept. & Oct. 1864 roll marks him absent without leave since Oct. 10, 1864 (last company roll in the jacket).	Company Muster Roll, Sept. & Oct. 1864 (p. 7)	2	source conflict
Captured near Decatur, Ala., Oct. 9, 1864.	Memoranda From Prisoner of War Records (p. 8)	2	source conflict
Received at Military Prison, Louisville, Ky., Oct. 16, 1864, and forwarded to Camp Chase, Ohio, Oct. 19, 1864.	Memoranda From Prisoner of War Records (p. 8)	2	—
Age given as 23 on the prison register (implies birth ~1841).	Memoranda From Prisoner of War Records (p. 8)	2	calculated/derived
Swore the Oath of Allegiance at Camp Chase, Ohio, June 12, 1865, and was thereupon released.	Oath of Allegiance (Camp Chase, Ohio) (p. 9)	1	—
Physical description at release: complexion fair, hair light, eyes blue, height 5 ft. 8 in.	Oath of Allegiance (Camp Chase, Ohio) (p. 9)	2	—
Home/residence: Fayette County, Alabama.	Furlough Application (p.5) and Oath of Allegiance (p.9) (p. 9)	1	corroborated by second source
Mother living in Fayette County at the time of the 1863 furlough request.	Furlough Application (personal paper, soldier's hand) (p. 5)	1	—
Company commander was Capt. R. Harkin; copyist of two rolls was J.T. Falkner.	Furlough Application (p.5) and Company Muster Rolls (pp.2,6) (p. 5)	1	corroborated by second source
Jacket lists 8 card numbers and 1 personal paper; General Notation 'G 218, V.S. 1864'; pencil 'bundle 61 - 23'; Book Mark and See also blank.	Jacket-Envelope (RG 109) (p. 1)	4	—
Only 7 carded abstracts are	Jacket-Envelope reconciled against	4	—

present among the supplied pages against 8 card numbers listed on the jacket — one carded item unaccounted for.	supplied pages (p. 1)		
Fold3-style source page states the specimen soldier and unit are fictional and correspond to no actual NARA jacket.	Fold3-style Source Page (p. 10)	4	—

Source-Conflict Register

Here two or more perfectly legible documents say different things. That is a finding about the record, not a reading problem - both versions are shown, and neither was silently preferred. Where the evidence clearly favored one reading, the story above follows it, and the note here says why - a visible weighing, never a silent one.

- **Page 8** - the documents disagree here (The Sept–Oct 1864 company roll (p.7) marks the soldier absent without leave from Oct. 10, 1864, but the POW memoranda (p.8) records capture the day before, Oct. 9, 1864. The AWOL entry is contradicted/explained by the dated capture record). Both readings appear in the report; review confirmed the disagreement is in the record itself. Our read: The dated capture record (Oct. 9, 1864) supersedes the AWOL inference: the absence reflects captivity, not desertion. Do not let the narrative imply desertion.
- **Page 8** - the documents disagree here (Age 19 on the May–Jun 1862 muster roll (p.2) implies birth ~1843; age 23 on the Oct 1864 prison register (p.8) implies birth ~1841 — a roughly 2-year drift in implied birth year). Both readings appear in the report; review confirmed the disagreement is in the record itself. The evidence is evenly balanced; we do not choose between them.
- **Page 6** - the documents disagree here (Surname is rendered Renwicke (jacket p.1, muster p.2), Renwick (pp.3,4,7,8), and Rennick (p.6, with copyist note 'Name appears on this roll as Rennick'). Own-hand signatures on pp.5 and 9 read Renwicke). Both readings appear in the report; review confirmed the disagreement is in the record itself. Our read: Canonical spelling Renwicke — two Tier-1 own-hand signatures (pp.5, 9) plus the jacket header outrank copyist renderings; the Rennick variant is the compiler preserving the roll's spelling, not a separate man.

Documented Silences

The file is silent on these points. No document states them, so the report says so rather than filling them in.

- **Page 1** - the file does not answer this (The jacket lists 8 card numbers and 1 personal paper (9 items). The supplied pages contain 7 carded abstracts (pp.2,3,4,6,7,8,9) plus 1 personal paper (p.5) — one carded item listed is not present). The Research Gaps section points to the records that might.

About this report: it was produced from the file provided, read page by page. It does not search records beyond that file - the Research Gaps section points to the outside records that could carry the story further.