

## Notes on Swift and Reid/Ried inscription

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Function	Infantry
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Capture Site	Drewry's Bluff, Virg
Status	Held at Andersonville and survived
Remarks	Unknown

Mortality schedule, Hampden, Mass.:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Ralph R Swift</b>
<b>Gender</b>	<b>Male</b>
<b>Marital Status</b>	<b>Married</b>
<b>Estimated Birth Year</b>	<b>abt 1821</b>
<b>Birth Place</b>	<b>Connecticut, USA</b>
<b>Age</b>	<b>58</b>
<b>Death Date</b>	<b>Jul 1879</b>
<b>Cause of Death</b>	<b>Drowned</b>
<b>Census year</b>	<b>1880</b>
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Arkansas-Kentucky connection context:

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Selected NARA files:

Richmond Feb 1<sup>st</sup> 1863

Mr James Seddon  
Secy of War.

I hereby tender my  
resignation as Capt: Co H. 3<sup>rd</sup> Ark Regt.

Very Respectfully  
Saml<sup>r</sup> V Reid

Capt Co H. 3<sup>rd</sup> Ark Regt.

*L. V. Reid*  
Major & Comd'g.

Appears on a

**Register**

of Appointments, Confederate States Army.

State *Virginia*

To whom reported *Major Paul Ransom*

Date of appointment *March 6, 1864*

Date of confirmation *1864*

To take rank *Feb 19, 1864*

Date of acceptance *1864*

Delivered *Comd'g Paul*

Subsequent disposition

Secretary of War *J. A. Seddon*

Remarks *Not confirmed, reports  
to former position, 2 & 19*

(CONFEDERATE)

*R*

*L. V. Reid*  
Capt. & M. Sept

Appears on a Register of

General Hospital No. 4  
Richmond, Virginia.

Disease *Scarlatina*

Admitted *Sept 6, 1864*

Returned to duty *June 17, 1864*

Discharged *1864*

Discharged from service *1864*

Sent to General Hospital *1864*

Paroled *1864*

Died *1864*

Remarks

Prepared by J. H. H., Examined by J. H. H.

REID, SAMUEL V.,  
Capt. 3d Ark., afterwards  
Capt. A. C. S., afterwards  
Major, C. S.

SPECIAL DUTY.

Aug. 22, 1862, to Oct. 15, 1862. Special duty, Sub. Dept.  
Oct. 15, 1862, to Jan. 16, 1864. With Maj. Chas. S. Smith, C. S., at Atlanta, Ga.  
Memo. Resigned commission 3d Ark., and was appointed Capt. A. C. S. to rank from Feb. 1, 1863.

RANSOM'S CAVALRY DIVISION.

Jan. 16, 1864. Capt. & A. C. S., ordered to report to Gen. R. Ransom, Jr., comdg. Div.,  
Dept. of S. E. Va., as Chief Coms. (S. O. 13 (15) A. & I. G. O.)  
March 16, 1864. Appointed, from Va., Maj. & C. S., to rank from Feb. 13, 1864, to  
report to Gen. Ransom. (Report A. O.)

POST OF WILMINGTON, N. C.

June 4, 1864. Maj. & C. S., assigned to duty at Wilmington, N. C. (S. O. 130 (5) A. & I. G. O.)

GEN. WHITING'S COMMAND.

Oct. 10, 1864. Maj. & C. S., ordered to relieve Capt. McFinney, Chief Prof. Coms., 4th  
Dist. N. C., and as Chief Coms. of troops commanded by Gen. W. H. C. Whiting.  
(S. O. 240 (32) A. & I. G. O.)  
Jan. 15, 1865. Addressed as Maj., Com. Sub., at Wilmington. (Vol. 46-2, p. 1063.)  
Feb. 24, 1865. Announced as Chief Com. Sub. at Dept. Hdqrs., Dept. of N. C., Bragg  
comdg. (S. O. 16, Bragg.)  
April 10, 1865. Gen. Bragg, comdg. Dept. N. C., sends orders to Maj. S. V. Reid, Chief  
Coms. (Vol. 47-3, p. 785.)

Note that above shows he was under Ransom at time of gun's capture. Ransom was indeed at Drewry's Bluff for the date of the gun's --- and Swift's --- capture:

*On May 13 Gillmore circled to the west to outflank the Confederate line. Smith pushed across the creek to find that the Confederates had abandoned the works for a stronger fortified position to their rear. Gillmore flanked this line at Wooldridge Hill, and the Confederates retreated again. Beauregard arrived to take command of the Confederates the following day and constructed a new line extending westward from Drewry's Bluff. The Federals dug in before this new line. Butler's cautious advance gave Beauregard time to concentrate his forces. He summoned CS Major General W. H. C. Whiting's Division from Petersburg and planned a converging attack on the Union lines: Whiting would attack northward, hitting Butler's rear, while Hoke and CS General Ransom's Divisions, attacking en echelon from left to right, would drive the Federal right back from Drewry's Bluff.*



**Ransom, with his right anchored near Fort Stevens, attacked down the Old Stage Road through heavy fog on the morning of May 16.** He rolled up the Union line from right to left until his offensive stalled—his troops could not see through the fog. Rather than counterattack, Smith ordered his troops to retreat to the turnpike. Whiting inched northward from Petersburg to Port Walthall Junction but missed the battle. Butler ordered his demoralized army back to Bermuda Hundred that afternoon, ending his offensive against Richmond.

Burials:

## Maj Samuel Venable Reid

Birth: Jul. 19, 1833

Death: Apr. 1, 1886

Maj. Reid served under Stonewall Jackson in the "Valley Campaign" & around Richmond. He was wounded at 7 Pines. He ended up on Gen. Whiting's staff.

### Family links:

#### Parents:

[William Shields Reid \(1778 - 1853\)](#)

[Clementina Frances Venable Reid \(1788 - 1841\)](#)

#### Spouse:

[Josephine O'Hara Reid \(1849 - 1938\)\\*](#)

#### Children:

[May Josephine Reid \(1880 - 1881\)\\*](#)

#### Siblings:

[Mary Carrington Reid \(1812 - 1837\)\\*](#)

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[Isabella M Reid Williams \(1830 - 1910\)\\*](#)

Samuel Venable Reid (1833 - 1886)

### Inscription:

Father

### Burial:

[Linden Grove Cemetery](#)

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Sidebar --- this is Samuel's brother:

### Maj William Shields Reid, Jr

Birth: Apr. 24, 1814  
Campbell County  
Virginia, USA

Death: Jul. 7, 1862  
Virginia, USA

William Shields Reid, Jr. attended Amherst college and Princeton University. When Virginia seceded, he raised an Artillery Company, refused to take any commission of any kind, volunteered as a private, fought through all the worst of the Civil War, was killed at Malvern Hill. Major Samuel V. Reid, his brother, found in his coat pocket a commission with the rank of Major on Fitzhugh Lee's Staff, dated the week before he died.  
( Lee was promoted to Brig. General July 26, 1862)

William Shields Reid Jr. was the son of :  
William Shields Reid Sr and Clementia Venable

#### Early American Presbyterians

Rev. William Shields Reid (1778-1853)

He was born in West Nottingham township, Chester Co., Pennsylvania, April 21, 1778, the son of Adam Reid and Martha Shields. He graduated from the College of New Jersey in 1802 and taught at Georgetown, in the District of Columbia in the academy of Rev. S.B. Balch between 1802 and 1804. He was a candidate to the Winchester Presbytery April 22, 1804 and studied theology under Dr. Moses Hoge. He was dismissed to Hanover Presbytery, August 1, 1806, by which he was licensed and ordained about 1808. He was vice president and president of Hampden-Sydney College 1806-7 and resided at Lynchburg, Virginia, 1808-53. He was stated supply at Concord Congregation 1810, principal of Tompkin's Boys School 1808-1815, he had his own boarding school for girls between 1815 and about 1848. He founded and organized the First Presbyterian Church of Lynchburg, March 20, 1815 (three men, ten women) and was stated supply there 1815-1822. He was their pastor 1822 to 1848. The church was built on lot 93, 2nd Street near Main which he donated. Sunday School was organized there May 3, 1818. He died at Lynchburg, Jun 21, 1853. He married Clementine Frances Venable and had thirteen children. He was the Moderator of his Synod in 1821.

The first building housing the First Presbyterian Church of Lynchburg, Virginia was a small brick structure with a high steeple, erected in 1815 on what is now Main Street across from City Market between Twelfth and Thirteenth Streets. Dr William Shields Reid, the first pastor, and his wife Clementina donated the land. The Sabbath School Society began classes in May 1818. When this church building was severely damaged by a storm in 1854, a new and larger church, a two story edifice with Sabbath School Room below Church Auditorium, was built on the same site and dedicated on Sunday, November 14, 1858. As the church congregation continued to grow, a third church building was put up at Ninth and Court Streets and dedicated on May 8, 1900. A weekly church bulletin, a "first" in Lynchburg, was introduced in 1904.



Added by: [Dorrell Landon](#)

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**Burial:**

[Presbyterian Cemetery](#)

Lynchburg

Lynchburg City

Virginia, USA

Plot: Range 6, Lot 8 No Marker



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**Confederate Staff Officers with Ohio Connections**

From the research of Robert E. L. Krick, Historian, Richmond National Battlefield Park, Richmond VA.

Samuel Venable **Reid**

(Page 252) Born in Lynchburg, Virginia, 19 Jul 1833. Attended University of Virginia and Washington College.

**Moved to Covington, Kentucky, in 1858.**

- Captain, Company H, 3rd Arkansas. Wounded at Seven Pines. Resigned 12 Feb 1863.
- Special duty with Commissary Department.
- Captain, Assistant Commissary of Subsistence, 1 Feb 1863, at Atlanta.
- Captain, Assistant Commissary of Subsistence to Robert Ransom, 16 Jan 1864.
- Major, Commissary of Subsistence at Wilmington, North Carolina from 4 Jun 1864 through the end of the war.

**Postwar merchant at Cincinnati, Ohio.** Alive 1887. "Not much bigger than a lump of chalk." (Bob Krick's note:

**S. V. Reid apparently was a businessman in Cincinnati both before and after the war. He married Josephine**

**O'Hara there in 1879;** however, he died at Lexington, Kentucky, date unknown. It is not clear whether he was

living in Lexington or just happened to be there when he expired.)

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Clippings:

y, October 22, 1880 **Paper: Trenton State Gazette (Trenton, New Jersey)**

He was apparently a pistol.

**Major Samuel V. Reid;**

An ex-Confederate soldier, a resident of Covington, Kentucky, and a commission merchant in Cincinnati, in the Cincinnati Commercial of Thursday, October 14, 1880, gave expression to his opinion as follows on the result of the October election:

"I am for revolution. I fought them before, and I am ready to march out and fight them again. The musket will have to settle this business at last. These blankety blank sons of blanks are hiring niggers to vote against us, and I tell you the people won't stand it much longer. The principles of the Southern Democrats lived in Washington, and they lived in Lee, and they live yet. The whole country has gone to hell. I would like to migrate to the Rocky Mountains and never see a white man again as long as I live."

July 4, 1870 Paper: Cincinnati Daily Enquirer (Cincinnati, Ohio)  
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Did not yet find mention of Reid w/Masons but he was high up in the Odd Fellows:

**SOCIETY ELECTIONS.**—The several Lodges and Encampments of Odd-fellows of this city have elected their officers for the ensuing six months. They are as follows:

Kinton Lodge, No. 24—Noble Grand, Willis Rude; Vice Grand, H. Cherington; Recording Secretary, R. D. Groyder; Permanent Secretary, G. N. Childs; Treasurer, W. W. Bean.

Washington Lodge, No. 3—Noble Grand, A. T. Rose; Vice Grand, C. O. Glore; Recording Secretary, C. A. Brosemer; Treasurer, C. A. Whitcomb.

Naomi Lodge, No. 159—Noble Grand, James W. Mitchell; Vice Grand, Joseph Grunkemyer; Recording Secretary, William P. McKee; Permanent Secretary, Joseph R. Moylan; Treasurer, R. G. Mattlews.

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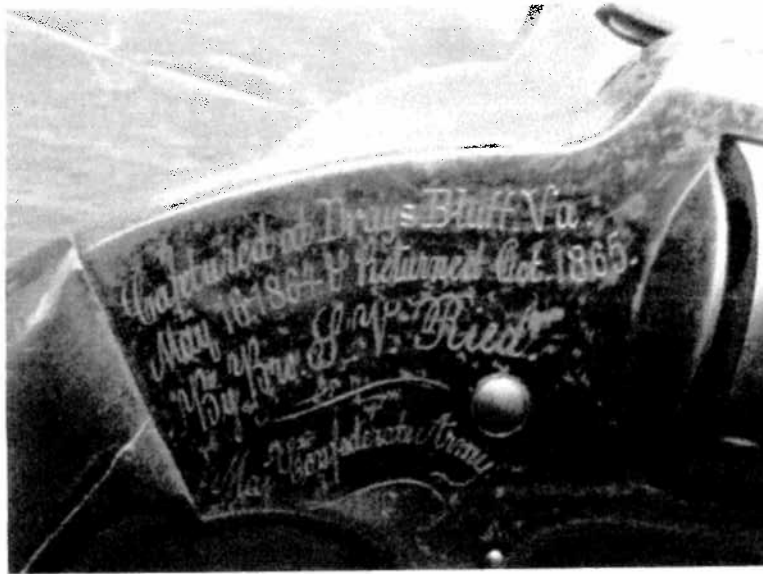
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*Company H — "The Orphan Company", commanded by Captain Reed [sic], a mixed Arkansas/Kentucky company. The fledgling company had only gathered 33 volunteers, only a third of that needed to constitute a full company. Two companies of Arkansas volunteers from Ashley county, passing through Nashville, Tennessee, on their way to Virginia to form the Third Arkansas Infantry, met **Samuel V. Reid**, of Kentucky, who had brought 30 of his fellow Kentuckians down to Tennessee, looking for a regiment to attach themselves to. It was proposed that the two groups of volunteers join forces to fit out a full company for the Third Arkansas. The commissioned and non-commissioned officer appointments would be equally divided among the two groups, with Reid becoming captain and Gibson becoming first lieutenant. Accordingly, the Kentuckians enlisted at Nashville on June 10; the Arkansans enlisted at Tyro on June 15; and the new company traveled to Lynchburg, Virginia, where it was assigned to the Third Regiment, Arkansas Volunteers, as Company H, July 1861. Colonel Albert Rust, regimental commander, referred to the company as "my orphans", a name which the men adopted as "The Orphan Company". In keeping with its cosmopolitan nature, Company H recruited a quite a few Virginians during the war. During its four years of service, 116 men served in Company H, only nine of them remained when the company was surrendered at Appomattox Court House.*

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Selected NARA files:

Richmond Feb 1<sup>st</sup> 1863

In James Seddon

Regt 5<sup>th</sup> Va. Inf.

I hereby tender my resignation as Capt. Co H. 3<sup>rd</sup> Ark Regt.

Very Respectfully  
 Paul A. Rice

Capt Co H. 3<sup>rd</sup> Ark Regt.

*James Seddon*  
*Major & Comd.*

Appears in a

**Register**

of Appointments, Confederate States Army.

State *Virginia*

To whom reported *Wm. Lee Ricketts*

Date of appointment *Feb 10* 186*2*

Date of confirmation *Feb 10* 186*2*

To take rank *Feb 10* 186*2*

Date of acceptance *Feb 10* 186*2*

Delivered *Comd. Genl.*

Subsequent designation

Remarks *Was J. A. Seddon*  
*Remains not confirmed until*  
*to former position. 1877*

(CONFEDERATE.)

*R*

*J. A. Seddon*  
*Capt. 3<sup>rd</sup> Ark Regt.*

Appears in a Register of

General Hospital No. 4,  
 Richmond, Virginia.

Disease *Cholera*

Admitted *June 17* 186*4*

Returned to duty *June 17* 186*4*

Discharged *June 17* 186*4*

Discharged from service *June 17* 186*4*

Sent to General Hospital *June 17* 186*4*

Forfeited *June 17* 186*4*

Died *June 17* 186*4*

Remarks

Prepared by A. J. H., Examined by J. J. H.

REID, SAMUEL V.,  
Capt. 3d Ark., afterwards  
Capt. A. C. S., afterwards  
Major, C. S.

#### SPECIAL DUTY.

Aug. 22, 1862, to Oct. 15, 1862. Special duty, Sub. Dept.  
Oct. 15, 1862, to Jan. 16, 1864. With Maj. C. S. at Atlanta, Ga.  
Memo. Resigned commission 3d Ark., and was appointed Capt. A. C. S. to rank from Feb.  
1, 1863.

#### RANSOM'S CAVALRY DIVISION.

Jan. 16, 1864. Capt. & A. C. S., ordered to report to Gen. R. Ransom, Jr., comdg. Div.,  
Dept. of S. W. Va., as Chief Comsy. (S. O. 13 (15) A. & I. C. O.)  
March 16, 1864. Appointed, from Va., Maj. & C. S., to rank from Feb. 13, 1864; to  
report to Gen. Ransom. (Report A. O.)

#### POST OF WILMINGTON, N. C.

June 4, 1864. Maj. & C. S., assigned to duty at Wilmington, N. C. (S. O. 130 (5) A. &  
I. C. O.)

#### GEN. WHITING'S COMMAND.

Oct. 10, 1864. Maj. & C. S., ordered to relieve Capt. McFinney, Chief Puf. Comsy., 4th  
Dist. N. C., and as Chief Comsy. of troops commanded by Gen. W. H. C. Whiting.  
(S. O. 240 (32) A. & I. C. O.)  
Jan. 15, 1865. Addressed as Maj., Com. Sub., at Wilmington. (Vol. 46-2, p. 1063.)  
Feb. 24, 1865. Announced as Chief Com. Sub. at Dept. Hdqrs., Dept. of N. C., Bragg  
comdg. (S. O. 16, Bragg.)  
April 10, 1865. Gen. Bragg, comdg. Dept. N. C., sends orders to Maj. S. V. Reid, Chief  
Comsy. (Vol. 47-3, p. 785.)

Note that above shows he was under Ransom at time of gun's capture. Ransom was indeed at Drewry's Bluff for the date of the gun's --- and Swift's --- capture:

*On May 13 Gillmore circled to the west to outflank the Confederate line. Smith pushed across the creek to find that the Confederates had abandoned the works for a stronger fortified position to their rear. Gillmore flanked this line at Wooldridge Hill, and the Confederates retreated again. Beauregard arrived to take command of the Confederates the following day and constructed a new line extending westward from Drewry's Bluff. The Federals dug in before this new line. Butler's cautious advance gave Beauregard time to concentrate his forces. He summoned CS Major General W. H. C. Whiting's Division from Petersburg and planned a converging attack on the Union lines: Whiting would attack northward, hitting Butler's rear, while Hoke and CS General Ransom's Divisions, attacking en echelon from left to right, would drive the Federal right back from Drewry's Bluff.*

*Ransom, with his right anchored near Fort Stevens, attacked down the Old Stage Road through heavy fog on the morning of May 16. He rolled up the Union line from right to left until his offensive stalled—his troops could not see through the fog. Rather than counterattack, Smith ordered his troops to retreat to the turnpike. Whiting inched northward from Petersburg to Port Walthall Junction but missed the battle. Butler ordered his demoralized army back to Bermuda Hundred that afternoon, ending his offensive against Richmond.*

Burials:

## Maj Samuel Venable Reid

Birth: Jul. 19, 1833

Death: Apr. 1, 1886

Maj. Reid served under Stonewall Jackson in the "Valley Campaign" & around Richmond. He was wounded at 7 Pines. He ended up on Gen. Whiting's staff.

### Family links:

#### Parents:

William Shields Reid (1778 - 1853)

Clementina Frances Venable Reid (1788 - 1841)

#### Spouse:

Josephine O'Hara Reid (1849 - 1938)\*

#### Children:

May Josephine Reid (1880 - 1881)\*

#### Siblings:

Mary Carrington Reid (1812 - 1837)\*

William Shields Reid (1814 - 1862)\*

Margaret N Reid Wilson (1816 - 1887)\*

Henningham V Reid Norvell (1818 - 1892)\*

Jennie Reid Abbott (1827 - 1908)\*

Isabella M Reid Williams (1830 - 1910)\*

Samuel Venable Reid (1833 - 1886)

### Inscription:

Father

### Burial:

Linden Grove Cemetery  
Covington



Added by: Debbie J



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Kenton County  
Kentucky, USA

Created by: [Lin](#)  
Record added: Sep 09, 2011  
Find A Grave Memorial# 76232280



Cemetery Photo  
Added by: [Todd Whitesides](#)

Sidebar --- this is Samuel's brother:

#### Maj William Shields Reid, Jr

Birth: Apr. 24, 1814  
Campbell County  
Virginia, USA

Death: Jul. 7, 1862  
Virginia, USA

William Shields Reid, Jr. attended Amherst college and Princeton University. When Virginia seceded, he raised an Artillery Company, refused to take any commission of any kind, volunteered as a private, fought through all the worst of the Civil War, was killed at Mahvern Hill. Major Samuel V. Reid, his brother, found in his coat pocket a commission with the rank of Major on Fitzhugh Lee's Staff, dated the week before he died.  
( Lee was promoted to Brig. General July 26, 1862)

William Shields Reid Jr. was the son of :  
William Shields Reid Sr and Clementia Venable

##### Early American Presbyterians

Rev. William Shields Reid (1778-1853)

He was born in West Nottingham township, Chester Co., Pennsylvania, April 21, 1778, the son of Adam Reid and Martha Shields. He graduated from the College of New Jersey in 1802 and taught at Georgetown, in the District of Columbia in the academy of Rev. S.B. Balch between 1802 and 1804. He was a candidate to the Winchester Presbytery April 22, 1804 and studied theology under Dr. Moses Hoge. He was dismissed to Hanover Presbytery, August 1, 1806, by which he was licensed and ordained about 1808. He was vice president and president of Hampden-Sydney College 1806-7 and resided at Lynchburg, Virginia, 1808-53. He was stated supply at Concord Congregation 1810, principal of Tompkin's Boys School 1808-1815, he had his own boarding school for girls between 1815 and about 1848. He founded and organized the First Presbyterian Church of Lynchburg, March 20, 1815 (three men, ten women) and was stated supply there 1815-1822. He was their pastor 1822 to 1848. The church was built on lot 93, 2nd Street near Main which he donated. Sunday School was organized there May 3, 1818. He died at Lynchburg, Jun 21, 1853. He married Clementine Frances Venable and had thirteen children. He was the Moderator of his Synod in 1821.

The first building housing the First Presbyterian Church of Lynchburg, Virginia was a small brick structure with a high steeple, erected in 1815 on what is now Main Street across from City Market between Twelfth and Thirteenth Streets. Dr William Shields Reid, the first pastor, and his wife Clementina donated the land. The Sabbath School Society began classes in May 1818. When this church building was severely damaged by a storm in 1854, a new and larger church, a two story edifice with Sabbath School Room below Church Auditorium, was built on the same site and dedicated on Sunday, November 14, 1858. As the church congregation continued to grow, a third church building was put up at Ninth and Court Streets and dedicated on May 8, 1900. A weekly church bulletin, a "first" in Lynchburg, was introduced in 1904.



Added by: [Dorrell Landrum](#)



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**Burial:**

Presbyterian Cemetery

Lynchburg

Lynchburg City

Virginia, USA

Plot: Range 6, Lot 8 No Marker



Added by: Laura Southern Lott



Added by: Rebecca Evans

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**Confederate Staff Officers with Ohio Connections**

From the research of Robert E. L. Krick, Historian, Richmond National Battlefield Park, Richmond VA.

Samuel Venable Reid

(Page 252) Born in Lynchburg, Virginia, 19 Jul 1833. Attended University of Virginia and Washington College.

**Moved to Covington, Kentucky, in 1858.**

- Captain, Company H, 3rd Arkansas. Wounded at Seven Pines. Resigned 12 Feb 1863.
- Special duty with Commissary Department.
- Captain, Assistant Commissary of Subsistence, 1 Feb 1863, at Atlanta.
- Captain, Assistant Commissary of Subsistence to Robert Ransom, 16 Jan 1864.
- Major, Commissary of Subsistence at Wilmington, North Carolina from 4 Jun 1864 through the end of the war.

**Postwar merchant at Cincinnati, Ohio.** Alive 1887. "Not much bigger than a lump of chalk." (Bob Krick's note:

**S. V. Reid apparently was a businessman in Cincinnati both before and after the war. He married Josephine**

**O'Hara there in 1879;** however, he died at Lexington, Kentucky, date unknown. It is not clear whether he was

living in Lexington or just happened to be there when he expired.)

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Clippings:

y, October 22, 1880 **Paper:** Trenton State Gazette (Trenton, New Jersey)

He was apparently a pistol.

**Major Samuel V. Reid;**

An ex-Confederate soldier, a resident of Covington, Kentucky, and a commission merchant in Cincinnati, in the Cincinnati Commercial of Thursday, October 14, 1880, gave expression to his opinion as follows on the result of the October election:

"I am for revolution. I fought them before, and I am ready to march out and fight them again. The musket will have to settle this business at last. These blankety blank sons of blanks are hiring niggers to vote against us, and I tell you the people won't stand it much longer. The principles of the Southern Democrats lived in Washington, and they lived in Lee, and they live yet. The whole country has gone to hell. I would like to migrate to the Rocky Mountains and never see a white man again as long as I live."

July 4, 1870 Paper: Cincinnati Daily Enquirer (Cincinnati, Ohio)  
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Did not yet find mention of Reid w/Masons but he was high up in the Odd Fellows:

**SOCIETY ELECTIONS.**—The several Lodges and Encampments of Odd-fellows of this city have elected their officers for the ensuing six months. They are as follows:

Kinton Lodge, No. 24—Noble Grand, Willis Rude; Vice Grand, H. Cherington; Recording Secretary, R. D. Groyder; Permanent Secretary, G. N. Childs; Treasurer, W. W. Bean.

Washington Lodge, No. 3—Noble Grand, A. T. Rose; Vice Grand, C. O. Glore; Recording Secretary, C. A. Brosemer; Treasurer, C. A. Whitcomb.

Naomi Lodge, No. 159—Noble Grand, James W. Mitchell; Vice Grand, Joseph Grunkemyer; Recording Secretary, William P. McKee; Permanent Secretary, Joseph R. Moylan; Treasurer, R. G. Mattlews.

Good Intent Lodge, No. 166—Noble Grand, Samuel V. Reid; Vice Grand, Gustavus Nichols; Recording Secretary, Charles L. Brown; Per-