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July 31, 1918...The commission making the investigation of the steamer Columbia tragedy of July 5th, when a hundred or more people were drowned in the Illinois river near Peoria, has placed the blame on Captain H. F. Mehl and Pilot George T. Williams, charging them with unskillfulness and negligence.

Organization of a Military Company Under State Militia Law, To Be Known As the Mt. Sterling Guards......July 21, 1877

An effort was made in Brown County to organize a military company under the recent militia law of the State of Illinois. The Glenn Guards – of whom the citizens of our county feel proud, was first conceived in the minds of some of our best and most respected citizens, and after proper agitation of the subject, a meeting was called at Curry's Hall on Monday evening last.

About 150 citizens attended this meeting, and some 4 dozen names were placed upon the enlistment rolls. The new company went into immediate organization by electing Capt. M.H. Lamb, Captain, Thomas M. Wallace, 1st Lieut, and Samuel S. Leonard, 2nd Lieut. The three principal officers then appointed E.J. Stamper, 1st Sergeant, leaving the other sergeants and corporal to be elected by the company. The names of those who have enlisted to date, [for no doubt the enlistment tolls will be nearly doubled in number within the succeeding 3 weeks] are:

M.H.Lamb Herb Sheilds T.M. Wallace Thomas Powers S.S.Leonard J.C. Smith E.J. Stamper E. B. Simpson J.J. Taylor Charles Wetzel J.M.Stout Clarence Fry R.S. Hagans W.M.Bell W.F. Taylor W. S. Glass D. H. Glass E.G. Stamper J. M. Adams B. C. Burton Wm Smith J. t. Weightman J.W. Kendrick S.H. McClung J. M. Allen G. W. Cuningham W. C. Glenn J. F. Silberberg J. W. Edwards

S.W. Black Joseph Resch Phillip Resch E.C. Putman H.S. Neiberding Jas Turner Frank Fry, Jr.

Those who have signified their intention of enlisting, though have not subscribed the oath above

mentioned, are: W.H. Lee J.W. Irwin Geo McDannold

Fin Fry B. F. Rea Owen Campbell Frank Bean Wm Alguire Jno Winslow A.Snodgrass

La Grange Ferry.... August 1877

Richard Hulett was granted a license to keep a ferry across the Illinois river at La Grange, in Brown County, Illinois for the term of ten years, by the said Hulett paying into the County Treasury the sum of \$5. The following are the rates of ferriage allowed:

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