

Original Muster Roll Linn County Volunteers, October 1855.

1st Regiment Oregon Mounted Volunteers, Company H, Captain Davis Layton commanding.

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Figure 1 – Supplina Hamilton (age 23) is #30 on list

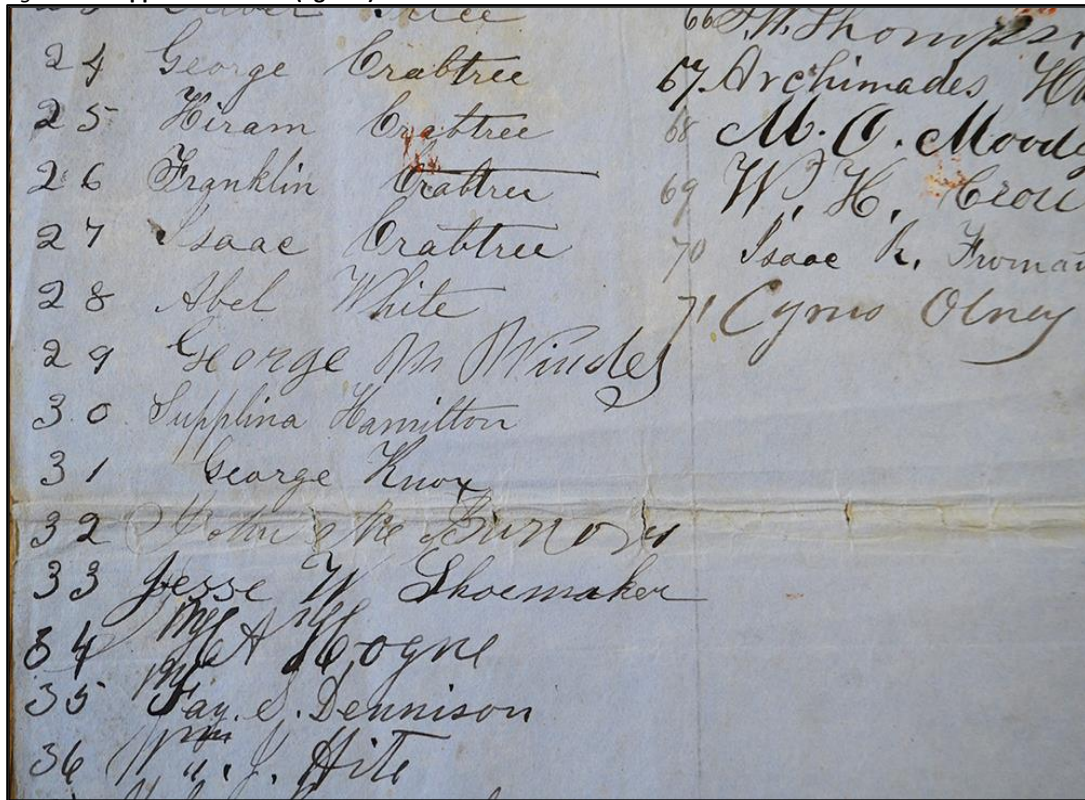


Figure 2 – text on the reverse of document: "Original Muster Roll. Company H.

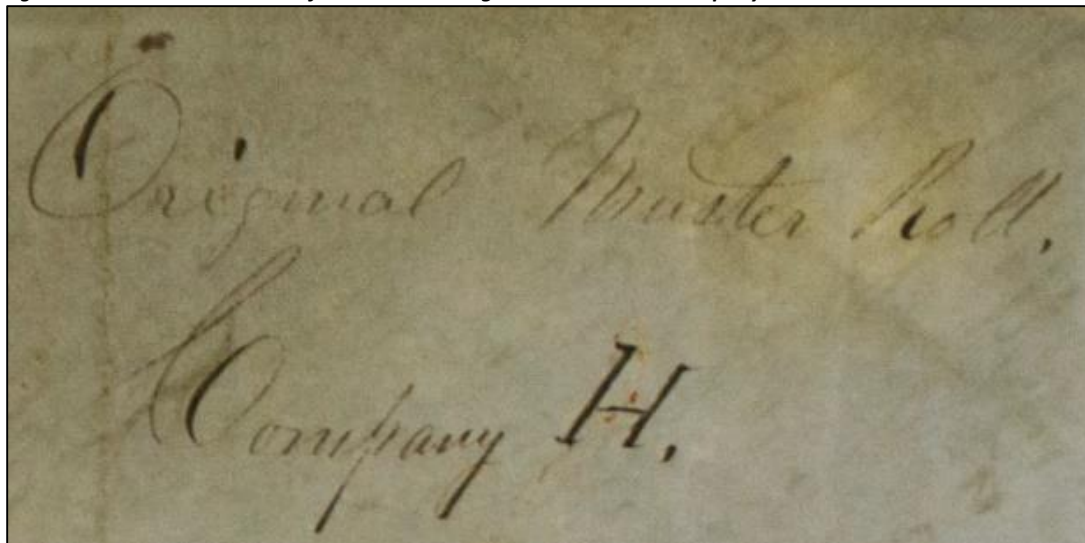
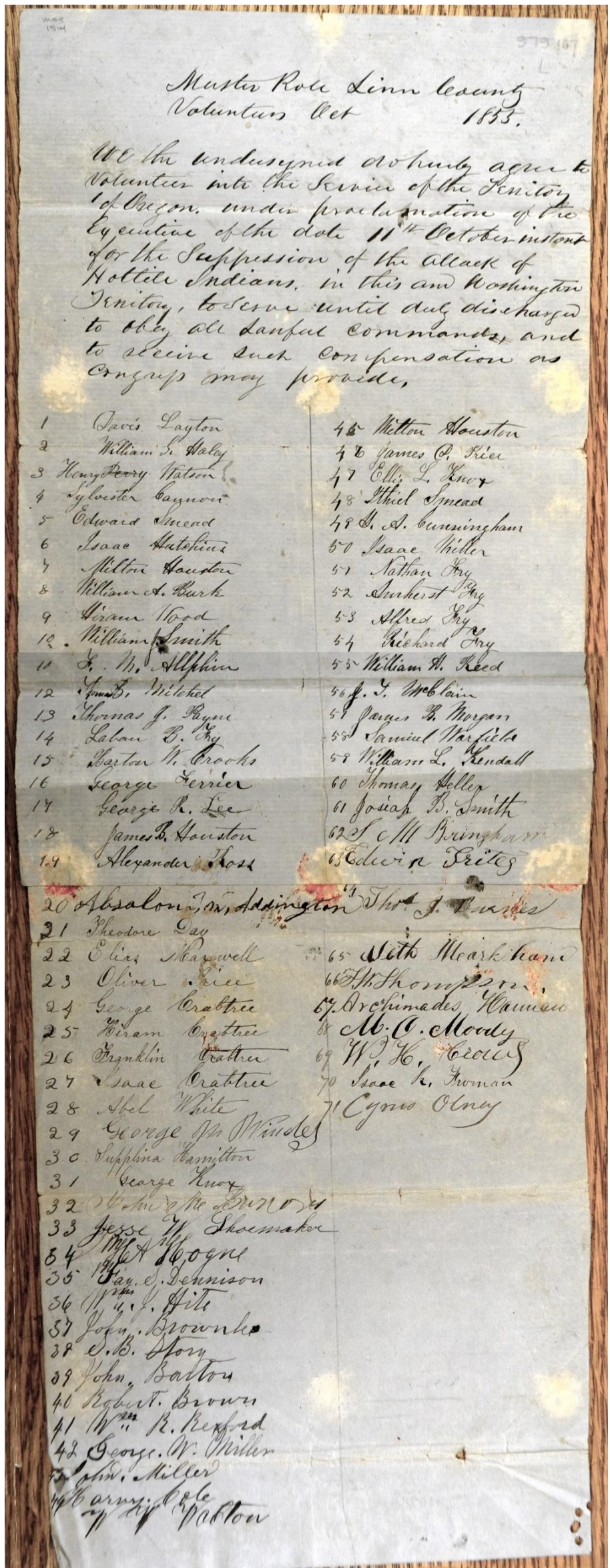


Figure 3 – Muster Roll Linn County Volunteers Oct 1855.



MUSTER ROLL
LINN COUNTY
VOLUNTEERS
OCT 1855.

“We the undersigned do hereby agree to volunteer into the Service of the Territory of Oregon, under proclamation of the Executive of the date 11th October instant for the suppression of the attack of hostile Indians, in this and Washington Territory, to serve until duly discharged to obey all lawful commands, and to receive such compensation as Congress may provide.”

This is the original muster roll of Capt. Davis Layton’s Company "H" of the 1st regiment of Oregon mounted volunteers, formed in pursuance of the proclamation of the governor of Oregon territory, on Oct. 11, 1855, to serve in the war against the Yakima and other Indians until discharged. Their service began on Oct. 23, 1855.

Davis Layton’s name is the first on roster as he formed the company from his Linn County friends and neighbors. Layton would be elevated to the rank of Major before the end of the war.

Major Layton died on April 22, 1862 at the age of 39 and is buried in the Riverside Cemetery in Albany, Oregon.

The volunteers provided their own mounts, weapons and provisions. The major action of the war was the Battle of Walla Walla, the longest in history of Washington Territory, from Dec 7-10, 1855. Company H lost 2 killed and 8 wounded in the fight.