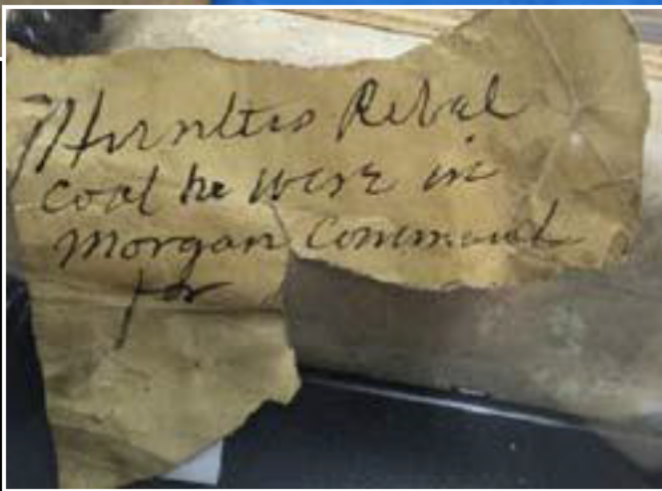


Hunter B. Swager



**Southern soldier
1861-1865**

1st Kentucky Infantry

Virginia 1st State Line

**45th Virginia Battalion
Infantry**

2nd Kentucky Cavalry

Early war photograph of another of “Morgan’s Men” wearing identical unique military jacket.



In early war photography, unique unit issued uniforms are often seen, but it is exceptionally rare to ever find a surviving example.

Kentuckian Thomas Bronston Collins seems relaxed in this carte de visite taken early in the war. His career in the Confederate cavalry would make a good novel. He enlisted in Co. F, 11th Kentucky Cavalry on October 3, 1861 at Cumberland Gap, and by September of next year was elected captain. At the skirmish called Greasy Creek, Thomas was wounded but recovered in time to take part in Morgan’s ill-fated Ohio raid where he avoided capture at Buffington Island by swimming the Ohio River. He went to Canada for the Confederate Secret Service and participated in the St. Albans, Vermont Raid. Captain Collins died far from home in Paris, France, in 1869. Courtesy Kentucky Military History Museum.

Thus, the chain of possession from Hunter to the sellers would be:

Hunter B. Swager (1840-1873) of Louisville
 â
 sister Ella Swager (1845-1923),
 wife of Thomas Huffman Sherley (1843-1898) of Louisville
 â
 daughter Eva Bell Sherley (1865-1940),
 wife of Robert W. Lewis (circa 1862 in TN - 1913) of Louisville
 â
 son Marion Wales Lewis II (1890-1961) of Louisville
 â
 son Marion Wales "Sonny" Lewis III (d. 2012) of Louisville
 â
 sellers

Of Ella (Swager) Sherley — variously spelled Shirley — and her spouse, the Shirley Family Association notes:

Thomas Huffman Shirley [sic; this branch more often used Sherley] born Dec 31, 1843, d. Nov 29, 1898, m. Ella Swager May 9, 1864. She was born June 18, 1845, daughter of Joseph Swager b. Oct 29, 1792, d. May 22, 1883 of Louisville KY, and Rachel Moore of Philadelphia PA as his 2nd wife. Joseph Swager was born in Montgomery Co. PA, emigrated to KY in 1815 and settled in Louisville where he engaged in ship building and the river trade; first man to sail a steamboat to the mouth of the Yellowstone; inspector of hulls at Louisville; President of Franklin Bank; made the trek to California and back in 1849, died in Louisville and is buried in Cave Hill Cemetery. [Shirley Family Association]

Ella Swager — later Thomas H. Sherley's wife — can be seen below in the 1860 census of Louisville with her brothers Hunter B. Swager and Charles Moore Swager, both of whom fought for the Confederacy.

Hunter's initial service was with Co. H (later A), 1st Kentucky Infantry, with which he enlisted as a private on 2 June 1861. He was mustered out at Richmond, Virginia, on 14 May 1862.

His brother Charles' initial service with the same unit echoed all the same times, dates, and places. Charles then reenlisted at Knoxville, Tennessee, on 12 October 1862 as a private in Co. H, 2nd Kentucky Infantry. As he went on to still more wartime adventures, there is more about him upcoming.

1860 census of Louisville, Kentucky, showing Ella Swager with older brothers Hunter B. and Charles M. Swager.

Joseph Swager	67 M	Steam Boat Supt	Pa.
Rachel	50 F		Pa.
Hunter B	24 M	River Clerk	Pa.
Charles M	17 M		Ky
Ella	15 F		Ky
Bridget Mulcare	28 F	Domestic	Ireland

The clues for the jacket identification :

1. The names of the sellers of a Confederate jacket, who were two sisters from Louisville, Kentucky.
2. A tag accompanying the jacket, stating that it was "Hunters rebel coat hewore in Morgan command."
3. The sellers' statement that the jacket had descended through the family lines, surnames for which included Lewis, Sherley, and Barnett.

I located the obituary of the sellers' father in a December 2012 edition of the Louisville *Courier-Journal*. In the obituary the sellers are specifically named as the daughters and are, by inference, the only living children. The father was Marion W. "Sonny" Lewis III, who passed away at age 90, and also named in the obituary was his predeceasing wife Marjorie "Cissy" (Smith) Lewis.

From this springboard, using censuses and birth, marriage, and death records, I tracked the paternal and maternal lines. My finding is that the direct paternal line back to the war era is:

Sellers' father: Marion Wales "Sonny" Lewis III of Louisville,
 married Marjorie "Cissy" Smith

His father: Marion Wales Lewis II (b. 1890 - d. 1961) of Louisville,
 married Nan Milton Cunningham

His father: Robert W. Lewis (b. circa 1862 in TN) of Louisville,
 married Eva Bell Sherley

His father: Marion Wales Lewis I (b. circa 1830 in VA - d. 1902 in KY) of Louisville,
 married Sallie Campbell

I did not find a Hunter in the direct paternal Lewis line. After a thorough check, generation by generation, of all the associated lines, I find only one Hunter in the extended family: Hunter B. Swager, the brother of the sellers' two-greats-grandmother.

Meanwhile, there appears to be a possible gap of a year in Hunter's service — but perhaps not. After his April 1862 mustering out from the 1st Kentucky Infantry, he next shows up in Logan County, (West) Virginia, on 9 July 1863, joining Co. D, 45th Virginia Battalion Infantry. It is the same Hunter B. Swager: There not two men with that name. His record states that he was 5' 7" and of a fair complexion, with blue eyes and sandy hair.

His extremely short NARA file with the 45th shows that he was absent, sick, "since" 9 December 1863 in Tazewell County, (West) Virginia, in a roster dated 1 April 1864, but the file shows that he took the Oath of Allegiance at Camp Douglas, Illinois, on 11 March 1865. From this it is certain he was in service nearly to the war's end and was taken prisoner at some point, but the scant records in that file do not reflect the date or location.

In addition, the Virginia Regimental History Series suggests that prior to his service in the 45th, he saw service in "Co. H, Virginia 1st State Line," a unit for which much of the records have been lost. Originally organized in late 1862, some of the unit was formerly with the 36th Virginia. It is noted that:

According to the Ainsworth papers, this regiment consisted of infantry and cavalry companies. The 1st regiment was stationed at Glade Spring, Washington County, Virginia, in January 1863. At that time the cavalry companies had 373 men, and the infantry companies had 365 men. The National Archives Index contains only 9 names for the infantry companies and 183 names for the cavalry companies. The names of 542 men who served in this unit have evidently been lost.

On the surface it appears that Hunter was with:

- the 1st Kentucky Infantry, June 1861 – April 1862**
- the Virginia 1st State Line, term unknown, records apparently lost**
- the 45th Virginia Infantry, July 1863 – unknown (explained further herein)**

I'll add that the June 1863 draft registration of Kentucky (below) shows Hunter (and brother Charles) "now in Rebel Army."

In addition, I found a record of service with yet another regiment — one that was, indeed, in Morgan's command. Initially it appeared that there was no National Archives record of Hunter Swager with the 2nd Kentucky Cavalry, although he is clearly listed in the prisoner of war records of Camp Douglas as being with Co. H, 2nd Kentucky Cavalry. This likely explains why Hunter's records with the 45th Virginia Infantry Battalion are so scant. Although his war's end Oath of Allegiance appears in the file of Hunter with the 45th Virginia Infantry Battalion, at the time he was actually in the prisoner of war records with the 2nd Kentucky Cavalry. The POW record notes that Pvt. Hunter B. Swager of Co. H, 2nd Kentucky, was captured at Canton, Kentucky, on 22 August 1864 and was released in March 1865

The June 1863 Kentucky draft registration notes that Hunter and Charles Swager were "now in Rebel Army." It denotes both as married, although all other indications are that neither were. Hunter's death record shows that he was single, and there are no known offspring.

after signing the Oath. There are, in fact, several POW entries that show him to have been with the 2nd Kentucky, but he was not found in the 2nd Kentucky NARA files with fellow captives from that regiment, such as James Sutton, who was captured the very same day at Hunter.

In short, his file is not in "Second (Duke's) Cavalry." The answer lay in yet another directory: one inexplicably listed as the "Second Cavalry, Second (Duke's) Cavalry," in which appear a scattering of men whose surnames begin with only 13 of the 27 letters of the alphabet. Fortunately, S is among them, and therein the files of Hunter B. "Swagar" and Hunter B. "Swagger" can be found.

It does not state when he joined the 2nd Kentucky, but we can now add to his service:

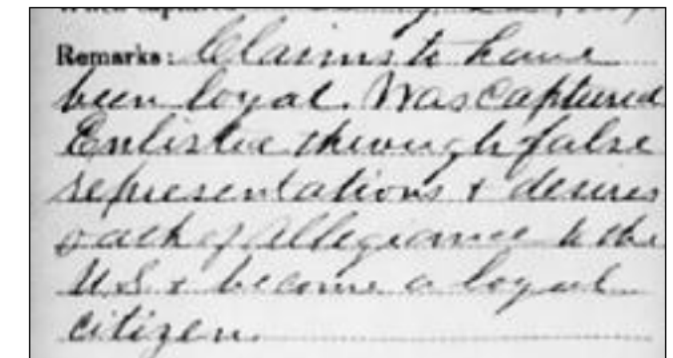
the 2nd Kentucky Cavalry by the time of capture in August 1864 through release in May 1865

The NARA file reiterates the 22 August 1864 capture at Canton, Kentucky, and shows that he was sent to military prison in Louisville, Kentucky. He was subsequently sent to Camp Douglas, Illinois, where he was received in late November 1864.

Intriguingly, a December 1864 entry shows "Claims to have been loyal. Was captured enlistee through false representations & desires Oath of Allegiance to the U.S. & [to] become a loyal citizen." Given that he had already served with three Confederate units prior to his service with the 2nd Kentucky, the veracity of him being a "captured enlistee" forced to bear arms for the South seems unlikely in the extreme. It more likely represents no more than an effort to leave the confines of Camp Douglas. One wonders if the authorities suspected as much, for his Oath of Allegiance is dated 11 March 1865.

His Oath, as noted above, is erroneously filed with his records with a prior unit, the 45th Virginia.

Hunter B. Swager's service in four Confederate units renders the truth of this December 1864 notation unlikely in the extreme. It was written when he was a prisoner at Camp Douglas—a place he undoubtedly hoped to leave.



Below, several prison records show Hunter B. Swager of the 2nd Kentucky Cavalry having been captured at Canton, Kentucky, on 22 August 1864, a date echoed in his NARA files.

Swager	Hunter, B.	2	Co. H	2nd Ky	Canton Ky	22 Aug 1864	Nov 29 1864
Sutton	James, W.	2	Co. H	2nd Ky	Canton Ky	22 Aug 1864	Nov 29 1864
Swager	Hunter, B.	2	Co. H	2nd Ky	Canton Ky	22 Aug 1864	Nov 29 1864

•	Shallons Stephen	20	Clerk	maid	"	new Melibel group
•	Shiley John	25	Breacher	"	"	" " " "
10	Prager Hunter	25	"	"	"	" " " "
11	Prager Chas	26	"	"	"	" " " "
	Shiley	25	Prill	"	"	" " " "

Hunter B. Swager returned to Louisville and worked as a clerk [1872 city directory of Louisville].

The death records of Louisville reflect his death from heart disease on 26 April 1873, age 32. He was single and had already outlived his brother Charles. Perhaps the coat went to his still-surviving father Joseph for a time but eventually passed to his sister Ella. (Note that Joseph's will named two additional children, both married daughters, but Ella outlived all of her siblings.)

Below, the Louisville death record of Hunter B. Swager.

Alfred Ragley	"	"	M	38	"	"	" - (Compliment)
Hunter B. Swager	"	"	S	32	"	Heart Disease	

Dr Rodgers	"	Pa	6	"	Buckinridge no 55	27	Cave Hill
Dr Cobb	"	Not	10	"

Hunter's brother, the colorful Charles Moore Swager (1842-1871), merits further mention herein. Like his brother, he served in multiple units. Not only was he in the 1st and 2nd Kentucky Infantry, he was also in the Confederate Retributors Infantry, organized in Canada in June 1864.

A biographical entry attendant to his burial site at Cave Hill Cemetery reads as follows. It is so dramatic as to seem improbable:

Charles was a son of Louisville, Kentucky, riverboat captain. He enlisted in the Confederate States Army, Co. H, 1st KY Infantry. Severely wounded at Yorktown, captured while trying to return home, exchanged, joined 2nd KY Infantry. Wounded twice more and captured Dallas, GA on May 1864. Escaped from boxcar on arrival at Camp Douglas. Went to Canada and joined Confederate Secret Service. After the trial, he studied law in Canada and then went to France, where he was employed in the banking house Norton & Company. Gen. Peter J. Osterhaus, US Consul at Lyon, appointed Swager Consular Agent at St. Etienne November 18, 1866. Resigned his post after a year and returned to Louisville, going into banking. Returned to Paris during the Franco-Prussian War; wounded when a shell hit his bedroom, shattering his leg. Died several weeks later. His body was returned home and buried at Cave Hill Cemetery.

Not only is a good deal of it factual — or at least echoes a period newspaper account included herein — it leaves out one salient drama: The “trial” mentioned in passing was relative to St. Alban's Raid, the northernmost conflict to take place on land during the Civil War. Below are salient portions of the court proceedings that resulted from the famous event.

Charles Albert Withers.—I am a captain in the army of the Confederate States. I was adjutant-general on the staff of General John Morgan at the time of his death; and I was taken prisoner when the General was killed, on the fourth day of September last. I identify the prisoner, **Charles Moore Swager**. I saw him first in the Confederate army of the Potomac, at the commencement of the war; and I was also in the same regiment: he was in the first **Kentucky** Infantry. He was afterwards, in December, 1862, in Company H, of the Second **Kentucky** Infantry. He comes from **Kentucky**, I believe. I am acquainted with the signature of James A. Seddon, Secretary of War of the Confederate States. Being shown and having examined the document marked M, produced by Young at his voluntary statement, I declare the signature of James A. Seddon, Secretary of War, thereto appended, to be genuine.

Charles Moore Swager's statement:—I am a native of Kentucky and a Confederate soldier, owing no allegiance to any government but the Confederate States of America; I was captured a prisoner of war by the Yankee forces last May, and effected my escape from my enemies at Chicago, while on my way to prison. I joined Lieutenant Young's command at Chicago, last August, and participated in the St. Albans raid. I feel it my duty as a soldier, to harass and annoy the army and navy of the United States, cripple and destroy its shipping and commerce, capture and burn its towns and cities, and otherwise damage, if possible, a Government which seeks our destruction; my object being to remove, in a manner, the seat of war to the heart of the New England States, and make their people feel some of the horrors of war, in retaliation for the crimes and outrages inflicted on the weak and defenceless women and children of the South; any acts I might have committed at St. Albans was in the capacity of a Confederate soldier, acting under orders of Lieut. Young, a commissioned officer of the Confederate army. I look to my Government for the reward which a soldier who has performed a hazardous and dangerous duty has a right to expect, knowing full well that the people of my beloved South will justify and applaud my conduct. I have violated no laws of Great Britain or Canada.

The report that Charles died in Paris during the Franco-Prussian conflict is accurate. It was reported in the 8 February 1871 edition of the *New York Herald*.

AN AMERICAN KILLED DURING THE BOMBARDMENT.

Charles M. Swager, of Louisville, Ky., died in Paris on the 2d inst., from a wound inflicted by a shell fired during the bombardment.

Checked Career of a St. Albans Raider.

The following account of the career of one of the St. Albans raiders, which we copy from the *Springfield Republican*, will be read with interest.

There was buried at Louisville, Ky., last week, **Charles M. Swager**, who died at Paris, some months ago, at the age of 29, and whose career illustrates the strange ups and downs in men's lives to which our war gave rise. He was the son of an influential citizen of Louisville, Capt. Joseph Swager, and upon the breaking out of the war had his heart fired for the rebel cause, and at the age of nineteen enlisted. After participating in many battles, he was wounded at Yorktown, and soon after mustered out of service, but was captured at Cumberland Gap while on his way home. He was taken to Camp Morton and, of course, heroically refused his mother's entreaties to take the federal oath. He was exchanged in September, 1862, fought on the rebel side at Murfreesboro, Chickamauga, Mission Ridge, etc., until he was wounded at Dallas and again taken prisoner. On his way to camp Douglass, he managed to slip out of the car in Chicago and dash into a clothing store before the sentry saw him.

The exploits of Charles Moore Swager were reported on 29 March 1872 in, fittingly, the St. Albans Daily Messenger in Vermont, scene of his participation in the raid.

He begged for clothing to cover his Confederate uniform, and finally got an old linen wrapper by threatening to have the dealer arrested for abetting his escape. With this disguise, he found a friend in the city, and by his help went to Canada.

The St. Albans raid was just being planned, and into it he entered with great spirit. He rode to St. Albans, shared the good fortune of the other renegades in escaping from the hands of the Canada courts, and then went to Europe, becoming a correspondence clerk for the banking house of Morton & Co. at Paris. He afterward retired to a provincial town to learn French, and for that purpose took quarters with a priest. Gen. Osterhaus, our consul at Lyons, having incidentally mentioned his temporary want of a capable young man, was directed by Morton & Co. to Swager, and immediately appointed him temporary consular agent at St. Etienne. In course of time, the regularly appointed agent having declined the commission, Swager, to his surprise, himself received the commission from the state department, which was utterly ignorant of the treason of which he had been guilty. After the proclamation of September 7, 1867, he came home, but his health compelled him to return to Paris in June, 1870. Then came the German war, and the siege of Paris. During the bombardment a shell penetrated Swager's room and inflicted a terrible wound in his leg. Amputation became necessary, and was performed by the American ambulance, but it was too much for Swager. He died, February, 1871, and now his remains have been brought home and his story told.

NARA files of Hunter B. Swager

1st Kentucky Infantry

[Note: When the "Remarks" section is truncated, there were no remarks.]

Swager Hunter
 Co. A, 1 Kentucky Infantry.
 (Confederate.)
 Private Private
 CARD NUMBERS.
 46465161
 1799
 1875
 1857
 2020
 2095
 6472

(Confederate.)
 S 1 Ky.
 N. Swager
 Private, Co. A, 1 Reg't Kentucky Infantry.*
 Appears on
 Company Muster Roll
 of the organization named above,
 for April 23 to Sept 1, 1861.
 Enlisted:
 When Apr 23, 1861
 Where Louisville, Ky
 By whom S. H. Fitz Hugh
 Period 12 Mos
 Last paid:
 By whom Maj Hill
 To what time July 1, 1861
 Present or absent Present
 Remarks:
 Transferred from
 Capt. Fitz Hugh, Co. to
 date from July 1st

(Confederate.)
 S 1 Ky.
 N. Swager
 Private, Co. A, 1 Reg't Kentucky Infantry.*
 Appears on
 Company Muster Roll
 of the organization named above,
 for Jan & Feb, 1862.
 Enlisted:
 When June 1, 1861
 Where Louisville, Ky
 By whom S. H. Fitz Hugh
 Period 12 Mos
 Last paid:
 By whom Capt J. T. Roberts
 To what time Jan 1, 1862
 Present or absent Present
 Remarks:

(Confederate.)
 S 1 Ky.
 N. Swager
 Private, Co. A, 1 Reg't Kentucky Infantry.*
 Age _____ years.
 Appears on
 Company Muster Roll
 of the organization named above,
 for Dated Oct 31, 1861.
 Joined for duty and enrolled:
 When June 1, 1861
 Where Louisville
 By whom S. H. Fitz Hugh
 Period 12 Mos
 Traveling to place of rendezvous, }
 No. of miles, }
 Remarks:
 Sick in Richmond

(Confederate.)
S | *1* | *Ky.*

H. Swager
 Private, Co. A, 1 Reg't Kentucky Infantry.*

Appears on
Company Muster Roll
 of the organization named above,
 for *Sept 1, 1861 to Jan 1, 1862*, 1862.

Enlisted:
 When *June 1*, 1861
 Where *Louisville*
 By whom *S. H. Fitzhugh*
 Period *12 mos.*

Last paid:
 By whom *Capt J. T. Roberts*
 To what time *Sept 1*, 1861

Present or absent *Present*

Remarks:

(CONFEDERATE.)
S | *1* | *Ky.*

H. B. Swager
 Pvt, Co. A, 1 Reg't Ky

Appears on a Register of
General Hospital No. 18
 (formerly Greaser's Hospital),
 Richmond, Virginia.

Admitted *Oct. 9*, 1861

Disease

Post Office

Returned to duty *Dec. 4*, 1861

Deserted _____, 1861

Discharged from service _____, 1861

Transferred _____, 1861

On furlough _____, 1861

Died _____, 1861

Remarks:

(Confederate.)
S | *1* | *Ky.*

H. Swager
 Pri, Co. A, 1 Reg't Kentucky Infantry.*

Appears on
Regimental Return
 of the organization named above,
 for the month of *Nov.*, 1861.

Commissioned officers present and absent:

Station

Remarks:

Alterations since last return among the enlisted men:
 Date _____, 1861
 Place

Remarks:

Enlisted men on Extra or Daily Duty:

(Confederate.)
S | *1* | *Ky.*

Hunter Swager
 Pvt. Company H (Davies Rangers),
 1 Regiment Kentucky Infantry.*

Appears on
Company Muster Roll
 of the organization named above,
 for *July 1861*, 1861.

Enlisted:
 When *June 1*, 1861
 Where *Louisville Ky*
 By whom *Capt Fitzhugh*
 Period *1 year*

Last paid:
 By whom *My Hill*
 To what time *June 30, 1861*

Present or absent

Remarks:
*Transferred to Capt Hervey's Co. A
 July 15, 1861*

45th Virginia Battalion Infantry

(Confederate.)

S | **1** | **Ky.**

H. Swager
 Private, Co. A, 1 Reg't Kentucky Infantry.*

Appears on
Company Muster Roll
 of the organization named above,
 for *Jan 1 to May 13, 1862*.

Enlisted:
 When *Apr 23, 1861*
 Where *Louisville Ky*
 By whom *L. H. Fitzhugh*
 Period *1 year*

Last paid:
 By whom *Cap Roberts*
 To what time *Jan 1, 1862*

Present or absent *Present*

NOTE: Mustered for pay from January 1, 1862 (when last paid), to May 13, 1862, when mustered out of service by order of Secretary of War.
 WM. H. PORTER,
 2 Lieut. Inf'ty C. S. A.,
 Mustering Officer.

620

Swager, Hunter B.
 Co. D, 45 Battalion
 Virginia Infantry.

Composed principally of former members of the 1st Cavalry Regiment
 Virginia State Line.

(CONFEDERATE.)

<i>Private</i>	<i>Private</i>
CARD NUMBERS.	
<i>57585608</i>	15
2	16
3	17
4	18
5	19

(CONFEDERATE.)

S | **45 Battalion.** | **Va.**

Hunter B. Swager
 Pvt., Co. D, 45 Batt'n Va. Infantry.

Appears on
Company Muster Roll
 of the organization named above,
 for *dated Apr 1, 1864*.

Enlisted:
 When *July 9, 1861*
 Where *Rogers Co*
 By whom *J. B. Justice*
 Period _____

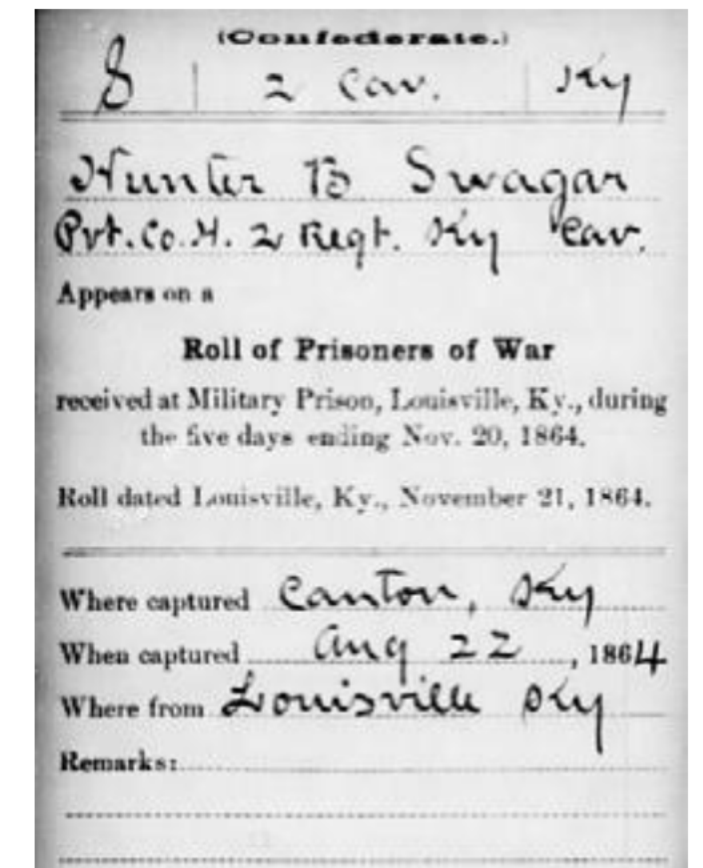
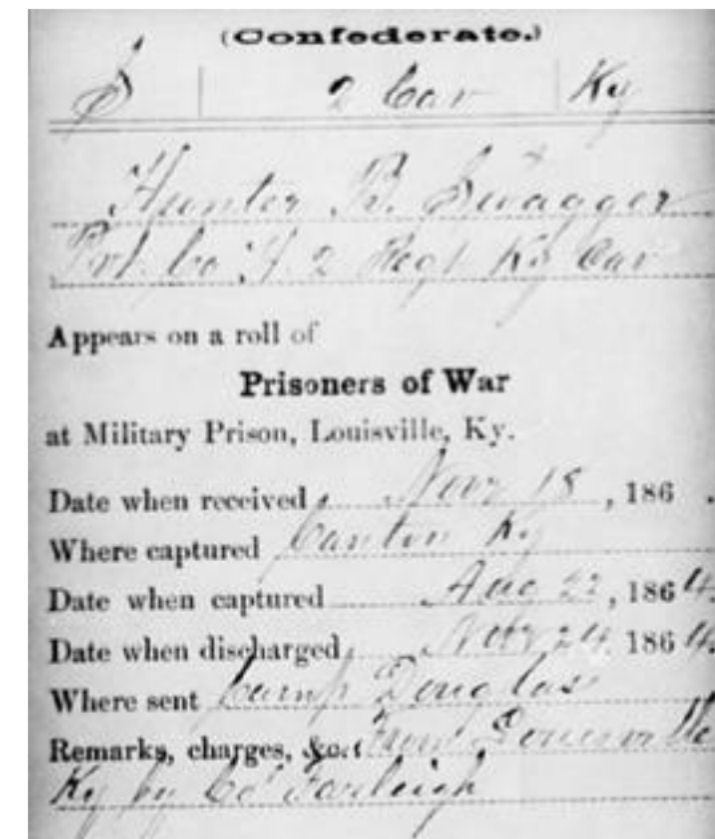
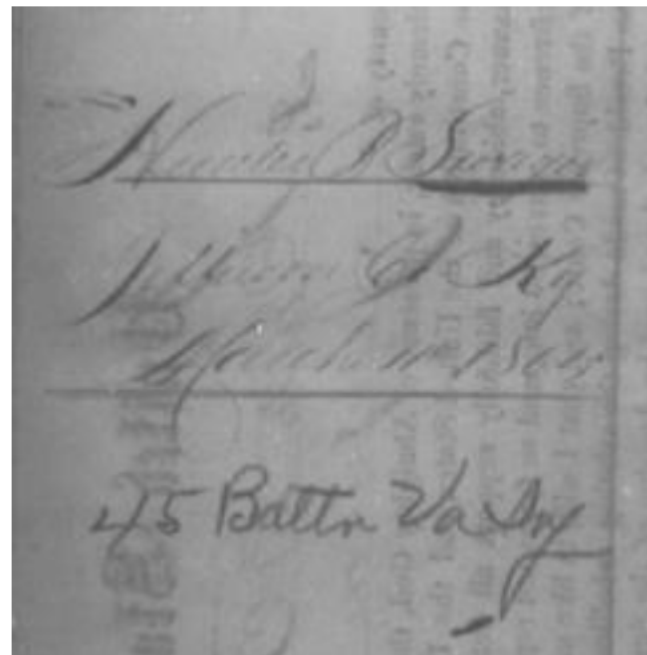
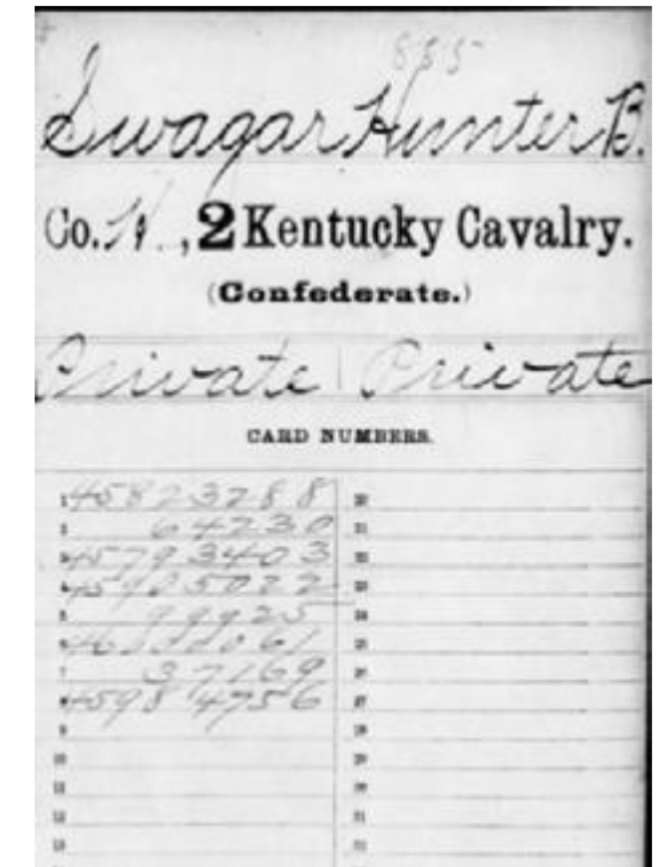
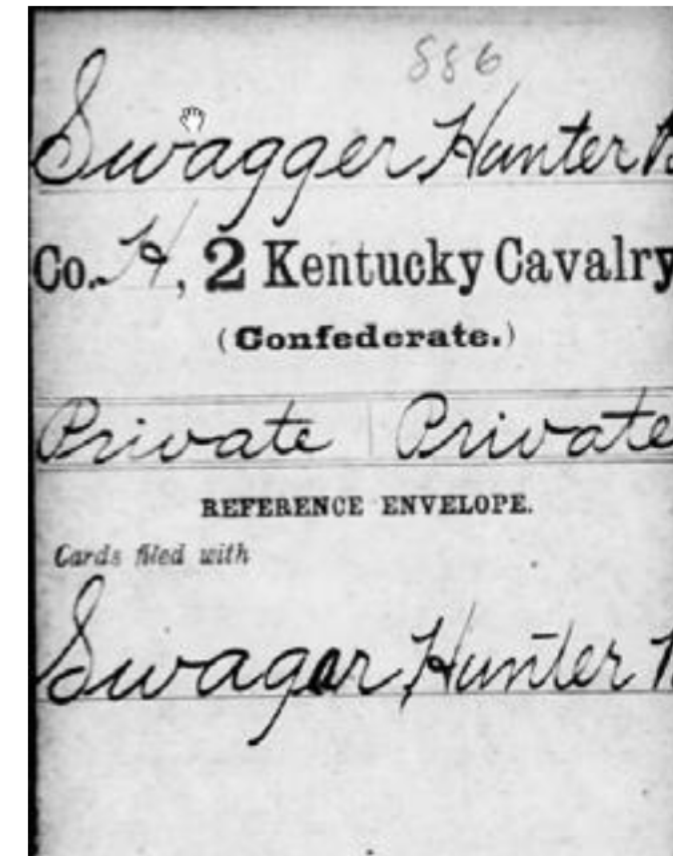
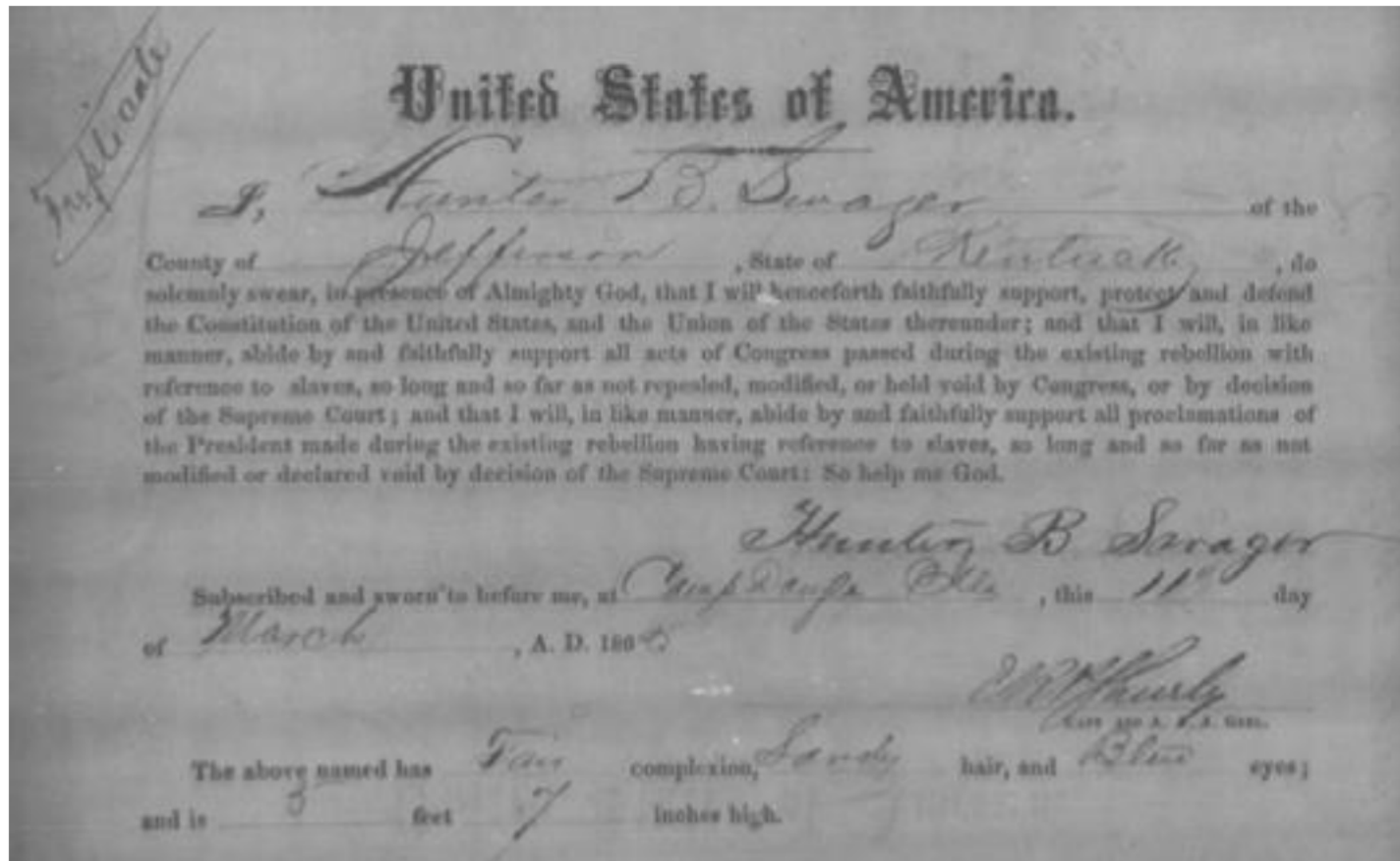
Last paid:
 By whom _____
 To what time _____, 1861

Present or absent *Absent*

Remarks: *Absent sick in Toxopeh County since Dec 9 1863*

Note that Hunter's Oath of Allegiance appears in the file with his 45th Virginia Battlaion Infantry NARA records, but the POW records of the time show him to have been with the 2nd Kentucky Infantry at the time. As the Oath doesn't specifically state unit affiliation, one wonders if it was filed with the 45th's documents due to the misfiling of his record with the 2nd Kentucky. At bottom is shown "45 Battn Va Iny" entered in a different hand on the back of the Oath.

2nd Kentucky Cavalry



(Confederate.)
 S | 2 Cav. | Ky
 Hunter B. Swager
 Pvt., Co. H, 2 Regt. Ky. Cav.
 Appears on a Register of
Prisoners of War
 received at Military Prison, Louisville, Ky.
 Where captured Canton, Ky.
 When captured Aug 25, 1864.
 Discharged:
 Terms Camp Douglas
 When Nov. 24, 1864.
 Remarks:

(Confederate.)
 S | 2 Cav. | Ky.
 Hunter B. Swager
 Pvt. Co. H 2 Regt Ky Cav
 Appears on a
Roll of Prisoners of War
 at Louisville, Ky., transferred to Camp Douglas,
 Ill., November 23, 1864.
 Roll dated Louisville, Ky., November 23, 1864.
 Where captured Canton Ky
 When captured Aug 22, 1864.
 Remarks:

(Confederate.)
 S | 2 Cav. | Ky
 Hunter B. Swager
 Pvt. Co. H 2 Regt. Ky. Cav.
 Appears on a
Roll of Prisoners of War
 at Camp Douglas, Ill., applying for oath of alle-
 giance, Dec. —, 1864.
 Roll not dated.*

(Confederate.)
 S | 2. Cav. | Ky
 Hunter B. Swager
 Pvt. Co. H. 2. Regt. Ky. Cav.
 Appears on a
Roll of Prisoners of War
 received at Camp Douglas, Ill., Nov. 28, 1864,
 from Louisville, Ky.
 Roll dated Headquarters Post, Chicago, Camp
 Douglas, Ill., Nov. 29, 1864.
 Where captured Canton Ky.
 When captured Aug. 22, 1864.
 Remarks:

(Confederate.)
 S | 2 Cav. | Ky.
 Hunter B. Swager
 Pvt. Co. H 2 Regt. Ky. Cav
 Appears on a
Roll of Prisoners of War
 received at Camp Douglas, Ill., from Louisville,
 Ky., November 29, 1864.
 Roll dated Not dated, 186 .
 Where captured Canton, Ky
 When captured Aug. 22, 1864.
 Remarks:

Where captured Canton, Ky.
 When captured Aug. 22, 1864.
 Remarks: Claims to have
been loyal. Was captured
Enlisted through false
representations & desires
oath of allegiance to the
U.S. & become a loyal
citizen.

(Confederate.)
S | *A* *law* *Key*
Hunter B. Swager
Regt. Co. H. 2 Regt. Ky. Cav.
 Appears on a record of
Prisoners of War
 at Camp Douglas, Chicago, Ill.
 Where captured *Canton Ky.*
 When captured *Aug 27*, 186*4*.
 When received *September 29*, 186*4*.
 When transferred _____, 186*4*.
 Remarks: *Released March 11,*
1865.

—A difficulty occurred yesterday afternoon between some boys at the corner of Second and Chestnut streets. The principals engaged in the difficulty were Hunter Swager, a son of Captain Joseph Swager, and John Brent, a son of Thos. Y. Brent, Esq. The result of the quarrel was, that John Brent was seriously stabbed, and young Swager arrested. An examination of the case will come off this morning. We were informed that the wound extends to the cavity of the chest, but is not necessarily fatal.—*Lou. Dem.*

Indications are that Hunter was a scrapper early on. The above article appeared in the 23 January 1856 edition of the New Albany Daily Ledger in New Albany, Indiana.

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