

John Leeds Tilghman of Maryland, 1837-1862 Confederate Service Record

Letter dated December 26, 1861, Norfolk Va to Sec of War Benjamin as application for appointment in the Confederate Army. signed Jno L Tilghman

Letter dated Dec 28, 1861 to Sec of War Benjamin states "known from boyhood and on Coast Survey as an efficient , attentive officer..." and recommend he be "favorably considered" from Confederate Office of Orders and Details, Navy Dept, signed Frank Buchanan. Husband of distant cousin Ann Catherine Lloyd. First Superintendent of the Naval Academy at Annapolis, a Captain at the time, soon to be Admiral in command at Mobile Bay, Alabama. See <http://www.history.navy.mil/photos/pers-us/uspers-b/f/buchan.htm>

Appointed and accepted Feb 1862 as 1st Lt, Acting Engineer in Engineer Bureau.

Resigned (*Transferred?*) May 19, 1862 and apparently soon joined Huger's-Moore's Company, Virginia Light Artillery. Huger's-Moore's Battery was organized in June, 1861, with men from Norfolk, Virginia. After serving in the Department of Norfolk, the unit was assigned to J.J. Garnett's and C. Richardson's Battalion of Artillery, Army of Northern Virginia. It fought in numerous conflicts from the Seven Days' Battles to Cold Harbor, then participated in the siege operations against Petersburg and the Appomattox Campaign. This battery took 77 men to Gettysburg but surrendered only 3. Captains Frank Huger and Joseph D. Moore were in command.

Affidavit dated 12 December 1862, states Tench F Tilghman is administrator of John Leeds Tilghman deceased was the 1st Lieutenant of Capt Frank Huger Artillery Company of Virginia in February 1862 and died Sixth day of December 1862. signed Tench F Tilghman.

Another printed affidavit form without date has written at bottom of page "Lieutenant John Leeds Tilghman was born at Oxford in Talbot County in the State of Maryland on the 30th day of September 1837. He died at Augusta Ga in the State of Georgia on the sixth day of December A.D. 1862 of rapid consumption contracted in the James River marshes while on duty with his Battery.

Lt Tilghman is buried in Walker Family Cemetery on the campus of Georgia Regents University/Augusta State University. Photo of grave shows a brick enclosure with engraved slab cover, inscription is not legible in the photo.

<http://www.walkerfamilycemetery.org>

Norfolk Va

December 24th 1861

Sir

As a resigned officer of the U.S. Coast
Survey I beg to submit an application for an appointment
in the Confederate Army.

I was appointed in the Coast Survey at the age of
seventeen and was seven years in the service. I resigned in
April last the position of Assistant in charge of a
topographical party. I am a citizen of Maryland and have
been driven from my home on account of my sentiments.

I have been for the past three months in the employ
of the Engineer Department of this Division of the Army.

I am informed that resigned officers of the Coast Survey
have been appointed in Artillery & Infantry service and
would respectfully submit an application for a similar
position.

Yours Respectfully

Jno L Gilpin

Wm J P Benjamin

Secretary of War

Richmond Va

Confederate States.

OFFICE OF ORDERS AND DETAIL.

NAVY DEPARTMENT.

Richmond, Dec^r. 28th 1861.

Hon. J. W. Benjamin,
Secy. of War.

Sir,

Mr. Geo. L. Tighman
who is an applicant for Lieutenantcy in the
Confederate Army, is the son of Gen. Jacob
Tighman of Maryland. I have known
Mr. Tighman from his boyhood, he
is a young gentleman of earnest moral
habits, and stands ^{high} with his associates
on the Coast Survey as an efficient
attentive officer, and a correct gentleman.
I take pleasure in making this
statement, and will be much gratified
to hear that his application has been
favorably considered by you.

Respectfully Sir
Yrs. obt. Servt
Frank^m. Buchanan

STATE OF

County, to-wit: }

I hereby certify that gentlemen, before whom the foregoing affidavits of and

made, and whose genuine signature is subscribed thereto, was, at the time of making and signing the same, a justice of the peace in and for the County and State aforesaid, duly commissioned and sworn, and to all whose official acts as such, full faith and credit is and ought to be given, as well in Courts of Justice as thereout.

appear to have been

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of

County, Court this day of

Anno Domini, eighteen hundred and sixty-

, Clerk

County Court.

of

If within their knowledge claimants should state *where the officer or soldier was born, and when and from what cause he died, distinguishing those who were killed in battle, or died of wounds received in battle, from those who died of disease.*

When there is an administrator, a certificate of the fact by the proper officer of the Court granting the same, under his seal of office, will be all that is necessary.

The law, and these regulations applying as well to conscripts as to volunteers, with respect to the former claimants and witnesses, will be required to swear to the conscription and the regiment and commander, to which the conscript belonged. They will name the captains and companies when they can do so, as this information will greatly facilitate the settlements.

Claimants should always endorse on their papers their address, naming postoffice, County and State.

The foregoing forms, etc., have also been approved by the Secretary of War.

W. H. S. TAYLOR,

Second Auditor, C. S.

*Lieutenant John Lewis Sigman was born at
Gord in Talbot County in the State of Maryland
on the 30th day of September 1837. He died at Augusta
in the State of Georgia on the sixth day of December
A.D. 1862. of rapid consumption contracted in the
same year while on duty with his Battery*

The attention of claimants is called to the following forms in preparing their affidavits, an observance of which will save time, trouble and expense:

STATE OF *Virginia*

On this *12th* day of *December*

Henrico County, to-wit: }

186*2*, personally appeared before me, the subscriber,

a justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid,

who, after being sworn according to law, deposes and says, that *he* is the

Administrator of *John Leeds Tilyman* deceased, who was a
1st Lieutenant of Captain *Frank Huger*, *Artillery*
Company, Regiment of *the Virginia* volunteers, commanded by Colonel

in detached service, in the service of the Confederate States in the
present war with the United States; that the said *1st Lieutenant John Leeds Tilyman*

entered the service at *Norfolk* in *Norfolk* County and State of

Virginia on or about the day of *February* A.D. 186*2*
and died on the *Sixth* day of *December* 186*2*

leaving neither wife or child; that he the said Frank H. Tilyman is the nearest relative legal representative being a
leaving Brother of the said Lieutenant John Leeds Tilyman

That *he* makes this deposition for the purpose of obtaining from the Government of the
Confederate States whatever may have been due the said *John Leeds Tilyman* at
the time of his death, for pay, bounty or other allowances for his services, as *1st Lieutenant*
aforesaid.

Sworn to and subscribed before me,

(Signed)

Frank F. Tilyman

Rich^d L. Lumsden J. P.

State of *Virginia* City of *Richmond* to-wit:

And on the same day and year aforesaid, also appeared before me, a justice of the peace in and for the County of *Richmond*, the

said, *James M. Sharp* who is well known to me,

and whom I certify to be a person of veracity and credibility, who, having been duly sworn, says, that

he is well acquainted with *Frank F. Tilyman*
the claimant, and also well knew, for *7* years, *John Leeds Tilyman*

the deceased soldier herein mentioned, and that the statement made under oath by said
Frank F. Tilyman the claimant, as to *his* relationship to
the said deceased soldier, is true and correct in ever particular, to the best of *his* knowledge and
belief, and that *he* the said *James M. Sharp* is wholly
disinterested.

Sworn to and subscribed before me,

(Signed)

Johnson Sands A.P.