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#### **ABRAHAM K. HANNA (1826-1864)**

Abraham K. Hanna was born circa 1826, the son of Andrew & Eliza Kerns Hanna of Greenbrier County, Virginia. He married Elizabeth Ann McMillion, also of Greenbrier County, 13 October 1851.

Mr. Hanna enlisted at Lewisburg, Greenbrier County, Virginia, 21 April 1862 and served in the 14<sup>th</sup> Virginia Cavalry, Company A. He was wounded in the Battle of Lynchburg 17 June 1864. As a result, his foot was amputated and the resulting weakness caused his death on 13 August 1864. He was buried in the Lynchburg City Cemetery, Row 2, Grave 9.

[Driver, Robert J. 14<sup>th</sup> Virginia Cavalry. Lynchburg, VA: H.E. Howard, Inc., 1988. 1860 US Census, Greenbrier County, VA; National Archives Microfilm, M653, Roll 1348, p. 328. Shuck, Larry G. *Greenbrier County Marriages*, 1782-1900. Athens, GA: Iberian Publishing Co., 1991.]

## **LUCY WILHELMINA NORVELL OTEY (1801-1867)**

Lucy Wilhelmina Norvell was born 28 February 1801, the daughter of William & Ann Wiatt Norvell. She married John Mathews Otey, son of Isaac & Elizabeth Matthews Otey, on 10 December 1817 in Lynchburg, Virginia.

Mrs. Otey was founder and President of the Ladies Relief Hospital in Lynchburg, Virginia during the Civil War. She directed the work of the hospital throughout the war and assisted in giving aid and comfort to the wounded sent there. She died on 23 May 1867 in Richmond, Virginia and was buried in the Spring Hill Cemetery, Lynchburg, Virginia.

[Baber, Lucy Harrison Miller. William Norvell (1746-1794) of Hanover County, Virginia: His Forebears and Descendants. Lynchburg, VA: author, 1992]

## JOHN MC.B. WALKUP

John Mc. B. Walkup was born about 1823, the son of John & Margaret R. Walkup. He resided in Greenbrier County, Virginia, in 1860. He enlisted in the Confederate Army 15 September 1863. He was wounded in action at the Battle of Lynchburg and was taken to the Ladies Relief Hospital. He returned to Greenbrier County after the war and died there 30 December 1891.

[1860 US Census, Greenbrier Co, VA. NAM M-653, Roll 1348, page 315. Driver, Robert J. 14<sup>th</sup> Virginia Cavalry. Lynchburg, VA: H.E. Howard, Inc., 1988]

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