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The 30th Regiment, Virginia Volunteers, was organized in May 1861 in Lynchburg, Virginia, with ten companies, enlisted for one year. The regiment was accepted into Confederate States service on 1 July 1861, and was known as the 30<sup>th</sup> Regiment until October 1861. In April 1862, the regiment was reorganized as 2nd Regiment, Virginia Cavalry. Company A, "Clay Dragoons," was enrolled for service at Liberty, Bedford County, Virginia, on 11 May 1861. During September and October 1861, Company A was engaged in scout and picket duty along the Alexandria and Leesburg Turnpike and on the Alexandria, Loudoun and Hampshire Railroad. During September, they were camped near Vienna, Virginia, and in October, they were near Flint Hill and Centreville, Virginia.

[Lee A. Wallace, Jr., *A Guide to Virginia Military Organizations, 1861-1865*, Rev. 2nd ed. (Lynchburg: H.E. Howard, 1986), p. 41; Muster Roll, Company A, 30th Regiment, Virginia Volunteers, Mss., MS1393, Jones Memorial Library, Lynchburg, VA.]

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**JAMES WINSTON WATTS (1833-1906)**

James Winston WATTS, son of Richard Durrett WATTS and Isabelle NEWELL, was born 19 April 1833 in Bedford County, Virginia. He married 22 February 1854 Mary Elizabeth JONES, daughter of Fielding E. JONES and Sarah SPEAR.

James Winston WATTS enlisted as a First Lieutenant in Company A, 30th Regiment, Virginia Volunteers, on 11 May 1861, in Liberty, Virginia. He was elected Captain on 10 October 1861. When the regiment was reorganized as the Second Virginia Cavalry, Captain WATTS was commissioned as Lieutenant-Colonel and served "with distinction," until he was disabled in 1863 at Aldie, Virginia. He was assigned to the command of the military post at Liberty, where he remained until the end of the war.

In 1865, James W. WATTS moved to Lynchburg, where he entered into partnership with Richard T. WATTS, his brother, and George M. JONES, his brother-in-law, in the formation of Jones, Watts and Company. The company had hardware stores in Lynchburg, Danville, Bedford City, Salem, and Roanoke, and became the leading hardware dealers for the western part of the state.

Following the sale of the company in 1887, the partnership continued their investment in coal mining operations. James W. WATTS was president of the National Exchange Bank and was a leading proponent for the establishment of the Lynchburg Cotton Mill. He was elected to the city council in 1877 and again in 1902. He also served as president of the board of police commissioners.

Col. James Winston WATTS died 3 December 1906 in Lynchburg, Virginia, and was buried in the Spring Hill Cemetery.

[Lyon Gardiner Tyler, *Encyclopedia of Virginia Biography*, Vol. IV (New York: Lewis Historical Publishing, 1915), pp. 31-34; Robert J. Driver, Jr., and H.E. Howard, *2nd Virginia Cavalry* (Lynchburg: H.E. Howard, 1995), p. 282.]