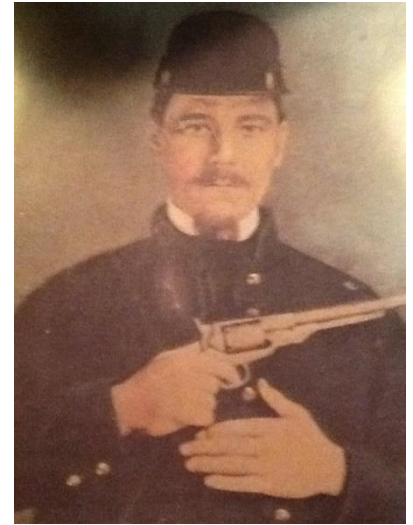


Ancestor Profile – David Anderson Dunn

David Anderson Dunn was born August 18, 1842 in Hopkins County, Kentucky, and was the oldest child born to William and Margaret K. (Francis) Dunn. In 1879, he married his second wife (my 2nd great-grandmother), Nancy Ann Howard in Trigg County, Kentucky, after his first wife of 15 years, Martha C. Casey, passed away in 1875. David Dunn had a total of 22 children; so, as you can imagine, our family tree is huge just based off this one branch. Prior to the war, he and the family were farmers. After the war, he ran a store located at Weaver's Store, Tennessee. It was said he often helped Confederate soldiers get home by giving them supplies for their journey, and this led to him eventually losing the business as he gave all he could to help others. At this point, he went back to farming.

His family members were in both the south and the north, as was a typical Civil War border state family. Some from the south fought for the Union and some from the north fought for the Confederacy. David's brothers Levi and John, along with cousins Jasper Dunn, John D. Dunn, James Dunn, and John P. Francis, all served with the *48th Kentucky Volunteers Mounted Infantry, Co. F*. The Dunn brother's stepfather, Rev. William A. Pitts was also a Union soldier with the *U.S. 5th Cavalry*. One of David's sisters married in 1863 and another in 1867, both to members of the *48th Kentucky Volunteers Mounted Infantry, Co. F* as well. Also, in the unit, was his father-in-law, John B. Howard.



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David had family that was close to him that fought as well; two 1st cousins fought in other Union units: Thomas Dunn with *7th Iowa Volunteers, Co. F*, who died as a POW on October 16, 1862 at CSM Prison at Richmond, VA; and John Lee Dunn who served with the *13th Regiment, Tennessee Cavalry (Union)*. His brothers-in-law, John Boucher served with the *Co. K, Ohio 51st Infantry Regiment*, and John H. Francis with the *17th Kentucky Cavalry* - and pension records show that he also served in the *48th Kentucky Vols*. His Confederate family consisted of: his uncle John R. Dunn with the *5th Regiment, North Carolina Infantry*, and his two sons, Newton Cannon Dunn and Hugh Randolph Dunn, who served with the *23rd Tennessee Infantry, Martin's Regiment*.

David Dunn's unit was organized at Princeton, Kentucky and mustered on October 26, 1863, under the command of Colonel Hartwell T. Burge. The regiment was attached to the *District of Southwest Kentucky, 1st Division, XXIII Corps, Department of the Ohio*, until April 1864. Then under the *1st Brigade, 2nd Division, District of Kentucky, 5th Division, XXIII Corps, Department of the Ohio*, to December 1864. It seems that he may have had a quiet military career, only seeing action against guerrilla units and quick skirmishes. He remained at Princeton, Kentucky, until December 1, 1863 and then moved to Russellville, where they remained until April 6, 1864. Their duties were to guard the *Louisville & Nashville Railroad* from Cave City to Louisville. The *48th Kentucky* was then moved to the headquarters at Munfordville. The regiment was relieved and moved to Calhoun between August 13–19 and joined Hobson's operations against Adam Johnson from August 19–24. Afterwards the unit moved to Princeton, Kentucky and operated against guerrillas in counties bordering the Cumberland River. They had skirmishes in Weston, Union County with action with Lyon's forces, and lastly at Eddyville and Providence. Towards the end of his tour, Dunn contracted smallpox and was limited to helping with the sick and wounded, until he was released from duty.

David Dunn is a grandson of a South Carolina Militia Captain who served during the American Revolution, and a nephew to a War of 1812, *Battle of New Orleans* veteran, who served under Andrew Jackson with the *3rd Tennessee Militia, Captain Tait's Co*. So he had a lot look up to. Being from a border state during the Civil War must have made it difficult to choose which side to fight for. Many of our ancestors owned slaves and fought for the Union, and many were non-slave owners that fought for the Confederacy. David Dunn's military legacy lives on in his descendants, as his son fought in WWI, his grandchildren in WWII and Korea, great grandchildren in Vietnam, and my generation in Iraq and Afghanistan. Now my son, Mitchell, is preparing to carry on the tradition, as he's pursuing a career as an aviator in the Armed Forces.

....submitted by 2nd great-grandson, Brother Grady Driver