

Roll of Students of North Georgia Agricultural College, 1873

This dataset examines the roll of students attending the North Georgia Agricultural College in Dahlonega, GA in the year 1873 and compares their last names to the muster rolls of the following companies of the army of the Confederate States of America:

- 1st Georgia State Line, Company D, “Blue Ridge Rangers”
- 1st Regiment, Georgia Infantry, Company (Ramsey) H, “Dahlonega Volunteers”
- 52nd Regiment, Georgia Infantry, Company C
- 52nd Regiment, Georgia Infantry, Company D, “Boyd Guards”

These four companies all originated from Lumpkin County where Dahlonega is held. The dataset reveals that 113 students out of the 210 total student body had their last names appear at least once in these Confederate army ranks.

Data Dictionary

First	The first name or initial, if known, of the student attending.
Middle	The middle name or initial, if known, of the student attending.
Last	The last name of the student attending.
County	The county of which the student is registered to.
Sex	The sex of the student attending.
Flagged	Whether the student’s last name appeared on a Confederate army roll. 1 = True; 0 = False
BRR	Last name matches here are from the Blue Ridge Rifles.
BRRa	Last name matches here are from the Blue Ridge Rangers.
52RC	Last name matches here are from the 52 nd Regiment, Company C.
52RD	Last name matches here are from the 52 nd Regiment, Company D.
1RH	Last name matches here are from the 1 st Regiment, Company H.

Cautionary Notes

This dataset is incomplete, and I only recommend using it for NGAC students from Lumpkin County, since I only examined rolls from companies composed in the county. Many students come from other counties — mostly notably Hall and Dawson — and their rolls were not examined.

Furthermore, the methodology is sloppy and needs to be refined more by comparing against Census records to see if the matches of last names truly denote a family unit or if they come by coincidence. The rolls do not tell me if John Smith and Ellis Smith are related, but their shared last name and, if they share a county, leads me to that conclusion with the evidence in front of me. If any other student finds something different, I encourage them to prove me wrong.

I may periodically update this dataset to address these deficiencies. Please check back on my website for this.

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