



The Cape Fear Civil War Round Table

Civil War Loyalty Oath

By Floyd Farrar

Has anyone ever seen an actual Civil War loyalty oath up close? I received this in the mail from the national archives along with other records of my great uncle Sgt. Lucius A. Farrar of Company K, 8th Tennessee Infantry, Confederate Army.

He was wounded and captured by Sherman's troops July 22nd 1864 during the battle of Atlanta. He spent the rest of his time in Camp Chase Prison Ohio which is where he signed the oath. Notice at the bottom that it says 'under the penalty of death.'

Seems they were kinda serious back then on loyalty oaths.

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Grew up in Southern California and has resided there all the time. He was in the US Navy aboard a wooden hulled minesweeper at Long Beach Naval Station CA. Upon discharge in Sept of 1962, he worked for three years on the Polaris Missile launching test facility at San Clemente Island for Westinghouse Electric Co. Upon contract end was employed by Southern California Edison Company for over thirty two years in steam-electric generation power plant operations in and around the coastal LA basin.

Retired from there in October of 1996 and discovered Civil War history by attending a CW round table meeting and became hooked on our diverse history. Along the way I became interested in genealogy and found that my great-great grand dad and his two sons were with the 2nd Arkansas Cav., Company F., Union Army. While his three brothers were with the 2nd, 8th, and 41st Tennessee Infantry, Confederate Army. I am planning on writing some family histories as I find the time and information. The great uncle Lucius whose document you are viewing has one heck of service record wounded twice once at Stonesâ€™ river, captured, healed, paroled, returned to the 8th TN. Then wounded and captured AGAIN on July 22, 1864, by Shermanâ€™s troops at the battle of Atlanta. Then sat out the war at Camp Chase Ohio.

My other uncle, Rufus Farrar was killed at Shiloh with the 2nd TN Co. G, on April 6, 1862

My other interests include digital photography, Mac computers, photographing Civil War re enactor events, target shooting, taking jibs at all politicians, active in vets groups & affairs, and ukulele strumming in my spare time. I am very busy with fun stuff in retirement and wonder how I found time to be gainfully employed for so many years?

I had the pleasure of making Al Hinesâ€™ acquaintance at a USS Adroit reunion aboard the USS North Carolina in Wilmington NC October of 2001. He told me then about Ft Fisher and I had the pleasure of visiting it for an all too brief time, I must get back again for a longer visit.

Al and I have remained friends ever since and recently met again in Ft Mitchell KY at a Navy reunion back in June of 2005.

