

The first full dress parade of Burford's first Volunteer company, forty-six years ago, was an event in the military history of the township, and many of their friends were present to admire them in the gorgeous historical scarlet of the British Army. The rank and file were physically as fine a body of men as ever wore the uniform, and marched with the steadiness of veterans. The men who to-day are picked up anywhere, to help complete the ranks of many of the Rural Corps are of a class that would not have been accepted in 1866.

We have been unable to secure a full list of the first members of the company, but the list here given shows the remarkable fact, that half a century ago, when Burford Village and its immediate vicinity, contained less than half the habitations which exist to-day, there were more men of the right class available for the Volunteer force, than can be found at the present time.

Service Roll of the Burford Infantry Company.

September 1866.

RANK		NAMES
Captain	Ira Wooden	Private James Holder
Lieutenant	Claudius Burns	" Judson Henderson
Ensign	Edmund Yeigh	" John Bouey
Sergeant	Stephen Wetmore	" Angus Bouey
"	Gilbert French	" Allan McCaskill
"	John Charles	" John Whale
"	William Briers	" George Whale
Corporal	Elijah Whelpley	" James Sharpe
"	Alfred Catton	" Edward Crysler
"	John Padfield	" Fred Charles
Private	Jesse Crysler	" Bradley Van Horne
"	Peter Briers	" Hector Bouey
"	George Padfield	" John Berry
"	Richard Rush	" Joshua Tillison
"	Levi Tillison	" John Munroe
"	John Johnston	" Joseph Elleby
"	George Lane	" Rory Johnston
"	Henry Griffin	" Robert Farrel
"	Hiram Farrel	" Abon Singer
"	Charles McCurdy	" Thomas Fox

In addition to the above, there are two members of the Burford Volunteer Company, who joined in 1868, who deserve special mention for their long and faithful service, which continued until the headquarters of the company was transferred to Brantford in 1882, viz, Sergeants Angus Johnston and Joseph Hunter, both of whom served subsequently in the Burford Cavalry.

Very few of the original members still survive, a larger proportion however are still living than of the charter members of the Burford Ca-