

**CW/VFM-120: *W.A. Holland***

The Pennsylvania Bucktails, also known as the 1<sup>st</sup> Pennsylvania Rifles and the 42<sup>nd</sup> Pennsylvania Infantry, was organized in mid June of 1861 and was involved in almost every major engagement up to it's mustering out in May 1864. This regiment was comprised of eleven companies; the Anderson Rifle Guards (Co. A), the Morgan Rifles (Co. B), the Cameron Rifles (Co. C), the Raftsman's Guards (Co. D), the Tioga Rifles (Co. E), the Irish Infantry (Co. F), the Elk Rifles (Co. G), The Wayne Independent Rifles (Co. H), the McKean Rifles (Co. I), and the Raftsman's Rangers (Co. K). This regiment was outfitted with rifles upon special request to the governor because most of the men were backwoodsmen and accustomed to the rifle.

Photocopy of "The Old Bucktails -- Their History

This document is a photocopy of an excerpt from The Duncannon Record. The excerpt was taken from the diary of W.A. Holland, who was a member of this regiment. The entries give a detailed account of troop movements and a fairly descriptive account of the battles that occurred.

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