



During the Civil War, when Gen. Kirby Smith's Confederate Army was threatening Cincinnati in 1862, Gov. David Tod called for volunteers to protect the city. Fifteen thousand men from all walks of life responded to the call and filed into entrenchments back of Covington and Newport. They were styled the "Squirrel Hunters." As such they were given honorable discharges when the threatened invasion failed to materialize. The contributor of the discharge, above reproduced, is James Auten, 1007 Linn street. He is now 87 years old. He then was 15.