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**I** saw Capt. Dupoister start out from amongst his dirty crew on my right hand seeing him coming a direct course toward me. I looked round to my left. I saw Col. Mr. Campbell of Virginia on my left. Dupoister came forward with his sword hilt foremost Campbell accosted him in these words I am happy to see you sir. Dupoister in answer swore by his maker he was not happy to see him under the present circumstances at the same time delivered up his sword Campbell rec<sup>d</sup>. the sword turned it round in his hand...” – p. 8

**T**he accounts of Colonel John Floyd’s life read like an historical romance, and abound in inaccuracies, conflicting records, and embellishments. With their “reluctant hero,” as he was called by one biographer, and their fairytale quality, the accounts present a story of high adventure, grounded in fact, obscured by uncertainty, and filled with vitality. – p. 21

**L**ast Monday week the men over 35 was ordered to meet at Christians burgh. Some thought they was to go under general floyd. none of the Showalters did not go. The other day it was said that [those] under 35 was ordered out. but they have not been around to notice us.” – p. 34

**T**he blade is just one-eighth inch shy of being eighteen inches long and appears to be made of carbon steel. It is double edged, and it is quite sharp. I didn’t actually try to shave with it, but I believe I could have. – p. 40

**I**n 1869, Bishop Wayman wrote ... about a visit to Blacksburg: “Friday morning I took leave of Salem for Blacksburg. Rev. William B. Derrick met me at the depot in Christiansburg, with Colonel Preston’s fine pair of horses and a Jersey wagon, and took me to Blacksburg where I spent the Sabbath. ... Brother Derrick has a fine congregation and a large day school of sixty-five scholars, and no man stands higher in the community than he...” – p. 67

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