

JACOB HENRY BLAKEMORE

JACOB HENRY BLAKEMORE, of Mount Airy, N. C., is a native of Virginia, born at Mount Crawford, August 12, 1832. In 1859 he removed to Augusta, Ga., and there enlisted in April, 1861, as a private in the celebrated Letcher Guards. On being mustered into the Confederate service he took part in the Peninsula campaign and the Seven Days' battles before Richmond, in the command of General Longstreet, and subsequently fought at Savage Station and Fredericksburg. After the latter battle he was transferred to the band of the Fifty-third Georgia regiment, as a musician, and served in that capacity in the campaigns of the army of Northern Virginia, until the spring of 1864 he joined Breathed's battalion of Stuart's horse artillery, and was assigned to duty as chief bugler of the battalion. In this position he was with this famous body of fighters in the thick of the conflict of 1864 and 1865 until his command was disbanded after the surrender at Staunton, Va. Not long afterward he made his home at Mount Airy, where he has ever since been quite successfully engaged in the business of photography.