

Muster Roll of Capt. S. L. SPARKMAN of the Florida Mounted Militia, ordered into service of the United States by the Secretary of War from the 2nd day of August 1840 (commencement of Territorial Service) to the 29th day of November 1840 when discharged.

At Lancaster, Alligator Settlement, E.F., on 29 Nov. 1840, S. L. Sparkman, Capt. commanding the company, certified that the muster roll was true and accurate. On the same date and place, Maj. S. Churchill, Insp. & Mustering Officer, certified that he had examined the roll, inspected the company and honorably discharged the company.

S. L. SPARKMAN, Capt.	Allen HAZLE, Corp.
G. M. ELLIS, 1st Lt.	Nehemiah TINDOL, Corp.
W. HANCOCK, 2nd Lt.	Edgar COLLING, Corp.
Johnathan CLIFTON, 1st Sgt.	Stephen BARCO, Corp.
Langley BRYANT, Sgt.	Thomas WEEKS, Bugler.
Allen WEEKS, Sgt.	E. B. SPARKMAN, Bugler.
Elias OSTEEN, Sgt.	

PRIVATES

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| 1. BARCO, Daniel                                   | 8. CASON, John, Sr.                                   |
| 2. BARCO, Joseph                                   | 9. CASON, Ransom, sick at<br>Ft. Call from 11/15.     |
| 3. BARCO, William                                  | 10. CASON, James                                      |
| 4. BEARD, H. W.                                    | 11. CASON, John, Jr.                                  |
| 5. BROOKS, Joseph, sick at<br>Ft. Call from 11/16. | 12. CASON, Abraham, sick at<br>Ellisville from 11/22. |
| 6. BENNET, John                                    | 13. CASON, William                                    |
| 7. CASON, Moses                                    |   |

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14. COMBS, John
15. DAVIDSON, John
16. DOUGLAS, Richarson
17. GARDNER, John
18. GASKINS, Fisher
19. GARANER, James
20. HANCOCK, Henry
21. JOHNS, William
22. JONES, Thomas
23. LONG, Levi
24. LONG, Redding, sick at  
Ft. Barco 11/28.
25. MUNDEN, James
26. MUNDEN, Wm.
27. McKINNEY, Charles
28. MORY, Joseph
29. NIBLACK, Samuel
30. NIBLACK, Silas
31. NIBLACK, W. L.
32. NIBLACK, John
33. NIBLACK, Joel
34. OSTEEN, Hez.
35. OSTEEN, Allen
36. OSTEEN, Leander, sick at  
Ellisville from 11/8.
37. OSTEEN, John
38. OSTEEN, W. A.
39. OSTEEN, Shad'k
40. OSTEEN, James, sick at  
Ellisville from 11/7.
41. PARISH, Troy, sick at  
Ft. Barco from 11/10.
42. PARISH, James M.
43. PARISH, T. J., sick at  
Ft. Barco from 11/10.
44. RYAN, Wm. D.
45. REED, Daniel
46. ROBERTS. Wm.
47. SPARKMAN, Stephen, Sr.
48. SPARKMAN, Stephen, sick  
at Ft. Barco from 11/  
12.
49. SPARKMAN, N. R.
50. STRICKLING, Wm.
51. SMITH, Mather
52. THOMAS, Nicholas
53. TOWNSEND, Wm.
54. WILLIAMS, Thomas
55. WEEKS, John, Sr.
56. WEEKS, John, Jr.
57. WEEKS, Samuel, (unread-  
able), Oct. 25.
58. WEEKS, Thomas
59. WEEKS, Madison
60. unreadable
61. WEEKS, Archibald
62. WEEKS, Bartlett
63. WEEKS, Edward (unread-  
able) Oct. 20.
4. YOUNGBLOOD, Robert (un-  
readable) Nov. 25.

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**Of Note:**

In the pension application for John J Weeks, the Acting Commissioner of Pensions requests that the Auditor of the War Department "...furnish a statement of the service of John J. or John Weeks." He notes, "Service is also alleged in Captain Sparkmans Co. Aug 22 to Nov. 26, 1840."

In response, the Auditor sends back the following statement: "The muster roll of Capt. S.L. Sparkman's Co., Florida Vols reports John Weeks, Jr., and Sr., privates, enrolled Aug. 22, 1840, at place not stated, and discharged Nov. 29, 1840, at Lancaster, E. F."

In an affidavit dated February 1, 1899, given by John J Weeks as part of his pension application, he states, "I afterwards enlisted in Captain Sparkmans Comp. under my own name John Weeks, whether as Junior I can not say - but my Father also named John Weeks Sr. was also a member of same company. I do not know whether my Father could write or not. I could not. The reason I sign my name John J. Weeks now - & for six or seven years past, is to keep my affairs & mail from being mixed up with that of my nephew, also John Weeks, after he came here to live. My Father John Weeks died about 1853 at Tampa Fla, his age was close to 60 years. I do not know of anyone living who served in same companies except my Brother Madison Weeks, who is now incapable of giving any intelligent answers; & whose affidavit you received some eight or ten months ago."

Shortly thereafter, the Chief of the Record and Pension Office, returned the following to The Commissioner of Pensions: "John Weeks, Sr., and John Weeks, Jr., were each enrolled and mustered into service August 22, 1840, as a private in Captain S. L. Sparkman's company, Florida Mounted Militia, Florida war, and were mustered out with the company, as a private, November 29, 1840, at Lancaster, Florida."

At the conclusion of the review, John J Weeks was granted a pension and was credited with the following service:

"Service Shown by Record.

Enlisted Sparkmans Co. Aug 22, 1840 -- Honorably discharged Nov. 29—1840"

The original muster roll for Captain S.L. Sparkman has not been obtained by this researcher (multiple negative searches). But the derivative source attached above does correlate with the information reported in the pension application of John J Weeks.

**Conclusion:**

John Weeks, Sr, John Weeks, Jr, and Madison Weeks all served as privates in Captain S. L. Sparkman's company, Florida Mounted Militia, during the Second Seminole War. They were mustered out with the entire company, as privates, November 29, 1840, at Lancaster, Alligator Settlement, East Florida.

John Weeks, Sr is the father of John Weeks, Jr and Madison Weeks.