

Most looked up to this county man

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under five feet, ten inches, and equally stout and able-bodied. We pity the rebel upon whose neck the foot of 'Big Pete' shall come down with a vengeance."

It was Kop and a Colonel Silas Colgrove who did the recruiting work that netted Van Buskirk. Actually, they probably didn't have to do much of a selling job, since his grandfather had fought in the Revolution and his uncle in the Battle of Tippecanoe.

IT IS NOT RECORDED how the Union Army solved the problem of finding a uniform for a 6-foot-10 man, but we do know that the first action he saw was at Winchester, Va., where he was captured. After three months of imprisonment, he was transferred to Annapolis, Md., where he was exchanged. His battle record included engagements at Chancellorsville, Gettysburg and Antietam, some of the fiercest fighting in the war, and he emerged with the rank of captain. Physical disabilities he had accumulated in war had taken their toll, and he was mustered out of the Union Army in April of 1864 as physically unfit for service.

In time, the family was to drop the "Van" prefix.