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traveling on that day. He not only admitted having done so, but added that it was his usual custom "when from home." The Session set a time and place for Thomas' public repentance, but he was absent and expelled from the membership. It took him full year to change his mind and return to the "fold."

The Civil War changed the lives of the McCalla family. Joseph died in the service in August of 1861, and that may have prompted the enlistments of his brothers, Samuel and Henry.

Henry, in particular, had not waited for his name to be called in a draft. Indeed, he personally recruited the men of his unit and was elected their captain. They were all mustered into the service at Terre Haute on Sept. 5, 1861.

Next week: Henry McCalla in the Union Army.