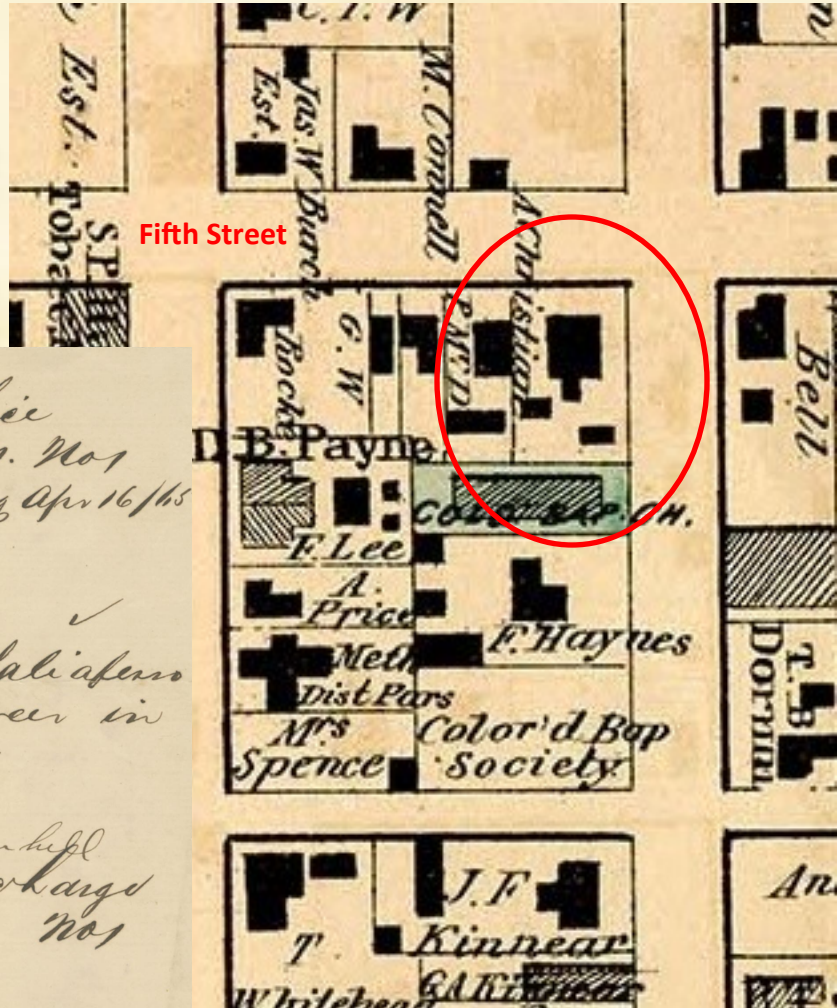


Taliaferro's Factory

Taliaferro's was located on the corner of Court and Fifth Streets. By 1877 the building on that corner is owned by an A. Christian. It is unclear who this Taliaferro may have been, it is a common Virginia name and is pronounced "Tol-i-ver."



Fifth Street

Surg. Office
Gen. Hos. No 1
Lynchburg Apr 16/65

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No 27

Act. Asst. Surg R P Taliaferro
will report to Surg. J. B. Mercer in
charge of Div. No 2 for duty

W. Shreve
Surg. in charge
Gen. Hos. No 1

Act Asst. Surg R P Taliaferro
Div. No 1 Gen. Hos. No 1

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Detail from Gray's 1877 map, Taliaferro's corner is circled in red

Perhaps only a coincidence, a Confederate Surgeon name R. P. Taliaferro was stationed in Lynchburg during the war.

May 12, 1864—Thursday—Lynchburg. Mrs. Spence came after me just as I was about to begin this morning and said she had just heard that Taliaferro's factory was full of soldiers in a most deplorable condition. I went there immediately with a bucket of rice milk, a basin, towels, soap, &c., to see what I could do. I found the house filled with wounded men and not one thing provided for them. They were lying about the floor on a little straw. Some of them had been here since Tuesday and had not seen a surgeon. I washed and dressed the wounds of about fifty and poured water over the wounds of many more. The town is crowded with the poor creatures, and there is really no preparation for such a number. If it had not been for the ladies many of them would have starved to death. The poor creatures are very grateful, and it is a great pleasure to us to help them in any way. I have been very hard at work ever since the wounded commenced coming. I went to the depot twice to see what I could do for the poor fellows. I have had the cutting and distribution of twelve hundred yards of cotton cloth for bandages, and sent in over three bushels of rolls of bandages, and as many more yesterday. I never worked as hard in all my life, but it is a great pleasure and I would rather do it than anything else in the world. I hope no more wounded will be sent here, as I really do not think they could be sheltered. The doctors of course are doing much, and some are doing their full duty, but the majority are not. They have free access to the hospital stores, and deem their own health demands that they shall drink up most of the brandy and whiskey in stock, and, being fired up most of the time, display a cruel and brutal indifference to the needs of the suffering which is a disgrace to their profession and to humanity.

May 13, 1864 - Almost all the men at Taliaferro's are of Longstreet's corps and express the greatest desire to go to see the General. When I told the men I had been in East Tennessee with them they seemed very much pleased.
William Blackford diary