

## Corporal Wyndham R. Carper Co. D – 11<sup>th</sup> Virginia Infantry

Born in Botetourt County on November 12, 1840.

Enlisted in Company D “The Fincastle Rifles” on April 23, 1861. George M. Carper and Dr. Robert B. Carper also enlisted on the same date. John Carper and Wyndham’s brother, George W. Carper, would enlist in early 1862. Both John and Dr. Robert Carper would die from wounds received at the battle of Williamsburg in May of 1862.

Absent sick in January and February of 1863.

Wounded in the head during Pickett’s charge at Gettysburg on July 3, 1863. Returned to duty and shown on the muster report of September - October, 1863.

Promoted to Corporal on December 20, 1863.

On June 12, 1864 from Cold Harbor, Virginia, Wyndham wrote, “*The night before Grant moved from Cold Harbor . . . some of our boys were detailed for picket duty in front. The picket lines were only distanced about seventy-five yards . . . we expected to be attacked and were ready to fire one volley and retire at top speed . . . we had two recruits, James Wood and Tom Perkins, who had been assigned to our company a few days before and we told them when the Yanks left they would get an overcoat, a U. S. blanket, and a pup tent. At day break, sure enough the Yanks were gone. We broke for their lines. I had my hand in a box of ground sugar & coffee putting it into my haversack . . . we got fresh beef, ham, and crackers . . . we went into camp at a spring and cooked our beef and made coffee, how we enjoyed it.*”

Avoided capture on April 1, 1865 at Five Forks and again on April 6, 1865 at Sayler’s Creek.

Wyndham, and his brother George W., surrendered on April 9, 1865 at Appomattox Court House.

Returned to Botetourt County, Virginia. Died July 26, 1925 at age 84 years, 8 months and 14 days of age.

Wyndham is buried in the Galatia Presbyterian Cemetery, Botetourt County.

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( *The Eleventh Virginia Infantry*, Robert T. Bell, 1985, Lynchburg, p,69; *No Soap, No Pay, Diarrhea, Dysentery & Desertion*, Jeff Toalson, 2006, Lincoln, by date.)