

Lt. William M. Haselden
Company G “Williamsburg Rifles” – 15th S. C. Infantry

William M. Haselden was born December 12, 1840.

The 1860 census listed William as a teacher, common school.

He married Sarah B. Grier on January 31, 1861 while war clouds brewed.

William enlisted, at age 21, in Company G (Capt. J. B. Chandler’s Company) of the 15th South Carolina Infantry. The 15th was officially mustered in on September 16, 1861 at Lightwood Knot Springs near Columbia, S. C. William was elected 2nd Lieutenant for the Company. William was promoted to 1st Lt. on December 5, 1861.

In 1862 the regiment is transferred to Lee’s Army of Northern Virginia.

CSA pay records indicate Lt. Haselden received recruiting bounty totaling \$1300 to be disbursed to 26 recruits in Company G on June 13th and \$1200 for 24 recruits on November 1st. These were re-enlistment bonus payments for the duration of the war.

On 11-27-62 William and Sarah’s first child (a son) is born.

William is wounded at Fredericksburg in 1862, hospitalized in Richmond, and furloughed home for 27 days to recover beginning February 26, 1863.

On May 12, 1863 he is wounded near Fredericksburg in the Chancellorsville campaign.

He is not hospitalized. William is present at Gettysburg.

Sept. 4, 1863 William requisitions 4 pair of drawers (@ \$2.50 each) for Co. G.

Nov. and Dec., 1863 William is in temporary command of Company G.

February 19, 1864 Lt. Haselden requisitions 6 pr. Shoes for Co. G soldiers.

Home on leave in April, 1864. Returned to Richmond on May 8, 1864.

May and June, 1864 absent serving as Acting AQM for the 15th South Carolina

July 21, 1864 at Petersburg requisitions 3 weeks feed for 13 animals in 15th – 2337# corn, 4256# oats issued (oats short 300#). He requisitioned 403 rations for the men – none issued.

August 5, 1864 requisitions 1 horse, 3 mules & 1 wagon to replace unserviceable animals and wagon left in Richmond. Signed Lt. W. M. Hazelden AQM-15th S. Carolina Inf.

Sept. 10, 1864 requisitions and receives 5 quires letter paper, 20 quires _____ paper, 4 quires note paper, 100 envelopes and 40 steel pens.

No further record.

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On May 29, 1869 William and his brother Andrew bought the Daniel farm of 730 acres for \$500. William farmed, taught at country schools and did private tutoring the rest of his life. He died April, 10, 1905 at age 65. His wife Sarah preceded him in death in 1898.

[*The Haseldens in South Carolina*, Stan Barnett, copied family document, p12-14; Microfilmed CSA Service Records, United Daughters of the Confederacy, Richmond, Microcopy 267, Roll 280; Copies of microfilm CSA documents from State of S. Carolina provided by Ken Parsons.]