

**Lt. Cyrus B. Coiner**  
**Company G - 52<sup>nd</sup> Virginia Infantry**

Born in Fishersville, Augusta County, Virginia on January 20, 1842.

Enlisted, as a private, on August 21, 1861, in Staunton, Virginia.

Promoted to 1<sup>st</sup>. Lt. on May 1, 1862.

Wounded on May 18, 1864 at Spotsylvania Court House, Virginia.

Cyrus wrote of his bad luck, *“I was wounded on the 18<sup>th</sup> of May one of the enemy sharpshooters climbed out onto a large tree where he could see my head over the little pits . . . the second shot passed through my cheek out of my mouth wounding my wrist and wounding one of my men that was in the pit with me.”*

Cyrus returned to duty after the Battle of Monocacy in July, 1864.

Promoted to Captain in early 1865.

Escaped from the army at Appomattox on April 9, 1865 and did not surrender.

Paroled in Staunton on May 15, 1865. Cyrus was listed as 23 years of age, 6 feet tall, light complexion, dark hair and hazel eyes.

Cyrus returned to farming and stock raising. He outlived four wives.

Cyrus was a member of the Stonewall Camp of Confederate Veterans.

Death came on April 18, 1919 in his 77<sup>th</sup> year. He is buried in the churchyard of the Tinkling Spring Presbyterian Church in Fishersville, Virginia.

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Eight Coiners served in Company G. of the 52<sup>nd</sup> Virginia including his brother Joseph. Another brother, who commanded Company C of the 52<sup>nd</sup> Virginia, was killed at Spotsylvania.

**(Driver, Robert, 52<sup>nd</sup> Virginia Infantry, Lynchburg, 1986, p. 57 and regimental roster.)**