

**Lt. Jacob H. Engle**  
**Company A – 12<sup>th</sup> Virginia Cavalry**

Jacob Henry Engle was born in Jefferson City., Virginia in 1825. In 1849 he and 80 friends formed the Charles Town Mining Company and headed to the gold fields of California to seek their fortunes. They went by train to Pittsburgh, by boat to St. Joseph, MO., and then bought 16 wagons, 96 mules & a variety of supplies. They left on a 4 month journey to Sacramento on May 9, 1849. Three years later Jacob returned by ship, via Panama, and in Philadelphia exchanged his gold for several thousand dollars.

Jacob, with his future now secure, returned to farming in Jefferson County, Virginia, in late 1853. On May 6, 1855, he married Helen Virginia Blackford.

Jacob enlisted in Charles Town, Virginia on September 1, 1861 in Glenn's Company of the 7<sup>th</sup> Virginia Cavalry and was elected 3<sup>rd</sup> Lieutenant. On November 1, 1861 the Company officially commenced duty and Jacob was confirmed as the 3<sup>rd</sup> Lieutenant. With the reorganization of the Confederate armies in Virginia in late April, 1862, the command was transferred to the 12<sup>th</sup> Virginia Cavalry as Company A. Jacob had been promoted to 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. in the 7<sup>th</sup> Virginia on April 28 and he was officially promoted to 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. of Co. A – 12<sup>th</sup> Virginia Cavalry on May 10, 1862.

On September 28, 1862 he drew 1834 pounds of hay, 13 bushels of corn and 13 bushels of oats for Company A. Sometime after a November, 1862 muster report Jacob was promoted to 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. This probably happened in the spring of 1863. 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Jacob Engle is wounded at the battle of Brandy Station on June 9, 1863. It was a minor wound because he is present at Upperville, on June 21, where his horse is killed. The government reimbursed him \$600 for his mount. In July, 1863, he puts in a requisition for 15 bushels of corn and 8 bushels of oats for the company.

On September 26<sup>th</sup> he requisitioned 30 haversacks, 10 pairs of pants, 20 pairs of socks, and 12 drawers for Company A. In December, 1863, Company A only mustered 38 men. A November, 1864 inspection report shows Jacob on unspecified 'detached duty.

The 12<sup>th</sup> Virginia Cavalry avoided Appomattox and rode to Lynchburg. Union records show Jacob as a POW being paroled in Winchester, Virginia on April 20/21, 1865. The 12<sup>th</sup> Virginia Cavalry saw action in some 100 battles and skirmishes during the WBTS and Jacob was present for a majority of those fights.

Jacob returned home to Jefferson County and resumed farming. Jacob and Helen had 3 children on their farm near Engle Station. Jacob died on 21 July 1900 and is buried in the Elmwood Cemetery in Shepherdstown, West Virginia.

**(MicroCopy 324, Roll 75 and MicroCopy 324, Roll 116 of Compiled Service Records – Confederate, United Daughters of the Confederacy, Richmond, Virginia. Family history provided by Ed Engle.)**