

Private Abraham Troxell Link Company I – 4th Virginia Infantry

Abraham Link was born near Longwood, in Rockbridge County, on October 3, 1829. His parents were Daniel and Margaret Link. He married Martha Elisabeth Dulaney (1st wife) in 1856. Abraham, at age 32, enlisted in Company I [The Liberty Hall Volunteers] on April 12, 1862 at Mount Jackson, Virginia. The April 30th muster report shows him on detached duty in Staunton, Virginia.

He is shown present on the October and December, 1862 muster reports and the February and April muster reports of 1863. It is noted in the April report that General Trimble detailed Abraham for 'Pioneer' duty on April 6th in Special Order #77.

Abraham will be detailed to the 'pioneers' for the next year. From the time he was detailed until the end of June, 1863, he was entrenching various sites around Buckner's Neck and Hamilton's Crossing, Virginia. No detail is provided for the months after June.

A muster report dated November, 1864, shows him killed in battle near Winchester, Virginia, in September. He had in fact been captured by the enemy on September 19, 1864. He had a major gunshot wound in the upper lobe of the left lung. His initial treatment was at the U. S. Depot Hospital in Winchester. He was later transferred to the West Building Hospital in Baltimore and on November 19, 1864, was received at Fort McHenry prison. His health continued to improve and on January 1, 1865, he was transferred to Point Lookout Prison at Point Lookout, Maryland.

On January 25th his wife Martha wrote, ". . . I received your verry kind letter yesterday it gave me great pleasure to heare from you I once was compeled to believe that I never would have the happy privilege of writing to you again . . ."

On February 18, 1865, he was exchanged and paroled at Point Lookout and sent to Richmond, Virginia, via City Point. He was received at Wayside General Hospital #8 on February 27th and admitted for 30 days. NFR.

Most likely he was given a medical discharge from Wayside General and headed home to Rockbridge County.

His first wife died in 1871. Their marriage resulted in 8 children (Ada, Capernia, John, Charles, Eliza, Jessie, Nellie and Rebecca). Shortly after her passing he married Martha M. Drawbond. Abraham was a carpenter (1870 census) and a farmer and building contractor near Buffalo Mills in 1886. Abe died on May 5, 1901. He is buried at Falling Springs Presbyterian Church in Glasgow, Virginia.

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Additional family information, obituaries, & documents provided by Pam Stalnaker)**