

Private Eli Ludwig Fogleman
Company K – 5th North Carolina Cavalry

Eli was born on January 29, 1836. He was the son of William Fogleman and Barbara Fogleman of Guilford County, North Carolina. Eli enlisted in Company K, at age 26, on August 18, 1862 in Greensboro, Guilford County, N. Carolina, for the duration of the war. He would be one of the older privates in the company.

On February 6th 1863, from Kinston, N. C., he wrote, “. . . *the army is a harable place to be . . . we drew 1 suit of clothing and \$89 dollars . . . I sent you \$80 by Samuel Hannah . . . it rained, hailed and snowed till about ten oclock . . . it is turning cold . . . some of our boys is gon on piket and we will have to go about Monday we are 20 miles south of Kinston . . .*”

Eli is captured, on May 4, 1863, in Carteret County, N. Carolina, by Union troops of Maj. General J. G. Foster. He was paroled in New Bern on May 23, 1863. Eli is detailed home sick on June 16, 1863. Additionally he is shown on the report to have been without a horse since May 4th. The October, 1863, muster report shows him absent without leave and without a horse since May 4.

The December, 1863, muster report shows him present and that he missed a total of 88 days from the command during the summer because he had no horse after May 4. There is a note in his file of a March, 1864, court martial but no details are provided.

The April 30, 1864, muster report shows that Eli is again home in North Carolina since April 4th without a mount. They are again listing him as AWOL. Cavalrymen were normally granted a 10-20 day horse furlough to go home to return the broken down horse and acquire a new horse. Eli probably cannot afford to buy a new horse. On September 25, 1864 there is a clothing receipt for uniform items. NFR

Postwar the 1870 census notes that he and Lucy B. Fogleman have 3 children; Sarah 5, Lewis 3 and Mary E. ½. Eli is shown as a farmer with \$650 of real property (land) and \$400 of personal property. Eli and Lucy will have a total of 9 children.

Eli will die on March 31, 1892, and is buried in the Melanchthon Lutheran Cemetery in Liberty, North Carolina. Lucy will later marry a Mr. Staley of Liberty, N. Carolina and help raise their blended families.

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