

Private George C. Parsons
Company C – 25th South Carolina Infantry

George C. Parsons was born on April 26, 1844, in Williamsburg County, South Carolina. His parents were Josiah and Celia Stone Parsons.

George enlisted on December 9, 1862 at James Island for the duration of the conflict. The Eutaw Regiment (25th S. C.) was formed by consolidating the 11th Battalion SC Infantry and Co. C of the 21st SC Infantry. His brothers William & Franklin also enlisted in the 25th and their youngest Andrew enlisted in the 48th S. C. Cavalry.

On December 28, 1862 George is shown in the Wilmington, NC Hospital with pneumonia. He is returned to duty on January 1, 1863. He is shown present on all 6 muster reports for 1863 and received two months of pay at each muster. From July thru September, 1863 he is stationed at James Island, Vincent's Creek and Charleston, SC.

The February 28, 1864 muster report shows him detailed to duty at Fort Sumter since 2/24 while that fort was under attack by the Union fleet.

As General Ben Butler's Army of the James landed at Bermuda Hundred General Beauregard scrambled for troops and Johnson Hagood's South Carolinians arrived in Petersburg by rail in the nick of time. On May 7, 1864 Chimborazo Hospital #4 reports him as a patient. Hagood's Brigade was stationed in the Swift Creek – Port Walthall vicinity in this time period. He and his brother Franklin were both wounded in picket line skirmishing. Franklin died 7 days later at Chimborazo and is buried at Blandford. On May 14, 1864 Chimborazo Hospital #4 reports him with a gunshot wound to the left arm and side. On May 30 he is provided with a 60 day wounded furlough. The August, 1864 muster report show him as absent wounded since May 14th. We must assume that his wounded furlough was extended. No further military records after September 20th, 1864.

In 1870 George is a laborer on his father's farm and has \$400 of real property (land) and \$150 of personal property. George and Martha Feagin Parsons marry in December 1, 1870 and they have 8 children. The 1900 census shows George married to Annie E. Parsons. On May 10, 1908 the Southern Cross of Honor was bestowed on Private George C. Parsons by the Georgetown, South Carolina Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy. George dies on November 18, 1919 and is buried in Antioch Pentecostal Church, Williamsburg County, S. Carolina.

(Compiled Service Records Confederate, Brewer Library, United Daughters of the Confederacy, Richmond, Virginia, Micro Copy 267, Roll 348. Ancestry.com Census Reports: 1850 – M432, p1009; 1860 – M653, 1438, 1880- Roll 1242, p40; 1910 – T624, 1458. Compendium of Confederate Armies – S. Carolina, Stewart Sifakis, 1992, New York, p.55-58. Additional family history provided by Ken Parsons.)