

## **Private George H. Holleman Company A – 16<sup>th</sup> Virginia Infantry**

George Henry Holleman was born in 1843 in Surry County, Virginia. He was the son of William Rush Holleman and Belvidera E. P. Andrews Holleman .

George enlisted on April 17, 1861, and entered service with Company A on April 27, 1861. On the June, 1861, muster roll it is noted that he had been a student at the time of enlistment. He is shown on the August, 1861, muster as a 2nd Corporal. On October 15, 1861, he was reduced in rank to private by order of the commanding officer of the 16<sup>th</sup> Virginia.

The February, 1862, muster showed him absent without leave. The April, 1862, muster noted that George had re-enlisted for the duration of the war. George reported to Chimborazo Hospital #3, in Richmond, with chronic diarrhea on October 28, 1862. He was back with the unit for the December muster report.

Muster reports show him present for all of 1863. On February 21, 1864, he reported to Chimborazo General Hospital #9 for temporary duty as a nurse. Captured near Petersburg, at Burgess Mill, on October 27, 1864. Arrived at City Point, Virginia, on October 31. Shipped to Point Lookout Prison, Maryland. Exchanged from Point Lookout on March 28, 1865. Paroled on April 25, 1865, and headed home to Isle of Wight.

In 1869 George married Alice Lawson Cuninghame, the daughter of George & Mary Mabelle Moore Cuninghame of Black River and Savanna-La-Mar in Jamaica, British West Indies. He was a sugar planter of Scottish ancestry. George and Alice has three children (George, Jr.; Hilda Katherine and Wilmot Belvidera). Both George, Jr. and Wilmot died before reaching majority.

Between 1869 and 1875 George and Alice moved to Baltimore. On June 30, 1875, both George Jr., and Hilda were baptized at the Memorial Episcopal Church in that city. Sometime prior to the summer of 1876 they moved to Portsmouth, Virginia. Shortly after the June 17, 1880, census Alice went to New York City, near her sister, to be under the care of a doctor who specialized in cancer treatments. Alice had breast cancer, her arm swelled to twice the normal size and the doctor proposed amputation with the hope that she might gain another two months or so of life. Alice declined the amputation and died at #61 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Manhattan on August 22, 1881. She is buried in an unmarked grave in Evergreen Cemetery in Brooklyn.

George is a mystery. He was alive in June of 1880 in Norfolk County, Virginia, according to census records. He is shown as a farm laborer who had been unemployed for the previous 8 months. The census shows him as 33 but he should have been 37. The *16<sup>th</sup> Virginia Infantry* has an undocumented note that he “died by March 5, 1905.”

**(Compiled Service Records Confederate, Brewer Library, UDC, Richmond, Virginia, Micro Copy 324, Roll 575; 16<sup>th</sup> Virginia Infantry, Trask, Lynchburg, 1986, p. 96; Assorted family history and documents provided by Ed Truslow)**