

Private Henry Winder Garrett
Co. A – VMI Cadets & 43rd Virginia Cavalry (Mosby's Rangers)

Henry Winder Garrett was born on December 23, 1844.

Henry was the son of Dr. Robert Major Garrett and his wife, Susan Comfort Winder Garrett of Williamsburg, Virginia.

In December, 1862, Dr. Garrett received a letter noting that VMI tuition was running \$400 - \$500 per year and it would be difficult to gain admission for his son.

Henry Garrett entered VMI on April 22, 1863. He served as a private in the Corp of Cadets. At the battle of New Market he is credited with wounding and capturing a Union officer.

Private Garrett served with the Cadets in the trenches of Richmond and resigned from the Corp on January 1, 1865, to join Mosby's Rangers of the 43rd Virginia Cavalry.

Postwar he studied at William & Mary in 1865 and 1866. He then studied law at the University of Virginia. VMI awarded him an honorary graduation in the VMI class of 1867.

He taught school and practiced law for 3 years in Giles County, Tennessee.

1874 found Henry in Johnson County, Texas, also teaching and practicing law.

Henry returned to Williamsburg and practiced law and farmed. He never married.

Henry Winder Garrett died on May 6, 1879 (34 years & 5 months). He is buried in the Garrett plot at the Bruton Parish graveyard in Williamsburg, Virginia.

(*Picket Lines*, September 2015 issue, p. 4, Fred Boelt's "Confederate Gravesites" article on local cemetery history.)