

Private John Jackman
Co. B – 5th Kentucky Infantry

John was born in Carroll County, Kentucky in December, 1841. He attended school and was a carpenter before becoming a school teacher. When he enlisted he was almost 20 years of age, unmarried, 5' 8", thin, dark haired and had blue eyes.

Enlisted in Company B on October 2, 1861 at Green River, Tennessee. They would become part of the 'Orphan Brigade' and General John C. Breckinridge would be their first commander.

Wounded at Shiloh and forwarded to a hospital in Castillian Springs, Mississippi. Shown sick at hospital from 4-21-62 through 4-30-62.

Detailed as an adjutant's clerk at regimental headquarters on September 1, 1862. This appointment was due to his education and also his frail health.

On June 3, 1863 near Jackson, Mississippi he wrote, "*We had a good place to bathe, in Pearl river. The boys caught a great many fish out of the lake and river. One way of catching them was rather novel: Two men would go into the lake, when the water was not very deep, and hold a blanket spread out, down close to the water, then others would commence lashing the water about, making it muddy, and the fish would commence skipping over the surface of the lake, and fall on the blanket, thus being caught by the hundred.*"

On June 14, 1864 he was wounded at Pine Mountain, Georgia by a shell fragment. While Jackman was in the hospital the 'Orphan Brigade' fought the battles at Kennesaw Mountain and the series of battles around Atlanta. In May they mustered 1,512 men and when Atlanta was abandoned they mustered 513. John did not rejoin his command until the new year.

John studied law following the conflict and was admitted to the Kentucky bar in 1869. In 1871 he moved to Louisville and practiced law there for the rest of his life. He died in Louisville on December 21, 1912 and is buried in Cave Hill Cemetery.

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