

Private Joseph Bashaw
Co. I – 7th Tennessee Infantry

Joseph is shown in the 1860 census as a farm laborer who did not own any land or personal property. He enlisted on May 20, 1861 in Nashville for one year. He re-enlisted in Yorktown, Virginia in April, 1862.

November 12 to December 22, 1862 shown in General Hospital #12 in Richmond.

From Gettysburg he wrote, *“I was in the great charge, and was wounded close to the rock fence, but got back without being captured that day.”*

Captured in the retreat from Gettysburg at Greenville, Pennsylvania on July 5, 1863. The July 8 muster report for Archer’s Brigade lists him with the killed, wounded or missing. On July 12 Joseph is in the Satterlee Hospital in Philadelphia and is transferred to Chester on July 17. On July 31 he is shown in the hospital at Chester, Pennsylvania. In August, 1863 Joseph is listed as a paroled POW who was captured July 5, 1863.

From the Union hospital in Chester, Pennsylvania he noted, *“We had the very best treatment, fed well, furnished clean underwear once a week, and were required to bathe when we changed clothing . . . They kept us about six weeks, then sent us back to “Dixie.” I got a 3 month furlough until exchanged . . . I had gotten completely well and went back to the Army some time in early winter.”*

December 25, 1863 sick in hospital in Staunton, Virginia.

On August 19, 1864 Joseph is captured during fighting at the Weldon Railroad south of Petersburg. He transits at City Point, Virginia for confinement at Point Lookout Prison where he arrives on August 24, 1864. From prison he wrote, *“I took chronic dysentery, without treatment I came near dying before they sent me to hospital . . . what I got to eat was so scant and bad for a sick boy, I gained no strength.”* He is exchanged on November 1, 1864. December 19, 1864 sick in hospital in Farmville, Virginia.

Captured on March 2, 1865 and sent to Old Capitol Prison in Washington, DC on March 3, 1865. Joseph took his Oath of Allegiance on March 6, 1865 and was sent to Nashville, Tennessee pending release. Post war was a farmer and raised stock on a farm near Mt. Juliet, Tennessee.

(MicroCopy 269, Roll 143, Compiled Service Records – Confederate, United Daughters of the Confederacy, Richmond, Virginia. Tennessee Civil War Veterans Questionnaire, Easley, S.C., 1985, Vol. 1, p. 282.)