

Private Miles F. Adams

Company E – “Montgomery Highlanders” - 4th Virginia Infantry

Miles was the son of John W. Adams and Nancy Adams of Montgomery County, Virginia. The 1850 census shows John & Nancy as 30 & 29 respectively. Their children are Miles 7, Giles 6, William 4 and Harriet 2. John is a farm laborer.

In the 1860 census John has become a blacksmith and has \$400 of personal property. The census notes that all 4 of the older children are attending school. Additional children - Nancy 5, John W. Jr. 1, and Lucretia 4/12 are not of school age. Also it is noted that John and Nancy cannot read.

Miles enlisted in Company E, in Blacksburg, on March 12, 1862. He enlisted for 3 years of service. They were assigned to the 4th Virginia and sent to Winchester to train under Gen. T. J. Jackson. They would become part of the ‘Stonewall Brigade.’

The April 30 Muster Report shows him present and notes that he is a new recruit and received a bounty for his enlistment.

The October 31 muster report is for the time frame of April to October and shows that Miles was last paid by Captain Elheart on April 30th. It also notes that Miles was killed in action.

Miles was killed in action on the evening of August 28, 1862, when the Stonewall Brigade and the Iron Brigade tangled at Groveton to initiate the three day battle of Second Manassas.

Following his death, his father hired Mr. Frederick Johnston, an attorney from Salem, to file their claim with the Confederate government for the back pay that was owed to Miles. This claim was settled on March 31, 1864, in the amount of \$34.64.

Documents and receipts relating to this claim are in the archival microfilm files at the United Daughters of the Confederacy in Richmond, Virginia.

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