

Private Nimrod Newton Nash
Company I ['Attala Minute Men'] – 13th Mississippi Infantry

Nimrod was born in Pickens County, Alabama, on 15 February 1833. He was the son of William and Nancy Nash. The 1850 census shows them living in Attala Cty., Mississippi.

The 1860 census showed Nimrod and his wife Mary L. (Mollie) farming in Attala Cty. They had no real property but \$2000 of personal property. The census noted that Nimrod was born in Alabama and Mary in South Carolina. They had one small child at home when Nimrod enlisted in 1861 and a second during the conflict.

On May 13, 1861 he was enlisted in Corinth, MS by Captain L. D. Fletcher for 12 months in Company I. Nimrod was 27 years of age, 5' 8", dark complexion, dark eyes, and black hair.

He is shown 'Present' on the unit muster reports of June, October and December of 1861 and the February, April, October and December reports of 1862.

Nimrod was furloughed home from 3 February 1863 to 5 March 1863.

Nimrod wrote Mollie on March 22, 1863, from Fredericksburg and noted, *"I have suffered a good deal with cold; but strange to say my bowels have not troubled me since we parted . . . I am very much reduced in flesh . . . [but] am as lively as a cricket."*

In his final letter to Mollie before Gettysburg he wrote, *". . . the weather intencely hot, as hot as I ever saw in Miss. A great many fainted in the road with heat and several died from the same cause. . . . I am so proud of my shirt, nice enough for any body. Some of the boys say they wist for a woman to send them nice shirts. . . ."*

Nimrod was killed in action late on July 2nd after Barksdale's Brigade has pushed Union troops out of the wheat field and was driving them back toward Cemetery Ridge. Nimrod was buried in the Gettysburg National Cemetery in a mass unmarked Confederate grave.

In a 29 February 1864 report it is noted that Nimrod was last paid on 30 April 1863. No mention is made of monies due up thru his death on July 2, 1863. However, the document notes *"Due on account of clothing from Nov 14-62 to July 2-63 he is indebted to the C. S. of America Twenty Three dollars on account of clothing drawn in kind. C M Fuller 1st Lt. Commanding Co. I near Greenville"*

Mollie is shown in the 1870 census living with relatives in Canton, MS. Neither child is listed so it is possible they both died of disease during the 1860s.

(Compiled Service Record Confederate – Brewer Library, UDC, Richmond, VA., Micro Copy 269, Roll 217; Mama, I Am Yet Still Alive, Toolson, Bloomington, 2012, by date. Ancestry.com U. S. Federal Census Reports 1850 (M432-368, p. 164a) 1860 (M653-577, p. 464) 1870 (M593-739, p. 246a).