

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 the family living in Attala Cty., Mississippi.

Nimrod and Mollie married on May 2, 1855. The 1860 census reports showed Nimrod and his wife Mary [Mollie] farming in Attala Cty. They owned no real property [land] and had \$2000 of personal property which was mostly the value of their 2 slaves, a woman of 25 and a young man of 11.

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

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

Nimrod had a furlough 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 stragne 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 had pushed Union troops out of the Wheat Field. Nimrod was buried in the Gettysburg National Cemetery in a mass unmarked Confederate grave.

In a 29 February 1864 report it is noted that Private Nash was last paid on 30 April 1863. No mention is made of the monies due up thru his death on July 2nd. 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 Tree dollars on account of clothing drawn in kind. C. M. Fuller 1st Lt. Commanding Co. I near Greenville."*

Mollie is shown living with relatives in Canton, MS, in the 1870 census. Later she would marry a Dr. Scarborough.

(Compiled Service Records Confederate – Brewer Library, UDC, Richmond, VA., Micro Copy 269, Roll 217; Mama, I Am Yet Still Alive – Toalson, Bloomington, 2012, by date; Ancestry.com U. S. Federal Census Reports (1850) M432-368, (1860) M653-577, (1860 Federal Slave Census), (1870) M593-739; Additional family history from Weldon W. Nash, Jr. of Texas)