

**Private Thomas P. Satterwhite**  
**Company F – 2<sup>nd</sup> North Carolina Infantry**

Thomas P. Satterwhite was born in Burke County, North Carolina, on 11 November 1844. He was the son of Thomas Edwin and Martha Neal (Neil) Satterwhite.

His father died on March 11, 1847. The 1850 census shows the widow Martha with four children: Sarah (10), Margaret (8), Thomas P. (5) and Julia Ann (4). She is shown with no real property and \$500 of personal property.

Thomas enlisted in Raleigh, Wake County, N. Carolina, on May 1, 1864, for the duration of the war. He was 19 years old. He may have had an exemption from earlier conscription to assist his mother in financially supporting the family.

Thomas joined his regiment and was present at Cold Harbor. He was absent sick on July 17, 1864. On July 25<sup>th</sup> Thomas is admitted to Charlottesville General Hospital with Dysentery. On July 26<sup>th</sup> he is transferred to hospitals in Lynchburg.

The muster roll of October 31, 1864, shows him last paid on August 31<sup>st</sup>. Three clothing receipts for unidentified items, all dated 4<sup>th</sup> quarter 1864, are in his records.

Thomas is captured near Petersburg, Virginia, on April 3, 1865, as the defensive lines around Petersburg and Richmond collapsed.

He was received at Hart's Island Prison, in New York Harbor, on April 9, 1865. He had been forwarded from City Point, Virginia, by Captain L. F. Jackson. Prison records notes that he was 6' tall, fair complexion, dark hair and dark eyes.

He was released from prison after taking the Oath of Allegiance on June 19, 1865, per General Order #109 of June 6, 1865. On June 20<sup>th</sup> he boarded a ship bound for Morehead City, N. Carolina and thence westward toward McDowell County, N. Carolina.

Postwar Thomas was a farmer in McDowell County, NC. He married Lydia A. Burgin (1843-1896) and they had at least 8 children: Thomas, George, Jesse, Sallie, Walter, Julia, Fred, and Floyd.

Thomas is shown as a widower on the 1900 census with Sallie, Julia and Floyd living at home. In 1902 Thomas remarried and the 1910 census shows Thomas age 66 and Alice M. age 49. Thomas will die on August 18, 1929 and is buried in the Trinity Methodist Church Cemetery, Dysertsville, North Carolina.

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