

Corporal John F. Gooldy – Co. A, 11th Virginia Infantry
1st Lt. William J. Gooldy – Co. D, 28th Virginia Infantry
1st Sgt. Robert Gooldy – Co. K, 58th Virginia Infantry

Bedford County men from the Chamblissburg area

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John F. Gooldy was born in Bedford Cty., Virginia and enlisted at Lynchburg on April 22, 1861 with Company A of the 11th Virginia Infantry. John is shown as 25 years of age and a farmer. He was mustered in as a private and the regimental return at the end of May, 1862 shows him as a Corporal and lists him as ‘killed in battle’ in the battle of Williamsburg on May 5, 1862. On August 31, 1863, his father, Alfred Gooldy, filed claim for his back pay with the Confederate government.

William J. Gooldy enlisted at Stewartsville, Bedford County on May 20, 1861 at the age of 23. He mustered into service in Co. D of the 28th Virginia Infantry as a 2nd Corporal. On July 2, 1861 he was promoted to 2nd Sergeant. He became 1st Sgt. on January 13, 1862 and was promoted to 2nd Lieutenant on March 31, 1862. On July 3, 1863 he was promoted to 1st Lieutenant. William was wounded at Gettysburg, in both his left hand and right arm, on July 3. He walked the entire distance Staunton, Virginia, with both arms in slings. Hospitalized at Staunton to recover from wounds. On April 6, 1865 he was captured near Harpers Farm, Virginia [Sailors Creek] and taken to Point Lookout Prison Camp, Maryland. On April 14, 1865 he was transferred to Old Capital Prison in Washington and on May 11, 1865 to Johnson’s Island Prison, Ohio, where to took the Oath of Allegiance on June 18, 1865 and was released.

Robert Gooldy enlisted at Chamblissburg, Bedford Cty., Virginia on July 23, 1861, in Co. K of the 58th Virginia Infantry. He mustered into service as a private. He is shown on the September 1, 1862 muster roll as 3rd Sgt. and on April 1, 1864 he was promoted to 1st Sergeant. Robert is shown present on the February, 1865 muster roll.

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(Service record recaps from the Virginia State Library forwarded to our Camp by Compatriot Chris Mathis of SCV Camp #2316 in Arizona. Additional personal information provided by Laurie Kleen from a high school essay by ‘Bonnie Jo’ who was a great granddaughter of William. Fred Boelt is doing some grave research for Chris to see if there are any records relating to John F. Gooldy.)