

**Sergeant Jesse Harper**  
**Company E – 61<sup>st</sup> North Carolina Infantry**

Jesse was born on January 25, 1843, in Lenoir County, North Carolina. He was the 6 child of Blackledge and Sally Tyndal Harper. Blackledge was a farmer and he and Sally had a total of 12 children.

Jesse enlisted March 1, 1862, and mustered in on May 26, 1862 for 3 years or the war. He joined Company E (The Eastern Star Company) of the 61<sup>st</sup> North Carolina Infantry (Capt. Allen Croom's Company). It WAS noted that he was a farmer, stood 5' 9 ½" and was 19 years of age.

He was shown present on the muster rolls of December 1862, Feb., April, & June of 1863. On the June report it was noted that Jesse was promoted to Corporal on June 17<sup>th</sup>.

The August muster report states that he "has been 'sick' in the Mt. Pleasant Hospital since August 23<sup>rd</sup>" and also noted that he is "due a \$50 bounty." (The bounty is probably for a new recruit).

Jesse was shown as promoted to 1<sup>st</sup> Corporal on the April, 1864, muster report. Promoted to 5<sup>th</sup> Sergeant on the October, 1864, report and promoted to 4<sup>th</sup> Sergeant on the December report.

Jesse was at General Hospital #4 in Wilmington, N. Carolina, with rheumatism on February 15, 1865. He was shown transferred to another unspecified facility on February 20, 1865. No further record.

Jesse survived the war. No records on file of his surrender or an Oath of Allegiance.

Postwar Jesse married Frances Ann Stroud in about 1868. He and Fanny had at least 6 children before Fanny passed away at 33 years of age in 1884.

Jesse would remarry some years later and he and Susan Harper would raise the children ranging in age from 13 to 1 at the time of Fanny's passing. We do not know if Fanny died from complications with childbirth of their final daughter who was born in 1883.

Jesse farmed his entire life. He died on the 18<sup>th</sup> of July, 1909. Jesse was 66.

Jesse and Fanny are buried together in the Grady Cemetery, Woodington, Lenoir County, North Carolina.

(Compiled Service Records Confederate – Brewer Library, UDC, Richmond, VA., Micro Copy 270, Roll 545; North Carolina Troops 1861-1865 A Roster, Raleigh, 1998, Vol. 14, p.697; Ancestry.com U. S. Census Reports for 1850 (roll M432-635, p. 173b), 1860 (Roll M563-904, P. 15), 1870 (M593-1146, p.55a), 1880 (Roll 970, Film 125490) and 1900 (Roll 1203, pg 3a); Oral family history from Joe Harper).