

Sergeant Thomas J. Barlow
Co. C – 32nd Virginia Infantry

Thomas Joel Barlow was born August 26, 1842 in Williamsburg, Virginia. He was the son of John H. and Margaret Nelson Bellette Barlow. Thomas attended William and Mary from 1858 to 1861.

He joined the Williamsburg Junior Guard on June 19, 1861 as a private.

Thomas was acting Quartermaster Sergeant for Field and Staff in July, 1861 and was appointed to the position in September, 1861.

He was captured at Sharpsburg, Maryland on September 17, 1862. John was paroled at Shepherdstown, Virginia on September 25, 1862.

Margaret Barlow [Thomas's mother] passed away on March 21, 1863. The next day their father wrote Thomas and John [brother – Lt. John Barlow of Co. C] a letter informing them of her death and noted that he would visit them in Petersburg the following week.

No further record till surrender.

Signed parole on April 9, 1865 at Appomattox.

Postwar Thomas returned to Williamsburg and opened a general store. On November 15, 1865 he married Annie Cox and two years later moved to Portsmouth, Virginia. Thomas and Annie had 7 children, four of whom were daughters. Thomas ran a grocery for 30 years in Portsmouth and later a large truck farming operation in Norfolk County. Thomas was a member of the Stonewall Camp UCV. He died November 8, 1923 and was buried in the Cedar Grove Cemetery of Portsmouth, Virginia.

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