

Sergeant William R. Allegre **Crenshaw's Battery of Virginia Light Artillery**

William was born on July 11, 1840 to William B. and Frances A. Allegre of Richmond. His father was a printer and the 1860 census shows William R. as a printer. Printers ink ran in the family blood.

William enlisted in Co. A – 1st Virginia Infantry in April, 1861. This unit was reorganized and William was discharged from the service on July 26, 1861. William enlisted again on March 4, 1862 as a corporal in Ellett's Company, Crenshaw's Battery of Light Artillery.

He was wounded at Rixeyville, Virginia, on November 8, 1863. He will be absent wounded until February, 1864.

William is wounded again on May 23, 1864, in action near Jericho Mill and Jericho Ford on the North Anna River. Sent to Wayside Hospital #9 in Richmond. In addition to William's wound the unit also lost one man killed and another mortally wounded.

The records do not record any details on either of William's wounds.

He was promoted to Sergeant on November 18, 1864.

He surrendered at Appomattox and his Oath of Allegiance and parole are both dated April 18, 1865 in Richmond.

William never married.

A printer by trade he went to work for the *Richmond Enquirer* post war. Later he moved to New York, New York, and was working as a proofreader for the *Commercial Bulletin* at the time of his death on January 17, 1905.

His body was returned to Richmond and William is buried in the Shockoe Hill Cemetery.

(Purcell, Crenshaw & Letcher Artillery, P. S. Carmichael, Lynchburg, 1990, p112; Ancestry.com U. S. Federal Census Records; M653-1352, P. 433, image 437, Provo, Utah; addition family history provided by Jim Redford regarding his great grand uncle.)