

Sergeant Major Marion Hill Fitzpatrick
Company K (The Ray Guards) – 45th Georgia Infantry

Born 3-15-1835. Married Amanda White (age 16) on 2-26-1860. Their son Henry is born 6-28-1861. Enlisted mid-April, 1862 in Macon, Georgia as a private in Company K. Shortly thereafter departed for Richmond, Virginia to join the unit on May 5, 1862. Records show he is 27 years old and both a farmer and a teacher.

Wounded “*in the left breast by a spent ball*” June 30, 1862 at the battle of Glendale (7 Days Campaign). Wounded “*in the left side, glancing against ribs & severely bruising left side*” December 13, 1862 in battle at Fredericksburg, Virginia. December 17, 1862 to January 5, 1863 at General Hospital #20 in Richmond, Va.

June 15- July 13, 1863 at Ferguson Hospital in Lynchburg with debilitis. July 14 – July 21 at Farmville General Hospital, Farmville, Va. On July 16 he writes, *Amanda . . . I drew my money. I drew \$22.00. . . . The Doctor much to my surprise and disappointment, examined me and said that I had not fully regained my strength yet and that my digestive organs are weak . . . I am very pleased with this place. It is a small neat village and is about fifty miles from Lynchburg on the railroad running from Petersburg to Lynchburg.*

Received at Chimborazo Hosp. #9 (Richmond, Va.) on June 16, 1864, transferred to Jackson Hospital on June 17 and treated for dysentery at Jackson Hospital from June 18 to June 23, 1864. On June 23 Marion notes to Amanda, *I am about well again . . . I have had a shirt and pr. of drawers, and my Coat and Pants washed by the Government, since I came here and my clothes are in very good condition now. I have the two shirts and two pr. drawers you sent me yet and shall swing to them late. . . . My coat is wearing out pretty badly. I shall patch it up the first chance I get. . . . I have three pair of good socks. . . . May God bless you and my boy.*

Promoted to Sgt. Major on October 1, 1864.

Final furlough home from late January, 1865 to mid February, 1865.

Wounded during the fighting near Petersburg on April 2, 1865. Died on April 6 in Manchester, Va. Marion is probably buried in an unmarked grave in Richmond’s Maury – Mt. Olivet Cemetery.

A daughter, Marion H. Fitzpatrick will be born on November 7, 1865. She was conceived during the early 1865 furlough home. In 1873 Amanda will remarry. She will die in 1907 at the age of 59 with consumption.

(Compiled Service Records – Confederate, Micro Copy 266, Roll 472; United Daughters of the Confederacy, Richmond, Virginia. Lowe, Jeffrey & Hodges, Sam – editors, *Letters to Amanda – The Civil War Letters of Marion Hill Fitzpatrick, Army of Northern Virginia, Macon, 1998, by date.*)