

Third Sergeant William J. H. Magee Company D – 13th Virginia Cavalry

William Jones Howell Magee was born July 12, 1829 in Sussex County, Virginia.

He married Indiana C. Bailey in 1852. In October, 1856, their only child was born. The 1860 census shows William, age 22, as a farmer with \$1500 worth of personal property. He has no land of his own.

William enlisted on March 9, 1862, in Company D (Jackson's Avengers) of the 13th Virginia Cavalry. Because he is 33, one of the older soldiers, he becomes a Corporal in the Company. He is promoted to 5th Sergeant on October 15, 1862.

He is promoted to 4th Sergeant in February, 1863, and to 3rd Sergeant in August, 1864.

There are 8 muster reports and 2 clothing receipts in his service record but other than noting when he got promoted they provide us with virtually no information.

William is shown on a POW report at Appomattox dated April 9, 1865. He took the Oath of Allegiance and was paroled with other prisoners remaining in Richmond on May 26, 1865. There is no paperwork to show where he was held as a POW for those 6 weeks.

Information on William's occupation and place of residence postwar has not been located.

William died in Petersburg, Virginia, on May 1, 1866 at almost 37 years of age. Indiana will die in 1878.

(13th Virginia Cavalry, D. T. Balfour, Lynchburg, 1986, p. 88; Compiled Service Records Confederate, Brewer Library, UDC, Richmond, Virginia, Micro Copy 324, Roll 127; Ancestry.com, Provo, Utah, U. S. Federal Census Records – 1860 - M653-1380, p. 459 for Sussex District 1; Additional family history provided by Jim Redford.)