

William Royal Cook

60th Regiment North Carolina

Company B

Account of William Cook by His Great-granddaughter

I wish I lived closer, so I could take part in the activities of Stones River. My great-grandfather (William Royal Cook) with com. B 60th Reg. N.C. took part in that battle. He was wounded and left for dead Dec. 31, 1862. After night his father Royal S. Cook and his brother-in-law F. P. Cogdill hunted until they found and rescued William Royal Cook – when they got through enemy lines they found an abandoned barn – where they put him with several other Confederate wounded. He was captured by Union soldiers. He was cared for by Union Army hospital Corps. He was taken to Camp Butler, Illinois and paroled at Fort Monroe, VA. He was carried on his company muster roll in April 1863 as absent, wounded and paroled. He had been listed on a report of casualties of Prestoni Brigade. He returned to duty 20 May 1864.

William R. Cook came to Texas in late 1960's with entire Cook family but family of 1 brother (killed in war) who stayed in N.C.

William Cook lived to be 82. The bullet had lodged against his spine and doctors refused to remove it. He carried it to his grave. He is buried in Holders Cemetery near Buckner, Texas. He died Feb. 9, 1922. Buckner no longer exists – but was located in Parker County, Texas