

## Private James Fambro and the Battle of Stones River

### Background Information on James Fambro

James Fambro was a 20-year-old from Monroe County, Georgia. He was a private in Company E, 2nd Georgia Cavalry, Wharton's Brigade. Fambro was involved when Wharton's Cavalry was unleashed on the Union rear on December 31, 1862. All accounts state that Wharton's men were victorious in a number of engagements and took horses, mules, beef cattle, commissary supplies and several wagon trains. In attempting to get these prizes back to Confederate lines, the various captures were consolidated into an extremely long procession. Late in the day, the Union cavalry command mounted a vigorous attack on the tail of the mixed caravan, and after initial success, was driven away. In their attack, some cannon and prisoners were recovered.

Headquarters 2nd Ga. Cavalry Reg't [sic]

Near Beach Grove, May 20th 1863

Gent'l! [sic]

There being a vacancy in the Captaincy of Co. "E", 2nd Ga. Cavalry reg't [sic] caused by the resignation Captain T. J. Brooks, I have the honor to recommend for promotion to this position Private Jas. F. Fambro of Co. "E", 2nd Ga. Cavalry reg't. [sic] He is a man of intelligence, integrity and bravery. He was born in Monroe County and is a citizen of Ga. His daring and courage were noticed on several occasions and particular at the late battle of Murfreesboro.

On the morning on the 31st of Decbr [sic] 1862 while charging a brigade of infantry, his horse was killed from under him and undaunted he marched and killed one of the enemy's cavalry, took his horse, mounted him and having seen two pieces artillery in position and manned he rode up, ordered them to surrender, limber up and drive them out on the pike which was done by the evening but on account of the Waggon [sic] trains being in the rear it was impossible for him to bring such out.

Gen'l, [sic] most respectfully,

Your able Servant,

F.M. Ison, Lt. Col.

Commanding 2nd Ga. Cav. Reg't [sic]