

Henry Adam David McNure (McNeill)

George W. McNure Files

Biographical Sketch

Born on November 27, 1841, in Columbia, South Carolina, H.A. David McNure moved to Mississippi with his family in the years just prior to the Civil War. On June 1, 1861, just six months shy of his 20th birthday, David and his younger brother, George W. McNure, enlisted in Company C, "True Confederates," 8th regiment, Mississippi Volunteers, at Raleigh, Mississippi. The company traveled "69 miles to a place of rendezvous," and the brothers furnished their own "subsistence" for three days. This company was "successfully designated as Captain William T. Ward's Company, (Old) Company D, and (New) Company C, 8th Regiment, Mississippi Volunteers."

Company C, 8th Regiment, Mississippi Volunteers, was transferred from the State (of Mississippi) to Confederate (CSA) service on August 24, 1861, and was commanded by Col. G.G. Flint. H.A.D. McNure "joined for duty and enrolled on October 18, 1861, in Enterprise, Mississippi, for a period of one year." (Evidently, it was necessary to "re-enlist" or re-confirm one's commitment once the company was transferred to the CSA.) The regiment was ordered to Pensacola, Florida, "at once," where they "encamped with the forces under General Bragg through the fall and winter of 1861, during which time there were severe artillery engagements...They "remained at Pensacola until that place was evacuated in May 1862 when the regiment was ordered to Mobile under the command of Lt. Col. Gates..." (Source: [www.mississippiiscv.org/MS\\_Units/8th\\_MS\\_Inf](http://www.mississippiiscv.org/MS_Units/8th_MS_Inf))

From Mobile, Company C were "transferred to Pollard, AL, and Warrington, FL, and then moved to Chattanooga where General Bragg was preparing for his campaign in Kentucky. The Eighth (under the leadership of Lt. Col. A. McNeill) was assigned to J.K. Jackson's Brigade, Withers' Division, Polk's right wing, General Braxton Bragg's Army of the Tennessee. They eventually marched to Murfreesboro, TN, and were on the east side of Stones River at the opening of the Battle of Murfreesboro on December 31, 1862.

Fighting was hot and heavy, and the Eighth sustained its first major losses, with 20 being killed and 113 wounded. One of those wounded was H.A. David McNure (identified as a "teamster") who was "wounded severely in (the) bowels." In January and February 1863, McNure was "in hospital," and "on detached service" from March through August 1863. Apparently, he was "furloughed from the hospitals at Atlanta GA, on March 2, 1863, for a period of thirty days."

The next information available indicates that David McNure was “on furlough” during January and February, 1864, and was docked “one months’ pay...for absence without leave” during March and April 1864. There is no indication of his whereabouts during this period, but he probably returned to Mississippi to recuperate from his wounds.

Meanwhile, George W. McNure was made a sergeant and remained with the 8th Regiment, which “was stationed on the river at Bridgeport, AL, until July 1863, engaging at times in hunting deserters and bushwhackers in Northern Alabama.” The Eighth was then at Chattanooga with Bragg’s army and fought in the Battle of Chickamauga. On Sunday evening, September 19, 1864, they advanced to a position on the Chattanooga Road, and although subjected to heavy fire, they held their place until the Federal army was driven from its last position. “In this last fight Lt. Col. A. McNeill was killed while gallantly leading the right wing of the regiment.” Casualties for the two days were: 10 killed and 84 wounded out of 252. Captain H.W. Crook assumed command in the absence of Lt. Col. McNeill.

The Eighth Regiment held a position near Chattanooga Creek during the Battle of Lookout Mountain; and in the Battle of Missionary Ridge, on November 25, 1863, they were “in line with Cheatham’s Division.” Many in the regiment were captured in this battle. The rest retreated to Dalton, GA, and went into winter quarters until February 1864.

When the Federal army under the command of Gen. Wm. T. Sherman advanced south in February, 1864, the Eighth was sent “to meet the enemy at Dug Gap”... and they were hotly engaged in battle with the brigade of Col. Benjamin Harrison. They also fought “at Calhoun, GA on May 14; at Resaca, GA, on May 15; at Adairsville, GA, on May 17; at New Hope Church on May 27; along the line of Kennesaw Mountain until July 2; and on July 9 they crossed the Chattahoochee.”

In September 1864 the Eighth joined with the thirty-second under Col. Tison, Lowrey’s Brigade, Cleburne’s Division. They fought in Northern Alabama and were part of the fighting at Spring Hill and Columbia, Tennessee. On November 30 they took part in the memorable assault on Federal forces in Franklin, TN. Moving north, the Eighth fought in the Battle of Nashville where “Lowrey’s Brigade repulsed all assaults...and was involved in the general disaster, fighting near the Granny White Pike with Lowery in division command...The brigade recrossed the Tennessee River on December 26, 1864, and marched into Northeast Mississippi. It was probably at this point that David McNure rejoined his regiment.

On March 31, 1865, Lowrey’s Brigade was placed in the army of General Joseph E. Johnston, near Smithfield, North Carolina. The army surrendered on April 26, 1865, at Greensboro, NC, and later “stacked arms” at High Point, NC. David McNure was present at both the surrender and the stacking of arms and parole. An affidavit to this effect was submitted by Reuben McNair, “who was in company with Mr. H.A.D. McNeal” in Mount Olive, Mississippi on December 31, 1932.

No further information is available at this time on George W. McNure. He did survive the War and was given residence at the Beauvoir Confederate Soldier's Home in Biloxi, Mississippi, where he died on April 4, 1909, and was buried in the Beauvoir Cemetery.

Henry Adam David McNure returned to Mississippi after the Civil War. In 1866 his father bought land in Smith County, Mississippi, and although David was 25 years old, he might have moved back into the home of his parents. His brother George would have been only 21 at the end of the War, and presumably he moved back home as well.

In 1870 David purchased 160 acres of land in Covington County under the Homestead Act. President Ulysses S. Grant signed the petition on July 1, 1875, although David had had possession of the land since 1870.

David also legally changed his surname about this time. Although there are no records to document this change (the courthouse in Smith County burned twice!) and there is no written reason for this action, it seems fairly easy to understand why the name "McNure" might have been a problem for the young man, especially during roll calls in the army! As mentioned earlier, it is speculated that the name "McNeill" was chosen because of David's high regard for his commanding officer during the War, Lt. Col. A. McNeill. It is also worth nothing that the McNeill family in Mississippi were a well-respected family that could trace its lineage back to Scotland, much like the McNures.

On November 30, 1871, David married the daughter of John Calquhoun McLaurin and Effy McInnis McLaurin. Her name was Sarah Caroline McLaurin and she was born on March 29, 1849, in Simpson County, MS. David and Caroline built their home in the Jaynesville community of Simpson County. He farmed the land and she took care of the home. Two children were born to the young couple- a daughter, whom they named Effie Leona McNeill, and a son named Hugh Alexander McNeill. The family was active in the Hopewell Presbyterian Church, where David served as an elder for sixty years and as clerk of the session.

David's wife died on January 6, 1916, and he followed eight years later at the age of 83 (March 20, 1924). H.A. David McNure/McNeill left a legacy of Christian commitment and lived a good and faithful life.

[image: Henry Adam David McNure McNeill]

[image: Company C ("True Confederates"), 8th regiment, Mississippi Infantry, CSA]]

H.A.D. McNure's War Record Handwritten by Reuben McNair

Mr [sic] H A D McNure's (H A D McNeill's)

War record

Mr [sic] H A D McNure joined Army in August 1861 at Raleigh Miss. He was in Company C 8th Miss Reg under Captain Ward (and later Capt [sic] Crook) and Gen Johnson; They went to Enterprise Miss and drilled there; next their [illegible] to Pensacola Florida to their first camps Mr [sic] McNure McNeil was in surrender at Greensboro North Carolina how ever they stacked arms at High Point North Carolina.

Dec 21st 1932.

Mt Olive Miss.

War record given by Reuben McNair who was in company with Mr [sic] H A D Mc[illegible]

Card Numbers Form

McNure H.A.D.

Co C., 8 Mississippi Inf.

(Confederate.)

Private Private

CARD NUMBERS.

1 474774473

2 6318

3 6211

4 6110

5 6415

6 6518

7 6617

8 6739

9 6845

10 6960

11 7063

12 7160

13 7259

14 7363

15 44305790

[lines 16 through 38 are blank]

Number of medical cards here in 0

Number of personal papers herein 0

BOOK MARK

See also

Company Muster Roll Form

Mc 8 Miss.

H.A.D. McNure

Pvt, Capt. William T Ward's Co., 8 Reg't [sic] Mississippi Volunteers. [see first footnote below]

Appears on Company Muster Roll [see second footnote below] of the organization named above, called into the service of the State of Mississippi, for Not dated, 186[blank].

Enrolled:

When June 1, 1861.

Where Raleigh

By whom W.T. Ward

Mustered into service:

When July 30, 1861.

Where Raleigh

By who J.W.C. Ferrel

Traveling to place of rendezvous 69 miles.

Subsistence furnished by himself 3 days.

Remarks:

[first footnote: This company was successively designated as Captain Ward's Company (Old) Company D, and (New) Company C, 8th Regiment Mississippi Infantry.]

[second footnote: From copy made in the M.S. Office, War Department, in March, 18[illegible] of an original record borrowed from the Director of Archives and History, Jackson, Miss. M.S. [illegible numbers]

Book mark:

W. Mulhall

Copyist.

Company Muster Roll Form for September to October 1861  
(Confederate.)

Mc 8 Miss.

H.A.D. McNure

Pvt, Capt. William T. Ward's Co., 8 Reg't [sic] Mississippi Volunteers. [see first footnote below]

Appears on Company Muster Roll [see second footnote below] of the organization named above, called into service of the State of Mississippi, for Sept 5 to Oct 5, 1861.

Enrolled:

When June 1, 1861.

Where Raleigh

By whom William T. Ward

Mustered into service:

When July 30, 1861.

Where Raleigh

By whom J.W. Ferrell

Traveling to place of rendezvous [blank] miles.

Subsistence furnished by himself [blank] days.

Remarks:

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Book mark:

W. Mulhall

Muster and Pay Roll Form for August through October 1861  
(Confederate.)

Mc 8 Miss.

H.A.D. McNure

Pvt, Capt. William T. Ward's Co., 8 Reg't [sic] Mississippi Volunteers. [see footnote below]

Appears on a Muster and Pay Roll of the organization named above, for Aug 24 to Oct 18, 1861.

Roll dated Not dated, 186[blank].

Period of service:

From Aug 24, 1861.

To Oct 18, 1861.

Months 1, days 24

Date Feb 6, 1862.

Signer's name H.A.D. McNure

Remarks:

[footnote: This company was successively designated as Captain Ward's Company (Old) Company D, and (New) Company C, 8th Regiment Mississippi Infantry.]

Book mark:

W. Mulhall

Company Muster-in Roll Form October 1861  
(Confederate.)

Mc 8 Miss.

H.A.D. McNure

Pvt, Capt. William T. Ward's Co., 8 Reg't [sic] Mississippi Volunteers. [see first footnote below]

Age [blank] years.

Appears on Company Muster-in Roll of the organization named above. Roll dated Enterprise Miss, Oct 18, 1861.

Muster-in to date Oct 18, 1861, for unexpired term.

Joined for duty and enrolled:

When Oct 18, 186[blank].

Where Enterprise

By whom J S Lamier

Period 1 year

REMARK: "This Company was transferred from State to Confederate Service with the 8th Regiment Miss. Vols. Commanded by Col. G.G. Flint for their unexpired term. This Regiment organized on the 24 August, and their term of Service Commenced on that day."

[footnote: This company was successively designated as Captain Ward's Company (Old) Company D, and (New) Company C, 8th Regiment Mississippi Infantry.]

Book mark:

Company Muster Roll Form for January and February 1863  
(Confederate.)

Mc 8 Miss.

H A D McNure

Pvt, (New) Company C, 8 Reg't [sic] Mississippi Vols. [see footnote below]

Appears on Company Muster Roll of the organization named above, for Jan and Feb, 1863.

Enlisted:

When Aug 24, 1861.

Where Enterprise Miss

By whom Capt [sic] Ward

Period 12 mos [sic]

Last paid:

By whom Capt [sic] [illegible]

To what time Oct 31, 1862.

Present or absent Absent

Remarks: In Hospital

[footnote: This company was successively designated as Captain Ward's Company (Old) Company D, and (New) Company C, 8th Regiment Mississippi Infantry.]

Book mark:

Geo Lawrence

Copyist.

Company Muster Roll Form for March and April 1863  
(Confederate.)

Mc 8 Miss.

H A D McNure

Pvt, (New) Company C, 8 Reg't [sic] Mississippi Vols. [see footnote below]

Appears on Company Muster Roll of the organization named above, for Mar and Apr, 1863.

Enlisted:

When Aug 24, 1861.

Where Enterprise Miss

By whom Capt [sic] Ward

Period 12 mos [sic]

Last paid:

By whom Capt [sic] [illegible]

To what time Oct 31, 1862.

Present or absent Absent

Remarks: on detached service

[footnote: This company was successively designated as Captain Ward's Company (Old) Company D, and (New) Company C, 8th Regiment Mississippi Infantry.]

Book mark:

Geo Lawrence

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Company Muster Roll Form for May and June 1863  
(Confederate.)

Mc 8 Miss.

H A D McNure

Pvt, (New) Company C, 8 Reg't [sic] Mississippi Vols. [see footnote below]

Appears on Company Muster Roll of the organization named above, for May and June, 1863.

Enlisted:

When Aug 24, 1861.

Where Enterprise Miss

By whom Capt [sic] Ward

Period 12 mos [sic]

Last paid:

By whom Capt [sic] [illegible]

To what time Oct 31, 1862

Present or absent Absent

Remarks: On detached service

[footnote: This company was successively designated as Captain Ward's Company (Old) Company D, and (New) Company C, 8th Regiment Mississippi Infantry.]

Book mark:

Geo Lawrence

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Company Muster Roll Form for May and June 1863  
(Confederate.)

Mc 8 Miss.

H A D McNure

Pvt, (New) Company C, 8 Reg't [sic] Mississippi Vols. [see footnote below]

Enlisted:

When Aug 24, 1861.

Where Enterprise Miss

By whom Capt [sic] Ward

Period 12 mos [sic]

Last paid:

Capt [sic] [illegible]

To what time Oct 31, 1862

Preset or absent Absent

Remarks: On detached service

[footnote: This company was successively designated as Captain Ward's Company (Old) Company D, and (New) Company C, 8th Regiment Mississippi Infantry.]

Book mark:

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Company Muster Roll Form for July and August 1863  
(Confederate.)

Mc 8 Miss.

H.A.D. McNure

Pvt, (New) Company C, 8 Reg't [sic] Mississippi Vols. [see footnote below]

Appears on Company Muster Roll of the organization named above, for July and Aug, 1863.

Enlisted:

When Aug 24, 1861.

Where Enterprise, Miss

By whom Capt [sic] Ward

Period 12 mo [sic]

Last paid:

By whom Capt [sic] [illegible]

To what time Oct 31, 1862.

Present or absent absent

Remarks: on detached service.

[footnote: This company was successively designated as Captain Ward's Company (Old) Company D, and (New) Company C, 8th Regiment Mississippi Infantry.]

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Company Muster Roll Form for October through December 1861

Mc 8 Miss.

H A D McNure

Pvt, (Old) Company D, 8 Regiment Mississippi Infantry. [see footnote below]

Appears on Company Muster Roll of the organization named above, for Oct 18 to Dec 31, 1861.

Enlisted:

When Oct 18, 1861.

Where Enterprise Miss

By whom Lt J S [illegible]

Period 12 mos [sic]

Last paid:

By whom

To what time [blank], 186[blank]

Present or absent Present

Remarks:

[footnote: This company was successively designated as Captain Ward's Company (Old) Company D, and (New) Company C, 8th Regiment Mississippi Infantry.]

Book mark:

Geo Lawrence

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Company Muster Roll Form for January and February 1862  
Mc 8 Miss.

H A D McNure

Pvt, (Old) Company D, 8 Regiment Mississippi Infantry. [see footnote below]

Appears on Company Muster Roll of the organization named above, for Jan and Feb,  
1862.

Enlisted:

When Oct 18, 1861.

Where Enterprise Miss

By whom Lt. J S Lamier

Period 12 mos [sic]

Last paid:

By whom E. Scanline

To what time Jan 1, 1862.

Present or absent Present

Remarks:

[footnote: This company was successively designated as Captain Ward's Company  
(Old) Company D, and (New) Company C, 8th Regiment Mississippi Infantry.]

Geo Lawrence

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Company Muster Roll Form for March and April 1862  
Mc 8 Miss.

H A D McNure

Pvt, (Old) Company D, 8 regiment Mississippi Infantry. [see footnote below]

Appears on Company Muster Roll of the organization named above, for Mar and Apr,  
1862.

Enlisted:

When Aug 24, 1861.

Where Enterprise Miss

By whom Lt J S Lamier

Period 12 mos [sic]

Last paid:

By whom E Scanlin

To what time Feb 28, 1862

Present or absent Present

Remarks:

[footnote: This company was successively designated as Captain Ward's Company (Old) Company D, and (New) Company C, 8th Regiment Mississippi Infantry.]

Book mark:

Geo Lawrence

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Company Muster Roll Form for September and October 1862  
(Confederate.)

Mc 8 Miss.

H A D McNure

Pvt, (New) Company C, 8 Reg't [sic] Mississippi Vols. [see footnote below]

Appears on Company Muster Roll of the organization named above, for Sept and Oct, 1862.

Enlisted:

When Aug 24, 1861.

Where Enterprise Miss

By whom Capt [sic] W T Ward

Period 12 mos [sic]

Last paid:

By whom Capt [sic] McLaurin

To what time Aug 31, 186[blank].

Present or absent Present

Remarks:

[footnote: This company was successively designated as Captain Ward's Company (Old) Company D, and (New) Company C, 8th Regiment Mississippi Infantry.]

Book mark:

Geo Lawrence

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List of Killed and Wounded at Murfreesboro Form

M 8 Miss

H.A.D. McNure

Pvt Co. C. 8th Miss Regt

Appears on a LIST of killed and wounded, of Jackson's Brigade, Army of Tenn., during the actions near Murfreesboro, Tenn., between Dec. 30, 1862, and Jan. 3, 1863.

List dated Chattanooga Jan 12, 1863.

Remarks: Wounded severely in bowels

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List of Killed and Wounded at Murfreesboro Form

M 8 Miss.

H.A.D. McNure

Pvt Co. c, 8 Reg't., [sic] Miss.

Appears on a List of killed and wounded, in the 8th Miss. Reg't., [sic] in the battle of Murfreesboro, Tenn., Dec. 31, 1862.

List dated not dated, 186[blank].

Remarks: severely wounded in bowels

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Receipt Roll Form  
(CONFEDERATE)

H.A.D. McNair

pvt. [sic] Co. C. 8 Miss.

Appears on a RECEIPT ROLL for "Commutation of Rations."

Roll dated

From Mar 2, 1863.

To 30 days, 1863.

Signer's name

Remarks: Paid, March 3/63

Roll No. 743

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Copyist

Receipt Roll Form  
(CONFEDERATE)

H.A.D. McNure

Pvt. C. 8 Miss.

Appears on a RECEIPT ROLL

for pay for [blank], 186[missing]

Date [blank], 186[missing]

Occupation teamster

PERIOD OF SERVICE:

From Sept. 1 - 15, 186[missing]

To [blank], 186[missing]

Months

Days

Rate of pay 25 cents

Signature

Remarks:

Roll No. 790

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Company Muster Roll Form for January and February 1864  
(Confederate.)

Mc 8 Miss.

H.A.D. McNure

Pvt, (New) Company C, 8 Reg't [sic] Mississippi Vols. [see footnote below]

Appears on Company Muster Roll of the organization named above, for Jan and Feb,  
1864.

Enlisted:

When Aug 24, 1861.

Where Enterprise, Miss

By whom Capt [sic] Ward

Period 12 mo [sic]

Last paid:

By whom Maj. Bryan

To what time Dec 31, 1863.

Present or absent absent

Remarks: on furlough

[footnote: This company was successively designated as Captain Ward's Company  
(Old) Company D, and (New) Company C, 8th Regiment Mississippi Infantry.]

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Company Muster Roll Form for March and April 1864  
(Confederate.)

Mc 8 Miss.

H.A.D. McNure

Pvt, (New) Company C, 8 Reg't [sic] Mississippi Vols. [see footnote below]

Appears on Company Muster Roll of the organization named above, for March and April, 1864.

Enlisted:

When Aug 24, 1861.

Where Enterprise, Miss

By whom Capt [sic] Ward

Period 12 mo [sic]

Last paid:

By whom Maj Bryan

To what time Dec 31, 1863.

Present or absent Present

Remarks: one months pay to be deducted for absence without leave

[footnote: This company was successively designated as Captain Ward's Company (Old) Company D, and (New) Company C, 8th Regiment Mississippi Infantry.]

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Muster Roll Form for Paroled Officers and Men  
(Confederate.)

Mc 8 Battalion Mis[missing]

H.A.D. McNure,

Pvt, Co. B, 8 Batt'n [sic] Mississippi Vols.

Appears on a Muster Roll of Officers and Men paroled in accordance with the terms of a Military Convention entered into on the 26th day of April, 1865, between General

Joseph E. Johnston, Commanding Confederate Army, and Major General W.T. Sherman, Commanding United States Army in North Carolina.

Roll dated near High Point, N.C., April 27, 1865.

Paroled at Greensboro, North Carolina, May 1, 1865.

Enlisted:

When Aug 24, 1861.

Where Enterprise Miss.

By whom Capt [sic] ward

Period 12 months

Last paid:

By whom

To what time [blank], 186[blank]

Present or absent not stated.

Remarks:

[footnote: The 3d battalion, and 5th, 8th and 32d regiments Mississippi Infantry were consolidated about April 9, 1865, and formed the 8th battalion Mississippi Infantry.]

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Roll Form for Enlisted Soldiers Furloughed from Atlanta Hospitals  
(CONFEDERATE.)

M 8 Miss

H.A.D. McNair

Pvt Co C 8 Regt Miss.

Appears on a Roll of enlisted soldiers furloughed from the different hospitals at Atlanta, Ga., since March 1, 1863.

Roll dated Not dated, 186[blank].

Date of furlough March 2, 1863.

What period 30 days.

Remarks:

Book mark:

[illegible signature]

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