

Zepheniah John Carter

Zepheniah was born in Camp Springs, Alabama which no longer exists. It was in Lawrence County in the NE corner of the state. He was a farmer and a Primitive Baptist.

He enlisted in the Confederate Army in Columbia, Alabama on March 5, 1862 as a private in the 6th Alabama infantry. When he enlisted, he had two children - Emma, age 2yrs. 7 mos. and James, age 1 yr. 5 mos. His wife Sarah was 5 months pregnant with Zepheniah John Carter Jr.

Zepheniah served in Richmond, Virginia under General Stonewall Jackson. His company sustained 90% casualties at the battle of Seven Pines in June, 1862 outside of Richmond. He was captured near the end of a series of battles fought from June 9, 1864 to March 25, 1865 that became known as the Siege of Petersburg, near Richmond, Virginia. These battles were some of the last fighting of the Civil War. He was held prisoner at Lookout Point in Maryland until June, 1865, when he swore allegiance to the United States and returned home.

His brother George W. Carter was killed Nov 29, 1864 at the battle of Columbia, Tennessee, and he is buried there. Another brother, Josiah Carter, was a member of the 57th Alabama Infantry. He was at the battle of Peachtree Creek in the battle for Atlanta on July 20, 1864.

Soon after returning to Columbia, Houston County, Alabama, Zeph had the name of his son, born during the war, legally changed to Zepheniah John Jackson Carter. Named after the General he served under. The Jackson middle name has subsequently been passed down for four generations.