

## Jacob Spurling Files

Report of Col. Samuel Adams, Thirty third Alabama Infantry.

Estill Spring, Tenn [sic], January 7, 1863

Sir: In obedience to circular of this date, headquarters Wood's brigade, I have the honor to report that on 24th ultimo I arrived at Triune, Tenn., at which place my regiment was encamped, during outpost duty. On 26th of same month I resumed command of it. At 1 p.m. on that day my regiment was ordered forward to meet the advance of the enemy. The regiment, in accordance with orders, moved forward about 2 miles from Triune and halted until about 4 p.m., when it was ordered to form line of battle about half a mile in rear of Triune, in which position it remained until 4 a.m., December 27, when it was ordered to form line of battle on the road leading from Triune to Murfreesborough [sic], about 300 yards from the village. At this place until about 9 a.m., when it was ordered to move across the bridge on the turnpike road leading to Shelbyville, about 2 miles from Triune, and form line of battle on the range of hills immediately south of it. At this place remained until 3 a.m., when it was ordered by General Wood to fall back in rear of his brigade on the Shelbyville turnpike.

On night of December 28, it encamped about 1 mile west of Murfreesborough [sic].

On December 29, it formed line of battle near the Nashville turnpike, about 1 ½ miles from Murfreesborough [sic], about 1,000 yards in rear of the line formed by General Breckinridge's command, on the right wing of the company.

On the night of December 30, it moved across the river to the west wing of the army, and about 12 p.m. encamped on the banks of Stone's River, about 1 ½ miles from Murfreesborough [sic].

Early on the morning of December 31, it was ordered forward and about sunset attacked the enemy's lines. The enemy were in a thick cedar thicket. Going down, I ordered my regiment not to fire until the enemy could be plainly seen. The Sixteenth Alabama Regiment, which was on the right of my regiment, fired two or three rounds before the enemy in front of my regiment could be seen. When I first saw the enemy he was about 140 yards off, and I immediately gave the command to my regiment to fire. In about ten minutes after the firing commenced the enemy's lines in front of my regiment commenced giving away. I immediately ordered my regiment forward, which order it promptly obeyed, running at a rapid pace and firing as it advanced. It pursued the enemy for about half a mile, when the line became confused by the regiments, both on the right and left, pressing toward the center; it was halted by General Wood and formed. After having formed in order, it moved forward about half a mile, when it was within 200 yards of one of the enemy's batteries, strongly posted in an open field

immediately in front line, in a secure position. I halted the regiment until I ascertained that the battery could not attack, and then moved my regiment back about 75 yards to support one of our batteries on the right of my regiment. This position I held until the pieces were removed, when I ordered my regiment to fall back for the purpose of supplying it with ammunition.

About 12 m. my regiment, with the brigade, was, by order of General Wood, moved forward for about half a mile, when the regiments on the right of my regiment opened fire; but I not being able to see the enemy ordered my regiment to move forward. When it had advanced about 25 yards, the enemy, who had been lying down, rose and moved rapidly away.

At this time my regiment, by my order, commenced firing. I pursued the enemy for about 400 yards to the edge of the wood. The enemy had taken a position in the open field too strong to be taken.

On January 1, 1863 my regiment moved forward through an open field to a hospital, about 200 yards from the enemy's lines. In this position it remained about twenty minutes under the fire of the large and small arms of the enemy, and was then ordered by General Wood back to its original position.

On January 2, my regiment during the day remained in line of battle in the same position until about 11 a.m., when it was ordered to cross the river and form line of battle near its original position on the right wing of the army.

In this position it remained until about 11 p.m., January 3, at which (time) it was ordered to fall back from Murfreesborough [sic]. For nine days my men were continually marching, in line of battle, or actually engaged in fighting; very frequently slept in the rain without tents, and during the whole time not a word of complaint was heard until they learned that they were to fall back from Murfreesborough [sic].

In this battle the regiment, with the exception of a very few men, acted very bravely. Many of them, when the regiment was moving forward, utterly regardless of their safety, were at all times far in advance of the line. When I ordered the regiment forward, it always promptly obeyed, and when it was retiring it as promptly obeyed the command "halt".

In these engagement Capt. W.E Dodson, commanding Company C, and Capt. Thomas Seay, commanding Company K, acted with much coolness and bravery, being in all forward movements in advance of the regiment, cheering their men forward.

Near the close of December 31, 1862, Captain Seay fell, severely wounded. Sergeant-Major Mizell, at this own request, carried a gun into the action on 31st, and took position near the colors. He fell, mortally wounded, in the first charge, in advance of the regiment, cheering the men forward.

Corpl. [sic] Isaac R. Smith, Company C; Sergeant Stewart, Company H; Private Byrd, Company I; Private Foster, Company E; Private Riley, Company D, each acted with much coolness and bravery during the engagements.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

SAM. ADAMS,

Colonel, Commanding Thirty-third Alabama Regiment.

Capt. O.S. Palmer

Assistant Adjutant General

[beginning of document missing] born North Carolina. If the census was taken prior to October, this could be the son of Jeremiah and Drusilla Baldwin Spurlin [sic] of Warren county, Georgia who was born October 4, 1783. The same census shows Silas, age 50, born North Carolina, making his birth ca. 1800, but Jeremiah and Drusilla's son Silas was born July 5, 1793, and they were in Georgia as early at 1785.

According to the 1820 Jones County Census there were 8 children (or 7 children and brother Silas) living in John's household. We can place two of those children by name and birthdate, and then two more born after 1820.

07-1-1 William Spurlin,[sic] born ca. 1807, Georgia, married 10 January 1828, Houston County, Georgia to Elizabeth Kelly (born ca. 1813, Georgia). They had 8 children.

07-1-2 John N. Spurlin,[sic] b. ca. 1820; was living in his fathers household in 1850.

07-1-3 Jeremiah J. Spurlin, [sic] b 18 Feb. 1825; d. 16 March 1864 in the Civil War; married Mary Ann Lindsey (b 20 June 1829, Alabama; d. 22 Feb. 1881, Texas). They had 7 children.

07-1-4 Rebecca Spurlin,[sic] b. ca. 1830, Ga. She was living in John's household in 1850.

#### 07-1-1 WILLIAM SPURLIN

William was born ca. 1897 in Georgia; married 10 January 1828, Houston County, Georgia to Elizabeth Kelly (b. ca. 1813 in Georgia). They had 8 children.

07-1-1-1 William J. Spurlin,[sic] b. 10 Jan. 1829; d. 1 Aug. 1901; m. Calia Matthews (b. 1 May 1829; d. 23 June 1903). William J. was a CSA War Veteran serving with Costilla Co., 25th Alabama Regt. Both he and Celia are b. at Evergreen Cemetery, Elba, Alabama. They had 2 sons and 4 daughters.

07-1-1-1-1 William Sampson Spurlin.[sic]

07-1-1-1-2 Jessie M. Spurlin. [sic]

07-1-1-1-3 Epsy Spurlin, [sic] 5 May 1859; d. 10 Sept. 1903; b. Evergreen Cemetery, Elba, Alabama. She never married.

07-1-1-1-4 Molly Spurlin, [sic] married Aaron Whaley.

07-1-1-1-5 Lizzie Spurlin, [sic] b. 10 March 1859; d. 20 Oct. 1827; m. A.D. Donaldson.

07-1-1-1-6 Lucinda Miranda Spurlin [sic], married Joel Donaldson.

07-1-1-1-7 Evin Spurlin. [sic]

07-1-1-2 Sarah Spurlin, [sic] b. ca. 1831, Ga.; m. Levi Jones.

07-1-1-3 Riley Spurlin, [sic] b. 1833, Ga d. 1890; m. Elizabeth Harper (b. 1889; d. 1916). Riley was a CSA War Veteran serving in Costilla Company, 25th Alabama Regt.

07-1-1-4 Polly Spurlin, [sic] b. ca. 1837, Alabama; m. Eli Bowden.

07-1-1-5 Martha Spurlin,[sic] b. ca. 1840, Ala.; m. James Cumbie.

07-1-1-6 Jacob R. Spurlin, [sic] b 20 Jan. 1843, Ala., d. 8 Jan. 1932; b. New Ebenezer Cemetery, Curtis, Alabama; m 22 Jan. 1867, Kizziah Page (b. 5 Jan. 1850; d. 27 Jan. 1908; b. New Ebenezer Cem., Curtis, Alabama). They had 14 children, only a few listed here and not in birth order.

07-1-1-6-1 James Lehman Spurlin,[sic] d. 14 Sept. 1933, b. Curtis, Ala.

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Company Muster Roll Form

CONFEDERATE

S 33 ALA.

Jacob R. Spurlin

Pvt., Capt. Kimmey's Co., Alabama Vols.

Age 19 years

Appears on

Company Muster-In Roll

of the organizations named above. Roll dated

Not Stated, March 11, 1862

Muster-in to date March 11, 1862

Joined for duty and enrolled:

When: February 11, 1862

Where: Elba, Coffee County, Alabama

By Whom: Capt. M.C. Kimmey

Period: Three years or the war

Traveling to place of rendezvous, number of miles

56 miles

Wounded and Missing Form

CONFEDERATE

S ALA.

J. Spirlin [sic]

Pvt. Co. A 33rd Ala.

Appears on a list

of killed, wounded and missing, in Cleburne's Division, Hardee's Corps, A.T., in the battle of Murfreesboro, Tennessee, December 31, 1862

List dated: January 16, 1863

Remarks: Wounded slightly in head.

E. Rucker, Copyist

Company Muster Roll Form

CONFEDERATE

S 33 ALA.

Jacob R. Spurlin [sic]

Pvt., Co a, 33 Reg't [sic] Alabama Infantry

Appears on Company Muster Roll

of the organization named above

for January and February, 1863

Enlisted:

When: February 20, 1862

Where: Elba, Alabama

By whom: M.C. Kimmey

Period: 3 years

Last Paid:

By Whom: Maj. Walt

To what time: December 21, 186-

Present or Absent: Present

Company Muster Roll Form

CONFEDERATE

S 33 ALA.

Jacob R. Spurlin [sic]

Pvt., Co a, 33 Reg't [sic] Alabama Infantry

Appears on Company Muster Roll

of the organization named above

for March and April, 1863

Enlisted:

When: February 20, 1862

Where: Elba, Alabama

By whom: M.C. Kimmey

Period: 3 years

Last Paid:

By Whom: Lt. Linthicum

To what time: February 28, 186-

Present or Absent: Present

Company Muster Roll Form

CONFEDERATE

S 33 ALA.

Jacob R. Spurlin [sic]

Pvt., Co a, 33 Reg't [sic] Alabama Infantry

Appears on Company Muster Roll

of the organization named above

for, May and June, 1863

dated July 20, 1863

Enlisted:

When: February 20, 1862

Where: Elba, Alabama

By whom: J.D. Morrison

Period: 3 years

Last Paid:

By Whom: Capt. Milner

To what time: April 30, 186-

Present or Absent: Present

Company Muster Roll Form

CONFEDERATE

S 33 ALA.

Jacob R. Spurlin [sic]

Pvt., Co a, 33 Reg't [sic] Alabama Infantry

Appears on Company Muster Roll

of the organization named above

for July and August, 1863

Enlisted:

When: February 20, 1862

Where: Elba

By whom: M.C. Kimmy

Period: 3 years

Last Paid:

By Whom: Capt. Milner

To what time: June 30, 1863

Present or Absent: Present

Jno. [sic] H. Kindley, Copyist

Company Muster Roll Form

CONFEDERATE

S 33 Ala

J. R. Spurlin [sic]

Pvt., Co A, 33 Reg't [sic] Alabama Infantry

Appears on Company Muster Roll

of the organization named above

for November and December, 1863

Enlisted:



When: February 20, 1862

Where: Elba, Alabama

By whom: M.C. Kimmy

Period: 3 years

Last Paid:

By Whom: Capt. Milner

To what time: October 31, 1863

Present or Absent: Present

Jno. [sic] H. Lindley, Copyist

Prisoners of War Form

S 33 Ala.

Jacob R. Spurling

Sergt. [sic] Co. A. 33 Regt. Ala. Inf.

Appears on a Roll of Prisoners of War

At Camp Douglas, Illinois, received from Louisville, Ky. December 5, 1864

Roll Dated: Not Dated

Where Captured: Franklin, Tennessee

When captured: November 30, 1864

Remarks:

O.T. Taylor, Copyist

Prisoners of War Form

CONFEDERATE

S 33 ALA.

Jacob R. Spurling

Sgt. Co A 33 Regt, Ala Inf.

Appears on a Roll of Prisoners of War

at Nashville, Tenn., captured by forces under Maj. Gen. Thomas, commanding Dept. of the Cumberland, and forwarded to Capt. S.E. Jones, A.D.C., Louisville, Ky., December 2, 1864

Roll dated Headquarters Dept. of the Cumberland, Office Provost Marshal General, Nashville, Tenn., December 2, 1864.

Where captured: Franklin, Tennessee

When captured: November 30, 1864

Hd. Qrs. Prov. Mar. Gen'l, [sic] Dept. of the Cumb's, [sic] Nashville, Tenn.; Roll No. 371; sheet 13

E.R. Ramkin, Copyist

Prisoners of War Form

CONFEDERATE

S 33 Ala

Jacob R. Spurling

Sergt Co A 33 Regt Ala Inf [sic]

Appears on a Roll of Prisoners of War

at Louisville, Ky., transferred to Camp Douglas, December 3, 1864

Roll dated Louisville, Ky., December 1864

Where captured: Franklin, Tennessee

When captured: November 30, 1864

Prisoners of War Form

CONFEDERATE

S 33 Ala

Jacob R. Spurling

Sgt Co. A, 33 Regt Ala Inf

Appears on a Register of Prisoners of War  
received at Military Prison, Louisville, Ky,

Where captured: Franklin, Tennessee

When captured: November 30, 1864

Discharged:

Terms: C. Douglas

When: December 3, 1864

Louisville, Ky., Register No. 3; page 365

E.L. Thornton, Copyist

Prisoners of War Form

CONFEDERATE

S 33 Ala

Jacob R. Spurling

Sergt. [sic] Co. A, 33 Regt. Ala Inf

Appears on a Register of Prisoners of War  
at Military Prison, Louisville, Ky.

Date when received: December, 3, 186-

Where captured: Franklin, Tennessee

Date when captured: November 30, 1864

Date when discharged: December 3, 1864

Where sent: Camp Douglas

Remarks charges and etc: Nashville

Louisville, Ky Register No. 7; page 108

L. Murdock, Copyist

Prisoners of War Form

CONFEDERATE

S 33 Ala

Jacob R. Spurling

Sgt Co. A, 33 Regt. Ala. Inf

Appears on a Roll of Prisoners of War

Who arrived at Military Prison, Louisville, Ky., during five days ending December 5, 1864

Roll dated Louisville, Ky., December 6, 1864

Where Captured: Franklin, Tennessee

When Captured: November 30, 1864

Where from: Nashville, Tennessee

J.B. David, Copyist

Prisoners of War Form

CONFEDERATE

S 33 Ala

Jacob R. Spurling

Sergt, [sic] Co. A, 33 Reg't.[sic] Ala Inf

Appears on a record of Prisoners of War

At Camp Douglas, Chicago, Ill.

Where captured: Franklin, Tennessee

When Captured: November 30, 1864

When Received: December 6, 1864

When transferred:

Camp Douglas, Ill, Register No.1; page 423

J.W. Wilkinson, Copyist

Prisoners of War Form

CONFEDERATE

S 33 Ala

Jacob R. Spurling

Sergt [sic] Co A 33 Regt Ala

Appears on a Roll of Prisoner of War

Discharged at Camp Douglas, Ill., June 18, 1865 as per G.O. No. 109, A.G.O.

Roll Dated: Not dated

Where captured: Franklin, Tennessee

When Captured: November 30, 1864

Residence: Coffee County, Alabama