



Winfield Scott Featherston, Brigadier General, CS

- 1820 August 8: Featherston was born in Murfreesboro, Rutherford County, TN to Charles and Lucy Featherston.
- 1847 Elected to Congress and served until 1851. He was a Democrat.
- 1858 June 29: Married Elizabeth McEwen, the daughter of local Holly Springs merchant Alex McEwen.
- 1860 July 20: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Holly Springs, Marshall County, MS showed Winfield, a lawyer, living with his wife Elizabeth. Their infant son, Charles, had died 16 days before the census was enumerated.
- 1861 June 4: Elected Colonel of the 17th MS Infantry. He mustered in on June 7th.
- 1862 April 1: Promoted to Brigadier General.
- June 25-July 1: He fought and was wounded at the Battle of Glendale during the Seven Days Battles near Richmond, VA.

1864 August: Appeared on a Staff Officers Report near Atlanta, GA. Remarks "Comd Lowry's Division"

September 24: Winfield appeared on an Inspection for Loring's Division near Phillips Mills. Remarks "1, 3, 22, 31, 33, 40 Miss Regt. And 1 Miss Bat."

November 30: Led his men into battle at the Battle of Franklin.

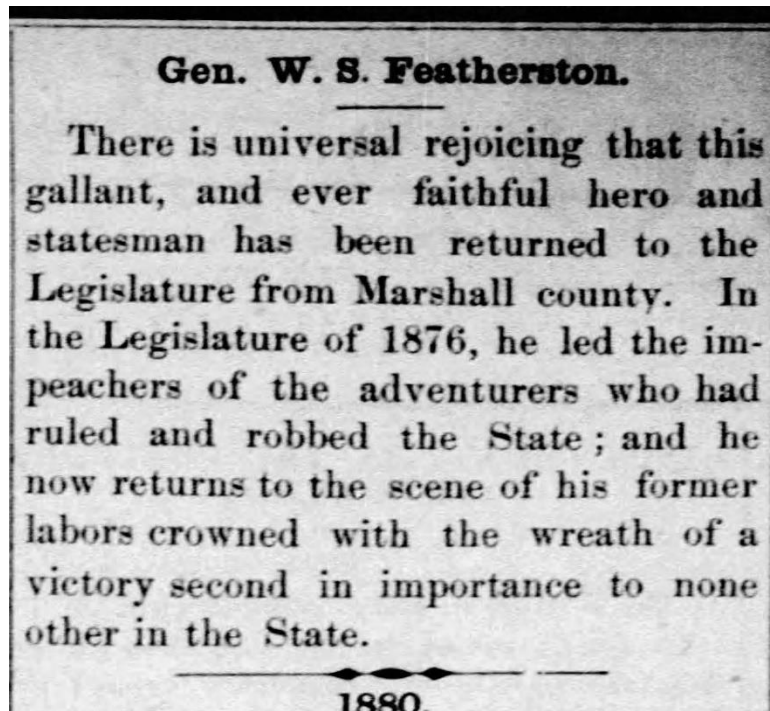
1870 June 13: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Holly Springs, Marshall County, MS showed Winfield, a lawyer, and Elizabeth living with their four young children.

1878 A Yellow Fever Epidemic plagued Holly Springs, MS. On September 11th his son Winfield died, then on September 17th his wife Lizzie died, and finally on September 28th his daughter Lizzie Georgia died. He lost three family members within 17 days. The entire community of Holly Springs was impacted dreadfully by the disease.

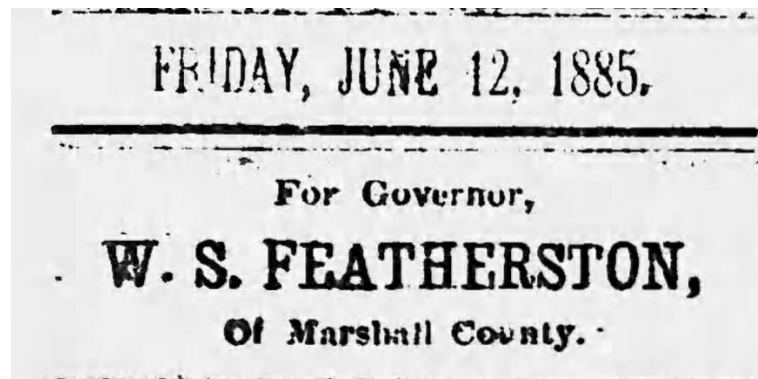


1879 November 5: *The Clarion Ledger*, Jackson, MS

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- 1880 June 4: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Holly Springs, Marshall County, MS showed a widowed Winfield, a lawyer living with four of his children. Also living with family was Eliza M. McEwen, Winfield's mother-in-law.
- 1885 June 12: *Yazoo City Herald*, Yazoo City, MS



- 1889 October 15: Confederate Veterans of Mississippi organized a camp with General E.C. Walthall as grand commander and General W. S. Featherston as first lieutenant.
- 1891 May 28: Brigadier General Winfield Scott Featherston died and was buried with his wife and children in Holly Springs, MS.



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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

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FEATHERSTON, Winfield Scott, soldier, b. in Rutherford county, Tenn., 8 Aug., 1821. He was educated at various academies, and in 1836, while at school in Georgia, served for three months as a volunteer against the Creek Indians. He then studied law, and was admitted to the bar in 1840. He was afterward elected to congress as a Democrat, and served in 1847-'51, but was defeated for a third term by the Union candidate. He was a presidential elector on the Democratic ticket in 1852, and was sent by his state to Kentucky in December, 1860, to confer with the authorities on the subject of secession. In May, 1861, he became colonel of the 17th Mississippi regiment. He served in Virginia in 1861-'2, and on 4 March of the latter year was promoted to brigadier-general for gallantry at Ball's Bluff. He was wounded on the fifth day of the battles around Richmond, and in January, 1863, was transferred to Vicksburg at his own request. He commanded an expedition sent to meet Porter's gun-boats, ascending Deer Creek, joined Johnston in Georgia in May, 1864, and continued with that army till the surrender in 1865, commanding a division much of the time. After the war he returned to the practice of law,

and was a member of the Mississippi legislature in 1876-'8 and 1880-'2. In 1881 he became judge of the 2d judicial circuit of the state.