Cleophas William Shipp, Sergeant, Co. G 1 MS Infantry, C. S.

1842  August: Shipp was born to Dr. Felix and Frances Shipp in Mississippi.

1850  October 14: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Lafayette County, MS showed six-year-old Cleophas living with his parents and siblings. His father, Felix, was listed as a farmer although he was also a doctor.

1860  August 15: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Lafayette County, MS showed 17-year-old Cleophas, living with his parents and siblings. His father, Felix, was listed as a Planter. His wealth had increased greatly.

1861  August 3: Enlisted in the C.S. Army and was mustered into Co. G 1 MS Infantry in September.

1862  February 16: Captured at Fort Donelson and sent to Camp Morton, IN. He was at Camp Morton until at least August 24th.

1863  July 9: Wounded and captured at Port Hudson, LA. He appeared on a list of officers paroled three days later.

1864  March & April: Company Muster Roll. Absent. Remarks “Absent without leave since March 10, 1864”


      November 30: Wounded at the Battle of Franklin.

      December 17: Captured at Franklin, TN during the Confederate retreat. On December 23rd he was transferred to U.S. Hospital #1 in Nashville. His diagnosis was “Simple fl. Wd. of lt foot...” His wound left him somewhat paralyzed for the rest of his life.

1865  January 5: Transferred to Provost Marshall in Nashville, then onto Louisville and finally to Camp Chase, OH.

      August 31-February 28: Company Muster Roll. Absent. Remarks “Wounded in action at Franklin, Tenn and captured.”
1870  September 29: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Lafayette County, MS showed C.W., a farmer, living with his new wife S.S. (Sarah).

1880  June 17: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Lafayette County, MS showed a paralyzed Cleophus, a farmer, and Sarah living with their children. Living in the next household were Cleophus’ parents and youngest siblings.

1900  June 14: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Humphrey, Lafayette County, MS showed Cleat W., living with his brother Cad and his family as well as their mother. Cad took over the family farm when Dr. Felix G. Shipp died and took care of his brother. Shipp’s wife, Sarah, was not living with the family. In fact “Cleat” was listed as being single.

  August 1: Applied for a pension from the state of Mississippi for his military service. He stated he was paralyzed from the shock of an exploding shell.
A CALL FOR AID.

OLD VETERAN ASKS HELP TO SAVE HIS HOME.

"An old soldier, C. W. Shipp of Water Valley, Miss., sends me his photo as he lies in his bed, where he has been for twenty-two years, paralyzed from wounds received at the battle of Franklin. He enlisted in Company G, First Mississippi Infantry; was in fights at Fort Donaldson and Fort Hudson and followed Hood from Atlanta to Tennessee; was wounded at battle of Franklin and taken prisoner. He has written a poem and dedicated it to his comrades. His home has an old debt of $400 hanging over it, and will be sold before long. — How many of the veterans who are going to Dallas will send him a dollar or a half to save his old home? He will send each one his picture and a copy of his poem."

The above call for aid was clipped from Bill Arp’s letter in the Atlanta Constitution of April 21. It was handed us by R. O. Simmons of Lebanon, Miss., who says he will be one of eight hundred to give fifty cents toward saving the old veteran’s home to him. Mr. Simmons is an old veteran himself having served during the war in the 25th Georgia regiment, Company A, Longstreet’s corps, Kershaw division, Walthall’s brigade. He is very much in earnest about helping Mr. Shipp and makes the request that other state papers publish the extract above.—Holly Springs South.

Everybody in the northern portion of this county knows Mr. Shipp. He lives about nine miles north of Water Valley. He was a brave soldier and fought gallantly for his country. His case is a pathetic one in the extreme, and contributions sent to him will be worthily bestowed.—Water Valley Herald.

1 Clarion-Ledger, Jackson, MS Wednesday, May 14, 1902, pg. 6.
March 31: Cleophas William Shipp died at the family home. He was buried at the Shipp Family Cemetery.