William A. Couch, Private, Co D, 8th East TN Infantry, U.S.

1845  Couch was born in Greene County, TN to parents John and Margaret Couch.

1850  November 27: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Greene County, TN showed 5-year-old William living with his parents, John and Margaret Couch, and siblings. His father was a farmer.

1860  June 14: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Hawkins County, TN showed 15-year-old William living with his parents, John and “Peggy” Couch, and siblings. His father was a farmer.


***Captain of Co. D 8th TN Infantry is Alfred Couch, William’s uncle.***

    May to August: Company Muster Roll. Present.

    September & October: Company Muster Roll. Absent. Remarks “Absent without leave since Sept. 25, 63” ***William is now noted as a Private, not a Corporal.***

    ***His father, John, died sometime late 63 early 64, so it is entirely possible this “absent without leave” was because his father died and he went home.”

    November & December: Company Muster Roll. Present.

1864  January to October: Company Muster Rolls. Present.

    November 30: Fought at the Battle of Franklin.


    March & April: Company Muster Roll. Absent. Remarks “detached driving wagon at Wilmington, N.C.”

        June 30: Company Muster-Out Roll.

1867  April 27: William A. Couch died. He was only 22 years old.