Thomas Morris Atkins, Lieutenant Colonel, Co. A 49 TN Infantry, C.S.

1827 February 12: Thomas Morris Atkins was born to Henry and Sallie Atkins in Stewart County, TN.

1830 The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Stewart County, TN showed Thomas’ father, Henry, as the head of household. He was a farmer and owned 14 slaves.

1840 The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Stewart County, TN showed Thomas’ father, Henry, as the household. Henry was a farmer and owned 21 slaves.

1850 July 17: Thomas married Lucinda Cook in Stewart County, TN.

***Thomas separated from his first wife Lucinda.***

1858 April 7: Thomas married Mary Cowardin in Alexander County, IL.

1860 June 9: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Todd County, Kentucky showed Thomas and Mary living with his father, step-mother and siblings. His father was a farmer. Thomas had no occupation listed.

1861 November 29: Thomas enlisted in the C.S. Army. He mustered into Co. A 49 TN Infantry in Clarksville, TN. He was a 1st Lieutenant.

December 28: Thomas was elected to the rank of Captain.

1862 February 16: Thomas was captured at Fort Donelson. Descriptive prisoner of war record. Height: 5ft 11in, Eyes: Dark, Hair: Dark, Age: 35.

April 24: He was transferred to Camp Chase and then on to Johnson’s Island, OH.

September: Thomas was sent to Vicksburg, MS for exchange.

1864 June 11: Promoted to Lieutenant Colonel.

November 30: Thomas was captured for the second time while fighting at the Battle of Franklin. He was sent to Johnson’s Island.

1865 June 20: Thomas was released from prison.

1870 August 25: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Todd County, KY showed Thomas, a farmer, living with his wife and four children.
1875  June 2: An article appeared in the *Leaf-Chronicle. Weekly*, Clarksville, TN.

1885  Thomas lived in Sumter County, FL, growing oranges.

1897  June 1: Thomas Morris Atkins died in Sumter County, FL, but was buried in Clarksville, Montgomery County, TN.

       June 3: Thomas’ obituary appeared in the *Leaf-Chronicle. Weekly*, Clarksville, TN.
1898 December 2: A posthumous article remembering the Battle of Franklin and Col. Thomas Atkins appeared in the Leaf-Chronicle. Weekly, Clarksville, TN.