James R. Baldridge, Private, Co. B 6th MS Infantry, C.S.

1841  James R. Baldridge was born in Mississippi to Daniel and Harriet Atwood Baldridge.

1850  November 20: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Hinds County, MS showed 9-year-old James was living with his parents, Daniel and Harriet, and his siblings. His father Daniel was a farmer with no real estate of his own.

1860  June 29: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Rankin County, MS showed 18-year-old James was living with his mother Harriet and siblings. Harriet was a land owner with $1,600 in real estate.

1861  August 24: James R. Baldridge enlisted in the C.S. Army.

1862  August 1: James’ brother John enlisted in the C.S. Army in Brandon, MS. He mustered into the same company and regiment as his brother, Co. B, 6th MS Infantry.

November & December: Company Muster Roll. Present.


July & August: Company Muster Roll. Absent. Remarks “Sent to hospital May 12, 63.”

September to December: Company Muster Rolls. Present.

1864  May 30: James was listed as a “destitute soldier” and he is given one coat and one pair of pants.


November 30: James and his brother John fought in the Battle of Franklin, where John was wounded and had his right arm amputated in a field hospital.

December 15: James was captured while fighting at the Battle of Nashville.

December 18: Brother John was captured in Franklin, Tennessee, along with hundreds of other wounded Confederate soldiers who were recuperating in local “hospitals.”

December 20: James arrived from Nashville, to the Military Prison in Louisville, Kentucky where he was sent on to Camp Douglas in Illinois.

1865  January 27: James’ brother John C. Baldrige died of Typhoid Fever in a U.S. Hospital No.1 in Nashville, Tennessee. He was buried in the City Cemetery in grave #11699. At the time of his brother’s death James was imprisoned at Camp Douglas.
February 20: James was listed on a “Roll of Prisoners of War who were paroled at Camp Douglas, Ill and forwarded to Point Lookout, Maryland for exchange.”

February 28: James must have been exchanged because he was ill and needed medical attention. He was received at Wayside Hospital in Richmond, Virginia.

***There are no further documents found on James R. Baldridge.***