Sylvester Cooper, Major, Co. D 46th TN Infantry, C.S.

1831 April 12: Sylvester Clendenin Cooper is born in Tennessee.

1850 October 14: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Carroll County, TN showed 19 year old Sylvester living with his parents Abner and Mary Cooper and his siblings. Abner was a farmer.

1855 January 16: Sylvester Cooper married Mary Agnes Bradley in Henry County, TN.

1860 September 20: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Henry County, TN showed Sylvester, a farmer, and Margaret (Mary) living with their children: Mary A., 5 yrs and William J., 1 yr.

1861 November 29: Sylvester enlisted in the C.S. Army in Paris, TN. Elected Captain.

1862 April 7: Taken Prisoner of war at Island No. 10.

April 13: Appeared on a list of commissioned officers and servants, prisoners of war, who arrived at Camp Chase, Ohio from Island No. 10. He was then transferred to Johnson’s Island.

September 1: Appeared on a Roll of Prisoners of War at Depot Prisoners of War, near Sandusky, Ohio. Remarks “sent to Vicksburg”

September 29: Company Muster Roll. Present.

1863 October 21: Appointed Major.


1864 August 18: Appeared on an Inspection Report in the field near Atlanta Georgia.


November 30: Major Cooper was wounded at Franklin, Tennessee and captured by U.S. forces.

December 3: Sylvester was admitted to General Hospital No. 1 in Nashville, TN. Diagnosis “Simple fl wd of Rt hip liser” Missile: Can Ball


May 6: Sylvester was transferred to General Hospital No. 2. Sylvester’s age was written down as 38.


1870 July 28: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Henry County, TN showed Sylvester, a farmer, and Mary living with their children: Mary A., 13 yrs, William, 11 and Laura, 3.

1880 June 12: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Henry County, TN showed S.C. Cooper, a farmer, and his wife Mary A., living with their daughter Lura L., age 12. A child by the name of Edward Cooper also lived with the family and he is listed as a laborer...not a son.

1900 January 2: Sylvester Cooper was widowed.

June 18: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Henry County, TN showed a widowed Sylvester, a farmer, living on his own farm with lodgers.

1906 September 13: Sylvester C. Cooper died in Henry County, TN.