Samuel Houston Weatherly, Private, Co K 6th TN, C.S.

The following timeline is 1 member of the Weatherly family, who had at least 6 family members fighting on the field at Franklin: James, Houston, Rufus, William, Wright and Elial. Brothers and cousins.

1837 March 27: Weatherly was born to Wright and Ann Bryant Weatherly in Madison County, TN.

1850 September 6: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Denmark, Madison County, TN showed 13-year-old Houston living with his parents, Wright and Ann, and his siblings: Caroline, Mary, Robert, William, Rufus, Wright, Nancy, John and Alexander. His father was a farmer and owned $1000 in real estate.

1860 July 9: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Denmark, Madison County, TN showed 23-year-old S. H. (Samuel Houston) living with his parents, Wright and Annie, and his siblings: Robert, Mary, Bette, Nancy, John, Richard and Alex. His father was a farmer with $3000 in real estate and owned 3 slaves.

1861 May 15: Weatherly and his brother Robert enlisted in the C.S. Army in Jackson, TN. They both mustered into Co. K of the 6th TN Infantry.


1862 September 1 to January 1, 1863: Company Muster Roll. Present.


March & April: Company Muster Roll. Absent. Remarks “Detached Rome Ga.” Later documents state he was on guard duty at a hospital when he was detached.

July 8: Four more of Houston’s brothers, Wright, William, James and Rufus, joined the Confederate Army in their hometown of Denmark, Tennessee. They mustered into Co F 14th Cavalry. Enlisting might not have been voluntary, during the summer of 63’ Gen. N. B. Forrest was conscripting soldiers throughout West Tennessee.

July to December: Company Muster Rolls. Present.

November 25: Both Weatherly and his brother John fought at the Battle of Missionary Ridge. John was killed in action.

1864 January to April: Company Muster Rolls. Present.

November 30: Weatherly and at least 4 of his brothers fought in the Battle of Franklin. Brother, James was killed during the fighting.
December 16: Boss Weatherly, Houston’s cousin, was captured while fighting in the Battle of Nashville. He was taken to Camp Douglas in Chicago.

1865  May 31: Appears on a roll of prisoners of war paroled in Brownsville, Tennessee.

1867  Married Martha Ann Valentine. Martha was the sister of his brother James’ widow Mary Jane Valentine Weatherly. Houston and Martha moved to Greene County, Arkansas where he bought a 240 acre farm.

1880  June 2: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Friendship, Greene County, AR showed S.H. (Samuel Houston), a farmer, and his wife Martha living with their 6 children. Also living with the family are 2 boarders. An interesting note is Houston was listed as suffering from consumption.

1913  Paragould Newspaper Article.

1915  November 17: Samuel Houston Weatherly died and was buried in the New Friendship Cemetery in Paragould, Arkansas.
November 19: *Daily Arkansas Gazette*.

Biographical Sketch (1889):

“S.H. Weatherly, a planter, of Friendship township, was born in Madison County, Tenn, in 1837, being a son of Wright and Ann (Bryant) Weatherly, the father a native of North Carolina, and the mother of Middle Tennessee. They were married and resided in the latter state until 1881, when they disposed of their large farm, and came to Greene
County, Ark., and made their home with our subject until their respective deaths, in 1882 and 1885. S.H. Weatherly assisted in clearing the home farm in Tennessee, attended the common schools, and while still a resident of that State, began doing for himself. He was married in Madison, County, Tenn., in 1867 to Miss Ann Valentine, who came originally from North Carolina and settled in Tennessee. They were agriculturalists, and the father died in his adopted State. The mother came to Greene County, Ark., in 1867 and is now residing in Friendship Township, being the widow of William Burton. Mr. Weatherly remained one year in Tennessee after his marriage, and in 1867 came to Greene County, Ark., where he bought a farm of 240 acres, only ten of which were under cultivation. He has since added 360 acres more to his land, and has 100 acres under cultivation, on which are a good residence and orchard. He makes a specialty of raising corn and hay. He votes with the Democratic party, and has ever taken an interest in the political affairs of the county. He and wife are members of the Baptist Church, and are the parents of a family of seven children, six of whom are living: Texanna (Mrs. David Falkner), Mosella, Eldredge M., Florence Ethel, Egbert Eugene and Cordelia A. Mr Weatherly has done a large share in developing the county, and has always taken an active interest in enterprises tending to benefit the same. While in Tennessee he joined Company G, Sixth Tennessee Infantry, Confederate States Army and was mustered in at Jackson, Tenn., April 22 1861, and was at Missionary Ridge, Franklin, Murfreesboro, Atlanta and was discharged at Brownsville, Tenn."

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1 Biographical and Historical Memoirs of Northeast Arkansas: Comprising a Condensed History of the State, a Number of Biographies of Distinguished Citizens of the same, a Brief Descriptive History of Each of the Counties Named Herin, and Numerous Biographical Sketches of the Prominent Citizens of Such Counties, Goodspeed Publishing Company, 1 Jan 1889