Rufus King W. Vanderburg, Private/Musician, Co K, 12th LA Infantry, C.S.

1832 January 23: Vanderburgh was born in Benton, Yazoo County, MS to John and Matilda Vanderburgh.

1858 September 22: Married Margaret B. East in Caldwell County, LA.

1860 June 12: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Caldwell County, LA showed Rufus, a black smith, and Margaret living with their 10 month old son, Joseph. The young family lived next door to Margaret’s parents, Tarleton and Mary East.

1861 August 13: Enlisted in the C.S. Army at Camp Moore, LA.

August 13 to October 31: Company Muster Roll. Present.

1862 November & December: Company Muster Roll. Present.

1863 March & April: Company Muster Roll. Present.

May & June: Company Muster Roll. Present. Remarks “Musician. Detailed by Col. Scott. On 11 Feb 1863. There is due him extra pay as Musician from date of detail to the present time.”


September to December: Company Muster Rolls. Present.


1865 Paroled at Greensboro, NC with his regiment.

1871 November: The family bible stated Rufus died of complications to a wound he received as a soldier.