Absalom Skelton, Private, Co. G, 5th MS Infantry, CS

1827  July 23: Skelton was born in Madison, AL to Dozier and Cintha Skelton.

1847  August 12: Married Lydia Williams in Tuscaloosa County, AL.

1855  May 28: Wife, Lydia, died.

November 28: Abe married his cousin Harriet E. Skelton.

1860  September 14: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Choctaw County, MS showed Absalom, a farmer, and Harriett living with their children: Sarah, Nathan, William, Absalom and Julia.

1861  August 15: Enlisted in the C.S. Army in Choctaw Ridge, MS by Captain Womack. However, he immediately was given furlough to “attend to business.” His brother Solomon enlists with him.

October 18: Mustered into the 5th MS Infantry in Enterprise, MS.

October 18 to December 31: Company Muster Roll. Present. Remarks “promoted to 5th Sergeant, 20 Nov. 1861.”

1862  January to December: Company Muster Rolls. Present.

March to August: Company Muster Rolls. Present.

1864  January & February: Company Muster Roll. Absent. Remarks “On furlough since 18 Feb 64.”

December 31 to April 30: Company Muster Roll. Present.


November 30: Absalom and his brother fought in at the Battle of Franklin. Absalom was wounded and lost an arm. His brother, Solomon, was captured and sent to Camp Douglas, IL.

December 17: Prisoner Roll. Absalom was captured by the U.S. Army in Franklin, TN on the Confederate retreat.

1865  February 19: Prisoner Roll. Absalom was forwarded to Louisville, KY then on to Camp Chase, OH and finally Point Lookout, MD.

June 6: Prisoner Roll. Upon taking the Oath of Allegiance, Absalom was released.

June 22: Appeared on a register of “refugees and rebel deserters” in Washington, D.C.. He was furnished transportation to West Point, Mississippi.

1870  July 28: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Choctaw County, MS showed Absalom, a farmer, and Harriet living with their 8 children.

1873  January: Harriet died giving birth.

August 10: Married Margaret Nancy Scott Skelton, his brother’s widow.

1880  June 18: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Sumner County, MS showed Absalom, a farmer, and Margaret living with a house full of their children.

1900  June 25: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Webster County, MS showed Absalom, a farmer, and Margaret living with a five-year-old granddaughter.

1905  May 20: Absalom Skelton died He was buried in Mount Pleasant Cemetery in Mississippi.
A SKELTEN
Born
JULY 29, 1827
Died
MAY 20, 1905
age 78 yrs
served 6 yrs.

Absalom Skelton
1st Serg Co G 5 Regt
Miss Inf
Confederate States Army
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