Solomon Skelton, Sergeant, Co. G, 5th MS Infantry, C.S.

1832 October 29: Skelton was born to Dozier and Cyntha Skelton in Alabama.

1850 September 19: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Choctaw County, MS showed 18-year-old Solomon living with his parents and siblings. His father was a farmer.

1853 (abt) Married Nancy Jane Moncrief.

1860 September 26: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Chickasaw County, MS showed Solomon, a farmer, and his wife Nancy living with their young son.

1861 August 15: Enlisted in the C.S. Army in Chocktaw Ridge, MS by Captain Womack. His brother Absalom also enlisted.

October 18: Mustered into Service in Enterprise, Mississippi. Company Muster-in Roll has remarks “sick on furlough.”

October 18 to December 31: Company Muster Roll. Present. Remarks “Promoted to 3rd Corporal 4 Dec 1861.”


November & December: Company Muster Roll. Absent. Remarks “Sent to Hospital Aug. 27, 1862.”


March to June: Company Muster Rolls. Present.


December 31 (63) to April 30: Company Muster Roll. Present.


November 30: Captured at the Battle of Franklin. His brother Absalom was wounded and lost an arm, before being sent to prison in Ohio and then on to Point Lookout in Maryland.

December 2: Listed on a Roll of Prisoners of War in Nashville, being forwarded to Louisville, KY and then on to camp Douglass, IL.
1865  June 18: Discharged from Camp Douglas.

1870  June 30: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Oktibbeha County, MS showed Solomon, a farmer, and his wife Nancy living with their 4 young children.

1875  (abt) Skelton family moved from Mississippi to Tennessee.

1880  June 14: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Gibson County, TN showed Solomon, a teacher, and Nancy living with their children.

1900  June 16: The U.S. Federal Census taken in Gibson County, TN showed Solomon, a farmer, living with his second wife Elizabeth.

1914  April 14: Solomon Skelton died of failing health due to old age in Gibson County, TN. He was buried at the Rutherford Cemetery in Gibson County.

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