William Weatherly, Private, Co F 14th TN Cavalry, 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.

1834 November 29: 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 15-year-old William living with his parents, Wright and Ann, and his siblings: Caroline, Mary, Robert, Houston, Rufus, Wright, Nancy, John and Alexander. His father was a farmer and owned $1000 in real estate.

1858 September 15: Married Sarah F. Winston in Madison County, TN.

1860 July 9: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Denmark, Madison County, TN showed William, a farmer, living with his wife America[Sarah] and their 2 young sons.

1861-1864 Civil War Map of Denmark, TN listing Will Weatherly’s home.

1861 May 15: Brothers Samuel Houston and Robert Weatherly enlisted in the Confederate Army and were mustered into the 6th TN Infantry.

1863 July 8: Weatherly and 3 of his brothers: Rufus, James and Wright, joined the C.S. Army in their hometown of Denmark, TN. 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.
November 25: Brother John T. Weatherly was killed in action at the Battle of Missionary Ridge.

1864 November 30: Fought in the Battle of Franklin, with at least 4 of his brothers, Wright, James, Rufus and Houston and 1 cousin, Eli Weatherly. His brother James was killed in action.

1865 May: Surrendered and paroled.

1878 January 26: Married Ann Rively in Greene County, AR.

1880 June 8: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Union, Greene County, AR showed William, a farmer, living with his wife Mary and their 2 grown sons.

1900 June 7: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Paragould, Greene County, AR showed William, a restauranteur, living with his wife Mary. Living in the same home was their son James and his wife and children.

1910 April 18: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Paragould, Greene County, AR showed a retired William and Mary living with boarders.
1920 January 7: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Paragould, Greene County, AR showed a widowed William living with his son James and his family.

Biographical Sketch (1889):

"William M. Weatherly. In the series of names which have made Greene County one of the most populous and prosperous of the State, Mr. Weatherly's nature holds a prominent place. He was born in Madison County, Tenn., in 1834 and is a son of Wright M. and Ann (Bryant) Weatherly, who were born in North Carolina and Tennessee, in 1805 and 1808, respectively. The father came to Tennessee in 1826, where he was married soon after, and then located in Madison County, where he remained until 1881, after which he moved to Arkansas, and here died in January, 1888. He was a successful farmer up to the time of the war, but during that time lost
his property. He was a Democrat in politics, was very active in supporting schools and churches, and in early life was a Whig in politics, afterward becoming a Democrat. His wife was also a member of the Baptist Church, and died in February, 1886, mourned by all who knew her. They were the parents of nine sons and three daughters; John T. (killed at the battle of Missionary Ridge), James (killed at the battle of Franklin, Thomas, Robert, William, Houston S., Rufus A., Richard T., Alexander, Wright, Elizabeth C., Mary and Nancy A. William M. Weatherly attained his majority in Madison County, and commenced doing for himself in 1855, clerking in a dry goods store in Denmark one year. He then married and commenced farming in Madison County, continuing two years, and spent the following three years as an overseer of a large plantation in that State. In 1863 he enlisted in Company C, Fourteenth Regiment of Cavalry, commanded by Capt. Voss, and was at the battles of Franklin and Memphis. He was wounded at a little fight in Haywood County, and was relieved from duty for two weeks. At the time of the surrender he was at Gainesville, Ala., and returned home, where he farmed until 1877, then coming to his present farm in Greene County, Ark. On the 26th of January, 1878, he was married to Ann Rievely, who was born in Madison County, Tenn., in 1835, and by her because the father of three children: Mollie B (who died in infancy), James William (who attended school in Denmark, Tenn., and at Austin, Ark., and has been a teacher for ten years’ standing, and is now drumming for a St. Louis grocery and vision company). And Robert H. (who is a farmer of Greene County, is married and the father of two children). Mr. and Mrs. Weatherly are members of the Baptist Church. And he has always supported the principles of the Democratic party. He and wife are rearing a little girl by the name of Ida Davis.”

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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