Frederick A. Ashford, Colonel, 16 AL Infantry C.S.

1830  April 19: Ashford was born to Thomas and Jane Ashford.

1850  November 7: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Lawrence County, AL showed 20-year-old F.A. (Frederick) living with his parents and siblings. Frederick’s father, Thomas, was a farmer with extensive real estate and 48 slaves.

1860  July 11: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Elm, Caldwell County, MO showed F. Ashford, a carpenter, living with a Whitford family.

1861  July 18: Enlisted in the C.S. Army in Courtland, AL. He mustered into Co. B 16 AL Infantry as a Captain.

1862  March & April: Company Muster Roll. Present.

1863  June 17: Promoted to Major.

          October 7: Promoted to Lt. Colonel.

1864  March 26: Promoted to Colonel.

          November 30: Killed in action at the Battle of Franklin. (McGavock Confederate Cemetery, Section 69 AL, Grave 16) Frederick’s brother Alva was Colonel of the 35 AL Infantry, also engaged at Franklin. Alva survived the battle and lived until 1904.

1881  April 28: *The Moulton Advertiser*, Moulton, AL. An excerpt about Frederick’s death appeared in the newspaper.
“Frederick A. Ashford was captain of Company B, in the Sixteenth, which he raised and organized. When McGaughey was promoted to lieutenant colonel he became major of the regiment in his stead, and when Colonel McGauhey was killed he was promoted to lieutenant colonel. Colonel Ashford was an officer of very fine person and polished manners, was a splendid officer, and was always at the post of danger. His gallantry on many occasions will be recorded as we proceed with the history of the regiment. His brilliant career was closed at the bloody battle of Franklin, where he fell leading a charge of his regiment.”