Patrick Caniff, Captain, Co. F, 5 MO Infantry C.S.

1838  Born in Ireland.

1860  July 6: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in St. Louis, MO showed Patrick, a harness maker, living as a boarder with a Murray family.

1861  December 7: Enlisted in the C.S. Army at St. Clair County, MS and mustered into Co. F, 5th MO Infantry.

1862  January 28: Promoted to Captain.

  July to December: Company Muster Rolls. Present.

1863  January to June: Company Muster Rolls. Present.

  July 4: Captured at Vicksburg.

  July 7: Paroled at Vicksburg.

  July to December: Company Muster Rolls. Present.

1864  January to August: Company Muster Rolls. Present.

  November 30: Killed in action at the Battle of Franklin.

    “I found poor Caniff and Wat Marnell; the former lying close up to the breastworks, the dead body of his horse being near by. Marnell had fallen midway between the lines and must have been killed instantly, for the flush of excitement was still on his face, and he looked as natural as he did in life. He had received many wounds, there being eleven holes in his blanket, which I took off to put around his body. But I imagine the wound in the left breast was the first received, and the others were made by those terrible volleys that swept over the field after our lines were forced to retire to the outer works. Captain Caniff was knocked from his horse by a shot in the right shoulder, and it must have been while lying on the ground, that he was struck in the top of the head, the ball coming out under the chin.

    (source: History of the First and Second Missouri Confederate Brigades)