Benjamin F. Autry, Private, Co. B, 17 AL Infantry, CS

1845  Autry was born in Lowndes County, AL to Robert and Elizabeth Autry.

1850  November 5: The US Federal Census enumerated in Lowndes County, AL showed five-year-old Benjamin living with his parents and siblings. His father, R.A, was a planter.

1860  July 20: The US Federal Census enumerated in Mount Willing, Lowndes County, AL showed 14-year-old B.F., living with his parents and siblings. His father, Rob. A., was listed as a planter.

1864  Sometime in 1864 Autry was most likely conscripted into the C.S. Army. There are no enlistment papers or muster rolls for him. He mustered into Co. B 17 AL Infantry.

      November 30: Autry fought at the Battle of Franklin.

      December 15: Captured “near Nashville.” Autry was sent to Camp Douglas, Chicago, IL.

1865  January 12: Autry was admitted to the prison hospital at Camp Douglas with pneumonia. He died a couple weeks later, February 1. He was buried in grave 656, block No 2.

      Note: Benjamin Autry was the great uncle of country music singer Hank Williams. Benjamin’s sister Martha Ann Autry was Hank’s paternal grandmother.