

MORGAN WHITLOCK (1833-1864) by Heather Whitlock Hays

His name was Pvt. Morgan Whitlock. He was born in Virginia in 1833. He was married to Sarah DePreist (born 1836) on March 13th 1856. He had 4 children Charles (born 1857), James Morgan (born 1858), Martha Alice (born 2/20/1861) and Minnie (born 3/5/1864). The 1860 census has him listed as living in Augusta County, VA, occupation "Plasterer" and confirms that he could both read and write.

According to his Military Muster Roll, he was drafted from Augusta County, Virginia to serve as a Confederate Soldier with Captain John C. Carpenter (Carpenter's Battery) joining his regiment on April 13, 1862. His Company was Virginia Light Artillery. He served in as many as 15 historic Battles including, McDowell and Valley Campaigns, Cross Keys and Port Republic, Cedar Mountains, 2nd Manassas Battle, Sharpsburg, Battle of Fredericksburg, Battle of Gettysburg, and Fisher Hill.

It was during the Battle of Fisher Hill on September 22, 1864 that he was captured and taken prisoner by Union soldiers. He was sent to Point Lookout, Maryland prison camp. This place was one of the most notoriously terrible prisons for Confederate Soldiers. There were no barracks here. The soldiers lived in tents. The prison's max capacity was 10,000. Though at times, the camp was occupied by as many as 20,000 soldiers. Not much is known about his time at Point Lookout (it was short) meticulous records were not kept concerning this facility.

He arrived at Point Lookout on October 3, 1864. On November 1, 1864 he was part of a prisoner exchange, which included 3,023 other paroled confederate prisoners of war. Among the released were 4 citizens, 4 surgeons and 74 officers. He arrived at Venus Point, Savannah River, GA on November 15, 1864. He was most likely processed through Fort Polanski as many soldiers were at that time. He died the following day. November 16, 1864. He is Buried in Laurel Grove Cemetery (North) Lot 922 in Savannah, GA.



Our thanks to Heather for the above article. Morgan Whitlock is part of the WHITLOCK35 family. He was the son of George W. & Nancy (Kent) Whitlock of Augusta Co., Georgia