

James Marcellus Byrd Files

Background Information

Birth June 8, 1837 Georgia

Death December 31, 1862 Battle of Stones River, Murfreesboro, Rutherford, Tennessee

Family:

Parents - John Ira "J" Byrd 1813-1856 and Mary S McLin 1811-1862

Siblings – William David Byrd 1835-1903; Jonathan Thomas Byrd 1839-1865; Frances Elizabeth Byrd 1842-1873; Alonzo Columbus Byrd 1844-1924; Judson Peterson Byrd 1847-1900; Ira Carey Byrd 1850-1915; Mary Catherine Byrd 1852-1881; Georgia Ann Texas Byrd 1855-1857

Excerpt from a Letter Written by Warren D. Earhart

Private Warren D. Earhart, Company F, was one of a detail of 30 men of the regiment assigned to infirmary corps duty to bring off the wounded. Shortly after the battle, he wrote a letter to his father and mother:

The Sun Rose through the thin clouds that past [sic] over made Every thing Gloomy at this time the Cannons and Muskets kept up a continual roar the news now came that the 9th Texas had to try her hand at the Enemy all in good Spirits the word was forward we marched up in Short Distance of the Enemy we then fired on them Our gallant Col. Said Boys yander [sic] they are Charge them we then charged them and broke there [sic] lines here we lost Several men one of whom you all know J.[James] M. Byrd he Spoke a few words before he Died he Said that I am Ded [sic] but thank God I am Happy

List of Casualties Form
(CONFEDERATE.)

B B

J.M. Bird [Byrd is written above]

Appears on a List of casualties, in the 1st Division, P.C.A.T., at the battle before Murfreesboro, Tenn., Dec. 31, 1862.

List dated not dated, 186[blank].

Remarks: killed

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Company Muster Roll Form for July and August 1862
(Confederate.)

B 9 (Young's.) Texas.

J.M. Byrd

Pvt, Co. F, 9 Regiment Texas Infantry.

Appears on Company Muster Roll of the organization named above, for July and Aug,
1862.

Enlisted:

When Oct 12, 1861.

Where Sulphur Springs Texas

By whom J.A. Leftwich

Period 12 months

Last paid:

By whom J.N. Norris

To what time July 1, 1862.

Present or absent Present

Remarks: [blank]

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Company Muster-in Roll Form for December 1861
(Confederate.)

B 9 (Young's.) Texas.

J M Byrd

Pvt, Capt. James A. Leftwich's Co., Maxey's Reg't [sic] Texas Infantry. [see footnote below]

Age 24 years.

Appears on Company Muster-in Roll of the organization named above.

Roll dated Camp Rusk Lamar Co. Tex [sic] Dec 1, 1861.

Muster-in to date Nov 26, 1861.

Joined for duty and enrolled:

When Oct 12, 1861.

Where Bright Star

By whom J A Leftwich

Period 12 months

No. of miles to rendezvous 28

Remarks: [blank]

[footnote: This company subsequently became Company F, 9th (Young's) Regiment Texas Infantry.]

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Company Muster Roll Form for September and October 1862
(Confederate.)

B 9 (Young's.) Texas.

J.M. Byrd

Pvt, Co. F, 9 Regiment Texas Infantry.

Appears on Company Muster Roll of the organization named above, for Sept and Oct, 1862. Not dated

Enlisted:

When Oct 12, 1862.

Where Sulphur Springs Tex [sic]

By whom Ja. A. Leftwich

Period [blank]

Last paid:

By whom [blank]

To what time [blank], 186[blank].

Present or absent [blank]

Remarks: Killed in battle at Murfreesboro Dec 31st 1862.

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Card Numbers Form

Byrd J.M.

Co. F, 9 (Young's) Texas Infantry.

(Maxey's Reg't. [sic] 8 Texas Reg't. [sic])

(Confederate.)

Private Private

CARD NUMBERS.

1 50593580

2 3646

3 3713

[lines 4 through 38 are blank]

Number of medical cards herein [blank]

Number of personal papers herein [blank]

BOOK MARK: [blank]

See also [blank]

General Order Number 131/3 Form October 1863

Byrd, J.M.

Pvt.

Co. F, 9 Regt. Tex. Inf.

Subject: Med. honor

General order Number 131/3

Oct 3, 1863

Adjutant and Inspector General's Office, Confederate States, contains information relative to the man named, on the subject mentioned above.