

## Richard Kidder Woodson Military Record

Co. C, 2nd/4th Kentucky Infantry, Hanson's brigade

Confederate Medal of Honor

### Biographical Information

Pvt. Woodson was born 12 August 1840 in Jessamine County, and fought for Company C of the 2nd Kentucky Infantry. He later became their color bearer. He became ill while his company marched to Ft. Donelson, so he was not involved in that battle, nor was he captured as the rest of his company was. While the 2nd Kentucky was in prison after Donelson, Pvt. Woodson served in a Tennessee command. He was recommended of promotion, on account of gallant conduct by Gen. Bushrod Johnson during the spring and summer of 1862. He served in Co. E, 4th Kentucky Infantry, during the battle of Baton Rouge, where he was wounded. Pvt. Woodson rejoined the 2nd Kentucky at Hartsville and Murfreesboro/Stones River. He was mortally wounded on 2 January 1863 during the Battle of Murfreesboro, and died on 22 January. He was named to the Confederate Roll of Honor for gallant and meritorious conduct on the field at Murfreesboro. He is buried in the Frankfort, Kentucky, Cemetery.

### Information from the Woodsons and their Connections

Born August, 1842, in Franklin county, Kentucky was educated in Frankfort, at the outbreak of the Civil War in 1861, he was studying law and would soon have been admitted to the bar, but at the first call for volunteers, he abandoned his studies and enlisted in the service of the Confederate states and joined the second Kentucky Regiment of infantry, in what became known as the "Orphan Brigade." At the battle of Murfreesboro, which was fought on December 31, 1862, and January 1, 1863, he was the fifth ensign shot down while bearing the colors of his regiment, and was awarded a medal of honor for gallantry on the field, by Gen Bushrod Johnson, who was in command of the Brigade. The wound he received proved to be fatal. He was taken from the field (was found on field by Col Samuel Woodson Price, a cousin, who had him attended to) to the residence of former governor Brown of Tennessee, which was not far away and there he died, a brave young soldier, for a cause that was sacred to him. he was a member of the Episcopal Church.

Was found on field by Col. Samuel Woodson Price (USA), a cousin, who had him attended to.