

Aaron Gamble McReynolds

Captain, 2nd East Tennessee Cavalry Regiment, USA

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“He never married. During the Civil War, Aaron McReynolds enlisted in Company H, 2nd Regiment, Tennessee Cavalry, of the Union Army, Tennessee for a period of three years. He was appointed First Sergeant on the day of enlistment.

His description was listed as follows: age 20 years, height 5 feet 8 inches, complexion fair, eyes dark, hair dark, occupation farmer.

Aaron G. McReynolds was promoted to Second Lieutenant on 9 March 1863. 2nd Lieutenant Aaron G. McReynolds was mustered out on 4 June 1863 at Nashville, Tennessee to accept appointment as Captain of Company D, 2nd Regiment, Tennessee Cavalry.

On 26 October 1864, during the Battle of Decatur, Alabama, Captain Aaron G. McReynolds was leading his company into battle when he was shot and wounded by a Confederate sharpshooter. A Lieutenant in Captain McReynolds' command tried to get him to go get medical aid in the rear area, but Captain McReynolds broke loose and started riding toward the sharpshooter with his saber drawn. By this time the Confederate soldier had reloaded his musket and he took aim and shot Captain McReynolds a second time - this time killing the young captain. Aaron Gamble McReynolds was buried on the battlefield near where he died.”

Aaron Gamble McReynolds (10 March 1841 – 26 October 1864) was the son of Guilford and Parmelia Green Gamble McReynolds of Blount County, Tennessee.

William Alford McReynolds

Private, Captain Cox's Company, 98th Regiment, Illinois Infantry, USA

William Alford McReynolds (30 August 1843 – September 1863), was the brother of Captain Aaron Gamble McReynolds and was also a native of Blount County, Tennessee. He also never married. His parents, Guilford and Parmelia Gamble McReynolds, sent him away to stay with other McReynolds family in Illinois in order to keep him out of the military, since several family members had already been killed in action. However, shortly after he arrived in Illinois, he slipped away and enlisted in Captain Cox's Company of the 98th Illinois Infantry. He was killed in action in September 1863 during the Battle of Chickamauga. The site of his burial is unknown.