

2nd Lt. Thomas Benton Moncrief, Co. H, 2nd Arkansas Infantry, CSA

1840 Thomas Benton Moncrief was born in Covington, TN to parents Thomas and Agnes Moncrief.

1850 The US Federal census enumerated in Desoto County, MS listed a Thomas B. Moncrief at ten years old living in the household of F.A. Lane with his mother and older brother. Lane was listed as a farmer, and there is also an overseer listed on this same farm. Thomas Benton's father had passed away earlier in 1850 and his family were possibly living as tenants on a farm in Mississippi.

1860 Thomas B. Moncrief was listed as a clerk on the 1860 US Census conducted in Phillips County, AR.

1861 Thomas B. Moncrief enlisted into Confederate service at Pittman's Ferry, AR and was mustered into Co. C, 15th Arkansas Infantry shortly after. Co. F, Yell Rifles, was commanded by an Irishman, Captain Patrick R. Cleburne.

1862 December 31-Jan. 2 1863: Thomas B. Moncrief was wounded in the leg at the Battle of Stones River near Murfreesboro, Tennessee.

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T.B. Moncrief

Pvt. Co. C & G 13 & 15th Ark.

Appears on a LIST
of killed, wounded and missing, in
Cleburne's Division, Hardee's Corps,
A. T., in the battle of Murfrees-
boro, Tenn., Dec. 31, 1862.

List dated Jan. 16, 1863.

Remarks: Slightly wounded in leg.

1863 November 1: Thomas B. Moncrief was appointed Sergeant Major of the 15th Arkansas Infantry.

1864 July 1-Aug 31: Thomas appeared on a Field and Staff muster roll for the 15th Arkansas Infantry, Remarks: "elected 2nd Lt and assigned to duty in 2nd Arkansas Regt."

September 1: Thomas B. Moncrief was captured near Jonesboro, GA and exchanged a short time later despite the Federal government's policy of not exchanging prisoners at this point in the war. Gen. Willam T. Sherman and Gen. John B. Hood made a gentlemen's agreement to quickly swap out some captured soldiers in the field. Thomas Moncrief returned to the ranks of the 2nd Arkansas Infantry.

November 30: 2nd Lt. Thomas Benton Moncrief fought at the Battle of Franklin with the 2nd Arkansas Infantry. They were in Brig. Gen. Daniel Govan's Arkansas brigade in Gen. Patrick Cleburne's Division. Cleburne had immigrated to America and settled down in Helena, Arkansas where Moncrief lived before the war. As the assault carried on, Thomas Moncrief was wounded in action and died a few days later. He was later exhumed and buried in the McGavock Confederate Cemetery at Carnton at grave #81 in the Arkansas section.

