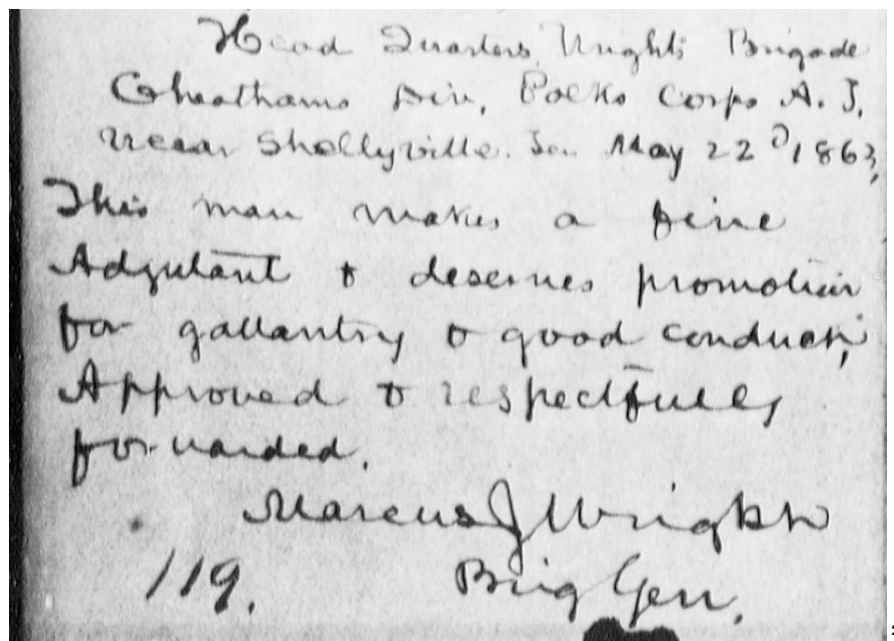


Dr. Abner Franklin Claywell, Adjutant, F&S, 16th TN Infantry, CSA

- 1831 Jan 20: Abner Franklin Claywell was born to parents Peter and Nancy Claywell in North Carolina.
- 1850 Aug 20: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Surry County, NC listed Abner and his family. Abner and his father were listed as farmers.
- 1860 Aug 29: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Warren County, TN listed Abner Claywell as a dentist. He lived in a hotel in McMinnville, TN with many other people.
- 1861 May 28: Abner enlisted as a private in Co. F, 16th TN Infantry at McMinnville, TN.
- 1862 Oct 8: A F Caldwell listed as "slightly wounded" on a list of casualties in the 16th TN Infantry after the Battle of Perryville, KY.¹
- 1863 May: Appointed Adjutant to Col. Donnell, in command of 16th TN Infantry.

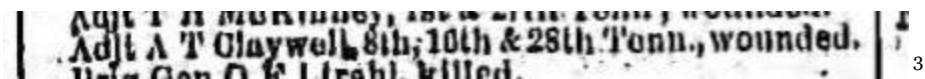


Head Quarters, Knight's Brigade
Coburn's Div., Polk's Corps A. I.
near Shelbyville. Tenn. May 22^d 1863,
This man makes a fine
Adjutant & deserves promotion
for gallantry & good conduct,
Approved & respectfully
forwarded.
Marcus J. Wright
119. Brig Gen.

¹ [Ancestry.com](https://www.ancestry.com). *U.S., Confederate Army Casualty Lists and Reports, 1861-1865* [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2013.

² [A F Claywell, pg. 29](#). *Compiled Service Records of Confederate Soldiers, Fold3* (accessed 27 Apr 2020), imaged card for A F Claywell.

1864 Nov 30: Abner fought with the 16th TN Infantry at the Battle of Franklin. The 16th TN was in John Carter's Brigade and had been consolidated with the 8th TN and 28th TN Infantry. Abner's name appeared on a list of casualties printed in a Montgomery, AL newspaper.



1865 May 1: Abner Claywell was paroled at Greensboro, NC after taking the oath of allegiance. He had fought through the entire war.

1867 Feb 7: Abner Claywell married Caroline, or Callie, Drifoos. She was the daughter of a retired Swiss merchant named Leopold Drifoos.

1869 Abner graduated from Baltimore College of Dental Surgery.⁴

1870 Jul 2: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Wilson County, TN showed Abner Claywell lived with his new wife Callie in her father's home in Lebanon, TN. Abner was listed as a dentist.

1874 May 13: Abner's wife Caroline died. She was buried in the Cedar Grove Cemetery in Lebanon, TN.

1876 Sep 28: Abner married Elizabeth "Bettie" Seawell in Lebanon, TN.

1880 Jun 1: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Wilson County, TN listed Abner Claywell as "Surgeon Dentist" and he lived with his wife Bettie. She was listed as keeping house.

1884 Nov 14: Abner's second wife Bettie died. She was buried at Cedar Grove Cemetery in Lebanon, TN.

1891 The TN Voters List showed A. F. Claywell resided in Wilson County, TN.

³ *Montgomery Daily Mail*, Montgomery, Alabama, Tuesday 20 Dec 1864, pg. 2.

⁴ [Ancestry.com](https://www.ancestry.com). *U.S., School Catalogs, 1765-1935* [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2012.

1904 Mar 18: Abner Franklin Claywell passed away in Lebanon, TN at seventy three years old. He was buried at Cedar Grove Cemetery next to his first wife Callie.



LEBANON, Tenn., March 18.—(Special.) Dr. A. F. Claywell, a well known and prominent citizen, was found dead in his bed this morning at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Dr. J. B. Cowan. It is supposed he died of heart failure. He was 76 years of age, a ruling elder in the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, a Mason of the highest order and an ex-Confederate soldier. He was first married to Miss Callie Dupree, who died several years ago; afterward he married Miss Bettie Seawell, a daughter of Mrs. Sue Seawell and a sister of Mrs. Charles Brandon, of Nashville. Two daughters survive him—Mrs. Cowan, of this place, and Mrs. Phil Shook, of San Antonio, Tex.

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