

Amzi Theophiliss Meek, Major, F&S, 2nd AR Infantry, CSA

1836 Mar 29: Amzi Theophiliss Meek was born to parents Eli and Martha Louise Meek in York County, SC. He was their fourth born son.

1840 The US Federal Census enumerated in York County, SC listed Amzi's father, Eli, as the head of the household. Amzi was about four years old.

1850 Oct 25: The US Federal Census enumerated in York County, SC showed Amzi T. Meek as a fourteen year old young man employed as a laborer. His father Eli was a farmer. The 1850 Slave schedule taken at the same time in York County, SC listed Eli Meek as the owner of twenty two slaves.

1860 Aug 13: The US Federal Census enumerated in Palestine, AR listed twenty four year old Amzi T. Meek as the head of the household. He is living as a bachelor. The 1860 Slave Schedule enumerated at the same time in Bradley County, AR showed that Amzi owned six slaves. He owned four males from twenty seven to sixteen years old. He also owned two females that were nineteen and fifteen.

1861 June 20: Enlisted in 2nd AR Infantry as a 1st Lieutenant. He was twenty five years old. They were mustered in shortly after at Memphis.

July 31: Promoted by election to rank of Captain, Co. I, 2nd AR Infantry.

1863 Sep 27: Amzi's older brother James Marion Meek died of wounds received during the Battle of Chickamauga a week prior. James served in Amzi's company, Co. I.

1864 Apr 23: Promoted to Major of 2nd AR Infantry

Aug 20: Amzi's brother Edward died from his wounds received July 22 at the Battle of Atlanta. He also served under Amzi's company command. This was the second brother that Amzi lost during the Civil War.

Sep 1: Captured at the Battle of Jonesboro south of Atlanta.

Sep 22: Exchanged at Rough and Ready, GA and returned to regiment.

Nov 29: Involved in Battle at Spring Hill, TN. Under Brig. Gen. Govan, the 2nd AR Infantry was part of the assault that drove US Troops under Brig. Gen. Luther Bradley off a hill southeast of town.

Nov 30: Fought at the Battle of Franklin. Govan's men were in Maj. Gen. Patrick Cleburne's Division and the 2nd AR helped drive the advance line troops towards their own line and broke through their entrenchments near the Carter Cotton Gin. Maj. Amzi Theophiliss Meek was killed in action. Most likely buried on the battlefield with comrades, Meek was eventually exhumed and his remains reburied in the Carnton Confederate Cemetery. He was buried in plot 80 in the Arkansas section.

Amzi's father Eli lost three out of his four sons during the Civil War.