

Capt. Mordecai P. Garrett, Co. H, 1st Arkansas Infantry, CSA

1840 Mordecai Puryear Garrett was born in Adams County, MS to Mordecai and Catherine Garrett.

1850 Sept 3: The US Federal Census enumerated in Williamson County, TN listed Mordecai Garrett at eleven years old. His father was a farmer and they are actually on the same census page at John and Carrie McGavock.

1860 Graduated from the University of Mississippi with a degree in law.

1861 May 1: Mordecai P. Garrett enlisted in the 1st Arkansas Infantry and he was mustered into Co. H, "Crockett Rifles". The raw, newly formed 1st Arkansas Infantry was transferred east to Virginia.

May 19: Mustered into Confederate service at Lynchburg, VA.

1862 February: 1st Arkansas Infantry transferred west and became part of the newly formed Army of Mississippi under Gen. A.S. Johnston.

April 7: Mordecai Garrett was promoted to Captain of Co. H after the 1st Arkansas Infantry took roughly 45% casualties at the Battle of Shiloh.

Sept 27: Capt. M.P. Garrett signed an oath of allegiance promising to not take up arms against the US or aid any others in insurrection. Capt. Garrett had been captured in one of the clashes between Confederate and US forces in the Confederate Heartland Campaign in central Kentucky in the early fall of 1862. He signed this oath of allegiance to be exchanged and released from Federal custody.

1863 Sept 20: Captain Mordecai Garrett was wounded in action at the Battle of Chickamauga.

1864 May 27: Wounded in action at Battle of Pickett's Mill, GA

July 21: Wounded in action near Atlanta, GA.

November 30: Captain Mordecai P. Garrett fought at the Battle of Franklin. His regiment was part of Daniel Govan's Arkansas brigade and they fought in Gen. Pat Cleburne's division. Cleburne's men assaulted an advanced Federal position and drove those soldiers back towards the main line. As these men retreated, the Confederate attack broke through the defensive works near the Carter farm. Capt. Garrett was killed in action. He was probably buried on the battlefield with comrades and later exhumed after the war and moved to the Confederate cemetery at Carnton. He was buried in plot #105 in the Arkansas section.

