

Capt. Pleasant M. Hope, Co. D, 46th TN Infantry, CSA

1835 Pleasant M. Hope was born in TN.

1850 Sep 30: The US Federal Census enumerated in Henry County, TN listed Pleasant M. Hope as a thirteen year old boy. He lived in the household of John Martin and his wife. Pleasant lived with his four other Hope siblings aged fifteen to three years old.

1859 Oct 4: Pleasant Hope married Josie Curd in Henry County, TN.

1860 Sep 20: The US Federal Census enumerated in Henry County, TN showed Pleasant M. Hope at twenty four as the head of his household. His occupation is not listed but he possessed \$12,800 worth of personal estate and the household preceding Pleasant's was occupied by his brother William L. Hope. Pleasant lived with his wife Josie. On the same day, the 1860 slave schedule was conducted and Pleasant was listed as the owner of four slaves, all female, ranging in age from eighty to six years old. Just before and after Pleasant's entry, his brothers Adam A. and James K. are listed as the owners of two slaves each.

1861 Birth of Pleasant and Josie's daughter, Annie.

Nov 29: Pleasant M. Hope enlisted in the Confederate Army at Paris, TN. He was mustered into Co. D, 46th TN Infantry as a sergeant.

1862 Apr 8: 5th Sergeant Pleasant Hope captured at Island no. 10 along with his brothers Adam and William.

2686	Hope	W.A.		46 th		D	Island No. 10
2687	Hope	W.L.	3 rd	Serjts.		"	
2688	Hope	P.M.	5 th	"		"	

Aug 1: Appeared on a roll of prisoners of war at Camp Douglas, IL.

Sep 30: After the 46th TN Infantry's prisoner exchange at Vicksburg, MS they returned to Confederate service. Pleasant was promoted to 1st Lt., Co. D, 46th TN Infantry.

1863 Oct 21: Promoted to Captain in command of Co. D, 46th TN Infantry.

1864 Apr 25: Pleasant M. Hope penned a letter for his young daughter Annie while stationed at Camp Cummings near Mobile, AL.

He wrote, "Dear child,

It is with pleasure and delight that I write you a few lines, which will be the first letter you ever received, and one too, which I hope you will preserve until you can read it. By the misfortunes of war, I have been separated from your Mamma, but by the blessings of

God, I hope to return to you, never more to leave you, until death shall separate us. My dear and only child, be a good girl, ever love and obey your affectionate Mamma, and don't forget your first letter writer, who has not nor never will forget you, and who daily prays to God, in his infinite mercy, to spare, bless and protect you amid the troubles of this world and should you live to be old, may God bless you, and prepare your soul in this life, to go to that happy world after death...

Your Father,
P.M. Hope"

Jul 24: Pleasant's brother, Pvt. Adam Hope, was killed in action during the Battle of Atlanta.

Nov 30: Capt. Pleasant M. Hope fought as part of the 46th TN Infantry. This regiment was part of Gen. William Quarles brigade of Gen. Edward Walthall's Division. They advanced over some of the McGavock property known as Carnton while they crossed creeks and maintained cohesion as best as they could. In Edwin H. Rennolds' *History of Henry County Commands*, he wrote that the commander of the 46th TN Infantry, Maj. Sylvester Cooper, stated that the 46th TN took around 125 men into battle and lost roughly 100. Capt. Pleasant M. Hope was killed in action and buried on the battlefield with many others. His brother William L. Hope was wounded thirteen times and died of his injuries on Dec. 5th, 1864 in Franklin.

1866 March - June: Both Pleasant M. and William L. Hope were exhumed from their temporary graves after the war and moved to the Confederate cemetery at Carnton. Pleasant Hope is buried in the Tennessee section, grave #33.



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