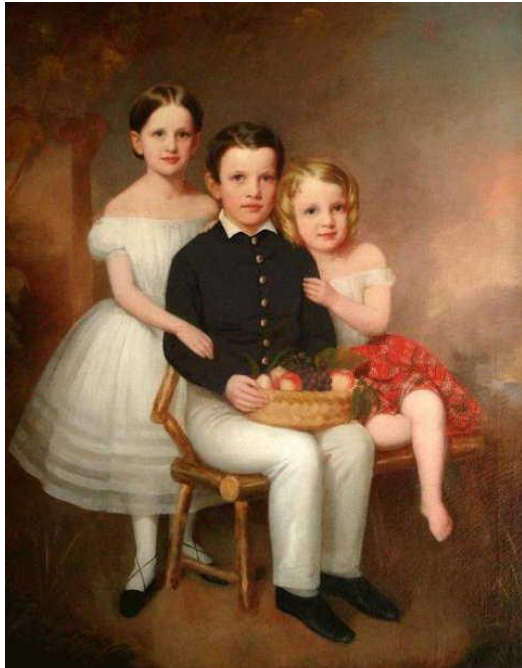


James Cooper, Captain, Co. C, 20 TN Infantry CS

- 1844 July 19: Born in Nashville, TN to Washington and Annie Cooper. His father was a portrait artist and a quite successful portrait artist.
- 1850 October 12: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Nashville, Davidson, TN showed six-year-old James [incorrectly listed as Jane] living with his parents and siblings. His father was an artist with \$10,000 in property.
- 1852 Portrait c. 1852 James Cooper and his siblings.



Catherine, James, Joseph Cooper, painted by their father W.B. Cooper

- 1860 August 11: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Nashville, Davidson, TN showed 15-year-old James living with his parents and siblings. His father Washington was a portrait painter. Worth abt \$46,000.
- 1861 October 7: Enlisted in the C.S. Army and mustered into Co. C 20 TN Infantry.
- 1862 January 19: Captured at the Battle of Fishing Creek/Mill Springs and sent to Camp Chase, OH.
- February 28 to August 31: Company Muster Roll. Absent.
- August 25: Exchanged.
- November & December. Company Muster Roll. Present.

¹ Example of the talent of Washington Bogart Cooper, a portrait he painted of his own children.
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1863 January to October: Company Muster Rolls. Present.

September 1: Promoted to 1st Sergeant.

November & December: Company Muster Roll. Absent. Remarks “wounded at Missionary Ridge 25 Nov 1863 sent to Hospital.”

1864 January and February: Company Muster Roll. Absent. Remarks “On sick furlough by order of Gen Johnston.”

March to October: Company Muster Rolls. Present.

September: Promoted aid decamp to Brig. Gen. R.C. Tyler.

November 30: Fought at the Battle of Franklin.

“There were more dead men next morning in front of the entrenchments, from the cotton gin to the locust thicket, than could have been packed behind them in two ranks. Every federal soldier must have more than killed his man. Hood’s army was rushed forward, a brigade or division at a time as soon as they crossed the hills south of Franklin, without waiting for proper formation of the line and everything seemed to converge to the thicket and the Columbia pike, where the highest works were and most of the fighting done.

While Bates’ division, to which I belonged, was advancing and still some distance from the works, I distinctly saw the federal officers running along behind their men in the trenches and striking their rifles with swords and pointing to make them charge the direction of firing to the left, where Cleburne’s men in solid ranks across the pike seemed almost victors.” –James L. Cooper²

1870 July 11: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Nashville, Davidson, TN showed an adult James, a clerk in a store, living with his parents and siblings. His father was still a portrait painter but his wealth was distinctly less. His value in personal and real estate was \$19,000.

1880 Cooper married Sarah “Sallie” Vaughn.

June 5: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Nashville, Davidson, TN showed an adult James, a book keeper, and Sallie living with his parents and siblings.

1900 June 4: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Nashville, Davidson, TN showed James, a farmer, and Sallie living with their children.

1910 May 27: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Nashville, Davidson, TN showed James, a farmer, and Sallie living with two of their children and James’ younger brother Joseph.

² The Tennessean, Nashville, TN, Saturday 28 Nov 1914, pg. 6.

- 1920 February 2: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Nashville, Davidson showed James, a farm manager, living with his wife, children and brother.
- 1924 September 27: James Litton Cooper died in Nashville, TN. He was buried at Mount Olivet Cemetery.

**FORMER CONFEDERATE
CAPTAIN DIES HERE**

**James Litton Cooper, 80,
Was Pioneer Breeder of
Jersey Cattle.**

James Litton Cooper, 80 years old, former captain in the Confederate army, and one of the first breeders of Jersey cattle in Tennessee, died at his home on Riverside Drive, near Shelby Park, Sunday morning after a lengthy illness.

Captain Cooper was born in Davidson county, the oldest son of Washington B. and Mrs. Annie Litton Cooper. He enlisted as a private in the 20th Tennessee Infantry, Confederate army, at the age of 17 years, and was later promoted successively to captain on the staff of the late Gen. Thomas Benton Smith. He participated in all the battles of the 20th Tennessee Infantry, and was severely wounded in several encounters.

After the war Captain Cooper was connected with Evans, Fite, Porter & Co. on the Public Square for about 20 years. In 1893 his health failed and he retired to the 320-acre farm on Riverside Drive, where he resided until his death.

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³ The Tennessean, Nashville, TN, Monday 8 Sep 1924, pg. 7
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