

Luke William Finlay, Lt. Colonel, Co. A., 4 TN Infantry, CS

1831 October 8: Born in Brandon, Rankin County, MS to James and Cady Lewis Finlay.

1840 James Finlay is listed as head of household over a household of eleven individuals. Four of those people enumerated were slaves owned by the Finlay family.

1850 September 11: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Rankin County, MS showed nineteen year old Luke, a student, living with his parents and siblings. His father, was a probate Judge. The Finlay family owned seven slaves.

1856 Graduated from Yale University.

1860 April: Father James died of pneumonia.

1861 May 15: Enlisted in the C.S. Army in Germantown, TN and mustered in as a Lieutenant to Co. A, 4th TN Infantry.

May 24: Brothers, Quitman and Oscar Finlay, enlisted in the C.S. Army and mustered into Co. A., 18th MS Infantry.

August thru December: Company Muster Rolls. Present.

1862 April 6-7: Wounded severely in the right shoulder at the Battle of Shiloh.

April 26: Promoted to Major.

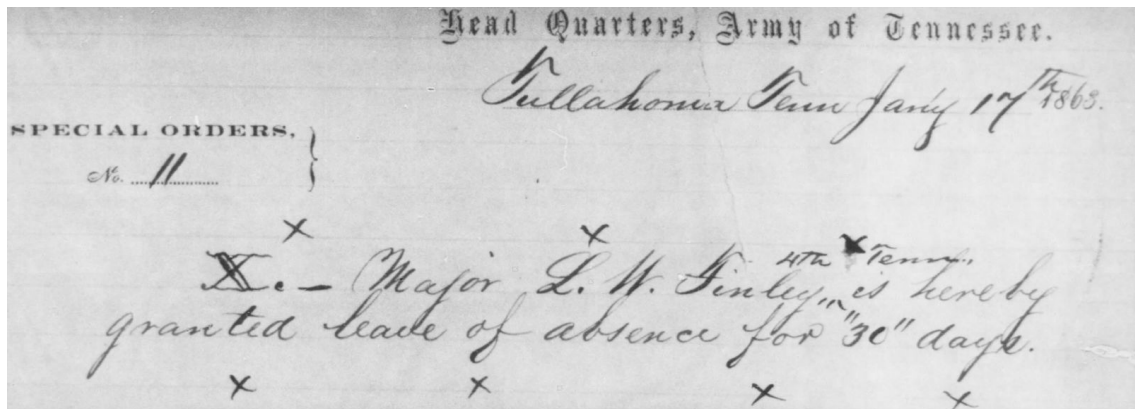
April 25: Inspection Report of Stewart's Brigade commanded by Col. O.F. Strahl. Detached Duty.

October thru February 1863: Field and Staff Muster Roll. Absent. Remarks "Absent on detached service."

December 11: Quitman, Finlay's brother, was wounded at the Battle of Fredricksburg, VA.

December: Wounded slightly near Murfreesboro, TN.

1863 January 17: Granted thirty day leave of absence.



March & April: Field and Staff Muster Roll. Absent. Remarks "On recruiting Service."

April 22: Married Cecilia Carroll in Madison, MS.

July & August: Field and Staff Muster Roll. Absent. Remarks "Absent on detached service at Rome, Georgia."

July 28: Promoted to Lt. Colonel.

State	Tenn.
To whom report	4 Tenn. Regt.
Date of appointment	Sept. 16, 1863.
Date of confirmation	Feb. 16, 1864.
To take rank	July 28, 1863.
Date of acceptance	Oct. 5, 1863.
Delivered	Genl. Bragg.
Secretary of War	J. A. S.

September & October: Field and Staff Muster Roll. Present. Remarks "Reached the Regiment Sept. 20. 1863 on the battlefield of Chickamauga having been on detached service by order Gen. Bragg."

1864 January & February : Field and Staff Muster Roll. Present

¹ Fold3.com/Confederate/Compiled Service Records/Tennessee/4th Infantry/Finlay, L.W.

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March & April: Field and Staff Muster Roll. Present. Near Dalton, GA. Remarks
“Signed roll as Luke W. Finlay Lieut. Col. Commanding the regiment.”

May 27: Wounded at Ellsbury Mountain.

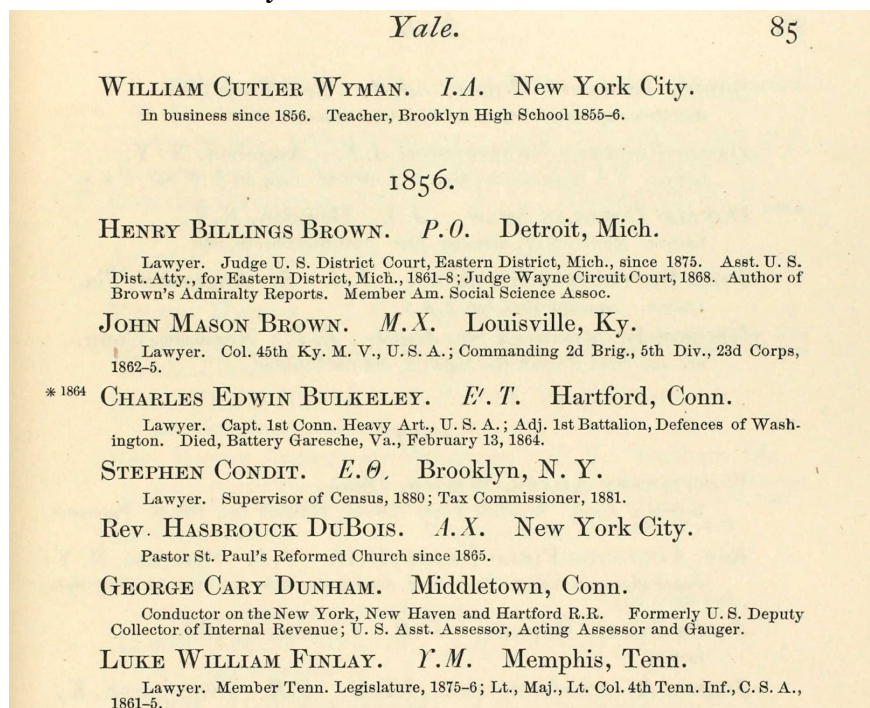
September 17: Given sixty day leave of absence on surgeons certificate.

November 30: Returned to duty in time to fight with his regiment at the Battle of Franklin.

1870 August 15: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Memphis, Shelby County, TN showed L.W., a lawyer, living in a household without Cecelia. Living in the household was a Sweedish female servant, a Dutch male farmer, and an Irish male laborer.

1880 June 1: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Memphis, Shelby County, TN showed Luke, a lawyer, and Celia living with her mother and their seven-year-old son Percy.

1882 Alpha Delta Phi Directory.



³ U.S. School Catalogs, 1765-1935, New York, Alpha Delta Phi, 1882, Finlay, Luke (accessed ancestry.com)

1898 March 28: Wife, Cecelia died in Memphis, TN and was buried at Elmwood Cemetery.

July: A biographical sketch of Finlay appeared in an Atlanta newspaper.

Lieutenant Colonel L. W. Finlay.

Lieutenant Colonel Luke W. Finlay, on the staff of General A. J. Vaughn, commanding Tennessee division, is a native of Rankin county, Mississippi. In 1856 he took the degree of A. B. at Yale, and began the study of law at Memphis in 1857, successfully passing the examination and receiving his license March 9, 1858. He was mustered into service as first lieutenant of company A, Fourth Tennessee infantry, May 15, 1861, with which regiment he served continually from Belmont to Centerville.

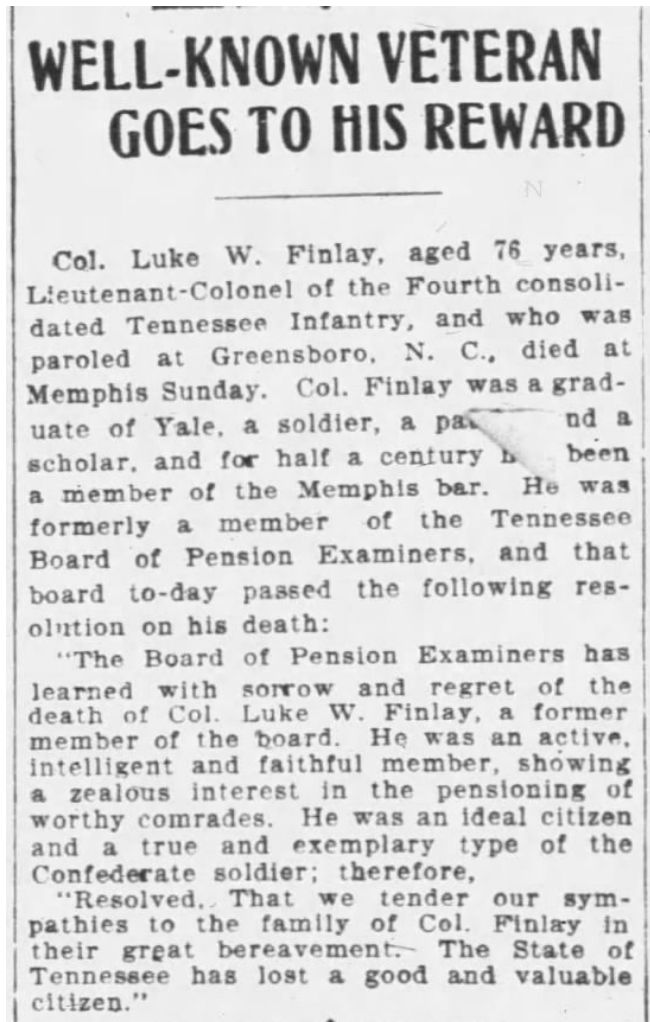
In the charge at Shiloh he was disabled by a wound in the right shoulder. While in the hospital the Fourth was reorganized, and he was elected to the same lieutenantancy, and then, in 1862, as major. At Perryville, Ky., he was again wounded while his regiment was making a successful charge on a battery of artillery. At Missionary Ridge he commanded the Fourth and Fifth Tennessee regiments, and occupied the rifle pits prepared near the base of the ridge, and did effective service until ordered out. At the battle of Resaca he had charge of the Fourth on the skirmish line, while the troops were forming line of battle. On May 27th he was ordered to take and hold the hill on the left between Vaughn and Money's brigades. This skirmish resembled a battle, and here his regiment lost 33 per cent in killed and wounded. Here he was wounded, but returned to his regiment November 30th, at the battle of Franklin, and resumed his place. Since the war he has resided at Memphis, Tenn., and continued the practice of law.

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1900 June 1: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Memphis, Shelby County, TN showed a widowed Luke W., a lawyer, as head of household. Living with him were his son, Percy, and daughter-in-law, Amanda.

⁴ The Atlanta Constitution, Atlanta, GA, Wednesday, 20 Jul 1898, pg. 29 (accessed newspapers.com)

1908 January 26: Luke William Finlay died in Memphis, TN and was buried at Elmwood Cemetery.



⁵ Nashville Banner, Nashville, TN, Tuesday, 28 Jan 1908, pg. 7 (accessed newspapers.com)

⁶ findagrave.com/submitted by anonymous user