

Fitzgerald Williams, Lieutenant, Co. F 154 Infantry (Sr. Regiment) TN, CSA

1842 March 29: Born to Isaac and Adeline Fitzgerald Williams in Paris, Henry County, TN. His father was a lawyer and his mother was the daughter of a prominent Jacksonian politician, judge and lawyer, William Fitzgerald.

1850 October 11: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Henry County, TN showed eight-year-old Fitzgerald living with his parents and siblings. His father was a lawyer. The family owned two slaves.

“Fitzgerald Williams grew up in Paris in the years preceding the war. He received a good education and at the age of seventeen began studying law in his father’s office. This he continued until the outbreak of the war.”

1860 June 6: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Henry County, TN showed eighteen-year-old F., living with his parents and siblings. His father was a lawyer and he was listed as a “law student.” The family owned two slaves.

His father was appointed as a district judge by Gov. Isham Harris.

1861 May 14: Enlisted in the C.S. Army and mustered into Co. F, 154th TN Senior Infantry. He was twenty-one years old.

August: Fitzgerald’s father Isaac had a stroke, he recovered, but a second stroke left him paralyzed.

August to October: Company Muster Roll. Present.

1862 June: *“...the regiment was reorganized, at which time he received his honorable discharge. He returned and nursed his father a few months and was then authorized to recruit in west Tennessee and later joined his old command at Jonesboro, GA. Later he was with Hood’s command, which went back from the vicinity of Atlanta..”*

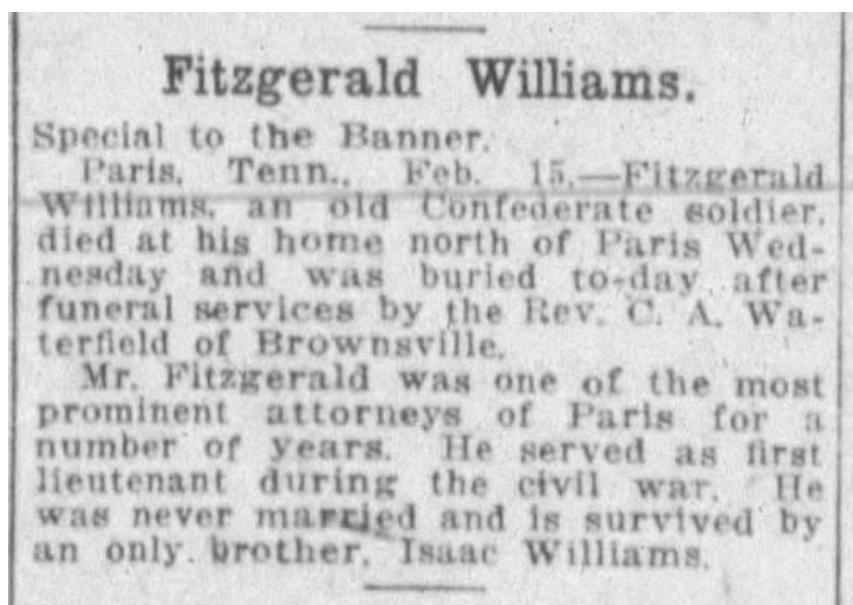
1864 November 30: *“...fought in the battle of Franklin, where he was wounded and incapacitated for service, for some time. Instead of going to the hospital he went to the home of a friend near Columbia, and as soon as able rejoined the army. At that time he belonged to Cheatham’s Division and with this division was furloughed for thirty days, returning home.”*

1870 Begun practicing law in Paris, TN.

“A lawyer whose practice in Henry county and vicinity during more than forty years has brought him into prominence at the bar, and in the public life of this section of Tennessee.”¹

- 1871 February 1: Williams’ father, Isaac, died.
- 1880 June 17: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Henry County, TN showed Fitzgerald, a lawyer, living with his mother and several siblings. (Interestingly, it appears none of the Williams children married and had families of their own.)
- 1897 December 27: Williams’ mother, Adeline, died.
- 1900 June 27: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Paris, Henry County, TN showed four Williams siblings living together: Fitzgerald, a lawyer, Isaac, a farmer and sisters Elizabeth and Rachel.
- 1910 May 24: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Paris, Henry County, TN showed three remaining siblings living in the Williams home: Fitzgerald, a lawyer, Isaac, a farmer and Rachel.

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¹ Hale, Will Thomas & Dixon L. Merritt, A History of Tennessee and Tennesseans, Biographical Sketches, 1913

² Nashville Banner, Nashville, TN, Thursday, 15 Feb 1917, pg. 3 (accessed newspapers.com)



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