



## John B Holman, Captain, Co. F, 28 TN Infantry, CS

- 1841 Born to Robert and Elizabeth Ann Jackson Holman in Wilson County, TN.
- 1844 John's father Robert dies leaving his estate to Elizabeth Holman, John's mother.
- 1850 September 17: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Wilson County, TN showed nine-year-old John living with mother, Elizabeth, and siblings. The Holman family owned 3 slaves according to the 1850 Federal Slave Schedule.
- 1860 July 26: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Wilson County, TN showed 18-year-old John living with his mother. His mother was listed as a farmer. The Holman family owned 3 slaves according to the 1860 Federal Slave Schedule.
- 1861 September 18: John enlisted in the C.S. Army at Camp Zollicoffer and mustered in as 3<sup>rd</sup> Sergeant to Co. F, 28<sup>th</sup> TN Infantry.
- September & October: Company Muster Roll. Present.
- December 16: Elected 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant
- 1862 February-August: Company Muster Roll. Present.
- May 8: Elected Captain
- September & October: Company Muster Roll. Present.
- 1863 January & February: Company Muster Roll. Present.
- 1864 August 19: Inspection Report. In the trenches near Atlanta GA. Present
- September 16: Inspection Report. Near Jonesboro, GA. Present
- November 30: Killed at the Battle of Franklin, TN. Buried on the battlefield. His death is referenced in his friend, Spencer Talley's, diary.

*"...on to Franklin. There they had trenches, and were well fortified, and had their batteries planted for a strong defense. We could have made a flank movement and gone around them and forced them to fight us in the open but our leader failed to use this strategy and attack them in*

*the trenches. Our battle lines were formed about a half mile in their front. Our brass bands were playing "Dixie" while the cannons gushing thunder from both sides was almost deafening. The order to charge was given. The rebel yell was terrifying as we never heard it before. We rushed on and on through a field and opening in which was no protection. The battle raged with fury and swiftness from start to finish. Our men were mowed down like grain before the sickle. Our company started in this fray with fifty seven fighting men and only eight or nine escaped death or being crippled and wounded. Captain Holman was killed in the midst of the charge, leaving the company in my command. We rushed through the locust thicket to the breast works where I fell with a broken skull. It was now between sundown and dark, and I lay as I fell in an unconscious condition until about midnight when I came to myself, I realized that I was wounded in the head. I made many efforts to rise up on my feet, but in every attempt I would fall back to the ground. My vision was impaired and it seemed that I must climb a very steep hill. The ground and everything I could see was right up in front of me and I could only be convinced of my impaired vision by trying to place my hands on objects that I apparently saw."*

1866 Remains exhumed from Franklin and taken to his family cemetery not far from Hunter's Point on the Cumberland River according to his friend Spencer Talley's diary.

*"....I was just recovering from the shock and could stand on my knees some bit before I could on my feet, as stated above we were in a locust thicket and it was by holding to these little bullet shattered trees that I could stand and stagger along by holding to them. The moon shown brightly and I could see the ground covered with the dead and dying, over which I had to pass in making my way out. Once out of this thicket I was soon in the hands of our litter corps who helped me into an ambulance of wounded men, which took us to the field hospital where Dr. O.C. Kidder examined my wound and removed some of the sharp splints that would prevent healing, and I was glad when he said you will soon get over this provided the inner bone lying next to the brain is not fractured. The next day I could walk about without any assistance, and went back on the battlefield to see that Captain Holman's grave was plainly marked and easily located. About a year after the close of the war his remains were brought back in interred in the family graveyard, not far from Hunter's Point on the Cumberland River."<sup>1</sup>*

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<sup>1</sup> Talley, Spencer, Diary (accessed ancestry.com)---all first hand accounts were retrieved from Spencer's diary.