

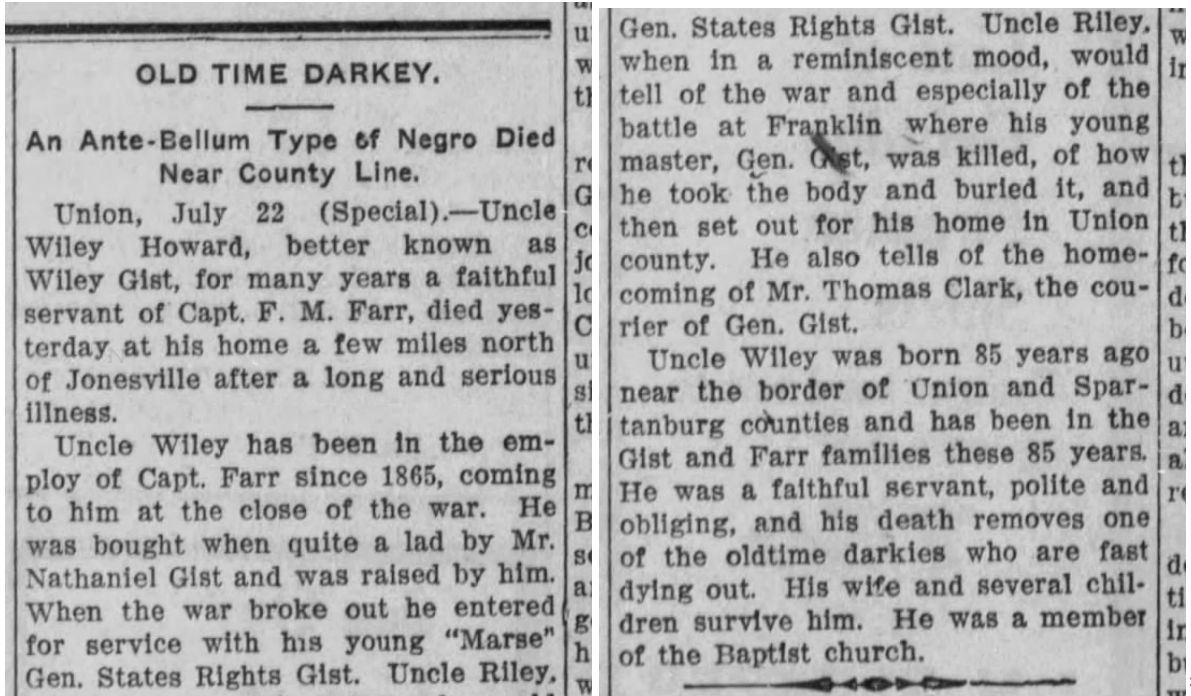
Wiley Howard
Enslaved by Nathaniel Gist
Served Gen. States Rights Gist, Brigade Commander

- 1825-1830 (abt)Wiley Howard was born in South Carolina, near the border of Union and Spartanburg counties. He was purchased while still a young child by Nathaniel Gist.
- 1860 The U.S. Federal Census Slave Schedule enumerated in Union Count, SC showed Nathaniel Gist owned 120 slaves, aged 1 month to 100 years old. Interestingly, on the census the enumerator wrote occupation of some of the slaves: six house servant, two seamstresses and the 100 year old slave was written by name, Thomas. Wiley would have been one of the two young men near 30 years old listed.
- 1861 Nathaniel's son, States Rights Gist, joined the Confederate Army early in the war and Wiley accompanied him to war to serve to his needs. In December of the same year Wiley's owner, Nathaniel Gist, died.
- 1864 November 30: Before heading into battle at Franklin, TN, Gen. Gist told Wiley "I might get tripped up this evening.." ¹ He directed Wiley what to do with his private papers. Wiley did not see him again till he found him in a field hospital. Gist did not survive and was temporarily buried in the White family cemetery.
- Wiley Howard returned home to South Carolina and his family.
- 1870 September 24: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Jonesville Township, Union County,SC showed Wiley, a farm laborer, and his wife Victoria living with their children: Riley, 15, Pink, 12, Walker, 10, Anna, 5 and Eller, 3. Wiley only had \$20 in personal property and could not read or write.
- 1880 June 23: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Jonesville Township, Union County, SC showed Wiley, a farm laborer, living with wife Victoria and daughter Ella, 12.
- 1900 June 1: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Jonesville, Union County, SC showed Wiley and Victoria living with their daughter Ellar and her family.

¹ The Times and Democrat, Sunday,15 Dec 1991, pg. 35 (accessed newspapers.com)

1910 April 19th: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Jonesville, Union County, SC showed Wiley, an odd job laborer, and Victoria living with their daughter Eller and her family.

1911 July 21: Wiley Howard died near Jonesville, SC.



² The Columbia Record, Columbia, SC, Saturday, 22 Jul 1911, pg. 4 (accessed newspapers.com)