## 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.
- 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.
- November 30: Before heading into battle at Franklin, TN, Gen. Gist told Wiley "I might get tripped up this evening.." 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.
- 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.
- 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.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Times and Democrat, Sunday,15 Dec 1991, pg. 35 (accessed newspapers.com)

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.

## Gen. States Rights Gist. Uncle Riley. when in a reminiscent mood, would W OLD TIME DARKE tell of the war and especially of the tl battle at Franklin where his young An Ante-Bellum Type of Negro Died master, Gen. Ost, was killed, of how Near County Line. he took the body and buried it, and Union, July 22 (Special) .- Uncle then set out for his home in Union Wiley Howard, better known county. He also tells of the home-Wiley Gist, for many years a faithful coming of Mr. Thomas Clark, the couservant of Capt. F. M. Farr, died yesrier of Gen. Gist. terday at his home a few miles north Uncle Wiley was born 85 years ago of Jonesville after a long and serious near the border of Union and Sparillness. tanburg counties and has been in the Uncle Wiley has been in the em-Gist and Farr families these 85 years. ploy of Capt. Farr since 1865, coming He was a faithful servant, polite and to him at the close of the war. obliging, and his death removes one was bought when quite a lad by Mr. of the oldtime darkies who are fast Nathaniel Gist and was raised by him. dying out. His wife and several chil-When the war broke out he entered dren survive him. He was a member for service with his young "Marse" of the Baptist church. Gen. States Rights Gist. Uncle Riley.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The Columbia Record, Columbia, SC, Saturday, 22 Jul 1911, pg. 4 (accessed newspapers.com)