



James Wesley Sandlin, Sergeant, Co. C, 35th AL Infantry, CSA

- 1843 Nov 8: James Wesley Sandlin was born in Lawrence County, AL to Jonathon and Eunice Sandlin.
- 1850 Nov 9: The US Federal Census enumerated in Lawrence County, AL listed James W. Sandlin at six years old. He lived in the household of his father, Jonathon, who was listed as a farmer with two hundred and fifty dollars in personal estate. James also lived with three younger siblings, William, Mary, and Nancy.
- 1860 Jun 14: The US Federal Census enumerated in Lawrence County, AL listed James W. Sandlin at sixteen years old. He lived with eight other siblings and his mother and father.
- 1862 Mar 1: Enlisted in the Confederate Army. He was mustered into Co. C, 35th AL Infantry as a private.
- 1864 May 2: Married Mary Catherine Roberts in Lawrence County, AL.

¹ <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/6568548/james-wesley-sandlin>

Nov 30: The 35th AL Infantry fought as part of Gen. Thomas Scott's brigade of Gen. William Loring's division at the Battle of Franklin. By this time, Pvt. Sandlin had been promoted to 1st Sgt. of Co. C. Sgt. James Sandlin served as the flag bearer and was killed while carrying the colors of the 35th AL Infantry. He was buried on the battlefield. His page of Findagrave.com states, "Sgt Sandlin's body was found by his Lawrence County, Alabama boyhood friend, R. B. Meadows on the battlefield in an old cellar about four feet deep. Sandlin and other members of their regiment had been gathered up during the battle and placed there. The building over the cellar had been moved away and the "hole" was being filled in. Meadows and another member of their regiment, Milton Gray, decided to remove Sandlin from this cellar and dig a grave for him. The men dug his grave, wrapped him in his blanket and let him down into the grave. His haversack was used as a pillow. While the two men were filling his grave with dirt Sgt C. W. LeMay, of Company I, came along and prepared a marker for the grave by cutting his name in a piece of plank. This they set at the head of the grave. He was remembered as a "brave, noble, Christian Soldier"."²

1866 Sgt. Sandlin's remains were moved to the Confederate Cemetery created at Carnton. He was buried in the AL section, grave 101.

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