

James W. Swinney, Captain, Co C, 32nd MS Infantry, CSA

1821 January 9: Swinney was born in Georgia.

1857 October 10: Swinney married Mary Rodgers in Tishomingo, MS.

1860 August 3: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Tishomingo County, MS showed thirty-eight-year-old James W. Swinney was living with his wife, Mary, and two children, Urann and Agassus. They were listed as farmers.

August 28: The U.S Federal Census Slave Schedule enumerated in Tishomingo County, MS showed thirty-eight-year-old James W. Swinney owned three slaves.

1862 March 8: Swinney enlisted in the C.S. Army in Burnsville, MS. He mustered into Co. C, 32nd MS Infantry. Age 41.

May – August: Company Muster Rolls. Present.

November – December: Company Muster Roll. “Not stated.”

1863 January – February: Company Muster Roll. Present.

March – April: Company Muster Roll. “Not Stated.”

May – June: Company Muster Roll. Present.

July – August: Company Muster Roll. Absent. Remarks “Ordered to report to General Pillow as supernumerary by August 14, 1863.”

September – October: Company Muster Roll. Absent. Remarks “Ordered to report to General Pillow as supernumerary by August 15, 1863.”

November – December: Company Muster Roll. Present.

1864: January – April: Company Muster Rolls. Present.

July 22: Swinney was incorrectly listed as killed in action in a Meridian newspaper. “*List of Casualties in the 32nd Mississippi Regiment, Lowery’s Brigade, Cleburne’s Division, Hardee’s Corps, Army of Tennessee, July 22d, 1864*”

wounded, 3; missing, 2.
Company G—Capt J W Swinney commanding.—Killed: Ensign H N Patton; Privates A J Maulden, S C Gardner. Wounded: 1st Sergt Wm Kincard, left lung, serious; Col Corp S H Stevenson, left leg broke, right leg sev; Privates J C Calvory, left arm broke; J N Hembree, hip, sev; Pleas Jones, foot, sev; W E Marsh leg broke. Missing: Privates Peter Wheeler, Marion Stevens. Killed, 3; wounded, 6, missing, 2.
Company D—Lieut B F Dilworth com-

November 30: Killed in action at the Battle of Franklin. Buried in McGavock Confederate Cemetery Section 30, Mississippi Grave 128.

December 8: Swinney was posthumously promoted to Major, eight days after his death, by Confederate Secretary of War James Seddon.

¹ The Daily Clarion, Meridian, MS, Monday, 1 Aug 1864, pg. 1