



## John James Ables, Pvt., Co. B, 5th AR Infantry, CSA

- 1844 Apr 29: John James Ables was born in Arkansas to parents Micajah and Jane Ables.
- 1850 Oct 11: The US Federal Census enumerated in Poinsett County, AR listed John J Ables at five years old. He was living in the household of his father, Micajah, who was listed as a farmer with \$150 in real estate.
- 1860 Jul 27: The US Federal Census enumerated in St. Francis County, AR listed John J Ables as a sixteen year old common laborer. He had \$1000 in real estate and \$135 in his personal estate. He was listed in the household of his father.
- 1861 Jun 12: John J. Ables enlisted in the Confederate Army at Wittsburgh, AR for a period of twelve months.
- Jul 27: J.J. Ables was mustered into Confederate service as a private in Co. B, 5th AR Infantry.
- 1862 Jul & Aug: Pvt. Ables appeared on a muster roll as present. Remarks: Sent to hospital at Chattanooga, TN.
- 1863 Jan - Dec: Appeared on the muster rolls as present.

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1864 Feb 17: Re-enlisted for the duration of the war at Tunnel Hill, GA.

Sep 17: J.J. Ables appeared on a receipt roll for clothing at Law Hospital in Eatonton, GA.

Nov 30: Pvt. J.J. Ables fought at the Battle of Franklin with the 5th AR Infantry. They had been consolidated with the 13th AR Infantry and were part of Gen. Govan's brigade in Gen. Patrick Cleburne's division. These men attacked the US advance line of troops under Gen. George Wagner. Govan's brigade pushed them back and drove straight into the federal earthworks. Pvt. Ables survived unlike many other soldiers in Cleburne's division.

1865 Mar 14: Pvt. J.J. Ables was given a furlough of sixty days due to a shell wound sustained previously. It is likely that he went home to recover as the war ended.

*Pvt. J. Ables*  
*Bt. Co. B. 5 Regt. Ark.*  
Appears on a weekly  
**Report**  
of furloughs granted by the Medical Examining Board,  
in Disabled Camp,  
at Lauderdale, Miss.,  
and forwarded to A & I. G. O., in accordance with  
G. O. No. 69, A. & I. G. O.,  
for the week ending *Mar. 14*, 1865  
Brigade *Govan's*  
Residence *Wilson N.C.*  
Length of furlough *60* days.  
Disease *Shell wound.*

1866 August: John J. Ables married Mary A. Stutts in Cross County, AR.

1870 Jul 15: The US Federal Census enumerated in Tellico County, AR listed John J Ables as a twenty six year old farmer with \$400 in real estate and \$300 in his personal estate. He lived with his wife, Mary, and a daughter named Cora.

- 1880 Jun 12: The US Federal Census enumerated in St. Francis County, AR listed John J. Ables as a thirty six year old farmer that lived with his wife and five children.
- 1894 Jan 5: Appointed Postmaster in Madison-Sarber County, AR.
- 1900 Jun 27: The US Federal Census enumerated in St. Francis County, AR listed John J. Ables as a fifty six year old express agent. He lived with his wife, three children, and a boarder named Tilden Atkins who was listed as timber man.
- 1910 Apr 15: The US Federal Census enumerated in Pulaski County, AR listed John J. Ables at sixty five years old. He lived with his wife and one son who was employed as a bartender at a saloon. John J. Ables was employed as a constable.
- 1918 May 28: John James Ables died in Little Rock, AR. He was buried in the Oakland and Fraternal Historic Cemetery Park in Little Rock, AR.



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**JOHN J. ABLES.**  
John James Ables, aged 74, a Confederate veteran, died at 9:15 last night at the residence, 1111 Cross street. Funeral services will be held at 2:30 this afternoon at the residence, in charge of the Rev. T. D. Brown. Burial will be in Oakland cemetery. The deceased is survived by his wife and five children as follows: Mrs. Cora Berg, Mrs. Emma Pigg and Sam Ables and James D. Ables of Little Rock and Mrs. Anna Wardrip of Hugo, Okla.

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<sup>4</sup> Daily Arkansas Gazette, Little Rock, AR, Wednesday 29 May, 1918, pg. 5.



From "Citizens In St. Francis County at the End of the 19th Century"

"John J. Ables, proprietor of one of the leading groceries of Colt, is a native of this county, and when a boy worked on his father's farm, attending school at intervals; although not regular in attendance, he being a bright scholar and willing to learn, received a fair common-school education. In May, 1861, at the age of seventeen, he entered the Confederate service, enlisting in Company B, Fifth Arkansas Regiment, Govan's brigade, Pat Cleburne's division, Hardee's and Cheatham's corps of the Army of the Tennessee, commanded by Beauregard, Albert Sidney Johnston, Braxton Bragg, Joseph E. Johnston and J. B. Hood, of Texas. Mr. Able's career as a soldier led him through many different battles-Chickamauga, Murfreesboro, Franklin, from Bowling Green, Ky., to Bentonville, N. C., via Nashville, Chattanooga and Dalton down the railroad and State line to Atlanta, thence to Jonesboro via Augusta, Ga., back to Bentonville. He fought the last battle under Johnston at that place, that famous general then falling back to Greensboro, N. C., where he surrendered. Mr. Ables took his chances for his home in Arkansas, and was in all the engagements of that march, soldiering through East Tennessee, around Knoxville, on Clinch River, at Clinton, with Bragg through Cumberland Gap to Kentucky. He was wounded in the right hand, losing his little finger, which, though a small and seemingly unimportant member, necessitated his absence from active duty for three months. He served throughout the war, and took an active part in every battle of his division in the Mississippi Valley, with the exception of those during the three months of his disability. Returning home in May, 1865, Mr. Ables was married the following August to Miss Mary A. Stutts. They are the parents of eight children, all of whom are living: Cora Belle, John W., Willis R., Anna C., Micager C., Samuel, James D. and Emma Lou. Following his matrimonial venture Mr. Ables engaged in farming, and now has a nicely improved farm of 160 acres. He was born in 1844, being the son of M. C. and Jane C. (Moore) Ables, natives of Tennessee and Alabama, respectively. M. C. Ables came to Arkansas in 1828, and settled in this county at a time when there were but few families in the locality. Here he bought a farm of 320 acres, on which he lived until the time of his death, with the exception of a year or two during his residence in Wittsburg, and also while in the Mexican War. In 1887 our subject sold out his farming interests and came to Colt Station, embarking in the grocery business, in which he is still engaged. In this he has been very successful. He held the office of constable of his township before moving to Colt, and was also justice of the peace for ten years, and has now a commission as notary public. Mr. Ables is a staunch Democrat and a member of the I. O. O. F. and Knights of Honor."