

John Lanier, Lieutenant, Co. H, 29th GA Infantry, C.S.

1837 June 8: Lanier was born in Georgia to Thomas Murphy and Temperance Carlton Lanier.

1850 August 8: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Thomas County, GA showed thirteen-year-old John living with his parents and siblings. His father was a farmer.

1860 July 18: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Colquitt, GA showed twenty-three-year-old John, a blacksmith, was living with his parents and five siblings. His father was a farmer. The Lanier family owned one slave.

1861 October 1: Lanier and his brothers Gipson, Thomas, and Timothy enlisted in the C.S. Army in Savannah, Georgia. They mustered into the 29th GA Infantry, Co. H. Brother, Hardy, enlisted in Co. C of the 3rd GA Infantry.

November – December: Company Muster Roll. Present.

December 8: Brother, Thomas, died at a hospital in Savannah of Typhoid fever.

1862 July: Regimental Return. Present. Remarks “2nd Lieutenant, John Lanier elected July 16, 1862”

August: Regimental Return. Absent. Remarks “In furlough”
Return for the month of August 1862. Absent with leave. Remarks “10 days from 26 August.”

September: Regimental Return. Present. Remarks “present, sick”

October: Regimental Return. Absent. Remarks “absent, sick.”

November: Regimental Return. Present. Remarks “present, sick”

December: Regimental Return. Absent. Remarks “absent, sick”

1864 July: Inspection Report dated: “Near Jonesboro GA, September 17th, wounded”

June 22: Brother, Hardy, was killed in action in Petersburg, VA.

November 30: Killed in action at the Battle of Franklin. Buried in McGavock Confederate Cemetery Section 77, Georgia Grave 10.

December 17: Brother Timothy was captured in Franklin on Hood's retreat from Nashville. He was taken to a prison but transferred to Hosptial No. 1 in Nashville and died on January 5, of chronic Diarrhea. He was 18-years-old.

Tempy Lanier, the boys mother, sent five of her six sons off to war. Only one son, Gipson, returned home. Memorials were put in the Murphy family cemetery for all four of her lost sons.



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