

Lt. Martin Van McKibben, Co. A, 30th GA Infantry, CSA

- 1840 Sep 11: Martin Van McKibben was born to parents Thomas and Elizabeth McKibben in Butts County, GA.
- 1850 Aug 15: The US Federal Census enumerated in Butts County, GA listed Martin V. McKibben in the household of his father Thomas and numerous siblings. Martin was listed as ten years old. His father was listed as a farmer.
- 1860 Jul 27: The US Federal Census enumerated in Butts County, GA showed that Martin was twenty years old living in the household of his widowed father. His father was a wealthy farmer and Martin was listed as a "school boy."
- 1861 Sep 25: Martin enlisted in the Confederate Army at Jackson, GA. He was mustered into Co. A, 30th Georgia Infantry as a sergeant.

1862 Mar 1: Martin's brother, Thomas, enlisted in the Confederate Army. He was mustered into Martin's company of the 30th GA Infantry, Co. A, as a private.

May 13: Appointed 1st Sergeant, Co. A, 30th GA Infantry

1863 Jun 12: Promoted to 2nd Lt.

1864 Aug 27: Appeared on a report of staff officers in Gen. William Hardee's corps while stationed in GA.

Nov 30: Martin McKibben fought at the Battle of Franklin in Gen. Henry Jackson's brigade of Gen. William Bate's division. Jackson's brigade was composed of Georgia regiments and they advanced across the ground west of the Columbia Pike near where present day Carter's Creek pike turns into West Main Street. Lt. Martin V. McKibben was wounded in action during this attack.

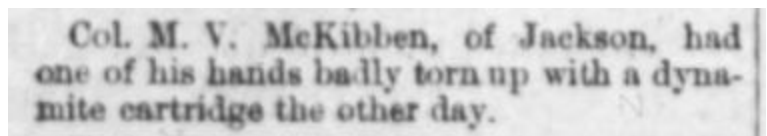
1865 Jan 13: Martin McKibben appeared on a register of soldiers being treated at St. Mary's Hospital in West Point, MS.

1868 Graduated from the University of Georgia with a degree in Law.

1872 Jan 25: Martin McKibben married Effie Jane Fletcher in Butts County, GA.

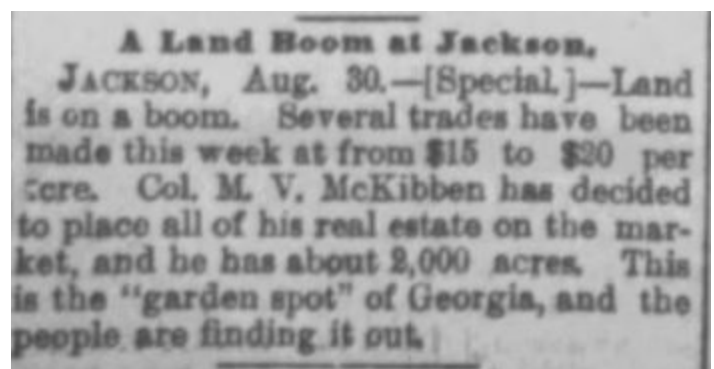
1880 Jun 2: The US Federal Census enumerated in Butts County, GA listed Martin at thirty nine years old employed as a lawyer. He lived with his wife and daughter Hattie.

1885 Oct 1:



Col. M. V. McKibben, of Jackson, had one of his hands badly torn up with a dynamite cartridge the other day.

1890 Aug 31:



A Land Boom at Jackson.
JACKSON, Aug. 30.—[Special.]—Land is on a boom. Several trades have been made this week at from \$15 to \$20 per acre. Col. M. V. McKibben has decided to place all of his real estate on the market, and he has about 2,000 acres. This is the "garden spot" of Georgia, and the people are finding it out.

¹ *Macon Telegraph*, Macon, GA, Thursday, Oct 1, 1885, pg. 3.

² *Macon Telegraph*, Macon, GA, Sunday, Aug 31, 1890, pg. 2.

enough to get through college at Athens. Every dollar was paid back promptly. He was admitted to the bar in 1871. He has kept a boy in school ever since that time, and at some periods has kept two at once in college. The boys he sent to school went well dressed, but Col. McKibben entered Athens with patched trousers. He started out with this motto: "Never deceive a client or disappoint a man in a promise," and he has lived up to his motto.

Col. McKibben pays more tax today than any man in Butts county, and while he owns considerable town property, he is the most extensive farmer in the county. Col. McKibben's method of business is strict. He keeps all his promises and he expects other people to do the same thing; but notwithstanding this, Col. M. V. McKibben never drives a man to the wall, for he is lenient with those who would if they could, and forces those who could if they would. He has proven himself a patriot this fall, for so many who would pay if they could, and who owe Col. McKibben, have been spared the mortification of being crowded. It is common for a man who owes everybody to advocate leniency, but for a man who everybody owes, figuratively, to rise above self interest, and looking round and seeing the present condition of the country, proclaims: "I have sued no one and will sue no one unless he attempts to trifle with me." This is no hearsay—we heard him say so. He says Jackson and Butts county shall stand, and it is fortunate for Jackson and for Butts county that we have such men as Col. Martin Van Buren McKibben in it. When we told him we were going to write this sketch, he said: "Well, don't say anything about me in it, but say all about Jackson and Butts county."

Of course we have only touched the high places, as it were; his life in Butts county is an open book.

COL. M. V. McKIBBEN.

The subject of this sketch was born in Butts county and has lived here all through his eventful life. He was one of those unfortunate young men who was called upon to go to battle just at the time he should have been getting an education. He joined the Bailey volunteers at his country's call, and lived through the war in spite of yankee bullets, having been the recipient of three of them. He was first wounded at Lost Mountain, Tenn., again at Atlanta, Ga., and again at Franklin, Tenn. He was always shot from the front.

When the war was over he came to his father's home and being so crippled it was painful even to move, he tied his hand to the plow-handle and made a very good crop. What he made he undertook to use in securing an education and found it perfectly inadequate, consequently he borrowed

1894 December 27:

1897 Sep 6: Martin Van McKibben died at Jackson, Ga. He was buried at the Fellowship Presbyterian Church Cemetery.

³ Jackson Argus, Jackson, Georgia, December 27, 1894, pg. 3.



DEATH OF COL. M'KIBBEN.
**Mrs. A. W. Lane's Father Died at Jack
 son Yesterday.**

Mr. Andrew W. Lane left yesterday in answer to a telegram announcing the death of his father-in-law, Col. M. V. McKibben, of Jackson, who died yesterday morning at 9:40 o'clock, after an illness of several months.

Col. Mc Kibben was well known and very popular in Macon and often visited here, having a large practice in the United States court. The news of his death yesterday was received with much sincere regret.

Col. McKibben was 57 years of age and a native of Butts county, where he spent all his life in the love and esteem of the people of that and adjoining counties, nearly all of whom he knew personally and with whom he had much influence. Col. McKibben was a brave and dashing Confederate soldier and came out of the army with the rank of captain and a glorious record. As a lawyer he was among the leading men of the profession in the state and as a politician his record was clean and his influence widespread. He leaves two children, Mrs. Lane and a son.

Sep 7:

⁴ findagrave.com/user/Alton & Loudonia

⁵ Macon Telegraph, Macon, Georgia, Sept. 7, 1897, pg. 5.

A BIG ESTATE.

Col. McKibben's Estate is Above \$100,000.

The appraisers appointed to value Col. M. V. McKibben's estate have completed their investigation; but have not yet filed their report with the Ordinary.

According to the appraisal the gilt-edge notes of said estate foot up between \$60,000 and \$70,000, and the entire estate, above all indebtedness, will reach \$115,000 or more.

Col. McKibben left a very plain, common-sense will. He elects that his estate shall be equally divided between his two children and Mrs. McKibben, but specifies that a four thousand dollar advancement made to Mrs. Lane shall be accounted for. By the terms of his will, he leaves \$2,000 for the completion of Van's education, but this amount is not to go to Van unless he uses it for educational purposes. He also leaves his fine law library to his son, provided he becomes a lawyer, but in case he does not study law, then the library goes back to the estate.

Sep 17:

⁶ *The Jackson Argus*, Jackson, Georgia, Sept. 17, 1897, pg. 4.