

Sgt. Lycurgus Sims, Co. C, 31st MS Infantry, CSA

- 1831 Oct 18: Lycurgus Sims was born in South Carolina to parents Barnett and Elizabeth Sims.
- 1842 Sep 2: Lycurgus Sims' father died.
- 1850 Oct 8: The US Federal Census enumerated in Chickasaw County, MS listed Lycurgus Sims as a nineteen year old farmer. He lived in the household of his mother with three younger siblings.
- 1860 Sep 11: The US Federal Census enumerated in Chickasaw County, MS listed L Sims as a twenty nine year old house carpenter. He lived with his wife, listed as M Sims. Sometime before this census was taken Lycurgus Sims married Martha Ann "Mattie" Boring.
- 1862 Mar 5: Lycurgus Sims enlisted in Orr's Regiment MS Volunteers at Houston, MS. He was mustered into Co. C as 4th Sergeant. This company subsequently became Co. C, 31st MS Infantry.
- Jun 27: Lycurgus Sims' younger brother, Patrick Henry Sims, was killed in action at the Battle of Gaines Mill, VA. The 11th MS Infantry regiment, with the rest of Law's Brigade and Hood's Brigade, charged and broke the center of the Federal line. It lost 18 men killed, 142 wounded, and 3 missing out of the 400 men engaged.
- 1864 Jul 20: Admitted to hospital.
Aug 31: Returned to the ranks.
- Nov 30: Sgt. Lycurgus Sims fought at the Battle of Franklin with the 31st MS Infantry. They were part of Featherston's Brigade, Loring's Division, Stewart's Corps. They advanced across the eastern flank of the battlefield, passing by Carnton as they swept across John McGavock's land toward the Federal earthworks. Sgt. Sims was wounded in action and treated in Franklin.
- Dec 17: Sgt. Sims was captured along with numerous other wounded Confederate soldiers in Franklin as the Federal army pursued the Army of Tennessee as it retreated south after the Battle of Nashville.
- 1865 Jan 21: Admitted to General hospital No 1 at Nashville, TN. Diagnosis: Gunshot fracture of right tibia and fibula.

Lycurgus Sims
Rank, *Sgt.*; Co. *C, 91* Reg't *Miss*
Admitted *Jan 21*, 18*65*,
To No. *1*, U. S. A., Gen'l Hosp.
Nashville, Tenn.
From *Franklin*
Diagnosis, *Gunshot fract. of Rt. tibia and fibula*
Missile, Can. Ball
W'd at *Franklin, Tenn, Nov 30*, 18*64*.
Treatm't, _____
Ret'd to duty _____, 18 ____ .
Transf'd to I. C. _____, 18 ____ .
Transf'd to *Gen'l Marshal Wash*, 18*65* .

May 6: Sent to Louisville, KY as a prisoner of war.

Jun 16: Lycurgus Sims was released after he signed the oath of allegiance to the U.S. Constitution and Government.

United States of America.

I, *Lycurgus Sims*, of the
County of *Postville*, State of *Miss*, do
solemnly swear that I will support, protect, and defend the Constitution and Government of the
United States against all enemies, whether domestic or foreign; that I will bear true faith, allegiance,
and loyalty to the same, any ordinance, resolution, or laws of any State, Convention, or Legislature,
to the contrary notwithstanding; and further, that I will faithfully perform all the duties which
may be required of me by the laws of the United States; and I take this oath freely and voluntarily,
without any mental reservation or evasion whatever.

Lycurgus Sims

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this *June*
A. D. 186*5*.

The above-named has *Fair* complexion, *light* hair, and *blue* eyes;
and is *5* feet *8* inches high.

W B Pratt
Capt. & Commanding Officer of Prisoners.

Jun 21: Lycurgus Sims was admitted to Overton Hospital in Memphis, TN for treatment.
Diagnosis: G.S.W. right leg - chronic diarrhea.

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Lycurgus Sims
Paroled Prisoner Confed

Rank,; Co., Reg't

Admitted June 21, 1865,

To Overton U. S. A. Gen'l Hosp.
Memphis, Tenn.

From Field

Diagnosis, G.S.W. right leg - Chronic Diarrhoea

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Died June 23, 1865,

Re-adm'd from furlo' or des'n, 18 ..,

Remarks: Chronic Diarrhoea

Age 33

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Jun 23: Lycurgus Sims died in Memphis, TN. He was taken back and buried in Houston, Chickasaw County, MS in the Prospect Methodist Church Cemetery.



⁴ [SGT Lycurgus Sims \(1831-1865\) - Find a Grave Memorial](#)