

## John Henry Marks, Asst. Surgeon, F&S, 20th TN Infantry, CS

- 1837 June 30: John Henry Marks was born to William and Sarah Marks in Williamson County, TN.
- 1839 Mark's father, William, died when he was quite young, leaving his mother with several young children to support.
- 1850 September 23: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Williamson County, TN showed 13-year-old J. Henry Marks living with the family of M.W. Gee. He was at the time a student attending school.
- 1863 March 6: Enlisted in the C.S. Army and mustered into Co. D, 20th TN Infantry.

March to December: Company Muster Rolls. Present.

March 17-August 19: Served as a hospital steward for Dr. Deering Roberts. The following letter is a recommendation from Dr. Roberts on his permanent placement on the 20th TN hospital roster. He called John H. Marks a man of "sober habits and good moral character."

Head Dept. 20<sup>th</sup> Tenn Regt. Bates Brigade  
Stewart's Hill's Co. F. S.  
Spaw's Station Tenn. Aug. 19<sup>th</sup> 1863.

I hereby certify that I know Jas. H. Marks.  
He has been acting as Hospital Steward for  
me since March 17<sup>th</sup> 1863. I am perfectly  
satisfied with him. He has discharged his  
duties well, and is in my opinion in every  
way qualified for the position which he  
requests. I can further certify to his being  
a man of perfectly sober habits and good  
moral character, and would respectfully  
recommend that he be regularly appointed  
Hospital Steward of the 20<sup>th</sup> Tenn. Regt.  
with appointment to date from 17<sup>th</sup> March  
1863.

Deering Jas. Roberts Surgeon  
20<sup>th</sup> Tenn. Regt.

<sup>1</sup> CSR/Fold3.com

September & October: Company Muster Roll. Remarks "Promoted to Hospital Steward Aug 1-1863"

December 3: Marks wrote a letter requesting to be appointed as Hospital Steward of the 20th TN.

Sir  
 I would respectfully request to be appointed "Hospital Steward" of the 20th Tenn Regt. I have been on duty acting as such since March 17<sup>th</sup> 1863 and would request that my appointment be dated back to that time. Enclosed I send certificates of character from Wm. Roberts Surgeon of the 20th Tenn Regt. and from Capt Smith, comd of Co D. who formerly knew me at home.  
 I am most respectfully  
 Yr. Mt. Serv.  
 John Henry Marks

(Book 9)  
 Confederate States of America,  
 To Gen. M. Marks, Dr.  
 Dec 26<sup>th</sup> To 11 25c of Milk 2 25c \$ 2.75  
 " 27 " 2 " " " " 25  
 " " " 1/2 lbs " Butter " 50 25  
 " 28 " 1 Pole " Axe 3.00  
 " " " 15 Gals Medaper " 50/pt 7.50  
 " 10 " 7 25c Milk " 25 1.60  
 " 11 " 1 Pole Axe 4.00  
 " 24 " 19 1/2 lbs Pork " 20 3.90  
 " 25 " Hire of Wagon 2.00  
 \$ 25.50

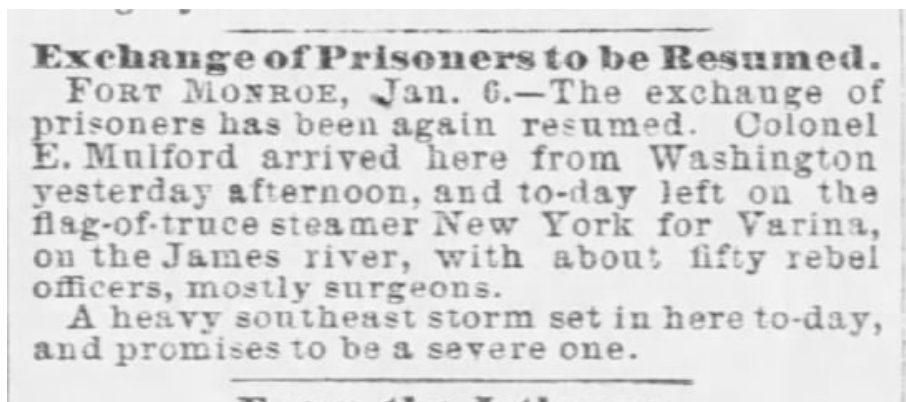
<sup>2</sup> CSR/Fold3.com

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1864 January to October: Company Muster Rolls. Present.

November 30: Served as an Assistant Surgeon during the Battle of Franklin.

December 17: Captured in Franklin. Marks stayed behind to care for the Confederate wounded. He was transferred to various prison points in the North before being released with many other surgeons and assistant surgeons in January of 1865.



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President, Tennessee Board of Pension Examiners,  
Nashville, Tennessee.

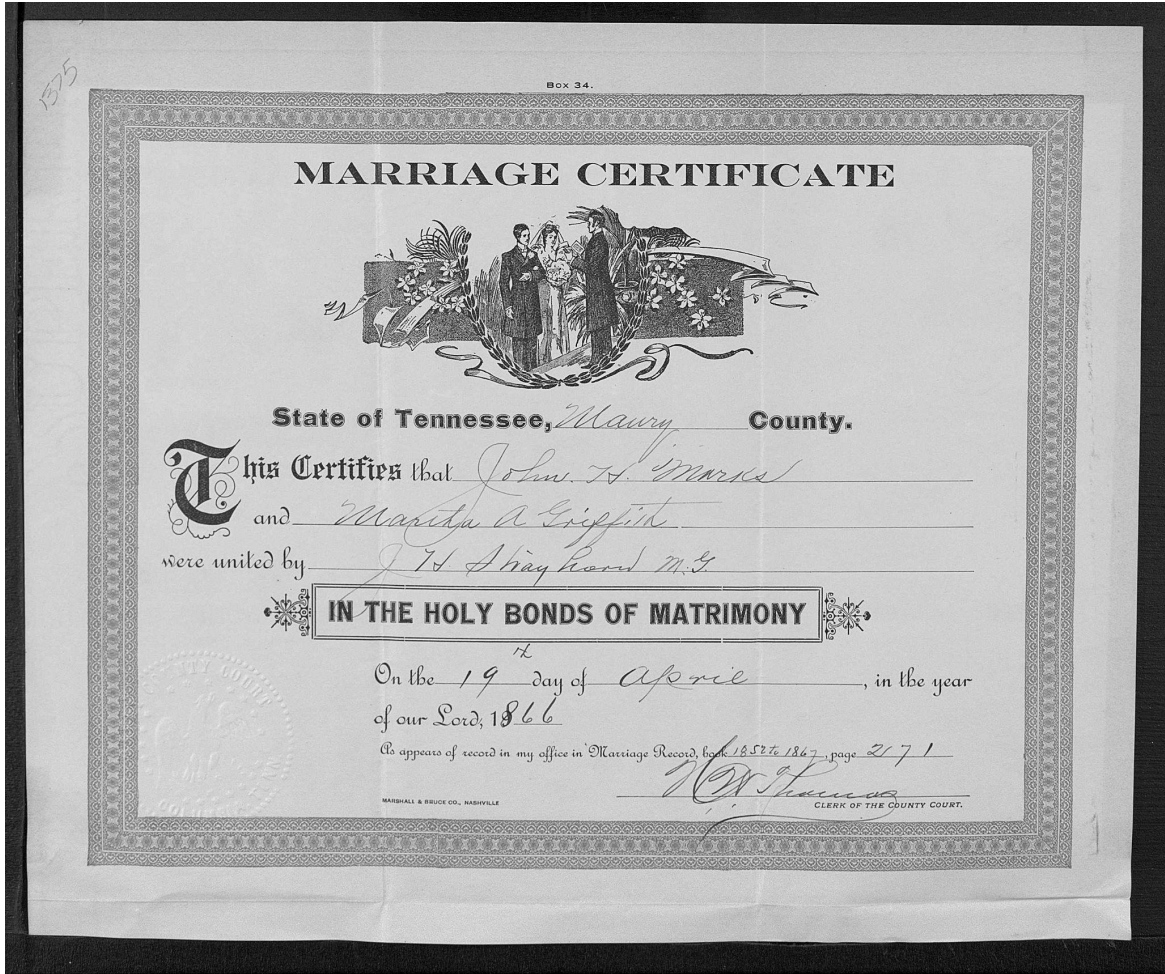
It is shown by the Confederate records that John H. Marks, private, Company D, and Hospital Steward, 20th Regiment Tennessee Infantry, C. S. A., enlisted March 1st (also given as 2d and 5th), 1863. He is reported on the muster roll of field and staff for September and October, 1864, the last on file, as present. The prisoners of war records (Union) show that one John H. Marks, Acting Assistant Surgeon, 20th Tennessee Infantry, C. S. A., was captured December 17, 1864, and that he was forwarded to Fort Monroe January 18, 1865. No record has been found of his release. The same records also show that one Henry Marks, private, Company D, 4th Tennessee Infantry (consolidated), C. S. A., was paroled at Greensboro, North Carolina, May 1, 1865.

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1866 April 19: John H. Marks married Martha A. Griffith.

<sup>4</sup> The Baltimore Sun, Baltimore MD, Monday 9 Jan 1865, pg. 2 (accessed newspapers.com)

<sup>5</sup> Confederate Pension Application, Widow/Marks, Martha (accessed familysearch.org)



- 1870 August 3: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Maury County, TN showed John, a farmer, and Martha living with their two young sons. Three other individuals are living with the family. Sarah Marks, age 52, most likely John's mother, and Sallie and Parthenia McClinchey, Black servants.
- 1880 June 3: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Maury County, TN showed John, a farmer, and Martha living with their five children.
- 1900 June 20: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Lawrence County, TN showed John, a farmer, and Martha living with five children.
- 1904 May 10: John Henry Marks died. After his death his wife, Martha, applied for and received a widow's pension from the State of Tennessee for her husbands' military service during the Civil War.

<sup>6</sup> Confederate Pension Application, Widow/Marks, Martha (accessed familysearch.org)



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<sup>7</sup> [findagrave.com/userRonMiller](https://findagrave.com/userRonMiller)

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