

Moscow Pitts, Private, Co. G, 4<sup>th</sup> Tennessee, CS

- 1834 (abt) Moscow Pitts was born in Virginia to parents Henry and Nancy Pitts.
- 1840 The US Federal Census enumerated in Lauderdale County, Tennessee shows Moscow Pitts living with his parents, and seven siblings. His father, Henry, owned seven enslaved people.
- 1850 Nov 19: The US Federal Census enumerated in in Lauderdale County, Tennessee showed a sixteen-year-old Moscow was living with his parents, Henry and Mary Pitts (spelled Petts on the census), and three siblings: Lucy, Richard, and Mary. He was listed under the name of "Musco" His father, Henry was a farmer worth \$600 and owned 12 enslaved people.
- 1860 Aug 22: The US Federal Census enumerated in Lauderdale County in Tennessee showed a twenty-six-year-old Moscow, spelled incorrectly as "Moscora," was living with his father, Henry, and younger sister, Mary. Moscow and Henry were listed as farmers. Henry was worth \$17,000 and owned 17 enslaved people.
- 1861 May 15: Enlisted in the Co. G, of the 4<sup>th</sup> TN Infantry as a private in Ripley, Tennessee as a private, he was listed as being 26 years old, and enlisted for a year's service.

May 15 through December 31: Moscow was listed as present.

Sep: Pitts' regiment was mentioned in a newspaper clipping.

The boys of the 4th regiment, commanded by Col. R. P. Neely, the only infantry I had an opportunity of observing, exhibited the coolest discipline during the whole affair. The officers of the separate companies were promptly at their posts, and gave their orders as calmly and deliberately as in ordinary drill. All our field officers, from our gallant and beloved colonel to the sergeant-major, gave unmistakable evidences that they are as brave men as  
"E'er broke a lance, or led squadron in the field."  
and showed themselves fully competent for the positions they occupy. The officers and men of the other regiments, I am told, behaved equally as well.

- 1862 April 25 through December 31: Moscow was furloughed, remarks: "At home, sick."

<sup>1</sup> Nashville Union and American, Nashville, TN, Friday, 13 Sep 1861, pg. 3 (accessed newspapers.com)

1863 Jan & Feb: Absent, remarks: "Sent home sick from Corinth May 25, 1862. M. Pitts dropped from the roll."

1864 Jan 20: Moscow Pitts reappeared on the Company Muster Roll, remarks: "near Dalton GA."

November 30: The 4<sup>th</sup> Tennessee fought in some of the fiercest fighting during the Battle of Franklin. The 4<sup>th</sup> Tennessee were in Brigadier General Otho French Strahl's Brigade, John C. Brown's Division in Cheatham's Core. The 4<sup>th</sup> Tennessee were involved in fighting in the Carter garden. Private Moscow M. Pitts was killed in action. He would have been buried where he fell on the battlefield.

1866 Private Moscow M. Pitts remains were moved to the McGavock Confederate Cemetery. "Moscow Pitts was entered into the McGavock Confederate Cemetery Books as Moses Pitts without company or regimental designation. A special stone was placed on his grave, engraved 'Moscow Pitts.'"<sup>2</sup>



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<sup>2</sup> Jacobson, E.A. (2007) 'Section 41', in *The McGavock Confederate Cemetery: A Revised & Updated Compilation*. Nashville, TN: The Battle of Franklin Trust, pp. 107.