

**Pvt. Augustus G. Friederitce, Co. C, 20th MS Infantry, CSA**

- 1838 Nov 8: Augustus Friederitce was born in Minden, Germany.
- 1856 Jun 26: Augustus Friederitce appeared on a passenger list arriving in New York City. Augustus came to America on a boat named the Coriolan.
- 1860 Augustus Friederitce appeared on an Old Law Naturalization Records Project conducted by the WPA in 1942. He had settled in MS by that time.
- 1861 April 19: A week after the bombardment of Fort Sumter, Augustus enlisted in the Confederate army at Carrollton, MS.
- Jun 1: Mustered into Co. C aka "Carroll Guards", 20th MS Infantry as a private.
- 1862 Feb 16: Captured at Fort Donelson and sent to Camp Douglas, IL as a prisoner of war.
- Sep 2: Sent to Vicksburg, MS for prisoner exchange.
- 1864 Nov 30: The 20th MS Infantry fought at the Battle of Franklin as part of Gen. John Adams' brigade of MS troops. Adams' brigade was part of Gen. William Loring's division that advanced over the pastures and farmland of John McGavock's property called Carnton. Adams' brigade was in reserve moving up behind two other brigades. As they made contact with the Federal defenses, abatis and the strength of the works interfered with the charge. Gen Adams' led his troops west towards the breakthrough but was killed in action. The 20th MS made a gallant charge but was repulsed. Their commander, Lt. Col. Walter Rorer was mortally wounded and Pvt. Augustus Friederitce fell wounded in action. He was treated in Franklin.
- Dec 17: Captured in Franklin, TN as Gen. Hood's army retreated after the disaster at the Battle of Nashville.
- Dec 28: Admitted to Hospital No. 1 in Nashville, TN for treatment.  
Diagnosis: "simple fl. Wd of lt side"  
Missile: "Con. (Conical) ball"  
W'd at: "Franklin, Nov 30, 1864"

Augustus D. Frederick  
 Rank, *P*; Co. *C*, *20* Reg't *Miss*  
 Admitted *Dec. 28*, 1864,  
 To No. *1*, U. S. A., Gen'l Hosp.  
 Nashville, Tenn.  
 From *Franklin, Tenn.*  
 Diagnosis, *Sympt. fl. wd. of*  
*Lt. side lsb*  
 W'd at *Franklin*, *Nov. 30*, 1864.

1865 Jan 23: Sent to Louisville, KY.

Jan 25: Sent to Camp Chase, OH.

Jan 27: Received at Camp Chase, OH.

Mar 26: Sent to Point Lookout, MD for exchange.

Jun 6: Took the oath of allegiance at Point Lookout, MD and then released from US custody.

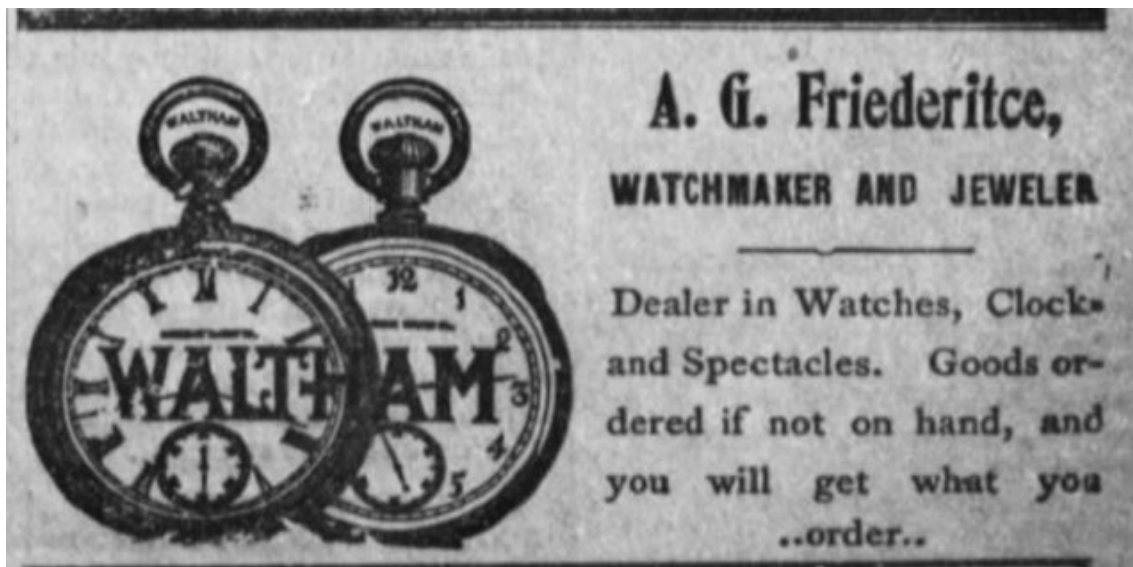
Jun 17: Name appeared on a roll of refugees and deserters in Washington D.C. Remarks: "Transportation ordered to Grenada, Miss"

1866 Married Sarah Ellen Young in MS.

1867 Jul 10: Augustus' wife Sarah gave birth to twins. Only one would survive though and she was named Mariah Louise Friederitce.

<sup>1</sup> Fold3.com, Confederate Records Mississippi, 20th MS

- 1870 Jul 12: The US Federal Census enumerated in Lauderdale County, MS listed Augustus Friederitce at thirty two years old employed as a watchmaker. His wife Sarah and four year old daughter Mariah lived with him.
- 1880 Jun 16: The US Federal Census enumerated in Lauderdale County, MS near Meridian listed Augustus Friederitce at forty one years old employed as a watchmaker. His wife Sarah lived with him as well as their twelve year old daughter Mariah.
- 1900 Jun 4: The US Federal Census enumerated in Citrus County, FL listed Augustus Friederitce at sixty one years old employed as a watch repairer. He lived with his wife Sarah. They had been married for 34 years at that time.



1905

Friederitce, the jeweler, at new stand, is ready for business. Call and see his fine stock of jewelry etc., on the spot formerly occupied by M. L. Bryan.

1906

<sup>2</sup> *The Desoto County News*, Arcadia, Florida, Friday, August 25, 1905, pg. 9.

<sup>3</sup> *The Champion*, Arcadia, Florida, Thursday, October 18, 1906, pg. 5.

A. G. Friederitce has a fine line of jewelry that will attract those wishing articles of merit at reasonable prices. See his watches, brooches, bracelets, rings, cuff buttons, shirt waist sets, spectacles, clocks, watchchains, etc; etc  
Friederitce has some beautiful specimens of the latest fancies in precious stones, sets for rings, brooches, etc. Call and see.

1908

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Jul 21: Augustus Friederitce passed away in Arcadia, FL at sixty nine years old. He was buried in Oak Ridge Cemetery in Arcadia.

Jul 23: An obituary ran in the *Champion*, out of Arcadia, FL. A transcription is posted below.



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<sup>4</sup> *The Champion*, Arcadia, Florida, Thursday, January 30, 1908, pg. 5.

<sup>5</sup> [findagrave.com/user/DonnaLawrence](https://www.findagrave.com/user/DonnaLawrence)

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Afternoon, July 23, 1908 (in possession of Mrs. Rena A. Yongue, Jr.)  
J.M. YONGUE

### THE DEATH ANGEL

Augustus G. Friederitce Falls  
His Victim

On the 21st day of July 1908 there passed from Arcadia, Fla. to the upper and better world the remarkable man whose name heads this article.

Mr. Friederitce was born seventy years ago (1838) in Germany. Was educated and served an apprenticeship as a jeweller in Gottengen University seven years. Most thoroughly did he understand his trade, which rose with him to the dignity of a profession. His proficiency in that work made him a living rebuke to all who try to do anything without being prepared for it.

Coming from Germany to New York he finally made his home in Carol county, Mississippi in 1858 and commenced his work as a jeweller without means. But his integrity started him well. He had left the "Fatherland" because he could not consent to the dull and to him the meaningless idea of being a conscript in the German army. This showed neither lack of courage or patriotism, for he volunteered in the first company that was raised in Carol county, Mississippi, in the Sixties. Liddell was his captain and his colonel and afterwards General George, afterwards a distinguished senator from Mississippi, in the United States. Mr. Friederitce's courage and accuracy as a marksmen placed him in the responsible place of a sharp shooter, was captured at Ft. Donaldson and received a Minie ball near his heart in Franklin, Tennessee, which he carried to his grave. There he again became a prisoner. No soldier had a better name for courage and faithfulness.

After the war was over our hero returned to his adopted home in Carol county, in Shongalo, Miss. with only fifty cents in worldly goods, 1865, to set up again as jeweler.

In May 1866 he won the hand and heart of Miss S. Ellen Young. Tho like himself, penniless, she was a fortune within herself. The young pair immediately moved to Meridian, Miss. He there followed his trade closely. There they had no stinted living but by the economy of his wife they accumulated about \$15,000.

Mr. Friederitce was raised a Roman Catholic, but his peculiar independence of thought made that church not a congenial spiritual home for him, consequently he became a charter member of the Presbyterian church in 1863. He punctually paid his subscription to his pastor and met his part in church dues and secretly paid double his subscription to his pastor.

He came to Florida in 1868 and invested most of his little fortune in Florida real estate. Mr. Friederitce was not a speculator; what he made was by honest toil at his business. The writer of this has known him for thirty years and says in all sincerity that he does not believe that Mr. Friederitce ever could have been induced to make a dishonest dollar. But others induced him to put his estate into the phosphate business and whether others reaped by it or not Mr. Friederitce honestly lost it all. He, after the loss of all his means (nearly,) looking round for a home

as an eagle that had had a nest broken up, finally settled in Arcadia seven years ago and plied his trade as of yore. Under adverse circumstances he slowly accumulated and bought a home. Two years ago he was partially stricken with paralysis from which he never recovered. But it was absolutely pathetic to see how he toiled on in the same honest way to make an honest living. He was a man of very few words. A sample is given. He supposed a horse had strayed from home and he wrote "Cora is here" and signed "A.G.F." He spent his "whole time attending to his own business and letting other people's alone." I have known people to do well by that course. He had been in a stupor for forty-eight hours but when the parting hour came his eyes brightened<sup>ed</sup> as though he saw the angels, and he breathed no more. He leaves an aged wife, a son-in-law, a daughter and four grand children to mourn his loss. He will ever be remembered by those that knew him as an honest man, "the noblest work of God," yet no one ever heard him boast of his honesty or anything else.