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Robert William Mullins, 1st Lt., Co. I, 4th TN Infantry, CSA

- 1843 Jun 26: Robert William Mullins was born in Rutherford County, TN. His parents were John and Francis (Furgason) Mullins.
- 1850 Aug 23: The US Federal Census enumerated in Rutherford County, TN listed Robert Mullins at six years old. His father was employed as a farmer and his household contained himself, his wife, a forty four year unemployed man named Esaw Furgason (who is assumed to be related to Francis Furgason Mullins, Robert's mother), and seven children. The 1850 Slave schedule recorded that Robert's father, John, owned eighteen people.
- 1860 Jun 5: The US Federal Census enumerated in Rutherford County, TN listed Robert Mullins at sixteen years old. He lived in the household of his father who by that time had amassed \$25,000 in real estate and his personal estate. The 1860 Slave schedule taken shortly after listed Robert's father as the owner of fifteen enslaved people and his older brother, Francis Morgan Mullins, owned two people.
- 1861 May 15: Enlisted in the Confederate Army in Germantown, TN. He was mustered into Co. I, 4th TN Infantry as a private.
- 1862 Apr 6-7: Wounded in the leg at the Battle of Shiloh.

¹ <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/68526285/robert-william-mullins>

Apr 15: Robert's brother, Franklin Morgan Mullins, enlisted as a private in the 20th TX Infantry.

1864 Apr 2: Appointed Ensign, 4th TN Infantry.

May 13-15: Wounded at the Battle of Resaca, GA.

Nov 30: The 4th TN Infantry fought at the Battle of Franklin. They were part of Gen. Otho Strahl's brigade in Gen. John Brown's division. As they advanced towards the entrenched Federal troops, Strahl's brigade was in a reserve position behind the front brigade of Gen. George Gordon. Gordon's men were able to penetrate the Federal defenses centered around the Carter farm and many of Gen. Strahl's men attempted the same thing only to be repulsed. After the repulse they took cover behind the earthworks constructed by the Federal soldiers. Gen. Otho Strahl was killed in action that night and Ensign Mullins made it through the Battle of Franklin.

Dec 16: Mullins was captured at the Battle of Nashville. He was sent north to Louisville, KY and then to Johnson's Island, OH.

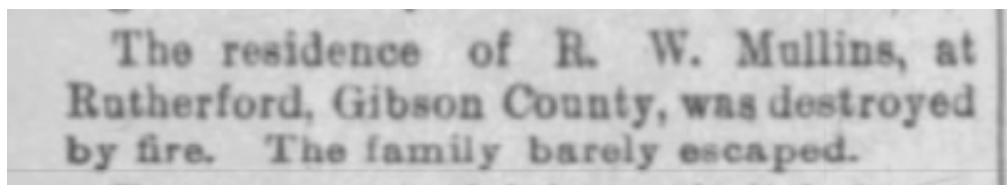
1865 Jun 17: Released from Johnson's Island, OH upon taking the oath of allegiance.

1867 Nov 15: Robert Mullins married Henry Sarah Buchanan in Rutherford County, TN.

1870 Aug 12: The US Federal Census enumerated in Gibson County, TN listed Robert W. Mullins as a twenty six year old farmer with \$1000 in his personal estate. He lived with his wife Henry and their daughter Sallie.

1880 Jun 11: The US Federal Census enumerated in Gibson County, TN listed R. W. Mullins at thirty six years old. He was employed as a farmer and lived with his wife, four children, and a niece. There is also a fifty four year old man named W.P. Pulliam listed in Robert's household.

1890



The residence of R. W. Mullins, at Rutherford, Gibson County, was destroyed by fire. The family barely escaped.

² The Nashville Banner, Nashville, TN, Friday, April 11, 1890, pg. 7.

Confederate Veterans.

All Confederate veterans under 60 years of age and able-bodied, who desire to offer themselves to the United States Government in the present war will report by letter to R. W. Mullins, 705 South Market street, Nashville, Tenn. None need apply unless able-bodied and can give satisfactory evidence of an honorable discharge from the Confederate army.

R. W. MULLINS.
B. W. PETWAY.

1898

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1900 Jun 7: The US Federal Census enumerated in Davidson County, TN listed Robert Mullins as the head of the household. He lived with his wife Henry and they had been married for thirty three years old. They listed six children born from that marriage. Five of their six children still lived with them. Two sons and a daughter were listed as single. Two other daughters had married and they were living with their husbands in Robert's household in Nashville, TN.

1905

**GRAY-HAIRED VETERANS
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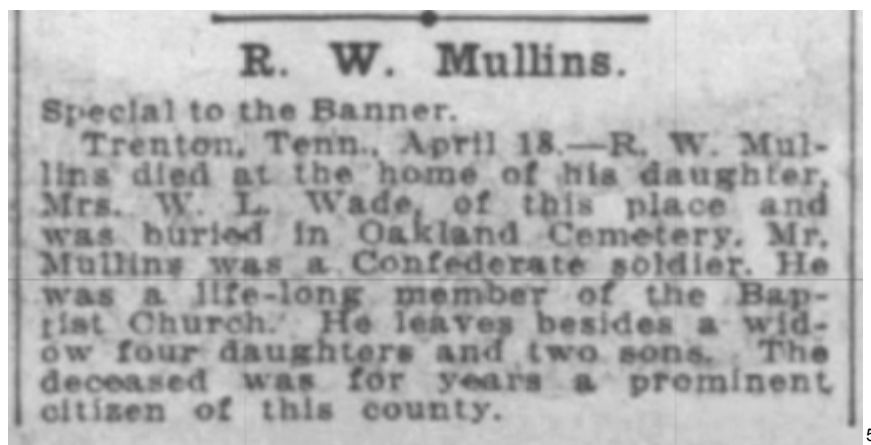
Union City, Tenn., July 4.—Company B, infantry, Capt. Hager's company, and Company A, cavalry, Capt. Pat Griffin, with Adjt.-Gen. Harvey Hannah and Capt. Jno. W. Morton came in from Nashville and were met at the depot by the Merchants' Cornet Band and some five hundred men, women and children. The old vets, who are under command of Maj. R. W. Mullins, were given a rousing welcome, taken to the Brackin Hotel for supper and then escorted to their several temporary homes.

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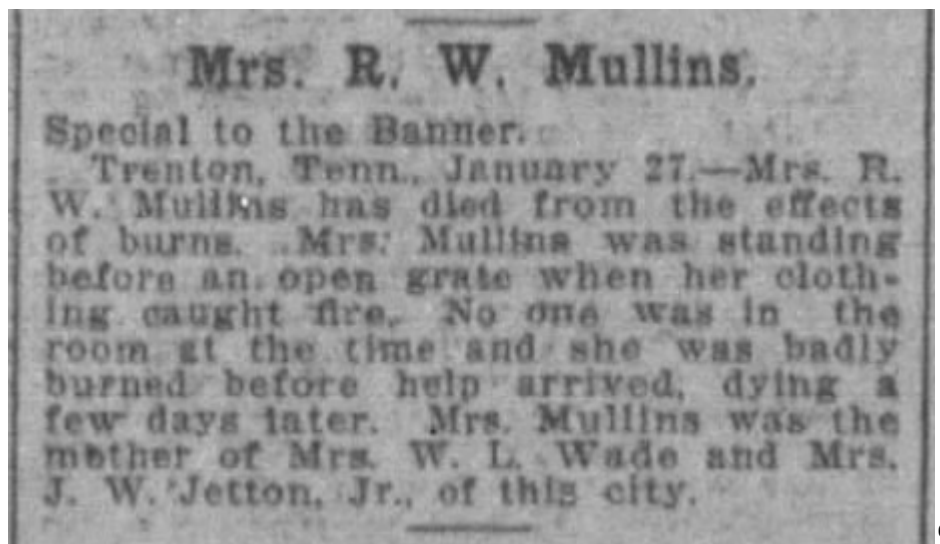
³ The Tennessean, Nashville, TN, Tuesday, July 5, 1898, pg. 3.

⁴ The Nashville Banner, Nashville, TN, Tuesday, July 4, 1905, pg. 1.

- 1910 Apr 19: The US Federal Census enumerated in Davidson County, TN listed Robert Mullins at sixty seven years old. He was living with his wife but they had moved into their married daughter's household. Robert was retired by this time.
- 1911 Apr 14: Robert William Mullins died. He was buried in the Oakland Cemetery in Trenton, TN.

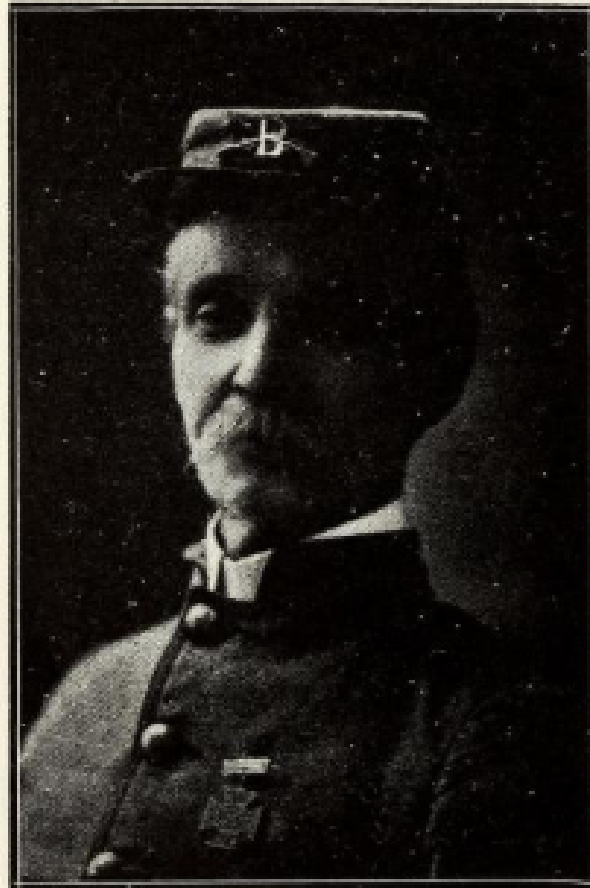


- 1914 Jan 27: Robert's widow died after a tragic accident where she was badly burned.



⁵ The Nashville Banner, Nashville, TN, Wednesday, April 19, 1911, pg. 11.

⁶ The Nashville Banner, Nashville, TN, Tuesday, January 27, 1914, pg. 11.



R. W. MULLINS.

Was born in Rutherford County, Tennessee, June 26, 1843. Volunteered in Company I, 4th Tennessee Infantry, Confederate States service, at Germantown, Tenn., on the 15th day of May, 1861. Was in the following battles: Shiloh, Murfreesboro, Chickamauga, Missionary Ridge, Resaca, Kennesaw, Atlanta, etc. Wounded at Shiloh and Resaca. Was voted a medal for conduct on battlefield at Murfreesboro; elected Ensign by the regiment at Dalton, and appointed Aid-de-Camp at Franklin. Was taken prisoner at Nashville and released from prison at Johnson Island on the 20th day of June, 1865.

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