

Virgil S. Murphey, Colonel, Co. D, 17th AL Infantry, CSA

1837 June 27: Murphey was born in South Carolina to Michael and Mary Murphey.

At some point the Murpheys moved to Russell County, AL.

1850 November 5: The U.S. Census enumerated in Russell County, AL showed that Murphey was living with his parents, and six siblings (Three older: Thomas, William, and Martha/ Three younger: Benjamin, Pinkney, and Arthur Polk).

1860 April 9: Murphey married Virginia William "Willie" LeGrand Gindrat in Monroe, Alabama. They would live in Montgomery, AL.

August 4: The U.S. Census Slave Schedule enumerated in Montgomery County, AL showed that Murphey was a slave owner; Murphey owned six slaves.

1861 September 5: Appeared on a Roster. Murphey was appointed a Major in the Confederate Army.

December 17: Appeared on a Record of the Army of Pensacola-Bragg. Remarks Murphey had "Leave granted 15 days."

1862 January: Appeared on a Regimental Roster. Denoted Murphey was Present near Camp Gladden, FL.

April 25: Field and Staff Muster Roll. Murphey resigned as a Major as he was commissioned as a Colonel in the Confederate Army and was stationed at Camp Forney, Mobile, AL.

May 1: Appeared on a Register of Appointments. Murphey was officially appointed Colonel.

May 15: Appeared on a Register of Appointments. Murphey's commission was officially accepted by General Beauregard, and signed off by the Confederate Secretary of War, George W. Randolph.

July and August: Field and Staff Muster Roll. Remarks that Murphey was

“Commissioned by not assigned to duty.”

September to December: Field and Staff Muster Rolls. Denoted Murphey as Present.

1863 July: Field and Staff Muster Roll. Denoted Murphey as Present.

August 10: Field and Staff Muster Roll. Remarks Murphey was “Absent on sick leave of 30 days”

October 9: Appeared on a Descriptive List and Accounts at Camp Cantey near Mobile, AL.

1864 April 14: Appeared on a Roster at Camp Maury, near Pollard, AL.

June 7: Appeared on a List of absent officers. Remarks Murphey was “Furloughed from Hospital”.

August 13: Medical Certificate from the Hospital Examining Board. Remarks that Murphey was “unfit for military duty in consequence of Dysentery with great debility and frustration.”

August 18: Appeared on an Inspection Report near Atlanta, GA. Denoted Murphey was Absent by authority of “Division Surgeon”.

September 18: Appeared on an Inspection Report near Lovejoy Station, Georgia. Denotes Murphey was Absent. Remarks “Sent to Hospital.”

September 19: Appeared on a Register of Appointments. Remarks Murphey was “Reassigned S.V. 222”.

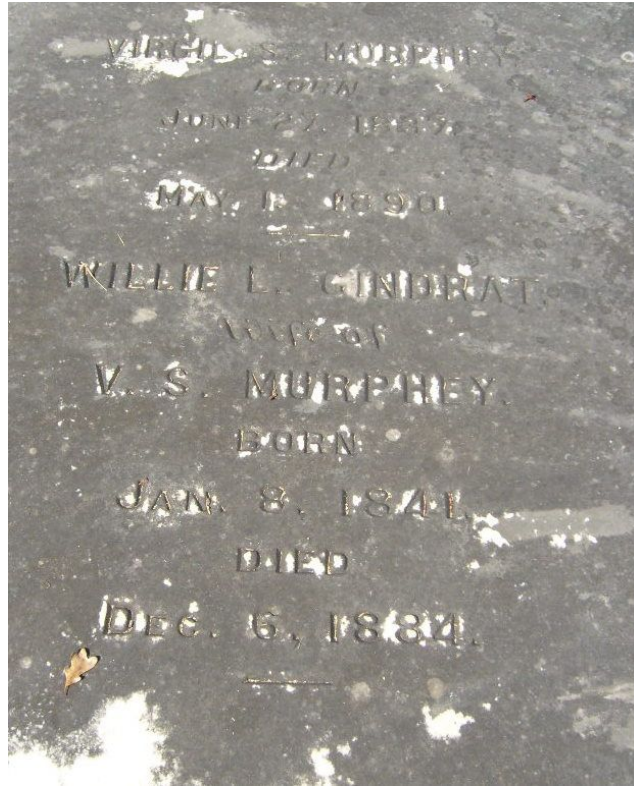
November 11: Appeared on a Register of Appointments. Remarks Murphey was “Revoked S.V. 269”.

November 30: Captured at the Battle of Franklin.

December 3: Roll of Prisoners of War. Murphey arrived at the Military Prison near Louisville, KY.

December 5: Roll of Prisoners of War. Murphey arrived at Johnson's Island, near Sandusky, Ohio.

- 1865 June 25: Roll of Prisoners. Remarks Murphey was "Released on oath. Special order." His age was given as 28.
- 1866 The U.S. Internal Revenue Service Assessments enumerated in Montgomery County, AL showed Murphey had made a total of \$1800 that year.
- 1870 June 25: The United States Census enumerated in Montgomery County, AL showed Murphey and his wife now living in the household of Frederick Warren, a dry good store owner. Murphey was working as a Lawyer.
- 1880 June 4: The U.S. Census enumerated in Montgomery County, AL showed Murphey and his wife still living in Montgomery, though now independently. Murphey still worked as a Lawyer.
- 1884 December 6: Willie Murphey died at the age of 43.
- 1890 May 1: Murphey died at the age of 52. He was buried at Oakwood Cemetery, in Montgomery, AL along with his wife.



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