

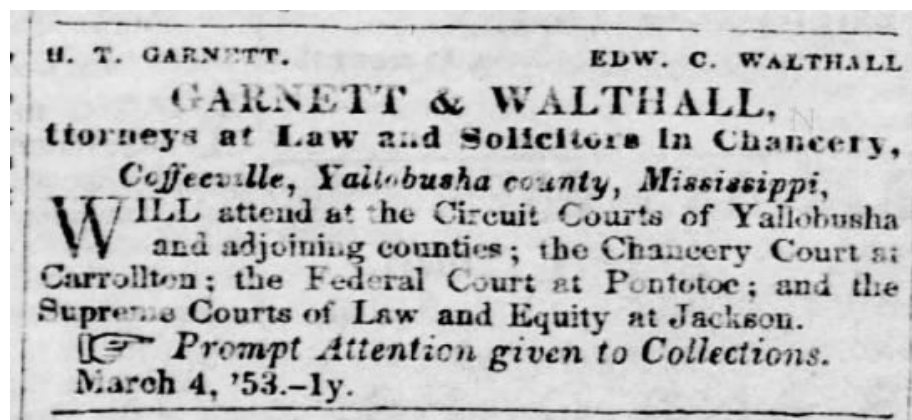


Edward Cary Walthall, General, Commanding Division, CS

1831 April 4: Born in Richmond, VA to Barrett and Sarah Walthall.

“He was educated at Holly Springs, Miss., studied law, was admitted to the bar in 1852 and practised at Coffeenville, Miss. In 1856 he was elected district attorney of the 10th judicial district of Mississippi, and he was re-elected in 1859, but resigned in 1861 and entered the Confederate Army as a lieutenant in the 15th Mississippi infantry.”

1855 May:



¹ Semi-Weekly Mississippian, Jackson, MS, Friday, 25 May 1855, pg. 4 (accessed newspapers.com)

August 16: Married Sophia A. Bridgers in Shelby County, TN.

November 26: Walthall's new wife Sophia died.

DIED,

On Monday morning last, 26th November, at Holly Springs, Miss., MRS. SOPHIE BRIDGES WALTHALL, wife of E. C. Walthall, Esq., of Coffeeville, Miss. [It was but a few weeks ago, that we chronicled the marriage of this most lovely and accomplished lady.]

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1856

FOR DISTRICT ATTORNEY.

IF We are authorized to announce Col. EDWARD C. WALTHALL, of Yalabusha, as a candidate for District Attorney in the Tenth Judicial District, composed of the counties of Yalabusha, Tallahatchie, Calhoun, Carroll, Choctaw and Sunflower.

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1860 February 1: Married Mary L. Jones in Mecklenburg County, VA.

MATRIMONIAL.—Edward C. Walthall, Esq., District Attorney of the Grenada Judicial Circuit, in this State, was married on the 1st inst., in Mecklenburg county, Virginia, to Miss Mary L. Jones.

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September 13: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Yalobusha County, MS showed E.C., an attorney at law, lived with his wife Mary. They owned six slaves.

1861 May 1: Enlisted in the C.S. Army as a Captain. He mustered into Co. H, 15th MS Infantry.

² Memphis Daily Eagle and Enquirer, Memphis, TN, Sunday 2 Dec 1855, pg.3 (accessed genealogybank.com)

³ Semi-Weekly Mississippian, Jackson, MS, Friday, 13 Jun 1856, pg. 3 (accessed newspapers.com)

⁴ Vicksburg Whig, Vicksburg, MS, Wednesday, 22 Feb 1860, pg. 3 (accessed newspapers.com)

MORE VOLUNTEERS—A volunteer company, numbering seventy five, was organized at Coffeeville last Saturday. F. M. Aldridge was elected Captain, Edward Walthall 1st Lieutenant, and G. Q. Martin 2d Lieutenant. Aldridge is an eminent lawyer, has been a member of the Legislature and of the late State Convention; Walthall is District Attorney and distinguished for talents; Martin has been a member of the Legislature, and is now Probate Judge with a salary of \$1,000. Aldridge and Martin were decided leaders of the Union party.

Grenada Motive, 17th.

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safety of the republic is the supreme law.

☞ We learn from the Holly Springs Herald that Edward C. Walthall has been elected Lt. Colonel of the 15th Mississippi Regiment.

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1862

“He was promoted to lieutenant-colonel, and commanded the regiment in the battle of Fishing Creek, or Mill Springs, KY, 19 Jan, 1862. Subsequently he became colonel of the 29th Mississippi regiment and he was promoted brigadier, 13 Dec., 1862, and major general, 6 June, 1864. His service was in the western army. At the battle of Mission Ridge, after the National forces had penetrated the Confederate lines, Gen. Walthall, under direction of Gen. Benjamin F. Cheatham, threw his brigade across the ridge and held the advancing troops in check until darkness enabled the Confederates to make their escape.”

1864 November 30: Division commander at the Battle of Franklin.

“He commanded the rearguard of General John B. Hood’s army after that general’s disastrous defeat at Nashville, and protected them from capture by the pursuing forces of General George H. Thomas.”

⁵ Vicksburg Whig, Vicksburg, MS, Wednesday, 24 Apr 1861, pg. 1, (accessed newspapers.com)

⁶ The Weekly Mississippian, Jackson, MS, Wednesday, 21 Aug 1861, pg. 3 (accessed newspapers.com)

- 1868 Delegate at National Democratic convention.
- 1870 August 26: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Yalobusha County, MS E.C. a lawyer living with Mary.
- 1871 January: *"Gen. Walthall resumed the practice of law at Grenada, Miss., which he continued until March, 1885."*
- 1876 Delegate-at-large at National Democratic convention.
- 1880 June 15: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Grenada, Grenada County, MS showed Edward C, a lawyer, and Mary living with their adopted eight-year-old daughter.
- Delegate-at-large at National Democratic convention.
- 1884 Delegate-at-large at National Democratic convention.
- 1885 March 12: *"He was appointed to the U.S. senate as a Democrat to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Lucius Q. C. Lamar, took his seat on 12 March, 1885, and was elected by the legislature in January, 1886, for the unexpired term, without opposition. He was unanimously chosen for the term that will end in 1895."*⁷

Gen. Edward Walthall, appointed U. S. Senator from Mississippi to succeed Senator Lamar was a Confederate officer, like the man whose seat he takes. The Cincinnati *Enquirer* thus summarizes his war record:

"He entered the Confederate army as Lieutenant of volunteers, and rapidly rose to the rank of Major General. He served under Bragg, Johnson and Hood, and no officer in the army of the Tennessee had a more brilliant record or was more admired or beloved by the soldiers under his command."

It has become to be one of the indispensables of Southern Senatorship that the incumbent has worn straps in the Confederate Army. And at Washington their tribe is increasing with every year. Two have just been moved into the ministry; two like them will be sent to the Senate to recruit the ranks.

⁷ Appletons' Cyclopedia of American Biography, 1600-1889 (accessed ancestry..com)

1898 April 21: Senator Edward Cary Walthall died.

**Senator Walthall, of Mississippi,
Dead.**

Washington Special to Raleigh News and
Observer, 21st.

Senator Edward C. Walthall, of
Mississippi, died at his apartments
at the Cairo to-day at 5:30 p. m.
His death was not unexpected, the
end having been foreseen for several
days.

Senator Walthall's illness dated
from January 'ast, when he con-
tracted a cold. In February he
suffered from an attack of bilious
fever, and from this he never recov-
ered. His last address in the Sen-
ate was made on April 7, when he
delivered a eulogy on his colleague,
Senator George, in spite of the pro-
tests of his physician. The follow-
ing Saturday he was confined to his
bed with a severe attack of typhoid
pneumonia which to day resulted
fatally.

Edward C. Walthall was born in
Richmond, Va., in 1830. He served
in the Confederate army during the
civil war, rising to the rank of Ma-
jor General. His profession was
the law. With the exception of
fourteen months, from January,
1894, to March, 1895, Mr. Walthall
sat continuously in the Senate since
the 12th of March, 1885.

⁸ The Summit County Beacon, Akron, OH, Wednesday, 18 Mar 1885, pg. 5 (accessed newspapers.com)

⁹ Carolina Mascot, Statesville, NC, Thursday 28 Apr 1898, pg. 1 (accessed newspapers.com)