

William D Coney, 2nd Lt., Co. K, 39th MS Infantry, CSA

- 1839 Apr 10: William Drew Coney was born to parents Jeremiah and Emily Coney in Mississippi.
- 1850 Nov 21: The US Federal Census enumerated in Pike County, MS listed William D. Coney in the household of his father, Jeremiah. Jeremiah Coney was listed as a forty four year old farmer from Georgia with \$2,000 in his personal estate. William was eleven years old and one of nine children. The 1850 Slave schedule recorded that William's father owned fifteen people.
- 1860 Jun 21: The US Federal Census enumerated in Pike County, MS listed Wm Coney at twenty one years old. He was employed as an overseer and was still in the household of his father. His father, Jeremiah, was listed as a planter and it is likely that William was overseeing his father's slaves. The 1860 Slave schedule recorded that Jeremiah Coney owned twenty nine people.
- 1861 May: William's younger brother, Van C Coney, enlisted in the Confederate army at Corinth, MS. He was mustered into the 16th MS Infantry.
- 1862 Mar 15: Enlisted in the Confederate Army at Magnolia, MS.
- Apr 5: W D Coney was mustered into the 39th MS Infantry as a 2nd Lt.
- Sep 17: William's brother, Van, was wounded at the Battle of Antietam as part of the 16th MS Infantry.
- 1863 Mar-Apr: W D Coney marked as absent from the ranks of the 39th MS Infantry. Remarks: "Sick at Magnolia Hospital"
- 1864 Aug 8: Lt. W D Coney was wounded at the Battle of Utoy Creek. He was taken south and admitted to Ocmulgee Hospital in Macon, GA. Disease: V.S. (Vulnus Sclopetarium aka gunshot wound) thigh & penis. Right. Ball. Con. L. Ball. S. Dressing.

(CONFEDERATE.)

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Wm D. Boney

Lieut. Co. B. 39. Regt. Miss.

Appears on a Register of patients in

**Ocmulgee Hospital,
Macon, Ga.**

Disease *Wound + Amis. Right. Batt. Con. V.S.L. Ball. S. Dressing*

Admitted *Aug. 6.*, 1864.

Returned to duty _____, 186 .

Deserted _____, 186 .

Discharged _____, 186 .

Transferred *Sept. 27.*, 1864.

Furloughed _____, 186 .

Died _____, 186 .

Residence *Pike Co.*

Remarks: *c.e.*

Aug 19: Appeared on a register of Floyd House and Ocmulgee hospitals, Macon, GA. Disease: G.S. Wound right thigh.

Nov 30: The 39th MS Infantry fought at the Battle of Franklin as part of Gen. Claudius Sears' MS Brigade in Gen. Samuel French's Division. They assaulted the initial line of works and drove those men into the stronger second line of works. That is where Sears' Brigade and hundreds of other Confederates made their last desperate push to the works. They fought tenaciously and sought cover on the other side of the works but to no avail.

¹ <https://www.fold3.com/image/84629124>

Dec 14: Lt. W D Coney appeared on a list of officers and men who reached the works at Franklin. Gen. Sears created this list to acknowledge the bravery of these men and titled the list, "Foremost among the forlorn hope."

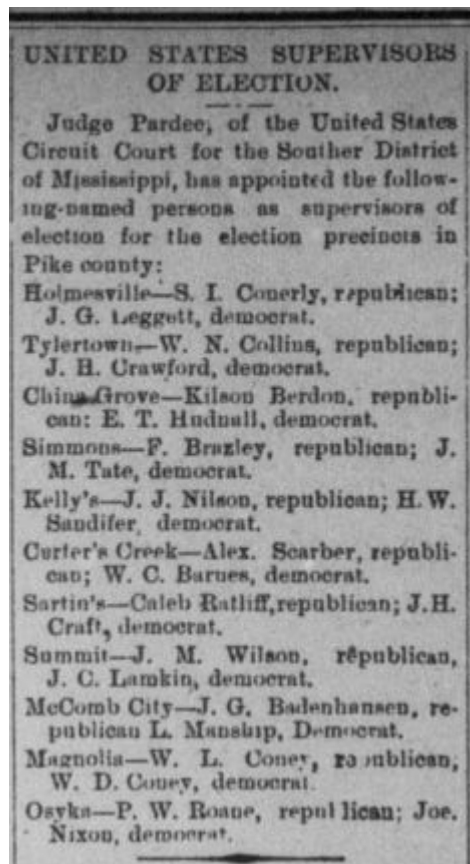
1865 May 4: William D Coney was discharged from the Confederate Army and sent home from Citronelle, AL after the surrender of Gen. Dick Taylor's Army.

1866 Nov 15: Married Ann Adrienne Simmons in Pike County, MS.

1870 Jul 22: The US Federal Census enumerated in Pike County, MS listed William D Coney as a farmer with \$3,000 in real estate and \$800 in his personal estate. He lived with his wife, Ann, and three children.

1880 Jun 15: The US Federal Census enumerated in Pike County, MS listed William D Coney as a forty one year old farmer. He was living with his wife and five children.

1882 Oct 27:



UNITED STATES SUPERVISORS
OF ELECTION.

Judge Pardee, of the United States Circuit Court for the Southern District of Mississippi, has appointed the following-named persons as supervisors of election for the election precincts in Pike county:

Holmesville—S. I. Conerly, republican;
J. G. Leggett, democrat.

Tylertown—W. N. Collins, republican;
J. H. Crawford, democrat.

China Grove—Kilson Berdon, republican;
E. T. Hudnall, democrat.

Simmons—F. Brazley, republican; J. M. Tate, democrat.

Kelly's—J. J. Nilson, republican; H. W. Sandifer, democrat.

Curter's Creek—Alex. Scarber, republican;
W. C. Barnes, democrat.

Sartin's—Caleb Raliff, republican; J. H. Craft, democrat.

Summit—J. M. Wilson, republican,
J. C. Lamkin, democrat.

McComb City—J. G. Badenhansen, republican
L. Manship, Democrat.

Magnolia—W. L. Coney, republican,
W. D. Coney, democrat.

Osyka—P. W. Roane, republican; Joe. Nixon, democrat.

² Magnolia Gazette, Magnolia, MS, October 27, 1882.

1889 Sep 29:

We were shown a small twig of Peerless cotton by Mr. W. D. Coney Wednesday which had eight large bolls growing in pairs on the stem, as though they were paired off according to the laws of the animal kingdom.

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1890 Jan 4: An article appeared in the Magnolia Gazette that detailed the death of an infant daughter of W D Coney and an older daughter around twenty years old.

A Sad Household.

There is mourning in the home of our good friend, Mr. W. D. Coney.

On Saturday night, his bright little daughter, Lillian, died of inflammation of the bowels, and on the following Monday morning the angel of the Lord again entered his home and touched his eldest daughter, Miss Maggie, an accomplished young lady of about twenty summers, and she entered into life everlasting, the victim of pneumonia. The hearts of friends are full of tender sympathy with and for these parents who have given to God what He so kindly loaned them for a while. Let these thoughts comfort the stricken father and mother—God knows best, and never makes mistakes. The home of the departed is fixed among happy spirits, and there they will perpetually remain with nothing to annoy them, or in the least to disturb their blissful existence.

1900 Jun 14-15: The US Federal Census enumerated in Pike County, MS listed W D Coney as a sixty one year old farmer. He was living with his wife.

1902 Sep 12: William Drew Coney died at the age of sixty three years old. He was buried in the Coney family cemetery in Madison County, MS.

³ Magnolia Gazette, Magnolia, MS, September 29, 1889.