



Joseph H. Wyatt, Captain, Co. C, 12 TN Infantry, CS

- 1839 November 6: Joseph Howett Wyatt was born to Joseph and Martha Walton Wyatt in Gibson County, TN.
- 1850 December 11: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Gibson County, TN showed 10-year-old Joseph living with his parents and his siblings: Thomas, Martha, John, Jessie and James. Father, Joseph, was a farmer. The Wyatt family owned thirteen slaves.
- 1860 The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Gibson County, TN showed 21-year-old Joseph living with his parents and brothers Jesse and James. His father was a farmer and all of the boys were listed as laborers on the family farm. The Gibson family owned twelve slaves.
- 1861 May 24: The Wyatt brothers, including, Joseph and Jesse enlisted in the C.S. Army in Jackson, TN. They mustered into Co. C, 12th TN Infantry. Joseph's older brother Josiah was the captain of the company.

Note: Also serving in the Confederate army were Joseph's brother James was in 20th TN Cav with Forrest and brother Tom was in a Texas regiment. Martha Wyatt sent five of her sons to war.

OBION COUNTY. —The county of Obion, one of the wealthiest in West Tennessee is alive to the stirring events of the day, and is busy organizing companies of her brave rifle shooting sons for the war. At Troy our young friend John W. Buford, Esq., has raised a first rate company, and is the Captain. At Dyer Station a company has been raised, and J. N. Wyatt is Captain and Robert W. Atkeison, 1st Lieutenant. The black republican forces that encounter these Obion boys will rue the day they do so the gallant fellows.

<sup>1</sup> West Tennessee Whig, Jackson, TN, 17 May 1861, pg. 2 (accessed newspapers.com)

August to December: Company Muster Rolls. Present.

The Twelfth Tennessee Regiment.				
By a note from Capt. E. D. Blake, of Gen Polk's staff, we are advised that our list of killed, wounded and missing at the battle of Belmont, published on Wednesday morning last, did not give the casualties in Col. Russell's 12th Tennessee Regiment. The documents were furnished us from headquarters, and was stated to be complete. Col. R.'s command bore a conspicuous part in the battle, sustaining a severe loss, a list of which we append:				
<i>List of Casualties in the Twelfth Tennessee Regiment, Col. R. M. Russell, commanding.</i>				
COMPANY A.				
Killed—Private J H Edwards. Wounded—Sergeant N J Strann; privates R G Galding, E W Kirk, John Wagster, G W Sullivan, J A Terry, Wm Wallace, S Kirkpatrick.				
COMPANY B				
Wounded—J Jackson, W H Parish, sr.				
COMPANY C.				
Killed—Privates F A McDonald, J P Kirk. Wounded—Privates J Burk, J Bartholem, N D Gier, Wm Stevens, J Banks.				
COMPANY D.				
Killed—Privates John Hughes, J Brannan. Wounded—Privates S J Turner, B F Short, R Y Bohanan.				
COMPANY E.				
Killed—Privates J W Glover, R C Alexander. Wounded—Privates M Irving, Pitts McHenry.				
COMPANY F.				
Wounded—Privates W W House, J S Dickson, J Harget, P A Bottoms, S M Beckton.				
COMPANY G.				
Killed—Sergeant M Brickhouse. Wounded—Lieut. J O Hartsfield, Sergeant J A Allen.				
COMPANY H.				
Killed—Private G S Haile. Wounded—Captain B H Sanderford, Lieut. W W McDowell, Sergeant N M Haile, Corporal J M Johnson; Privates R M Mathias, R C Fortune, Reg Drug, M D Fly, I Richardson.				
COMPANY I.				
Wounded—Sergeant J Holmes, Corporal A Jordan, M P Barksdale; Privates C W Martin, J K P Clements, Galvin Long, John Healy.				
COMPANY K.				
Killed—Private Rust. Wounded—Sergeant A Betts, Major R P Caldwell, Captain J S Lee.				
Adding the above, the total of the Confederate loss, in killed, wounded and missing should be summed up as follows:				
	Killed.	Woun'd.	Mis'ng.	Total.
12th Tenn.	10	46	—	56
13th Tenn.	28	75	46	149
2d Tenn.	18	63	33	114
21st Tenn.	13	62	5	80
22d Tenn.	10	67	9	86
154th Tenn.	—	13	—	13
11th Lou'a.	13	43	—	56
13th Ark's.	11	45	23	79
Watson's Bat.	2	4	1	7
Miss. Battal.	—	1	—	1
Total.	105	419	117	641

1862 January to June: Company Muster Rolls. Present.

April 6: After the Battle of Shiloh, Joseph was badly ill. The following snippet is his personal account.

(b) or on account of disease contracted (state nature of disease) *Had severe spell of typhoid fever after Shiloh fight, which incapacitated me for about six months.*

(c) and on account of old age (State age) *Seventy-four last November 6, 1914.*

1863 January to April: Company Muster Rolls. Present.

May 18: Joseph appeared on a muster roll near Shelbyville, TN in the service of "Capt. J. Nic. Wyatt's Company 12 Regiment Tennessee Vols."

November & December: Company Muster Roll. Absent. Remarks "On detached service"

<sup>2</sup> Daily Nashville Patriot, Nashville, TN, Tuesday, 19 Nov 1861, pg. 2 (accessed newspapers.com)

<sup>3</sup> Wyatt, J.H., Missouri, Confederate Pension Applications and Soldiers Home Applications, 1911-1938," (accessed familysearch.org)

1864 January & February: Company Muster Roll. Absent. Remarks "On detached Service"

May 17: Brother, Jesse, died. He had been wounded in skirmishing near Adairsville, GA. Joseph's brother Josiah wrote in his journal "*It was the heaviest skirmishing that our men have been exposed to. Brother Jesse was killed. House and ten others of the regiment were wounded.....the woods caught fire and many of the wounded perished in the flames. In this engagement I took Polk Rice's gun, when he fell at my side, and used it until the barrel was so hot I could scarcely hold it in my hands.*"<sup>4</sup>

August 19: Appeared on an Inspection Report of Vaughan's Brigade, Cheatham's Division, Hardee's Corps, Army of Tenn., commanded by Brig. Gen. George W. Gordon in Atlanta, GA. Joseph was marked as being absent and on detached duty by the order of Gen. Bragg.

September 17: Appeared on an Inspection Report of Vaughan's Brigade, Cheatham's Division, Hardee's Corps, Army of Tenn., commanded by Brig. Gen. George W. Gordon in Jonesboro, GA. Joseph was marked as being absent and on detached duty by the order of Gen. Bragg.

November 30: Wyatt's division was at the Battle of Franklin attacking against the U.S. Army in the garden of the Carter House. It is uncertain whether Wyatt was with his regiment or on detached duty, but his detached duty was with Forrest, and Forrest was present as well. Stories of soldiers like Wyatt, whose exact whereabouts are unknown become lost in the overall narrative.

1865 At the close of the war Joseph was on detached duty under the command of Nathan Bedford Forrest.

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<sup>4</sup> Wyatt, W. Carl (Wilbur Carl), 1874-. Families of Joseph And Isaac Wyatt, Brothers: Who Were Sons of Zachariah ("Sacker") And Elizabeth (Ripley) Wyatt. Washington, 1950., pg. 25 & pg. 153

MEMORANDUM OF SERVICE

Entered service at Jackson, State of Tennessee  
 on May 24, 1861. Time and place of discharge or capture by the enemy: Was on detached service in Mississippi, reporting to Forrest, and my regiment disbanded.  
 Prison record, if any none

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Letter or name of Company "C"  
 Full names of Captain and Lieutenants J. N. Wyatt, Capt., Tom Mathis, Lieut., Jim Armstrong, 2<sup>d</sup> Lieut., Sam Thomas, 3<sup>d</sup> Lieut.  
 Number or name of Regiment 12<sup>th</sup> Tennessee Infantry C.S.A.  
 (Designate if Infantry, Cavalry or Artillery)  
 Name of Colonel Commanding Russell  
 Are you a member of any Confederate Society? John P. Taylor Camp, U. C. V.  
Headquarters at Kennett, Mo.  
 In what battles did you take part? Belmont, Shiloh, Murfreesboro, Richmond, Chickamauga, and others.

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- 1867 January 8: Joseph married Margaret J. Walton in Gibson County, TN.
  
- 1870 August 25: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Yorkville, Gibson County, TN showed J.H., a dry goods merchant, and M.J. living with a young freedmen, Jack, 12-servant and a married couple W.T. and M.A. Fields. W.T. was a clerk, most likely in the dry goods store.  
  
 Wife Margaret died at some point after the census was enumerated in 1870.<sup>6</sup>
  
- 1873 May 18: Joseph married Paralee Amelia Overall in Gibson County, TN.
  
- 1880 June 17: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Yorkville, Gibson County, TN showed J.H., a farmer, and Paralee living with their two young daughters Fannie M. and Jesse. Also living with the family were four freedmen working for the family: Harriet Gentry, 20-servant, Amy Crenshaw, 11-servant, Ples Blackburn, 20-laborer and Adrew Harris, 16-laborer. The farm neighbored Joseph's father and mother's farm.
  
- 1900 June 7: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Gibson County, TN showed Joseph H., a farmer, and Paralee living with their children: Margaret, Howett, Esco, Tony, Mary, Mattie and Bernard.
  
- 1910 April 20: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Campbell, Dunklin County, MO

<sup>5</sup> Wyatt, J.H., Missouri, Confederate Pension Applications and Soldiers Home Applications, 1911-1938," (accessed familysearch.org)

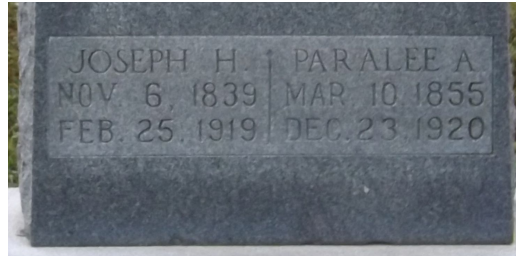
<sup>6</sup> Wyatt, W. Carl (Wilbur Carl), 1874-. Families of Joseph And Isaac Wyatt, Brothers: Who Were Sons of Zachariah ("Sacker") And Elizabeth (Ripley) Wyatt. Washington, 1950., pg. 25 & pg. 149



showed a retired Joseph and Paralee living with three of their children: Howett, Tony and Mattie.

1915 May 17: Joseph applied for a Confederate pension for his Civil War service from the state of Missouri.

1919 February 25: Joseph Howett Wyatt died in Campbell, Dunklin County, MO. He was buried in Woodlawn Cemetery.



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<sup>7</sup> findagrave.com