



**Major George W.B. Garrett, F&S, 23rd Mississippi Infantry, CSA**

- 1840 March 5: George Washington Brooks Garrett was born in Union District, South Carolina to parents Henry and Elizabeth Garrett.
- 1850 August 6: The US Federal Census enumerated in Union County, SC listed Henry Garrett, George's father, as a planter. George was listed as a ten year old boy that had attended school in the last year. On the 1850 Slave Schedule conducted in the same county, Henry Garrett owned four slaves.
- 1860 July 2: The US Federal Census enumerated in Tippah County, MS listed Henry Garrett and his family. Included is twenty one year old George who was listed as a farmer.
- 1861 August 24: Enlisted into the 2nd Mississippi Volunteers as a 2nd Lieutenant. This was a unit raised for state service.
- September 19: 2nd Mississippi Volunteers were transferred to Confederate service and redesignated the 23rd MS Infantry.

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- November 19: Promoted to Captain, Co. C, 23rd MS Infantry
- 1862 February 16: The 23rd MS Infantry was captured when the Confederate force at Ft. Donelson surrendered to Gen. U.S. Grant.
- March 1: Received at Camp Chase, OH as a prisoner of war.
- April 17: Transferred to Johnson's Island, OH.
- April 24: Promoted to Major of the 23rd MS Infantry regiment.
- September 1: Sent to Vicksburg, MS as part of a prisoner exchange.
- September 24: Took command of 23rd MS Infantry regiment after higher ranking officers all passed.
- 1864 November 30: George commanded his regiment at the Battle of Franklin. The 23rd MS Infantry was in John Adams' brigade of Loring's Division. They were in the reserve position behind the front two brigades and as a breakthrough opened up near the Carter farm, Adams attempted to move his beleaguered brigade towards this spot. Maj. Garrett stopped his regiment at a stone fence on the edge of John McGavock's property about two hundred yards from the Federal earthworks. A sergeant heard Gen. Adams tell George, "Move forward, Major Garrett." Adams' brigade made a spirited charge for the works but were repulsed. George W.B. Garrett survived this battle but hundreds of Mississippians on that part of the field fell around him.
- December 15: Captured by Federal troops along with most of his regiment as they made a defensive stand and bought time for their retreating comrades in Gen. Hood's shrinking army.
- Dec 20: Transferred from Louisville, KY back to Johnson's Island, OH as a prisoner of war
- 1865 July 25: Released from Johnson's Island after taking the oath of allegiance.
- 1866 Jan 9: George W.B. Garrett married Elizabeth Jane Bouten in Tippah County, MS.
- 1870 July: The US Federal Census enumerated in Hardeman County, TN listed G W Garrett as a thirty year old merchant. His wife Elizabeth Jane was listed as well as their first child, Minnie.
- 1880 June 19: The US Federal Census enumerated in Hardeman County, TN listed G W B Garrett at thirty nine years old. George was listed as a retail merchant and a "border" in the household of J.M. Garrett of the same age. They were probably closely related.

- 1900 June 8: The US Federal Census enumerated in Alcorn County, MS listed G.W. Garrett and his wife Elizabeth. George was listed as a retired merchant. He had two daughters and a son in his household as well.
- 1910 April 21: The US Federal Census enumerated in Alcorn County, MS listed George W. Garrett and his wife Elizabeth. He was seventy years old when this census was taken and he is listed as living on his “own income.”
- 1916 March 4: George Washington Brooks Garrett died in Alcorn County, MS and was buried in the Henry Cemetery in Corinth, MS.



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