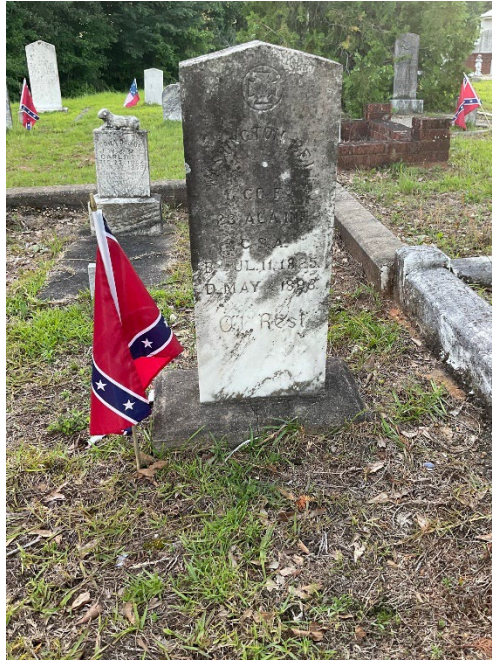


George Washington Bell

Private in Company F, 23rd Alabama Infantry Regiment



George Washington Bell was born July 11, 1825, in Georgia, to John and Sarah Bell (Andress). Sometime between his birth and 1830 his parents relocated to Alabama; Washington would grow up there learning to farm from his father; a trade he would follow until his death on May 4, 1893.

When Alabama seceded from the Union on January 11, 1861, the war effort came calling to Butler County. It was only natural for Bell, and his brothers to join in the defense of the South and their families. He enlisted November 1861, as a Private in Company F, 23rd Alabama Infantry Regiment. Bell served with this unit until paroled June 6, 1865, in Montgomery, Alabama. He saw action in Vicksburg, where he was captured and later exchanged. He was wounded at the Battle of New Hope Church on October 15, 1863, suffering a gunshot to the head. He was wounded a second time near the close of the war in North Carolina with another gunshot wound to the head.

After the war Washington Bell returned home to his wife and family working his farm until his death. He is buried in the Cool Springs Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery in Panola, Crenshaw County, Alabama. He applied for and received a Pension for his Service to the Confederacy in August 1887.