

FREDERICK S. LANIER 1829-1875

Frederick S. Lanier was born in Bulloch County, Georgia in 1829, son of Benjamin Lanier and Sarah Pridgen. Some say his name was "James Frederick Lanier" but his Confederate service records, several census records and his probate records give it as Frederick S. Lanier. He grew up in Georgia and moved to Madison County in north Florida with his parents in the mid-1840's. He was still living at home with them in 1850.

Frederick Lanier married Miss Mary Susie Williams on Oct. 14, 1852 in Madison County. She was born in Stewart County, Georgia on October 20, 1830, daughter of James Williams. Their children:

1. James Madison Lanier, born September 13, 1853; died April 4, 1927; married on Sept. 22, 1872 in Manatee County, Florida Miss Sarah Marsella Youmans, daughter of James Madison Youmans and Martha L. Emanuel.
2. Annie Virginia Lanier, born 1855; died 1945; married Timothy Holloway on December 24, 1876 in Monroe Co., Fla. He was born Feb. 28, 1847.
3. Texana Lanier, born May 25, 1857; died July 23, 1936; married in Manatee County on September 18, 1878, Millard Fillmore "Phil" Yeomans (Youmans), son of James Madison Youmans and Martha L. Emanuel.
4. John Wesley Lanier, born April 16, 1858; died Dec. 8, 1913; married Cora Coppernoll.
5. Laura Jane Lanier, born 1861; married in Manatee County on September 5, 1886, John Baucom.
6. William Brantley Lanier, born August 16, 1865; died January 16, 1943; married in DeSoto County on June 25, 1892, Miss Annie Magnolia Evans, born in Louisiana on December 18, 1875.

Frederick S. Lanier was mustered into Company "D" of the 5th Regt. of Florida Infantry of the Confederate army as a Private on April 26, 1862, at Madison, Florida. Company muster rolls show that while on duty in Maryland he became sick. He was captured by Union forces on Sept. 12, 1862 at Frederick, Maryland. He was admitted into the USA General Hospital #1 at Frederick during the month of September. He was listed as among the prisoners of war sent for exchange from Fort Delaware, Del. to Aiken's Landing, Virginia on October 2, 1862. He was admitted to the General Hospital #23 at Richmond, Virginia on Oct. 6, 1862, later released and he rejoined his company. He was appointed first corporal in April 1863. Rolls for November & December 1863 show him absent on furlough; January & February 1864 show him absent without leave; rolls for February to June 1864 list him as deserted. But the rolls for September & October show him as joining from desertion - absence was due to sickness & probably poor communication between towns. Frederick Lanier was one of the prisoners of war surrendered to Brig. Gen. E. M. McCook by Maj. Gen. Sam Jones, CSA at Tallahassee, Florida on May 10, 1865. When Frederick signed his oath of allegiance to the United States on May 15, 1865 at Madison, Florida, his