

H from Courtney Tucker via Ester

William Graves Foy

He was born on 3/26/1845 in Surry County, NC, and after the War he lived in Mount Airy, NC

Residence was Surry County NC; He enlisted at 16 years old on 5/24/1861 at Forsyth County, NC as a Private.

On 5/24/1861 he mustered into "E" Co. NC 21st Infantry and was transferred out on 3/3/1865 into the Veteran Reserve Corps (date and method of discharge not given)

He was listed as:

Wounded 7/1/1863 Gettysburg, PA (Estimated day of wounding in foot)

Wounded 10/19/1863 Cedar Creek, VA (Wounded in nose and left eye)

Promotions:

Sergt 1/1/1862 (Estimated date)

2nd Lieut 6/5/1863

1st Lieut 7/20/1863 (1st Lieut & Adjutant)

Intra Regimental Company Transfers:

1/1/1862 from company E to company C

7/20/1863 from company C to Field & Staff

Sources: North Carolina Troops 1861-65, A Roster; Confederate Military History

Lieutenant William Graves Foy, a prominent business man of Mount Airy, N. C., was born in Surry county, March 26, 1845. His career in the service of the Confederate States, which was marked by bravery and devotion and suffering, was rendered in the Twenty-first regiment, originally the Eleventh, commanded by Col. (afterward general) W. W. Kirkland.

He enlisted on May 21, 1861, in Company E of this regiment, and in 1862 was transferred to Company C. His gallant conduct brought him promotion to lieutenant, and after the battle of Gettysburg he was appointed adjutant of the regiment. He reached the field of Manassas just before the famous victory of July 21, 1861, and participated in the pursuit of the routed enemy, and in the following spring fought in Trimble's brigade in Stonewall Jackson's Shenandoah Valley campaign, and then in the Seven Days' battles before Richmond with Jackson's corps.

After participating in the second battle of Manassas, he was detailed for some time as a drill-master for recruits, but was again in the fight at Fredericksburg, and in the following battles of Chancellorsville, Winchester, and Gettysburg, where he was

wounded in the foot. After the return to Virginia he was with the forces detailed for the North Carolina campaign, and thence was recalled to Petersburg, where he took part in the battle of Drewry's Bluff and the defeat of Butler, and from the Cold Harbor lines, went with Ramseur to the Shenandoah valley again.

He marched with Early through Maryland and to the gates of Washington city, and later fought against Sheridan at Winchester and Cedar creek, in the latter fight receiving a wound in the face which destroyed his left eye, and put an end to his service for the Confederacy.

Source: Confederate Military History Vol. V p. 491



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