THOMAS JEFFERSON "T.J." BARRON

From a genealogy record by his granddaughter, Cecille Maxwell Reynolds, dated 3/31/1963:



T.J. was born in Georgia in 1834. He married Sarah Isabel Tucker in 1853. They had 8 children. By the time the Civil War had started, his family was now living in Coosa County, Alabama, so he joined the Confederate Army serving in Co. B ("Governor's Guards from Coosa County"), 8th Alabama Infantry, from May 13, 1861 to January 1, 1865.

His record from the General Service Administration shows that he was engaged in a total of 8 battles. He was wounded once in the battle at Sharpsburg in Sept. 1862, but went on to fight in Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, and finally Gettysburg. He was part of Wilcox's Brigade under the command of A.P. Hill, when he was injured on the 2nd day of the Battle of Gettysburg. That was his last battle and the injury to his leg hobbled him for the rest of his life.

After the war he moved his family to Texas. He worked in the furniture factory at Mechanicsville and farmed to provide for his family. He had a beautiful voice and taught singing in Mechanicsville. T.J. lived only 12 years after arriving in Texas, dying at the young age of 44.

