

Nathan Francis (N.F.) Poythress Civil War Service Record, compiled by Barbara Poythress Neal.

He (Nathan Francis Poythress) was the second eldest son (& 2nd child) of James E. Poythress & Catherine S. Preston, born 18 Oct 1830 per the family's Bible record (which is available online at Library of Virginia, in their online Bible records, as Accession #34866, complete with information about that record).

In the 1850 Census for the 98th Regiment area of Mecklenburg Co, VA, he was listed (on 26 Sep 1850 by the enumerator) in his father's household as "Nathan" age 19, occupation "laborer." (National Archives, Washington, DC, Micropublication M432, Reel 960, sheet stamped 62, or handwritten page number 123, dwelling 217, family 217, James Poythress household entry).

By the way, his parents were both shown as age 45, father as Carpenter, no real estate; his older brother, age 21, carpenter & their 16-yr old brother was also laborer; no occupation for the younger 5 children. (ages 4-13). See Poythress website for entire list.

The entire family moved, in a 6-wk trip in a wagon train, in about early 1863, to Sumter County, Alabama [News article, Mrs. Rebecca Lavender (Rebecca Poythress), "Pioneer Woman of Magic City Near To Century Mark: Celebrates Her Ninety-Fourth Anniversary With All Of Children Present," with her photograph, The Birmingham News, Birmingham, Alabama, Thursday 17 Nov 1932]

The following information was gleaned from "Compiled Service Records of Confederate Soldiers Who Served in Organizations From the State of Mississippi" (National Archives, Washington, DC, Micropublication M269, roll 70, and Family History Library film number 1488095):

No given name was listed for him in his Compiled Service Record, he was always shown as "N.F." N. F. Poythress was enlisted at Scooba, Mississippi [from where they lived in Sumter County, Alabama, Scooba is just across the AL-MS stateline, in Lauderdale County, Mississippi] on 25 March 1861 as a Private, Company C, Jeff Davis Legion, Mississippi Cavalry.

N. F. Poythress was listed as sick in several entries. The first indication of any sickness appears on a company muster roll for July 20 to August 31, 1861, which shows he was absent on furlough on account of sickness.

He was subsequently present for the following muster rolls, until the one for January and February 1862 indicates he was sent to Warenton [sic] Hospital on January 15, 1862. [BPN notes this was probably Warrenton, Virginia.] His name then appeared on reports of sick, hospitalized at C. S. A. General Hospital, Charlottesville, Virginia, admitted there on 28 February 1862 with "Catarrh" [which is a name used back then for pneumonia-like illnesses]; he died there of

"Pneumonia" either on 10 March 1862 (according to two of the entries), or on 11 March 1862 (according to another entry), or on 4 March 1862 (according to yet another entry).

His Compiled Service Record also shows that his name appears on a Register of Effects of Deceased Soldiers, turned over to the Quartermasters, C. S. A., showing a certificate number 6449, in the amount of \$9.50.