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Ewart Sconiers Update

In the January 2010 issue of *Walton Relations*, Pamela Sconiers Whitelock told you the story of her uncle, Ewart T. Sconiers, a pilot in the U.S. Army Air Corps who was shot down in October 1942, detained as a prisoner of war, and died in a Polish hospital in January 1944. He was given a formal burial but had been classified as “unrecoverable” until 2006 when his likely burial location was discovered.

After enduring some setbacks, the family is now hopeful that an archaeologist, who is donating his time, will be able to travel to Poland with ground-penetrating radar to find Ewart’s gravesite and bring his remains home for burial at Southwide Cemetery in DeFuniak Springs. They have raised about \$1,200 but still need to raise approximately \$1,350 to pay the archaeologist’s travel expenses.

For more information about Ewart Sconiers and his family, please visit the website devoted to his recovery, www.BringSconiersHome.com. The family will greatly appreciate all donations.

WCGS Meeting

The Walton County Genealogy Society will meet Saturday, June 9, at 10:00 AM at the Walton County Heritage Museum. The Genealogy Society will not meet in July or August, so please join us on June 9 for our last meeting of the summer.

Walton Relations

The newsletter will not be published in July, but it will resume in August. In the meantime, we will be contacting Walton County Heritage Association members and friends about the schedule of events for the 4th of July, when we will be celebrating the tenth anniversary of the opening of the Walton County Heritage Museum. Please plan to spend the day with us!

Walton County Heritage Museum

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**Names Listed on the Confederate Memorial
on the Courthouse Grounds at DeFuniak Springs, Florida**
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This is the sixth and final part of the series. See past issues of *Walton Relations* for the other parts.

Rooks, J.

1st Florida Infantry Regiment, Co. D

1860 Walton Co. Census - Jesse Rooks, Page 15, Family # 102. 21 years old, farm laborer.

Biographical Rosters - Page 101, Rooks, Jesse enlisted 2/28/62 at Camp Walton as a Musician but died 6/19/62.

Seventy-seven Years in Dixie - Page 13, talking about being at Bluff Springs after they left Camp Walton:

"We did not stop here long, but during the time, many of our men were sick and some of them died. Amongst these I remember Calvin Lewis, Johnnie McDonald, Willie and Jessie Rooks, who were members of our company."

Soldiers of Florida - Page 65, Rooks, Jesse W. died in Florida of measles June 19, 1862.

Rooks, Wm.

1st Florida Infantry Regiment, Co. D

1860 Walton Co. Census - Wm. Rooks, Page 15, Family # 102, 16 years old, serving.

Biographical Rosters - Page 101, Rooks, William enlisted 2/28/62 at Camp Walton but died 5/22/62.

Seventy-seven Years in Dixie - Page 13, talking about being at Bluff Springs after they left Camp Walton:

"We did not stop here long, but during the time, many of our men were sick and some of them died. Amongst these I remember Calvin Lewis, Johnnie McDonald, Willie and Jessie Rooks, who were members of our company."

Soldiers of Florida - Page 65, Rooks, William W., died May 12, 1862, of sunstroke.

Sanders, J.

1st Florida Infantry Regiment, Co. D

Biographical Rosters - Page 101, Sanders, Jordan G. enlisted 5/8/62 at Camp Walton but died 8/4/62.

Soldiers of Florida - Page 65, Sanders, J. G., died in Alabama August 8, 1862, of fever.

Sylcox, B.

1st Florida Infantry Regiment, Co. D

1860 Walton Co. Census - Benj, Sylcox, Page 16, Family # 110, 22 years old, common laborer.

Biographical Rosters - Page 101, Silcox, Benjamin enlisted 2/28/62 at Camp Walton but died 9/3/62.

Soldiers of Florida - Page 65, Silcox, Benjamin, died of brain fever September 4, at Dunlap.

Sylcox, D.

1st Florida Infantry Regiment, Co. D

1860 Walton Co. Census - David Sylcox, Page 16, Family # 109, 37 years old, farmer.

Biographical Rosters - Page 101, Silcox, David (m, Eliza) enlisted 2/28/62 at Camp Walton but died 9/22/62 in Chattanooga.

Soldiers of Florida - Page 65, Silcox. David, died at Chattanooga September 9, 1863.

Sylcox, J.

1st Florida Infantry Regiment, Co. D

1860 Walton Co. Census - John Silcox. Page 16, Family # 104, 31 years old, farmer.

Soldiers of Florida - Page 65, Silcox, Jesse, died at Sulphur Springs, Tenn., March 23, 1863, of pneumonia.

Thornton, Wm.

1st Florida Infantry Regiment, Co. E

Biographical Rosters - Page 103, 4th Sgt William Thornton (b. AL; m, Mary Ann) enlisted 3/1/62 at Camp Walton and died in Chattanooga before 10/27/62.

Soldiers of Florida - Page 67, Thornton, William, Sergeant.

Tiner, Thos.**1st Florida Infantry Regiment, Co. D**

Biographical Rosters - Page 102, Tiner, Thomas (b. Walton Co. or Early Co. GA) enlisted 5/1/62 at Camp Walton and died 9/4/62 in Montgomery AL. Mother: Ellendar.

Soldiers of Florida - Page 65, Tiner, T.

Tiner, Wm.**1st Florida Infantry Regiment, Co. D**

1860 Walton Co. Census - William Tyner, Page 15. Family # 95, 20 years old, farm laborer.

Soldiers of Florida - Page 65, Tiner, William A. J.

Ward, A.**1st Florida Infantry Regiment, Co. D**

1860 Walton Co. Census - Asa Ward, Page 63, Family #422; 25 years old, boating.

Biographical Rosters - Page 102, Ward, Asa enlisted 2/28/62 at Camp Walton. He was absent sick since 11/10/62 and died in the Gate City Hospital, Atlanta GA. He was buried 12/19/62 in local Oakland Cemetery.

Soldiers of Florida - Page 65. Ward, Asa

Ward, J.**Welsh, John****6th Florida Infantry Regiment, Co. H**

1860 Walton Co. Census - John Welsh, Page 60, Family #406, 15 years old, serving.

Biographical Rosters - Page 663, Welch, John T. joined after the last roll and was in service since 11/1/63.

He was wounded in late May 1864 and hospitalized then furloughed 6/10/64. He was captured 12/23/64 near Pulaski TN and died in Camp Chase prison 3/20/65. He was buried in the prison cemetery, grave marker #1717, grave 9, row 36.

Soldiers of Florida - Page 167. Walch, John died, Camp Chase, Nov. 20, 1865; grave No. 1717.

Welsh, Wm.

1860 Walton Co. Census - William Welch, Page 60, Family # 406, 17 years old, serving.

Williams, John**6th Florida Infantry Regiment, Co. H**

Biographical Rosters - Page 663, Williams, John E. (b. 1840) enlisted 4/2/62 at the Mt. Vernon Arsenal. He appears as 5th Sgt in mid-1863 and was killed at Chickamauga 9/19/63.

Soldiers of Florida - Page 167, William, John E. enlisted April 2, 1862.

Williamson, Rice**6th Florida Infantry Regiment, Co. H**

1860 Walton Co. Census - Rice Williamson, Page 2. Family # 11, 18 years old, serving.

Biographical Rosters - Page 663, Williamson, Rice (b. 1844) enlisted 4/2/62 at the Mt. Vernon Arsenal and was killed at Chickamauga 9/19/63.

Soldiers of Florida - Page 167, Williamson, Rice enlisted April 2, 1862.

Worthington, W.**1st Florida Infantry Regiment, Co. D**

1860 Walton Co. Census - William Worthington, Page 21, Family # 144, 44 years old, farmer.

Biographical Rosters - Page 102, Worthington, William enlisted 2/28/62 at Camp Walton and died 6/30/62.

Soldiers of Florida - Page 65, Worthington, William died June 29, 1862, of brain fever.

Wright, E.**1st Florida Infantry Regiment, Co. D**

1860 Walton Co. Census - Elias Wright, Page 16, Family #107, 35 years old, farmer.

Biographical Rosters - Page 102, Wright, Elias (b. AL; In. Martha Jane) enlisted 2/28/62 at Camp Walton and died 9/8/62 in Sparta TN.

Soldiers of Florida -- Page 65, Wright, Elias died in Florida, October 6, 1862.

Wright, H.**1st Florida Infantry Regiment, Co. D**

1860 Walton Co. Census - Hambleton Wright, Page 46, Family # 312, 28 years old, farmer.
Biographical Rosters - Page 102, Wright, Hamilton enlisted 2/2/62 at Camp Walton but died 6/26/62.
Soldiers of Florida - Page 65, Wright, Hamilton died July 15, 1862, of measles.

Wright, J.**1st Florida Infantry Regiment, Co. D**

1860 Walton County Census - James Wright, Page 45, Family # 303, 24 years old, farmer.
Biographical Rosters - Page 102, Wright, James (m. Sarah S.) enlisted 5/1/62 at Camp Walton and died at home in Florida in late 1862.
Soldiers of Florida - Page 65, Write, James died in Florida October, '63, of fever.

Wright, J.**1st Florida Infantry Regiment, Co. D**

Soldiers of Florida - Page 65, Wright, James died at Chattanooga October 1863, of fever.

End of Listings**Update for Robert McSween**

In the May 2012 issue of *Walton Relations*, Robert McSween was listed as being named on the Confederate Memorial but with no additional information. His great, great granddaughter, Sharon Balkom Hagans, subsequently supplied the following:

McSween, Robert**6th Florida Infantry Regiment, Co. I**

1860 Walton Co. Census - Robert D. McSween, Page 3, Family #19, 22 years old, laborer.
Biographical Rosters - 2nd Lt. Robert D. McSween (b. 1839) enlisted 3/14/62 at Marianna. He was promoted 1st Lt. 2/19/63 and resigned 7/8/63.

It is the family's belief that Robert McSween resigned his office due to injuries received in battle and died of those injuries before being able to return to Walton County, which would explain his name on the Confederate Memorial.

Sharon recently located records for a Confederate cemetery in Shelby Springs, Alabama, that has a gravestone for Phillip D. McSween who served with Company K of the 6th Alabama Cavalry and died on October 24, 1864. Robert had an older brother named Phillip who was in that cavalry unit but was not killed. Phillip returned to Walton County where he died in 1910 and was buried in the Euchee Valley Cemetery. The Widow's Pension Claim made by Phillip's wife, Mary Campbell McSween, is available online at <http://www.floridamemory.com/items/show/179553?id=2>.

Perhaps their names got confused and Robert is buried in Shelby Springs. Perhaps Phillip knew the fate of his brother and was able to have Robert's name placed on the Walton County monument. There are more questions than answers, and Sharon will appreciate any suggestions for further research. If you can provide information about Robert McSween or any other soldiers who fought on behalf of Walton County, please contact Wayne Sconiers at waynesconiers@embarqmail.com.

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