

James Blizzard

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Born: 1833 VA

Married: Martha Powers

Died: 1912 Church Hill, TN

Parents: John Blizzard & Nancy Unknown

CIVIL WAR MILITARY RECORD

Blizzard, James G. (Also appears as Blizzard, James G. & Blizzard, J.E.)

Roll: M324-912 (A-D)

Private, Companies K ("Russell Guards") & F ("Holston Foresters"), 48th Regt., VA Inf.

1 roll identification sheet, 1 record envelope, 2 reference slips, 9 service cards, 3 original papers*

*(Basic Overview: Enlisted (Co. K): Russell Co., VA, 25 June 1861.

Mustered-In: Abingdon, Washington Co., VA, 17 July 1861. Age (*as reported*): 26 years.

Regimental Return, March 1862, "Absent without leave," from 21 March 1862.

Captured: 2nd Fredericksburg, VA, 04 May 1863.

Exchanged: City Point (*now Hopewell*), VA, 13 May 1863.

File includes a clothing issue card (2nd Quarter, 1864).

Transferred (Co. K to F): 31 October 1864.

Last appears on muster card, November-December 1864, as "Retired," 20 October 1864.

Confederate War History

As best that can be ascertained by researching documents available online and documents provided by the Tennessee State Library and Archives, here is the history of James G Blizzard's Civil War service.

Mustered in the 48th Regiment of the Virginia Infantry on July 17, 1861.

Captured at the Battle of Chancellorsville May 4, 1863, the night Stonewall Jackson was killed in action

Held in Washington, DC for 40 days

Returned to Richmond, VA for a exchange of prisoners

According to affidavits submitted by James G Blizzard, he was seen by doctors while in Richmond and found to be ill enough to receive a "retirement from service for 6 months or the duration of the war". He claims heart trouble and throat sores.

A few service records show him to be absent at roll call but James G Blizzard, according to his affidavits, claims to have been home and under the belief that he was fully retired from service.

(CONFEDERATE.)

J | 48 | Va.

James Plizzard
Priv. 4, Co. *H*, 48 Reg't Virginia Inf.

Appears on
 Company Muster Roll
 of the organization named above,
 for *Apr 30 to Oct 31*, 186*4*
dated Oct 31, 186*4*

Enlisted:
 When *July 17*, 186*1*.
 Where *Russell Co Va*
 By whom *Capt Candler*
 Period *1*

Last paid:
 By whom *E. M. Richmond*
 To what time *Aug 31*, 186*3*.

Present or absent *Present*

Remarks: *transferred from*
Co. H. Oct 31 1864

Book mark: _____

J. W. Wilkinson
 (642) Copyist.
 1354

Enlisted 17 July 1861
 Transferred to Company F 31 Oct 1864
 from Company K

(Confederate.)

B | *48* | *Va*

J. G. Blizzard
Pvt 48 Regt Va

Appears on a

Roll of Prisoners of War

paroled at Hd. Qrs., Army of the Potomac; forwarded to Washington, D. C., May 4, 1863; sent to City Point, Va., for exchange, May 10, 1863.

Roll dated *Not dated*, 186

Where captured *Fredericksburg Va*

When captured *May 4* 1863

Remarks:

Indorsement shows: "Received City Point, Va., May 13th, '63, from Capt. Jno. E. Mulford, 3d Inf. N. Y. V., (on the within roll) Eight Hundred & Ninety five (895) Confederate prisoners of war paroled for exchange.—W. H. HATCH, Capt. P. A. C. S."

Number of roll: *3*

31: sheet *3*

Old Capitol Prison, Washington, D. C. *J. K. Gaden*

(369b) Copyist.

Address: "The Adjutant General,
War Department, Washington, D. C."

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WAR DEPARTMENT,
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,
WASHINGTON, January 22, 1909.

Respectfully returned to the

President,
Tennessee Board of
Pension Examiners,
Nashville.

The Union records show that one J. G. Blizzard, Company --, 48th Virginia Infantry (Confederate States Army), was captured at Fredericksburg, Virginia, May 4, 1863, and that he was sent from Old Capitol Prison, Washington, D. C., to City point, Virginia, for exchange May 10, 1863, and was delivered to the Confederate authorities at the last mentioned place May 13, 1863.

J. H. Munroe
The Adjutant General.

John Blizzard was captured at the Battle of Fredricksburg on 4 May 1863, taken to the Old Capital Prison, Washington, DC for 4-5 days and then sent to City Point, VA for prisoner exchange.

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No. ~~5000~~

STATE OF TENNESSEE.

Soldier's Application for Pension
Under Class "5."

J. G. Blizzard

Filed *Aug 28.03*

Allowed _____

READ SPECIFICATIONS ON BACK.

SPECIFICATIONS.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

President.

Secretary.

Board of Pension Examiners.

*OSTER & WESS, NASHVILLE.

James Blizzard application for pension for his service was filed on 3 Aug 1903

Copy of original application for pension benefits filled out by John Blizzard November 1902

Soldier's Application for Pension

Under the Class "5."

I, J. B. Blizzard a native of the State of Tenn.
and now a citizen of Tennessee, resident at Church Hill in the County of Hawkins
in said State of Tennessee, and who was a soldier from the State of Virginia, in the war between
the United States and the Confederate States, do hereby apply for aid under the Act of the General Assembly of Tennessee,
entitled "An Act for the benefit of the indigent and disabled soldiers of the late war between the States, and to fix the fees
of attorneys or agents for procuring such pensions, and fixing a penalty for the violation of the same." And I do solemnly
swear that I was a member of Company C, 48 Va Regiment Infantry
Capt. J. H. Candler Colonel J. B. Campbell Reg.
In the service of the Confederate or United States, and that by reason of disability and indigence I am now entitled to receive
the benefits of this Act. I further swear that I do not hold any National, State, or County office, nor do I receive aid or
pension from any other State, or from the United States, and that I am not an inmate of any soldiers' home, and that I am
unable to earn a reasonable support for myself and family. I do further solemnly swear that the answers given to the
following questions are true:

In what County, State, and year were you born?

Answer Russell County State of Virginia in 1830
April 2nd

When did you enlist and in what command? Give the names of the regimental and company officers under whom
you served.

Answer 1861 Apr 10 - 48 Va Reg, Company C Colonel J. B. Campbell
Capt. J. H. Candler

In what battle or battles were you engaged, and, if not wounded, state what disabilities did you receive, if any?

Answer Battle of Chancellorsville and others I was not wounded
but Captain I was almost to death and contracted ulcer
of throat from exposure then and Heart trouble

What was the precise nature of your wound or disability, if any?

Answer Throat trouble and Heart disease

Were you incapacitated for service by reason of said wound or disability incurred.

Answer Yes

Were you discharged from the army by reason of said wound or disability?

Answer Yes

If discharged from the army, where were you and what did you do until the close of the war?

Answer I was at Home as retired papers and received \$250 per day & my regu
sations 1.00
What was the name of the surgeon who attended you?

How did you get out of the army?

Answer: Retired for six months or during the war

Did you take the oath of allegiance to the United States Government?

Answer: No

If so, when and under what circumstances?

Answer:

Are you married, or have you been married?

Answer: yes

If so, what is the size of your family?

Answer: One nine year old boy

What are the respective ages of your wife and children?

Answer: my wife is 51 and boy nine years

To what sex do your children belong?

Answer: male

Are not some of your children able to support you?

Answer: No

In what business are you now engaged, if any, and what do you earn?

Answer:

What estate have you in your own right, real and personal, and what is its value?

Answer: Ministry and receive but little

What estate has your wife in her own right, real and personal, and what is its value?

Two hundred dollars

How have you derived support for yourself and family for the last five years?

Answer: just best as I could

Do you use intoxicants to any extent?

Answer: No

How long have you been an actual resident of the State of Tennessee?

Answer: about 25 years

Have you an attorney to look after this application?

Answer: yes

If so, give his name and address?

Answer: M. M. Frausies,
Solitude Hawkins County Tennessee

Witness my hand, this 20th day of November 1902

WITNESSES:

J. H. Armstrong, Physician.

J. H. Candler, Witness.

Robt. Cross, Witness.

W. W. Wedde

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, GREETING:

We, and each of us being members in good standing of the Ministers, Conference and Union Free Baptists Association, of East Tennessee, hereby certify that we are well acquainted with the bearer hereof, J.G. Blizzard, and it affords us pleasure to certify that he is also a member in good standing in said Association and in recommending him for honesty, integrity, truthfulness, fidelity and upright character in general:

James H. G.
W. H. Johnson
W. H. Beckner
W. H. Hallard
W. H. Bell
W. H. Johnson
Henry Luster
J. H. Ballou
C. F. Green
E. W. Day

We, and each of us being
colleagues in good standing
hereby certify that we are
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to certify that he is a man
in good standing in our
community.

L. L. Alley, Assessor, Dist
W. L. Phelps, J. P.
Loyde Bond
R. L. Shelton
A. J. McKee
C. J. Winger
J. W. Flanagan
H. E. Marsh
Jack Evans
S. Barrett
W. H. Hawley
G. H. Lucas
J. E. Jones
J. E. Shanks, Circuit Court Clerk
L. L. Peats, Register
W. L. Lee
W. H. Richardson, Co. Clerk
W. H. Keiser

I sworn to before me
 this the 11 day of Aug 1906
 stating the Pastor that
 appear on these presents
 was signed by the
 I don't see names themselves
 E. H. Johnson, A. P.

John Blizzard became a Pastor with the Free Baptist Association. The above letter is signed by Pastors of the same conference on behalf of John Blizzard in regards to his application for pension benefits. Letter is dated 11 Aug 1906



BURIED IN BRADSHAW CHAPEL CEMETERY, CHURCH HILL, TN