

## James McIntosh, 43<sup>rd</sup> Virginia Cavalry

During the second week of June, 1864, Lieutenant Colonel John S. Mosby sent a number of his men to the Quaker farms and villages in northern Loudoun County, Virginia to collect forage for the command's horses and men. Upon hearing of the rangers' activities in the area, about 50 Loudoun Rangers, commanded by Captain Daniel M. Keyes, set out to capture what appeared to be an easy target for the Union cavalry. The Virginia Yankees met with some success on June 9, 1864 between Wheatland and Bolington on the Berlin Turnpike. They captured a number of wagons loaded with grain and several of Mosby's men, all from Company B. Captured were Theodore S. Benton, Andrew J. Bowen, James P. Bowen, J. P. Brown and James McIntosh. Another member of Company B, Robert L. Spindle, was "picked up" the next day in the same area.<sup>1</sup>

The Confederates were all sent to Camp Chase Federal Military Prison in Columbus, Ohio, via Wheeling, West Virginia, arriving at the former place on June 17, 1864. All would survive a nine-month stay at Camp Chase, except one, James McIntosh.<sup>2</sup>

James McIntosh appeared on a list of prisoners of war at Camp Chase as: age 39, florid complexion, grey eyes, dark hair and 5' 6 1/2" tall. McIntosh was paroled on March 2, 1865 at Camp Chase for transfer to City Point, Virginia for exchange. He was too sick to leave Camp Chase and died there from chronic diarrhea on April 22, 1865. On a descriptive roll of prisoners adjacent to his cause of death is the note: "Bushwhacker and Horse Thief." McIntosh's body was taken to the cemetery 1/3 mile south of Camp Chase prison and buried in grave #1899.<sup>3</sup>

James McIntosh was born about 1830 in Fairfax or Prince William County, Virginia. He married his wife Adeline on October 8, 1848 near Manassas, Virginia. The McIntosh family was enumerated in the 1860 census as residing near Groveton P.O. in Prince William County, Virginia. In that census, James McIntosh was listed as a farm laborer and not being able to read or write.<sup>4</sup>

McIntosh enlisted November 1, 1863 in Company B, 43<sup>rd</sup> Virginia Cavalry for the war by Major John S. Mosby in Fauquier County, Virginia. He appeared as present on a muster roll for Company B, for the period Nov. – Dec. 1863. No record has been found of any prior service to his enlisting with the 43<sup>rd</sup> Virginia Cavalry. James McIntosh's widow, Adeline, applied for a Confederate pension from Prince William County, Virginia on October 2, 1888.<sup>5</sup>

When James McIntosh died on April 22, 1865, he left a wife, Adeline and six children, the youngest being 5 months old. Today, headstone #1899 which is inscribed: "Jas. McIntosh – Co. B – 43<sup>rd</sup> Batt'n Va. Cav. – C.S.A.", can be found in the Camp Chase Military Prison Cemetery.<sup>6</sup>

**Editor's Note:** James McIntosh's age shown in the 1860 census of Prince William County, Virginia does not correspond with his age shown on the POW descriptive list for Camp Chase Military Prison. In that he was only enumerated individually in the 1860 census, his correct date of birth cannot be determined.

Let us never forget the sacrifice of James McIntosh and his family.

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<sup>1</sup> Keen, Hugh C. and Mewborn, Horace, *43<sup>rd</sup> Battalion Virginia Cavalry Mosby's Command*, Lynchburg, VA: H. E. Howard, Inc., 1993, pages 132-3.

<sup>2</sup> National Archives, Washington D.C., Compiled Military Service Records for soldiers serving in the 43<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, Virginia Partisan Rangers, Microfilm #324, Roll #208, records #104, 139, 144, 181, 939 & 1321.

<sup>3</sup> *Ibid*, record #939.

<sup>4</sup> Library of Virginia, Richmond, Va. Confederate Pension Rolls, Veterans and Widows (Applications), Online ed. "Adeline McIntosh." National Archives, Washington, D.C., 1860 Federal Census, Prince William County, Virginia, Series M653, Roll 1373, page 428.

<sup>5</sup> National Archives, Washington D.C., Compiled Military Service Records, record #939, Library of Virginia, Richmond, Va. Confederate Pension Rolls, "Adeline McIntosh."

<sup>6</sup> National Archives, Washington, D.C., 1860 Federal Census, Prince William County, Virginia, page 428. Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Salt Lake City, Utah. International Genealogical Index, Vol. V. On-line ed. ([www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org)). Individual Record #100260926575, "James Lee McIntosh."

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