

Isabius A. Printz, 43rd Virginia Cavalry

Isabius A. Printz was born between 1839 and 1840 in Page County, Virginia, the son of John and Leanna Printz. The Printz family was enumerated as residing in the Valleysburg Post Office area of Page County in the 1860 Federal Census.ⁱ

At the outbreak of the Civil War, Printz enlisted on July 5, 1861 in Company F, 97th Virginia Militia at Luray, Virginia. He transferred to Company K of the 97th Militia on July 22, 1861. The last account of Printz with the 97th Militia is a December 31, 1861 muster roll which shows him "absent without leave."ⁱⁱ Printz enlisted in Page County, Virginia in Company H, 33rd Virginia Infantry as a conscript on September 7, 1862. On a muster roll dated December 31, 1862, Printz is shown as "Deserted Oct. 18, 1862."ⁱⁱⁱ

Isabius Printz enlisted in Company C, 43rd Virginia Cavalry on January 28, 1864 in Fauquier County, Virginia. He was enlisted by Captain William H. Chapman. Printz was captured, about three weeks later, on February 18, 1864 in a Federal raid through Fauquier County led by a deserter from Mosby's Command, John Cornwell. He was sent to the provost marshal on February 19, then to Old Capitol Prison in Washington D.C., arriving there on February 24th. Printz was admitted to Kalorama U.S.A. General Hospital on March 14, 1864 with varioloides (small pox). He was vaccinated at that time. Printz died April 1, 1864. On a Federal Death and Interment Record, Printz is noted as being buried at 10:00 AM on April 3, 1864. The cemetery in which Isabius Printz was buried is unknown.^{iv}

Let us never forget the sacrifice of Isabius A. Printz.

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ⁱ National Archives, Washington D.C., Record Group 29, Records of the Bureau of the Census, 1850 Federal Census, Page Co., VA, Series M704, Roll 572, page 169; 1860 Federal Census, Page Co., VA, Series M653, Roll 1369, page 818.

ⁱⁱ National Archives, Washington, D.C. Record Group 109, War Dept. Collection of Confederate Records. Compiled Military Service Records for soldiers serving in the 97th Virginia Militia Regt, Microfilm 324, Roll 1052, Record 128.

ⁱⁱⁱ Ibid, 33rd Virginia Infantry Regt, Microfilm M324, Roll 796, Record 1576.

^{iv} Ibid, 43rd Battalion, Virginia Partisan Rangers, Microfilm 324, Roll 209, Record 1105.