

### **Madison Monroe Templeman, Mosby's Command**

On August 20, 1861 in Polk County, Texas, Madison Monroe Templeman was enlisted for one year in Company H, 5<sup>th</sup> Texas Infantry, by Captain John B. Cleveland. He appears as present on the August 20 - November 20, 1861 muster roll. Shown as "detailed as a guerrilla, November 20, 1861" on the January - February 1862 Muster Roll, he appears as "absent as a scout, about June 5, 1862" on May - June 1862 muster roll and "detailed as general scout" on the July - August 1862 muster roll. Templeman is shown as "wounded at Sharpsburg, September 17, 1862" on the September 1862 - February 1863 muster rolls and as "on detached service since November 1, 1861" on the March - April 1863 muster roll. The May - June muster roll shows Templeman as "killed at Thoroughfare Gap, May 1, 1863."<sup>1</sup> The muster roll for May - June was incorrect as Templeman was killed in Mosby's May 3, 1863 raid on the camp of the 1<sup>st</sup> West Virginia Cavalry at Warrenton Junction, Virginia.<sup>2</sup>

Madison Monroe Templeman was born January 13, 1838, in Perry County, Ohio, the son of Willis Hume Templeman and Ann Susan Grant.<sup>3</sup> Ann Grant was a distant relative to Union General Ulysses S. Grant. Both parents were Virginians by birth. The elder Templeman moved his family to Harrison County, Missouri by 1860 and Madison Templeman apparently migrated on to Texas without the rest of his family prior to August 1861.<sup>4</sup> He had four brothers who served in the Union Army from the State of Missouri.<sup>5</sup>

Madison Templeman, in his role as a courier, received a commendation from Brigadier General John B. Hood in his report of the September 1862 battles of Boonesborough and Sharpsburg.<sup>6</sup> After his mortal wounding at Warrenton Junction, Union authorities were not as complimentary of the young fallen Confederate as General Hood. They referred to him as a "Notorious scout and spy - upon whose person was found papers signed by General Lee; also papers showing that he had been in Washington not two days previous."<sup>7</sup> A reporter for the *Burlington Free Press* happened on the scene a few minutes after fighting had ceased. He reported that near the tracks lay "the body of a dead Confederate, stretched out, face upward, in coat of rusty brown and pantaloons of butternut. Papers taken from the Rebel's pocket - identified him as Templeton (Sic.), one of Stonewall Jackson's best scouts."<sup>8</sup>

**Editor's Comments:** There are indications that Templeman had been frequenting the area of Northern Virginia (Fauquier, Loudoun and Fairfax Counties) where Mosby had been conducting most of his partisan operations prior to the Warrenton Junction fight. Amanda "Tee" Edmonds, a Fauquier County resident, made an entry in her diary dated April 20, 1863 that two Rebels had stayed the night with her family at "Belle Grove" near Paris. One of the Rebels belonged to Mosby's Command, and the other, a scout from the Army from Texas. An entry on May 4, referring to Mosby's fight the previous day, read "Mr. Templeton (Sic.), the scout was killed. He stayed with us two weeks ago and was a brave and useful man."<sup>9</sup> There is no documented evidence that Templeman participated in any other scouts/raids with Mosby's command prior to the May 3, 1863 Warrenton Junction Fight. Mosby did conduct three scouts/raids between the period of April 23 and April 29, 1863 in which Templeman could have participated.<sup>10</sup>

In the Templeman family Bible, next to the listing of the birth of Madison Monroe Templeman, is the note, "As brave as he was handsome. Confederate scout in the Civil War. Killed near Warrenton, Va."<sup>11</sup>

Let us never forget the sacrifice of Madison Monroe Templeman.

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<sup>1</sup> National Archives, Washington DC, Compiled Military Service Records for soldiers serving in the 5<sup>th</sup> Texas Infantry, Microfilm #323, Roll #306.

<sup>2</sup> Mosby, John S., *Mosby's War Reminiscences*, page 153.

<sup>3</sup> Templeman Family Genealogical papers in the possession of William Bruce, Cincinnati OH.

<sup>4</sup> 1860 Federal Census, Harrison County, Missouri, page 526.

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<sup>5</sup> Templeman family genealogical papers in the possession of William Bruce, Cincinnati OH and Hewitt, Janet B., *Roster of Union Soldiers - Missouri*, Vol. 2, page 183.

<sup>6</sup> *War of the Rebellion - Official Records - Union and Confederate Armies*, Series I, Volume XIX, No. 1, pages 922-4, "September 3-20, 1862 - The Maryland Campaign. No. 248 - Report of Brig. Gen. John B. Hood, C.S. Army, commanding division, of the battles of Boonsborough and Sharpsburg".

<sup>7</sup> *War of the Rebellion - Official Records - Union and Confederate Armies*, Series I, Volume XXV, No. 1, pages 1106-7, "May 3, 1863. - Skirmish at Warrenton Junction, Va., No 2, - Report of Maj. Benjamin F. Chamberlain, First West Virginia Cavalry; and No. 3 - Report of Brig. Gen. John J. Abercrombie, U.S. Army, commanding division".

<sup>8</sup> Benedict, George G., *Army Life in Virginia - Letters from the 12<sup>th</sup> Vermont Regiment*, page 98.

<sup>9</sup> Baird, Nancy Chappelle; *Journals of Amanda Virginia Edmonds - Lass of the Mosby Confederacy 1859 - 1867*; pages 138, 143.

<sup>10</sup> The diary of Bradford Smith Hoskins published in the *Baltimore American*, June 12, 1863.

<sup>11</sup> Templeman Family Genealogical papers in the possession of William Bruce, Cincinnati OH.