

Ransom James or Jack Lockler, my GG-Grandfather, was born around 1837 in Dallas County, Alabama. He was the fifth of eleven children of John and Tarmer Skinner Lockler. In 1860, Ransom was the head of the household since both parents had passed and lived with his younger siblings in Kemper County, Mississippi. No one in Ransom's immediate family at the time of the war owned any slaves to my knowledge and research. In 1860 he was a farmer and enlisted at the age of 24 as a Private on August 17, 1861 in Iuka, Mississippi with Company C, the Southern Guards of the Jeff Davis Cavalry Legion. He had a horse valued at \$250 and horse equipment valued at \$25. He eventually became a Bugler for his company. Another portion of his service record has him enlisting in March 25, 1861 in Scooba, MS for the same unit. Ransom was 6'2" and ½ per his service record. Ransom was captured at Tiller's Bridge, South Carolina during a small skirmish on February 26, 1865. Ransom was released on his Oath to the U.S. on July 4th, 1865. Ransom found his way to Noxubee County, Mississippi after the war, one county over from Kemper County, and on June 27, 1866, he married Martha Brandon. Ransom and Martha had two sons, George and Thomas and a daughter, Ada. In 1871, his wife Martha died while giving birth their youngest child, Thomas. Ransom died on December 17, 1904 in Shuqualak, Mississippi, but there is no record of where he was buried at and so no tombstone marker. I have information that he was a Mason and a member of Slaughter Lodge #295 in Macon, MS.