

YOUNG 40th GEORGIA HERO

Private Asberry B. "Az" Clonts was one of the South's youngest defenders during the War Between the States. Private Clonts was born January 25, 1851 and joined (along with his Father and Uncle) Company "F", 40th Georgia Volunteer Infantry on March 4, 1862.

His age at the time was 11 years, 1 month, 1 week.

Both his Father and Uncle died in Vicksburg from the effects of the siege, and at age 12, he had only his Company members to look out for him. Apparently they did pretty good, for he survived the War, returned to Paulding County, and now rests in the cemetery at Flint Hill Methodist Church in Hiram. This is the same Church where the Army of Tennessee spent the night of October 3, 1864. "Az" was no doubt with them at the time.

Muster Roll of Company F, 40th Regiment
Georgia Volunteer Infantry
Army of Tennessee C.S.A.
Paulding County, Georgia
Paulding Washington Guards

Clonts, A.B. Private March 4, 1862. Captured at Vicksburg, Miss. July 4, 1863, and paroled there July 6, 1863. Roll for December 31, 1863, last on file shows him absent, sick.

Clonts, S.W. (Uncle) private, March 4, 1862. Captured at Vicksburg, Miss. July 4, 18863 and paroled there July 6, 1863. Died Vicksburg, Mississippi.

Clonts, Thomas H. (Father) Private March 4, 1862. Captured at Vicksburg, Miss. July 4, 1863, paroled there July 6, 1863, and died there in 1863.