

Barton Thomas Reynolds - Confederate Veteran

Barton Thomas Reynolds was the third son of William and Elizabeth "Betsy" Reynolds. Betsy was also listed on the 1860 Pittsylvania County, Virginia census as "Elviara E". It lists the age of Barton's father, William, as being born about 1811 and his mother, Betsy, about 1817. The family was living in Museville, Pittsylvania County, Virginia in the northwestern section of the county at the time when the 1860 census was taken.

Barton was born on May 10, 1842. His parents were living in Henry County, Virginia when he was seven years old in the 1850 census. Also, living in the home at this time was John age 11, William age 10, Benton (Barton) age 7, Henry C. age 4, and Lafayette age 1. There were others living in the household but relationship is unknown. The one that is most interesting is a Monroe Petty, age 20, which later in the 1900s, the Petty family marries into the Reynolds family.

He was one of four brothers, who served the state of Virginia in the War Between the States. His brother, John S. Reynolds was born on June 13, 1839 and joined the Civil War the same day as Barton on June 29, 1861; William Harrison was born on August 25, 1840; and Henry C. was born on March 22, 1846.

According to records available (Film Number: M382 roll 46), Barton Thomas Reynolds was assigned, as a private, to Company E, 57th Regiment, Virginia Infantry



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when he enlisted on June 29, 1861 in Rorrers, Virginia. (Research indicates that was Mt. Rogers, Virginia) which is near Chatham, Virginia. According to Barton's military records from the National Archives, he spent a lot of time in the hospital. His ailment was disclosed in the beginning but he was wounded several times which caused him to be on furlough or in the hospital.

Barton Thomas Reynolds was reported out sick and absent on furlough from October 15 to October 30, 1861 and on November 12, 1861 he was in Mrs. Smith's hospital in Richmond, Virginia. She must have taken care of his ailments as he was present for duty on January 2, 1862. On May 6, 1862 he is absent again being sick at Drury's Bluff, Virginia.

The first battle his regiment was in occurred on July 1, 1862 at Malvern Hill, Vir-

ginia. He was absent and sick again and was in Pittsylvania County on August 10, 1862 through the rest of the year. Records indicate he was still in Pittsylvania County through September 1, 1863 but says he was wounded at Manassas, Virginia on August 29, 1863 so he had gone back to his unit for at least a little while.

November 12, 1863 shows him present and he continues to be active through March 4, 1864. On May 13, 1864, Barton is admitted in the Wayside General Hospital #9 in Richmond and was to return to duty on June 4, 1864 but instead he was sent over to Chimborazo Hospital #5. This time he is discharged from the hospital on June 19, 1864 and sent home for 60 days with a fracture of the right forearm. He was listed as having been wounded and was still at home on September 10, 1864. He was home in Pittsylvania County for 15 more days and then he was sent to Richmond to several different hospitals there. On October 15, 1864 he was in

Chimborazo Hospital #5.

No further records are available for the rest of the war but he was in for the entire length of the war and mustered out on April 9, 1865. It is unknown where he mustered out but his regiment was in Farmville, Virginia on April 8, 1865, so we will have to assume he was mustered out in Farmville.

In 1860, on those sick furloughs home, Barton married Cordelia, who was born about 1845 (last name unknown). The two of them are listed in the 1870 census with their first child, Elizabeth, who was born in 1864. According to the census for Pittsylvania County, Virginia, they are living in Chatham, Virginia.

The 1880 Pittsylvania County census shows the Barton Thomas Reynolds family living in Callands, Virginia. The family had grown to include four more daughters and two sons. They were: Rovanna age 8, Addie L. age 7, Louisa age 5, Ida age 4, Walter age 2, and Census age 7 months. Barton's occupation

was listed as being a laborer. He sure would have had to labor hard to take care of all those little children.

Now twenty years later, in 1900, Barton is living with his son James who is listed as being born in 1867. That would have had him born just after he came home from the war but interestingly enough he wasn't listed as living with

the family in 1880. At the time he would have been only thirteen years old. Question remains... where was James?

The 57th Regimental Series book indicates he died in 1901 but his place of death is not recorded. It is unknown where Barton Thomas Reynolds, this gallant Confederate Veteran rests.

*My grandpa's was John Henry Reynolds and
he died July 27, 1918 in Callands Va.
My grandma was Sallie Frances Wells
Reynolds and she died Sept 10, 1911.
Taken from Mamma (Maryann) family bible
I do not have birth date for either*