

White Turpin
July 25, 1843 – January 18, 1865

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White Turpin, born July 25, 1843, in Jefferson County, Mississippi, was the son of Joseph A. and Laura A. S. Turpin. His parents' marriage had taken place in Yalobusha, Mississippi, on October 17, 1836. U.S. Census 1860 Jefferson County, Mississippi, reported Joseph A. Turpin, head of household, aged 44 years, Planter, Real Estate valued at \$20,000, and Personal Estate at \$60,000. Living at home were his wife Laura, aged 43, and eight children ranging in age from six months to 23 years. White Turpin was listed as 17 years old and his younger brother J.A. Turpin as 14.

Military Service records on fold3. White Turpin enlisted at Fayetteville, Mississippi, on October 29, 1861, and mustered into the Confederate States of America military at Bowling Green, Kentucky, on October 29, 1861. Darden's Battery (Artillery). He had been acting as Corporal and was promoted to 3rd Sergeant July 23, 1862. Reduced from 3rd Sergeant December 3, 1863.

Federal Records on fold3. Two separate reports of White's Turpin's injuries, hospitalization and death listed that he was "Captured in Franklin (Tennessee) on December 14, 1864." His medical history: White Turpin, Rebel, Private in Darden's Battery, Mississippi, was admitted to USA Hospital No. 1 in Nashville on December 28, 1864. Diagnosis: Burns of face and entire anterior surface of body. He died in hospital on January 18, 1865. His burial was listed at City Cemetery, Nashville, Grave # 11438. J.A. Turpin, White Turpin's younger brother enlisted at Fayette, Mississippi, on April 3, 1861. He was also a member of Darden's Battery (Artillery). His account of White's death differs from the Federal report. In 1913, the *Confederate Veteran* provided their readers with J.A. Turpin's account of White Turpin's death. "... My company was stationed in an apple orchard just back of the Bradford House... My brother White Turpin was mortally wounded during the fight in the apple orchard... by the explosion of a caisson." CSA soldiers were stationed near the Bradford House off Granny White Pike. [Note: Battle of Franklin took place on November 30, 1864. Battle of Nashville on December 15 & December 16, 1864. Future research may reveal more facts about his death]. J.A. Turpin continued in CSA service until taken a prisoner of war in May 4, and paroled 15 days later at Jackson, Miss.

W.R. Cornelius, local undertaker employed by the Federal Army to bury U.S. and CSA soldiers recorded the burial of White Turpin, Darden's Battery, on January 18, 1865. The Federal Records identified White Turpin's grave number 11438 City Cemetery. On November 3, 1866, his mother Laura Turpin arranged for the reburial of her son White in a new lot at City Cemetery. His mother placed a handsome monument with an inspirational message over his grave. And she had inscribed on the monument "Erected by his mother."

Sources

U.S. Census 1860. Jefferson County, Mississippi. Household of Joseph A. Turpin

Military service & death records on fold3. On-line

W.R. Cornelius Burial Records. Microfilm 1510. TSLA

Confederate Magazine, Volume 21, 1913. J.A. Turpin's account

Interment listing November 3, 1866 and White Turpin's Tombstone. City Cemetery website

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