

## "Died on the Field of Honor"

Ten Virginia Military Institute cadets were killed in battle on May 15, 1864, or died later as a result of participation in the battle.

- Samuel Francis Atwill. Born 1846, Westmoreland Co., Virginia; Cadet Corporal, Co. A; Died July 20, 1864, in Staunton. "Struck in the calf of the leg, his wound was considered severe, though not dangerous...he was attacked with lockjaw, and died in the most excruciating agony."
- William Henry Cabell. Born 1845, Richmond, Virginia; First Sergeant, Co. D; killed in battle. "...dead in the path of the [cadet] charge, his head pierced and torn by the fragment of a shell."
- Charles Gay Crockett. Born 1846, near Wytheville, Virginia; cadet Private, Co. D.; Died on the battlefield, "pierced through the heart with a bullet."
- Alva Curtis Hartsfield. Born 1844, Wake Co., North Carolina; Private, Co. B.; Died June, 26, 1864, Petersburg, Va.;
- Luther Cary Haynes. Born 1845; cadet Private, Co. C; died June 15, 1864 in hospital at Richmond, Va.;
- Thomas Garland Jefferson. Born 1847, Amelia Co., Va.; cadet Private, Co. B; died May 18, 1864.
- Henry Jenner Jones. Born 1847, King William Co., Virginia; cadet Private, Co. D; Died in battle, killed instantly by the explosion of a shell.
- William Hugh McDowell. Born 1846, Iredell Co., North Carolina; cadet private, Co. B; died in battle; "...it was a sight to wring one's heart. That little boy was lying there asleep, more fit, indeed, for the cradle than the grave."
- Jaqueline Beverly Stanard. Born ca. 1844, Orange Co., Virginia; cadet Private, Co. B.; died in battle.
- Joseph Christopher Wheelwright; Born 1846, Westmoreland Co., Va.; cadet Private, Co. C; died June 2, 1864.

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