

William M. Pinnell
and
Letus S. McCrary Pinnell

Letus S. McCrary Pinnell is buried in the Peachtree Baptist Church cemetery. The tombstone gives her birth as January 21, 1842 and her death as July 31, 1903. Beside her tombstone is a marker bearing only the initials W. M. P. This presumably is her husband William M. Pinnell. His date of death is not known.

William M. Pinnell was born between 1842 and 1846. (1860 census shows age 16; 1880 census shows age 38.) He was the son of Richard Pinnell, a house carpenter (1860 census) and probably the brother of Jonathan Pinnell, a wheelwright (1860 census).

1850. Letus S. McCrary Pinnell is found on the 1850 census of DeKalb County census living with her parents in the Buckhead district of the county (now in Fulton County), on page 138 as follows:

Thomas McCrary, age 44, male, farmer, no real estate, born in South Carolina.

Rachel McCrary, age 41, female, born in North Carolina.

Mary J. McCrary, age 17, female, born in Georgia.

Alexander McCrary, age 12, male, born in Georgia.

Martha A. McCrary, age 11, female, born in Georgia.

Lettus J. (sic) McCrary, age 8, female, born in Georgia.

Christian McCrary, age 6, male, born in Georgia.

Zachry G. McCrary, age 2, male, born in Georgia.

1860. I have not found this family in the 1860 census except for Mary J. McCrary, who is shown as living with the family of John McMicken, a miller, in the Buckhead district. She is shown as having the occupation of "House Girl."

1860 William Pinnell is listed in the 1860 census of DeKalb County, Georgia, in the 531st (Decatur) Georgia Militia District, page 308, as follows:

Richard Pinnell, age 60, male, house carpenter, born in South Carolina.

Jane Pinnell, age 55, female, domestic, born in South Carolina.

Mary J. Pinnell, age 17, female, domestic, born in Georgia.

William Pinnell, age 16, male, farmer, born in Georgia.

1862. William Pinnell appears on a DeKalb County list of men subject to military duty dated March 4, 1862.

1862-1864. Compiled Service Records of Men in Military Organizations from the State of Georgia have the military service record of William M. Pinnell² (filed under Pennell) as a private in Company F, 36th (Broyles⁴) Regiment Georgia Volunteer Infantry. The records show the following:

Muster roll for May 1, 1863, to August 31, 1863, show he enlisted April 10, 1862, at Atlanta, Georgia. At the time the roll was made out he was absent, "wounded accidentally (at home)." No further records of his regiment are extant except that he appears on two registers of payments showing he was paid for service between March 1 and December 31, 1863, receiving a total of \$110.

He is listed on a register of prisoners of war taken at Versailles, Kentucky, shipped from Louisville, Ky., to Cairo, Ill., on the Steamboat Belle Creole December 14, 1862 (one of 272 prisoners), says he was captured at Versailles, Ky., on October 11, 1862, that he is 19 years old; height, 5'7"; eyes, blue; hair, light; complexion, light. Another similar register shows he was discharged

on taking the oath (which probably meant he was allowed to go home provided he would not re-enter service until exchanged).

He apparently re-entered service since he appears on a register of prisoners of war at Fort Delaware, Delaware, which says he was captured at Champion Hill on May 17, 1863,, and was exchanged July 4, 1863.

His name appears on an oath of allegiance to the U. S. by "deserters from the Rebel Army" and on related papers which say he took the oath September 20, 1864, and was to remain north of the Ohio River for the remainder of the war.

1869. William W. Pinnell and Lettus (sic) S. McCrary were married December 14, 1869 by Thomas N. Paden, Justice of the Peace in DeKalb County. (DeKalb County marriages, book B, page 270.) Note: the Justice of the Peace, Thomas N. Paden was the father of Emma Wilson Paden Tuggle, and the father-in-law of John Tyler Tuggle.

1870. Letus S. McCrary Pinnell's mother and family are listed in the 1870 census of DeKalb County living in the Decatur district. Her father is not listed as being with the family (Had he died?). The family members living there were Rachel, Mary J., Christian E., and Zachariah (not shown as Zachry).

1880. William and Letus S. Pinnell appear on the 1880 census of DeKalb County as residents of the 572nd (Browning's) Georgia Militia District, enumeration district 55, page 13, as follows:

William M. (sic) Pinnell, white, male, age 38, married, farming, born in Georgia, parents born in South Carolina. Census indicates that he was maimed, crippled, or disabled.

Lettie (sic) S. Pinnell, white, female, wife, age 39, married, keeping house, born in Georgia as were parents.

Alice J. Pinnell, white, female, daughter, age 10, attended school in year, born in Georgia.

Charlie M. Pinnell, white, male, son, age 5, born in Georgia.

Thomas A. Pinnell, white, male, son, age 4, born in Georgia.

Willie T. Pinnell, white, male, son, born in August 1879 in Georgia.

Searches

DeKalb County estates records index does not show any record for William M. or Letus Pinnell.