

## **Easterling Civil War Soldiers: Military Records of All Easterlings**

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I have written a book on the Easterling soldiers in the Civil War. We are in the midst of the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of that war (1861-1865). For the next four years, various battles will be in the news as each hits its 150<sup>th</sup> year. We all know Civil War history but do not know the history of the Easterling men who served in that war. For example, 14 Easterling men became POWs when Vicksburg, MS fell on July 4, 1863. This book has the military records of all 157 Easterling soldiers from the National Archives. I sent a copy to Les Easterling for his approval. He suggested I publish it and make it available to other family members. My book contains 200 pages, hard bound, and cost of the book is \$25.00 postage paid.

What is in the book? It has a one or two paragraph summary of every Easterling soldier's military records. It gives the date each enlisted, where, which unit, and by whom. It includes highlights of Easterlings in the war. With it, you can learn what your ancestor experienced in the war.

The goal of the book is to inform Easterlings about the Civil War records of their (great) grandfather or (great) uncle. Send an email to [roytwise@comcast.net](mailto:roytwise@comcast.net) if you are interested in a copy. I got my interest in family history from my Mother, Virginia Easterlin Wise, and my cousin Josie (Josephine Easterlin). Both researched the Easterling family in Georgia for 60 years. This all began when I researched my Great Great Grandfather. That was fun, so I kept going until I researched all Easterlings.

Here are some Easterling facts:

- \* Lt. Colonel William Kennon Easterling of the 46<sup>th</sup> MS Infantry was the highest ranking Easterling. He was a field commander of a Regiment.
- \* The 3<sup>rd</sup> MS State Troops Cavalry was known as "Easterling's Calvary."
- \* Easterling officers: one Lt. Col., two Captains, 11 lieutenants, 17 Sergeants, and 16 Corporals
- \* Confederate Easterling soldiers were from every Southern state from South Carolina to Texas, except North Carolina. Union Easterling soldiers were from Kentucky, Missouri, Ohio, and West Virginia.
- \* The 21<sup>st</sup> SC Infantry had 13 Easterlings and the 24<sup>th</sup> SC Infantry had 7.
- \* Eighty percent of Easterling soldiers had a brother in the war; often in the same company.
- \* James Easterling of Kentucky had three sons in the Union Army and one son in the Confederacy.
- \* On Christmas Day 1861 five Easterlings enlisted in the 21<sup>st</sup> SC Infantry. Three of the five died in the war.
- \* An Easterling soldier died in each of these battles: Cold Harbor, Gettysburg, Jackson, Petersburg, and Atlanta.
- \* Duties of Easterling soldiers included being a musician, cook, blacksmith, cattle driver, deserter catcher, carpenter, mechanic, and railroad crosstie cutter.

**NOTE TO MEMBERS - This book was written and published by Roy Wise as a "not for profit" publication and endorsed by EFGS. It is a must-have for anyone with interest in our Easterling Family Civil War history. For more information on how to purchase this book, you may contact EFGS at 601-894-2642.**