# Thomas A. Fleming

**North Carolina 52nd Infantry** 



Residence Cabarrus County, NC; a 32-year-old Farmer. Enlisted on 5/14/1862 at Cabarrus County, NC as a Private

On 5/14/1862, he mustered into "A" Co. North Carolina 52nd Infantry.

(Date and method of discharge not given.)

Wounded 7/1/1863 Gettysburg, PA
Returned 7/10/1863 (place not stated)
POW 7/14/1863 Falling Waters, MD
Transferred 8/8/1863 Point Lookout, MD
Confined Old Capitol Prison, Washington, DC (date not stated)
Paroled 3/3/1864 Point Lookout, MD
Exchanged 3/6/1864 City Point, VA
Returned 7/15/1864 (place not stated) (Estimated day)
Hospitalized 10/23/1864 Richmond, VA
Furloughed 12/9/1864 (place not stated) (60 days

#### **Promotions**

Sergeant 7/15/1862 (Estimated day)

#### **KENANSVILLE SIDE-KNIFE**



This Kenansville made side-knife came from the family and direct decedents of **Thomas A Fleming** of Concord; Cabarrus County, NC. Fleming was a Private in **"A" Co. North Carolina 52nd Infantry**. He enlisted 5/14/1862; was wounded at Gettysburg; was a Prisoner-of-War; and Furloughed 12/9/1864. It is not known if he had this knife at Gettysburg or when captured.



The knife is 20 inches long with a 14-3/4" long by 1 3/4" wide spear-point blade that matches identified examples made by Louis Froelich, C.S. Armory, Kenansville, North Carolina. On page 86 of the book "Confederate Bowie Knives" by Jack Milton; Josh Phillips & John Sexton, there is an image of a knife with the same blade design. However, this one is a little different with a carved slabbed grip and a unique brass cup shape guard that gives it a cutlass look. The guard has great casting flaws and hammer marks, and is tight with amazing patina; the grip is firm with three steel pins; and the blade has great untouched patina. This is totally original and the only know Kenansville knife in this configuration.





### 52nd Regiment, North Carolina Infantry

52nd Regiment, North Carolina Infantry completed its organization at Camp Mangum, near Raleigh, North Carolina, in April, 1862. Its members were raised in the counties of Cabarrus, Randolph, gates, Chowan, Stokes, Richmond, Wilkes, Lincoln, Stanly, and Forsyth. The unit fought at Goldsboro, then moved to Virginia where it was brigaded under Generals Pettigrew, Kirkland, and MacRae. It fought with the Army of Northern Virginia from Gettysburg, had 2 killed and 25 wounded in the fight at Bristoe, and surrendered with only 6 officers and 60 men.

#### **History**

The 52nd North Carolina Regiment was formed in 1862. Originally, they were part of the Dept. of North Carolina. They were transferred to the Army of Northern Virginia just before Gen. Lee's Northern Invasion into Pennsylvania. They were assigned to Brig. Gen. J.J. Pettigrew's Brigade, Heth's Division, Hill's Corps. Pettigrew's Brigade was heavily engaged July 1st at Gettysburg against the Union I Corps. After heavy fighting and casualties, they helped forced the Union I Corps to retreat thru the streets of Gettysburg to Cemetery Hill. Pettigrew's Brigade suffered very heavy losses the first day and were held in reserve July 2nd at Gettysburg. On July 3rd, Gen. Pettigrew assumed command of Gen. Heth's division due to Gen. Heth's head wound received July 1st. The 52nd N.C., along with Gen. Pettigrew's entire division, where temporarily transferred to Lt. Gen. James Longstreet's command and where assigned the left-wing position of the Pickett-Pettigrew-Trimble Charge at the Union center on Cemetery Hill. Suffering major casualties, they were forced to retreat. They were assigned the rear guard of the Army of Northern Virginia during Gen. Lee's retreated back to Virginia. Brig. Gen. Pettigrew was mortally wounded during the retreat when fighting near Falling Waters, Maryland. The 52nd continued fighting at battles such as Bristoe, Wilderness, Battle of the Crater, Petersburg, and others for the remainder of the war and surrendered at Appomattox along with the rest of the Army of Northern Virginia in 1865. The unit surrendered 60 men and 6 officers.

#### **Formation**

Company A - "Cabarrus Riflemen" Cabarrus County

#### **Regimental Statistics**

- Organized on Apr 22 1862
- Mustered out on Apr 9 1865
- Enlisted or commissioned: 1296
- Drafted: 31
- Transferred in: 44
- Killed or died of wounds: 115
- Died of disease: 223Prisoner of war: 602
- Died while prisoner of war: 103
- Disabled: 26
  Missing: 2
  Deserted: 29
  Discharged: 103
  Transferred out: 40

## 52nd North Carolina Infantry Regiment

The 52nd North Carolina Infantry Regiment commissioned or enlisted 1,296 men in the course of the Civil War. Of these, 115 were killed in battle, 223 died of disease, 602 were prisoners of war (of which 103 died in prison), 26 were disabled, 2 were missing, and 29 deserted.

	1862			
April 22	The 52nd North Carolina Infantry Regiment was organized near Raleigh at Camp Mangum under the command of Colonel James K. Marshall (VMI Class of 1860), Lieutenant Colonel Marcus A. Parks. Assigned to the Department of North Carolina.			
	Company A – "Cabarrus Riflemen" – Cabarrus County – Captain George A. Propst.  Company B – "Randolph Guards" – Randolph County – Captain James K.			
	Foulkes.  Company C – "Orapeake Guards" – Gates County – Captain Julian Gilliam.  Company D – "McCulloch"s Avengers" – Stokes County – Leonidas R. Gibson.  Company E – "Richmond Regulators" – Richmond County – Captain Benjamin F.  Little.			
	Company F – "Wilkes Grays" – Wilkes County – Captain Nathaniel A. Foster.  Company G – "Dry Pond Dixies" – Lincoln County – Captain Joseph B. Shelton.  Company H – "Spring Hill Guards" – Lincoln County – Captain Eric Erson.  Company I – "Stanly Rebels" – Stanly County – Captain George C. McCain.  Company K – "Fighting Boys" – Forsyth County – Captain Julius C. Blackburn.			
July	Assigned to Martin's Brigade, Department of North Carolina.			
July 2	Captain Foulkes of Company B resigned and was replaced by First Lieutenant Jesse W. Kyle.			
August 28	Captain Shelton of Company G resigned and was replaced by First Lieutenant James M. Kincaid.			
September	Assigned to Pettigrew's Brigade, French's Command, Department of North Carolina and Southern Virginia.			
October 3	Blackwater River			
November 26	Captain Propst of Company A resigned. He was replaced by First Lieutenant John Alexander.			
December	Goldsborough Bridge			

	The regiment lost 8 men killed, 51 wounded and 9 captured.			
	1863			
February-April Assigned to Pettigrew's Brigade, D. H. Hill's Command, Department Carolina and Southern Virginia.				
April	Assigned to Pettigrew's Brigade, Department of North Carolina.			
May-June	Assigned to Pettigrew's Brigade, Department of Richmond.			
June	Assigned to Pettigrew's-Kirkland's-MacRae's Brigade, Heth's Division, 3rd Corps, Army of Northern Voirginia.			
	Battle of Gettysburg			
	The regiment was commanded by Colonel James K. Marshall. Colonel Marshall took over the brigade as senior colonel after General Pettigrew replaced the wounded General Heth on July 1. Marshall was killed while leading the brigade or horseback during Pickett's Charge on July 3. Lieutenant Colonel Marcus A. Parks took over command of the regiment. Major John Richardson was killed on July 3. Captain McCain of Company I and Captain Blackburn of Company K were killed on July 1.			
	The regiment lost 37 men killed, 214 wounded and 212 captured.			
July 1-4	After the battle Lieutenant Colonel Parks would be promoted to colonel, Captain Benjamin F. Little of Company E was promoted to lieutenant colonel, and Captain Eric Erson of Company H was promoted to major. First Lieutenant Milton S. Austin became captain of Company E, First Lieutenant Lawson A. Dillenger became captain of Company H, First Lieutenant James D. Hearne became captain of Company I, and First Lieutenant Junius W. Goslin became captain of Company K.			
	From the monument to Pettigrew's Brigade on the Gettysburg battlefield:			
	July 1. Crossing Willoughby Run at 2 P. M. met the 1st Brigade 1st Division First Corps in Reynolds Woods and drove it back after a bloody struggle. Advancing to the summit of the ridge encountered and broke a second Union line and was then relieved by troops of Pender's Division.			
	July 2. Lay in woods west of the Run. In evening took position near here.			
	July 3. In Longstreet's assault the Brigade occupied the right center of the Division and the course of the charge brought it in front of the high stone wall north of the Angle and 80 yards farther east, it advanced very nearly to that wall. A few reached it but were captured. The skeleton regiments retired led by Lieutenants and the Brigade by a Major the only field officer left.			

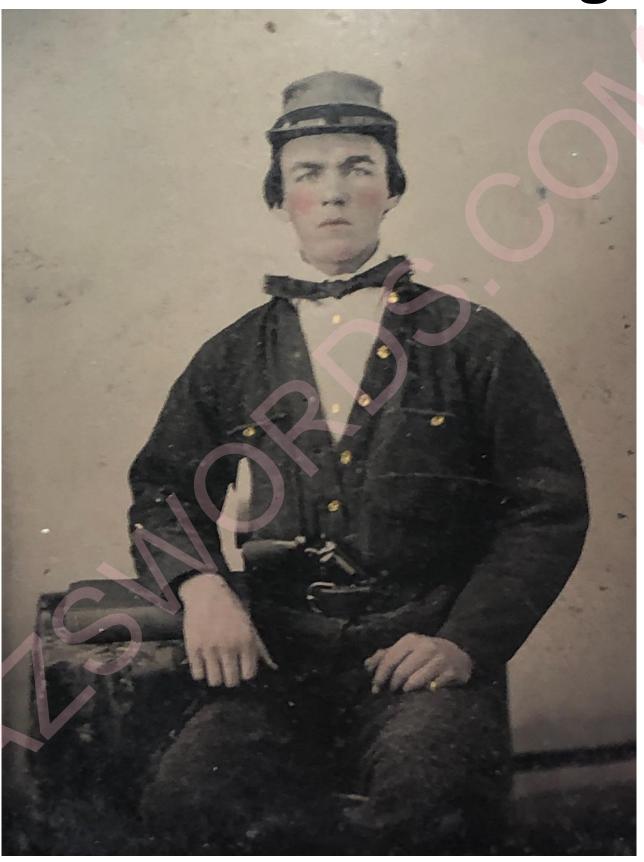
July 4. After night withdrew and began the march to Hagerstown.					
July 10	Falling Waters  The regiment lost 5 wounded and 72 captured while acting as the rear guard for Lee's army as it crossed the Potomac into West Virginia. Captain Foster of Company F was captured.				
October- November	Bristoe Campaign				
October 14	Bristoe Station  The regiment lost 2 men killed, 25 wounded, and 46 captured.				
December	December Mine Run Campaign				
	1864				
May 5-6	Battle of the Wilderness The regiment lost 5 men wounded and 39 captured.				
May 8-21	Battle of Spotsylvania Court House  The regiment lost Captain Gibson of Company D was killed, 11 men wounded and 10 captured.				
May 22-26	North Anna				
June 1-3	Battle of Cold Harbor  The regiment lost 3 men killed, 13 wounded and 2 men captured.				
June	Siege of Petersburg				
August 18-24	Globe Tavern				
August 25	Reams' Station  The regiment lost 3 men killed and 7 wounded.				
August 30	Lieutenant Colonel Little resigned. Major Erie Erson was promoted to lieutenant colonel.				

September 30	Jones' Farm				
September 30	Squirrel Level Road				
October 1	Pegram's Farm				
October 2	Harman Road				
October 27	Burgess' Mill				
	1865				
February 5-7	Hatcher's Run The regiment lost 3 men wounded.				
April 2	Sutherland Station (Fall of Petersburg)  The regiment lost 3 men wounded and 85 captured				
April 9	Appomattox Court House  The regiment surrendered 6 officers and 60 enlisted men.				

The regiment's field officers were Colonels James K. Marshall and Marcus A. Parks, Lieutenant Colonels Eric Erson and Benjamin F. Little, and Major John Q. Richardson.



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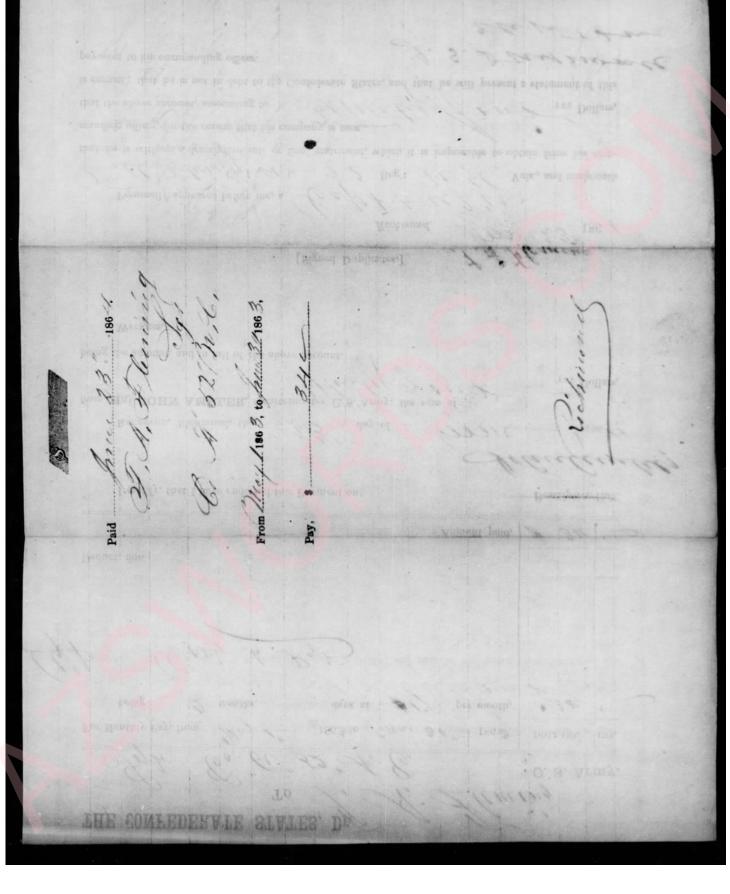
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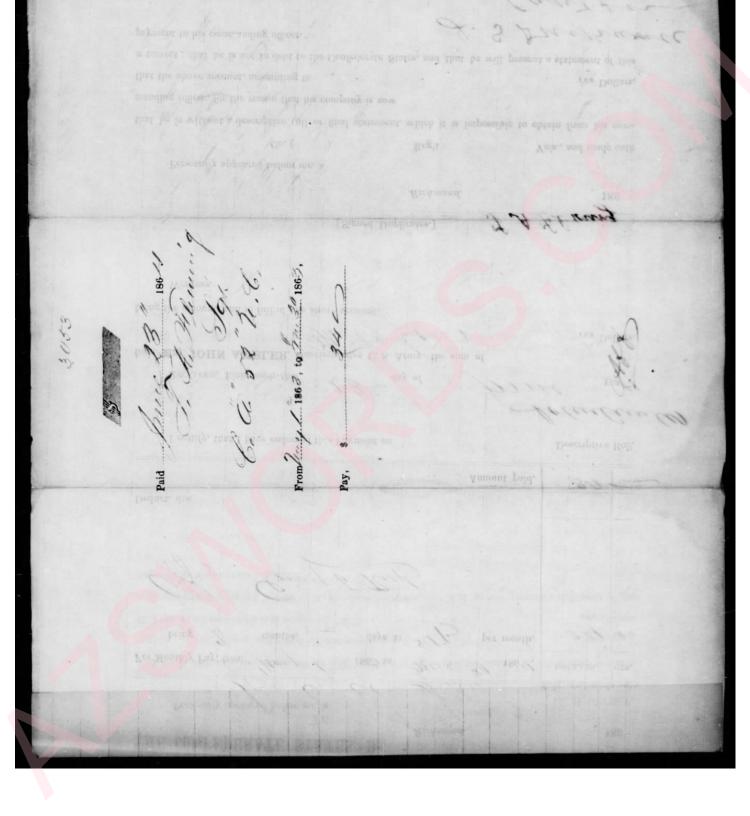
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