

# 41ST ILLINOIS INFANTRY REGIMENT

The 41<sup>st</sup> Illinois Infantry was formed in Decatur, Illinois in August of 1861, Colonel Isaac C Pugh, commanding.

Company D was from Mattoon, with Captain Edmund W True as its commander. Captain Edmund True's son, Theodore E True joined Company D as a Sergeant and eventually rose to the rank of Captain.

Captain Edmund W True was killed in action at Ft Donelson, Tennessee on 14 February 1862.

Two other prominent Mattoon residents, both before and after the war, served in the 41<sup>st</sup> Illinois Infantry.

Joseph Withington, who succeeded Edmund W True as Captain of Company D.

Major Robert McFadden joined the 41st Infantry as a 1st Lieutenant and rose to the rank of Major. He transferred to the 53<sup>rd</sup> Illinois Infantry, where he attained the rank of Colonel.

The 41<sup>st</sup> Illinois Infantry re-enlisted as veterans on 17 March 1864 and were given 30 days furlough at Camp Yates. While at Camp Yates, they received word of the Copperhead Riot in Charleston, Illinois and were rushed to Mattoon, arriving at night. Finding the atmosphere settled down by their arrival, the regiment completed its furlough at Camp Grant.

75 men from Mattoon served in Company D of the 41<sup>st</sup>.

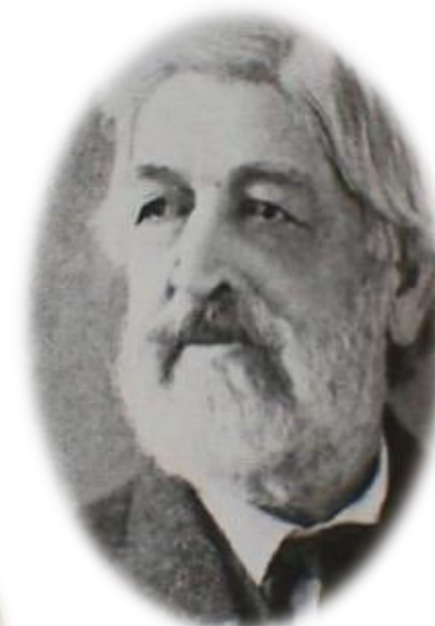
The 41<sup>st</sup> was engaged in several campaigns, including:

Allatoona Pass, Corinth, Ft Donelson, Ft Henry, Jackson, Kennesaw Mountain, Shiloh, and Vicksburg. The 41<sup>st</sup> was also one of the Illinois regiments in the March to the Sea.

The 41<sup>st</sup> Illinois Infantry was consolidated with the 53<sup>rd</sup> Illinois Infantry on 23 December 1864.

Losses for the 41<sup>st</sup> Illinois were: 8 officers and 107 enlisted men killed or mortally wounded and 3 officers and 107 enlisted men by disease.

Joseph Withington



Robert McFadden



Theodore True