

Exploring the CSA Service of Thomas Perry Hix "Tommie/Tom"

b. 1826 Madison County, GA

d. Sep. 25, 1863 Banks County, GA

son of Nathaniel Hix (1800-1874) and Joanna Perry (1807-1891)

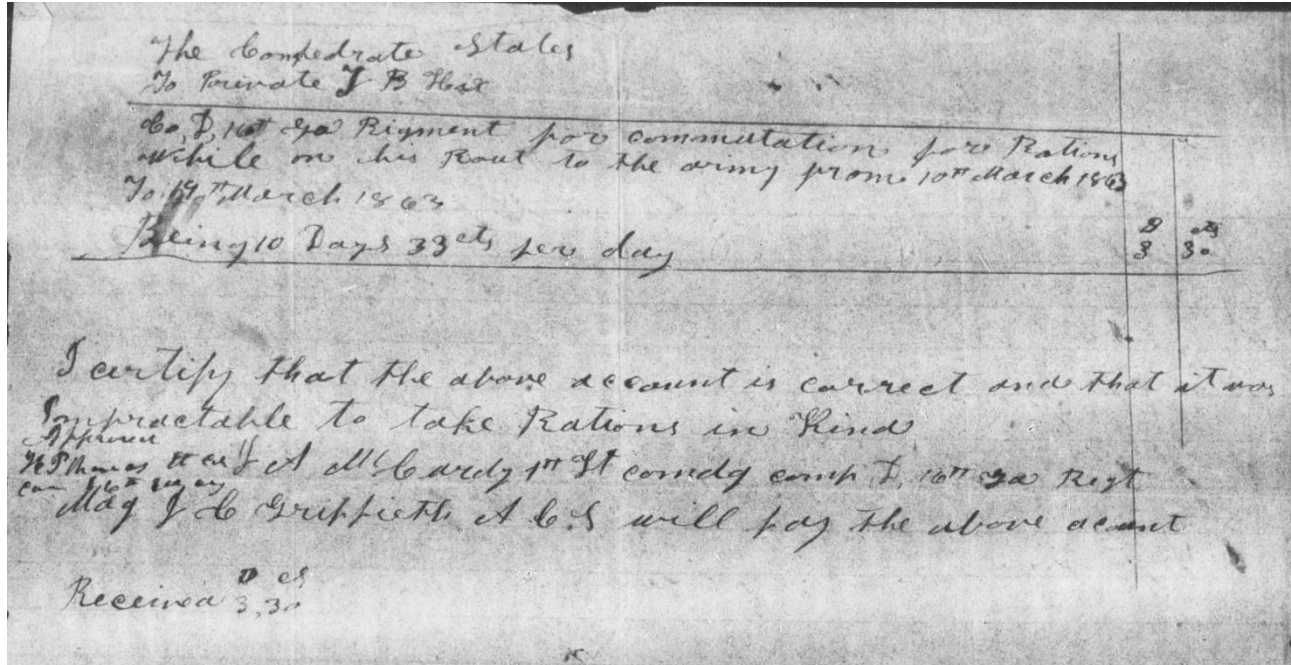
married Sarah Elizabeth Thomas Sep. 15, 1846 Oglethorpe County, GA

written by Dr. Michael M. Black, ggg-grandson

For 10+ years, I have searched for information on the war service of my ggg-grandfather, Tom Hix. I knew that he enlisted in the 16th regiment and served with his brother John B. Hix¹ and his brothers in law, Isaac R. Williams² and James D. Williams, but there was no compiled service cards to be found for Tom Hix. Later I would discover he indeed was a private in Montgomery's Company H, 16th Regiment.

The first line of his will begins: "In the name of God amen I Thomas P Hix of said state and county being about to leave home in the service of my country...." [Banks Co GA Minutes and Wills Book A, page 59, dated **February 8, 1863**]

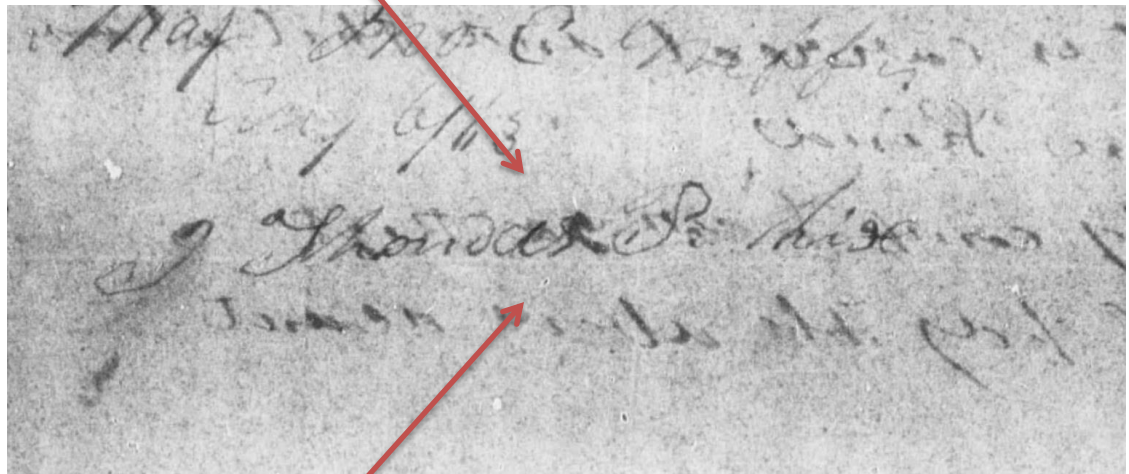
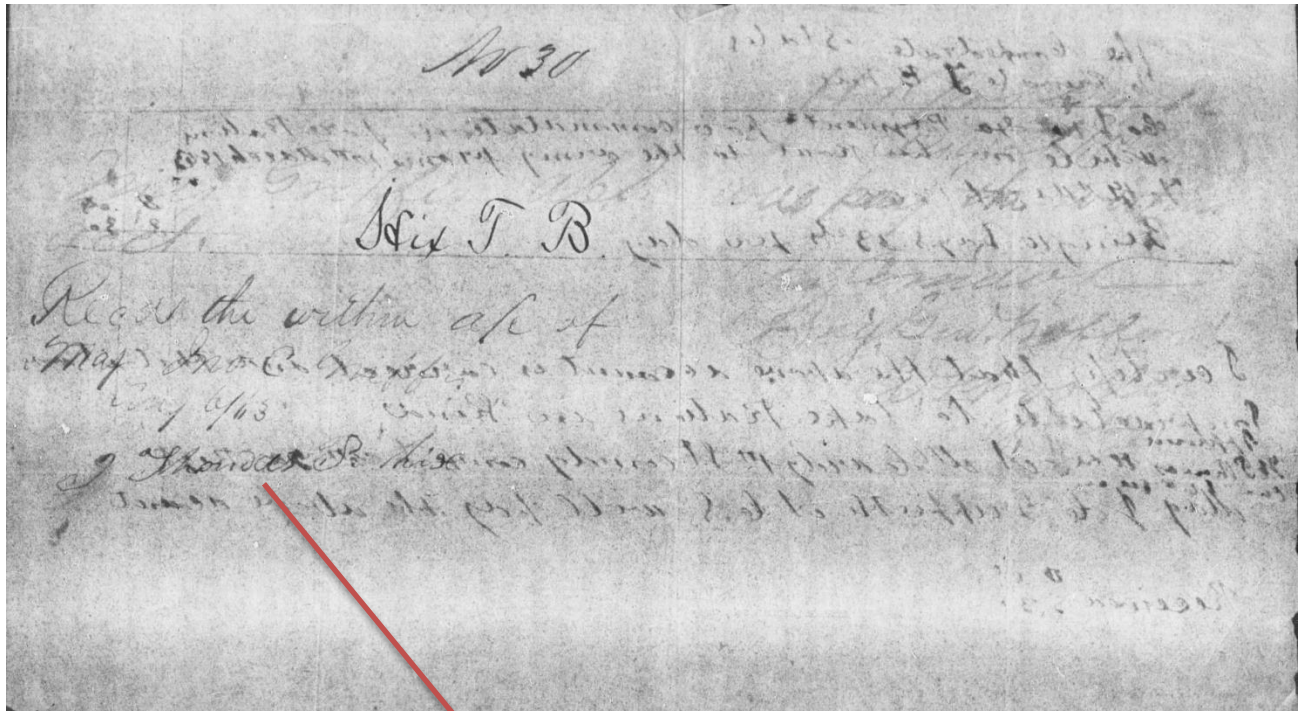
In thoroughly going through the service record of his brother J. B. Hix, I came across some writing that appears T. B. Hix. It would be very easy to mistake a T for J or P for B. In the below card, reimbursement is paid to T. B. Hix for 10 days, **March 10-19, 1863** en route to the army. This coincides nicely with Tom Hix's will dated February 8.



¹ Private Co. D, 16 Georgia Infantry

² Private Co. A, 16th Georgia Battalion Cavalry

On the reverse of the reimbursement receipt is written **Hix T B**



Then more faintly written, do you see what I see?

Rec'd the within.. of
Maj. Jno. C. Griffis
Aug ⁶/₆₃
Thomas P Hix

So my conclusion is that the record of John B. Hix and Thomas P. Hix have been overlapped. Thomas P. Hix only served from March–Sept. 1863 so it would be easy to overlook him as a separate individual.

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Thos P. Hicks
1st, Montgomery Co., 16 Regt.

Name appears on a

Register

of Claims of Deceased Officers and Soldiers from Georgia which were filed for settlement in the Office of the Confederate States Auditor for the War Department.

By whom presented *Sarah E. Hicks, W.*

When filed *Nov. 23, 1863*

Where born _____

Where died *Sept. 25, 1863*

Comptroller:

When reported to *Mar 27, 1865.*

When returned _____, 186 .

Number of settlements:

Certificates _____

Report _____

Amount found due _____

By whom paid _____

No. of Paymasters' Settlements _____

Abstract and No. of Voucher _____

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In a letter from James D. Williams to his wife Clementine Williams, dated September 1, 1863, he stated "Me and Tom [Hix] and John [Hix] meses together. You can tell Sarah [Hix] and Mindy [Hix] that they are both well."

Our oral family history [specifically an uncle Albert Jackson Hix] states that Tom Hix died at home from measles contracted during the service. He and his wife are buried at Black's Creek Baptist Church Cemetery near his parents. I credit a cousin Donald Boney who helped me locate this miscellaneous CSA card. The widow Sarah E. Hix reported the death of Thomas P. Hix as Sept. 25, 1863. If Thomas Hix had died in field service, I suspect his death would have been recorded in war records. Because she reported his death, it likely confirms our family story that Tom Hix died at home. It also appears that the 16th Regiment was in Knoxville, Tennessee about September 1863, so Tom Hix could likely easily have made it home.