

Lemuel B. Smallwood, Jr. **(1 Jan 1840 – 12 Oct 1873)**

Smallwood. On the 12th instant, Lemuel B. Smallwood, in the 33d year of his age. The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend his funeral from the M.E. Church, 4th street southeast, Tuesday afternoon at 2 1/2 o'clock (Balt. Sun please copy).

Lemuel B. Smallwood

Navy Yard Blacksmith and Civil War Sergeant

(by Patricia Smallwood Sheet, Huntingtown, Maryland Research)

Lemuel B. Smallwood was the youngest son of John and Mary (Mills) Smallwood. He was born in Washington, DC on 1 January 1840. He had grey eyes, auburn hair and was 5 feet 10 inches in height at the time of his enlistment in the Army on February 27, 1864. He was assigned to Company F of "Cole's Cavalry," First Regiment Potomac Home Brigade Cavalry. After the burning of Chambersburg, Pa., in July 1864, by a raiding party of Confederate Cavalry, "Cole's Cavalry" assisted in driving the enemy out of Maryland. Later Lemuel was commissioned and transferred to Company M as a Sergeant by Captain Wall. By the winter of 1864-5 "Cole's Cavalry" was assigned to duty in West Virginia for the remainder of the Civil War to protect that section from the Confederate's, under General Rosser and Mosby's Guerrillas. Lemuel was stationed at the following military sites, Harper's Ferry, Virginia; Point Lookout, Maryland and Deep Creek, West Virginia. He was Honorably Discharged from the Army on June 28, 1865.

Before his enlistment in the Army, Lemuel attended the District's school system till he was 12 years old. As a young man he was employed at the Navy Yard in Washington, DC as a blacksmith. He also served with the Washington Light Guards (DC's National Guard).

Lemuel died in Washington, DC on October 12, 1873. He is buried at Congressional Cemetery, Range 70, Site 3, Section D. Pension papers state that he contracted consumption in the service and never recovered from its effects:

Sources:

History and Roster of Maryland Volunteers, War of 1861-5, Vol. 1, pp 655-663; 686 & 699
Census Records
Marriage Certificate
Pension File 214940/197139
Congressional Cemetery Records