

## **G. W. Peacock (1846-1916)**

George W. Peacock was an Army private who fought for the Confederate States of America during the American Civil War. Private Peacock enlisted in April of 1864 at the age of seventeen. He was assigned to Company A, 18<sup>th</sup> Georgia Regiment. The 18<sup>th</sup> Georgia Regiment saw action in the Virginia area during Peacock's military service. The Regiment, down to less than 60 members, was joined with other forces under the command of General James Longstreet at Appomattox, Virginia, as the Confederate Army faced final defeat. When the sounds of artillery silenced that afternoon on April 9, 1865, General Robert E. Lee surrendered to United States General Ulysses S. Grant at the Appomattox Court House. The American Civil War ended.

Coming home to Georgia, George W. Peacock settled in Rockmart. He and his wife were the parents of ten sons. At the time of his death in 1916 he was employed as the county game warden. More than half a century had passed since his brush with history at Appomattox, Virginia.

There are fifteen additional Civil War veterans buried in Rose Hill. The names are, J. M. Arrington, George W. Brock, John M. Carlton, William Dobson, Robert Gann, Moses Godwin, Seaborn Jones, Frank Jones, John Langford, Monroe Lee, James Morris, Thomas Morris, Nathan Sims, Samuel Smith and William Whitehead.

As Rockmart celebrates 150 years, we remember these brave men who found themselves embroiled in war. Without glorifying war and without entering the debate as to the morality of the conflict and the circumstances which lead to arms, we acknowledge the bravery of all who fought for both sides in the American Civil War.

Sources: Findagrave.com

Confederate Soldiers Parole List at Appomattox, Digital List, Appomattox Court House

Roster of Confederate Soldiers of Georgia, [www.familytree.org](http://www.familytree.org)

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