

Edward Mayberry Mobley

1825 - 1906; Raised Company "A", 7th Maryland Reg't



On July 2, 1862 President Lincoln issued a call for 300,000 more volunteers “so as to bring this unnecessary and injurious war to a speedy and satisfactory conclusion.” In response the 7th Maryland Volunteer Infantry was organized in August and September 1862 at Camp Harford in Baltimore. Company A was recruited in Washington County by Edward Mayberry Mobley, the former county sheriff and a Hagerstown firefighter. Mobley enlisted August 8, 1862, and was commissioned Captain of Company A on August 20.

Mobley served with the 7th Maryland until the end of the war and mustered out May 31, 1865 as the regiment's last commander. He was confirmed by the Senate as a Brevet Colonel in 1866 and died in 1906. Mobley is buried in Rose Hill Cemetery in Hagerstown and is also memorialized with a marker in the Hagerstown Circle of Achievement in Hagerstown Memorial Park.

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