

Pvt. Charles H. Scuffin(s), Co. "I"

On July 10, 1863 Union Brigadier General John Buford's cavalry division clashed with Confederate Major General J.E.B. Stuart's cavalry at Funkstown, Maryland. Stuart was serving as the rear guard for the Army of Northern Virginia as it retreated after the Battle of Gettysburg. Two days later the 7th Maryland approached Funkstown and according to Captain Mobley of Company A "had a slight skirmish with the Rebs. Scuffin, private in Company I, Seventh Maryland was wounded in the skirmish." This was the 7th Maryland's first combat casualty since being organized the previous August.

Private Charles H. Scuffin (or Scuffins) was born in Boonsboro, Maryland, in 1829. He enlisted in Company I on August 29, 1862. Fortunately, he returned to duty after recovering from his Funkstown injuries. Charles mustered out in May 1865 with the rest of the 7th Maryland and returned to Boonsboro, eventually receiving a monthly pension of \$6. He married Susan Rebecca Combs in 1868 and together they raised five children. Charles worked as a farm laborer for many years and died in 1900. He is buried in Boonsboro Cemetery. Susan passed away in 1923 and is buried near him.



Above, the Battle of Funkstown historical marker. Below, Lee's retreat from Gettysburg. Left, cenotaph of Pvt. Charles Scuffins.

