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Abstract

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Creator

Updike, Amon W., d. 1865 (53rd Virginia Regiment, Bartons Brigade)

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Biographical Note

Amon W. Updike was a Confederate soldier in Company I, 53rd Virginia Regiment, Bartons Brigade, in the American Civil War. He first enlisted and mustered on April 21, 1862, at Suffolk, Virginia; was hospitalized on June 15, and again on August 31. Updike deserted on May 9, 1863, and returned on November 20. He was imprisoned on April 2, 1865, and died on April 6 at Point Lookout, a Union prisoner of war camp in St. Mary's County, Maryland. He is buried at the Point Lookout Confederate Cemetery.

Source:

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Scope and Content

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