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## James A Campbell

### Civil War



Name: Captain James A Campbell  
**Date of Birth:** December 20 1844  
Place of Birth: Brooklyn New York  
Enlisted: September 8 1862 Kings County NY '3  
Branch: U.S. Army  
Rank: Private Co A, 2nd New York Cavalry  
Transferred: August 29 1864 Co C  
**Conflict: Civil War** ended Sunday April 9 1865  
Mustered Out: June 5 1865 Alexandria VA  
**Date of Death:** May 6 1904  
Place of Death: Fort Snelling Minnesota  
**Burial: Arlington National Cemetery Virginia**  
Spouse: Martha Spence Feb 25 1857-August 7, 1943  
Honors: October 30 1897 for 2 acts of bravery  
October 30, 1897 Medal of Honor



James Alexander Campbell entered the army at the age of 21 for a 3 year term beginning in the fall of 1862 until mid-1865. He served valiantly until the end of the Civil War receiving two medals for bravery. On January 22nd 1865 while James was a private, he rescued his commanding officer at Woodstock Virginia and on April 5th 1865 he captured 2 battle flags at

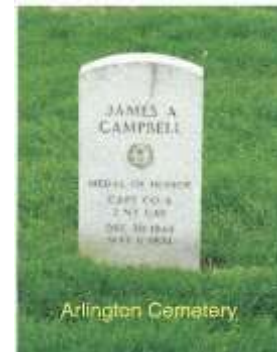
Amelia Courthouse in VA. inscription: ... voluntarily rushed back with one companion while his command was retreating before superior numbers and rescued his commanding officer who had been unhorsed and left behind at Woodstock Virginia:1

example Confederate War Flag

Records show that James enlisted for the 1st time at age 20 on April 23 1861 at Kings County NY in Co F New York 13th Infantry Regiment on April 23 1861 and mustered out on August 6th 1861 at Brooklyn NY and then re-enlisted age 21 in Co A New York 2nd Cavalry Regiment on September 8th 1862 then mustered out on June 5th 1865 at Alexandria Virginia (as stated).

James and Martha moved to Montana about 1880 and had 5 children there, Philip (July 1882), Helen S (July 1884), Minnie R. (February 1886), Alma W (August 31 1890-March 19 1980), and Blanche I (October 31 1892-Nov 19 1987).<sup>4</sup> The 1900 census shows they moved to Minnesota and lived at Fort Snelling until James death in 1904. <sup>2</sup>

**He was buried at Arlington Cemetery in Virginia and when Martha died in 1943 she was buried beside him.\*4**



References: 1 Book "New York in the War of Rebellion 1861-1865 Vol 1 p 437 by Frederick Phisterer 1912.

2 Ancestry.com U.S. Civil War Soldier Records and Profiles 1861-1865

3 NY Report of the Adjutant General Deeds of Valor p 362

4 Find a Grave Memorial #99510221 Alma W & Blanche I