

## LT. COLONEL THOMAS MORRIS

### Captain, B 7 W.Va. Infantry & Lt. Colonel 15 W.Va. Infantry

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Service Record: "KIA at Snicker's Ferry, Va. July 18, 1864." "Left on battlefield." At age 39, he joined for duty, enrolled & mustered in on Aug. 7, 1861 at Cameron; Captain. He resigned Sept. 22, 1862 to accept promotion to Major, 15<sup>th</sup> W.Va. Inf. At age 40, he was commissioned Lt. Col. of the 15th.

He was born in Greene Co., Pa. in 1823, the son of Ephraim Morris and Martha Roseberry/Rosebury, of Center Township, Greene County. He was living with his family in Greene County in 1850. He married Elizabeth Glenn on Mar. 9, 1853 at Jacksonville, Greene Co. Thomas was a Distiller and they lived in Marshall County, W.Va. at the time of the 1860 census. Their children were Martha E., James, Jane B., and Thomas L. - The widow received a pension, Certificate #47420. Children named in the pension application were James Morris, Jennie Bell, Thomas Linsey, William M., & Asa W. - Elizabeth Morris died in Colorado in 1914.

1860 Federal Census, Marshall County, (West) Virginia  
MORRIS (1306)  
Thomas...37-wm...distiller...PA  
Elisabeth...35-wf...PA  
Martha E...6-wf...PA  
James...5-wm...PA  
Jane B...3-wf...VA  
Thomas L...1-wm...VA

From: *Loyal West Virginia 1861-1865*, by Theodore Lang: **The Fifteenth Infantry was organized September, 1862, with Maxwell McCaslin, colonel; Thomas Morris, lieutenant colonel; the latter having won his advancement by meritorious conduct as captain in the Seventh West Virginia Infantry.** Milton Wells, was commissioned major by Governor Pierpont, October 16, 1862. Major Wells assisted in recruiting this regiment, and like Lieutenant-Colonel Morris, had seen hard service; first as a private of Company D, 27th Ohio Infantry; later was commissioned captain of the same company, serving as such with his regiment in Missouri until August, 1862, when he resigned to accept promotion in the 15th W. Va. Infantry, rendering special service as drill master. This regiment took an active and gallant part in all the battles of the Shenandoah Valley, from the time of its organization until the last battle of Cedar Creek. - At the battle of Snicker's Ferry, Va., July 18, 1864, Lieutenant-Colonel Morris was killed, and on August 8, 1864, Major Wells was promoted to lieutenant-colonel.....