

CIVIL WAR
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CHESTER

THE POPULATION IN 1860 WAS 1,015 (RANK 136)

THE MOST IMPORTANT DAY OF THE CIVIL WAR

MAY 3, 1863

CHANCELLORSVILLE, VA

THE THIRD DAY OF THE BATTLE

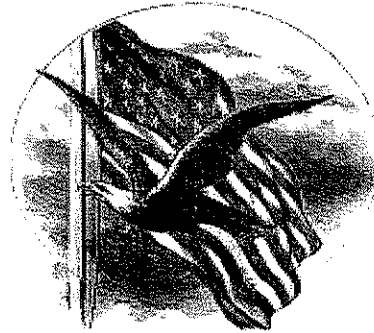
More soldiers credited to Chester were listed as casualties (6) on this day than on any other day of the war. Five soldiers were wounded and 1 was wounded & captured in the 20th Connecticut. All survived the war.

The date May 3, 1863 ranks 3rd for total casualties (577) (36 killed, 1 missing, 138 wounded, 372 captured, 29 wounded & captured) for a single day for the State of Connecticut. The most casualties were at Chancellorsville, VA (556). The other casualties were at Providence Church Road, VA (12), Suffolk, VA (6), Port Hudson, LA (2) and Fredericksburg, VA (1).

The Battle of Chancellorsville (May 1-3, 1863) ranks 2nd for total casualties (677) for an engagement for the State of Connecticut. The most intense fighting developed on May 3 and Chester had all of its casualties on that date.

The Battle of Chancellorsville with 6 total casualties for Chester was the highest number of casualties for any single engagement of the war for the town.

The Battle of Chancellorsville was an enormous defeat for the more than 70,000 Union soldiers who had moved against the flank and rear of 40,000 Confederate soldiers. Unfortunately, the Union Army had pulled back and had gone on the defensive around Chancellorsville. The Confederate victory was tainted however, by the loss of Confederate Major General "Stonewall" Jackson.



82 MEN CREDITED TO CHESTER SERVED IN THE FOLLOWING CONNECTICUT ORGANIZATIONS

<u>REGIMENT</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
11 TH	14 (17%)
20 TH	12 (15%)
30 TH	12 (15%)
1 ST HEAVY ARTILLERY	11 (13%)
24 TH	6 (7%)
29 TH	6 (7%)
8 TH	4 (5%)
7 TH	3 (4%)
1 ST CAVALRY	2 (2%)
3 RD LIGHT BATTERY	2 (2%)
6 TH	2 (2%)
10 TH	2 (2%)
15 TH	2 (2%)
26 TH	2 (2%)
5 TH	1
13 TH	1
22 ND	1
27 TH	1

8% OF POPULATION

THREE WERE KILLED

The first Chester soldiers killed were Privates Joseph R. Barker and James Lombard of the 26TH Connecticut. Both were killed at Port Hudson, LA on May 27, 1863.

CHESTER SOLDIERS KILLED

<u>PLACE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>NO.</u>
Port Hudson, LA (26 TH)	5/27/63	2
Petersburg, VA (29 TH)	8/29/64	1

THIRTEEN WERE CAPTURED

One Chester soldier died in captivity at Salisbury, NC.

**CHESTER CAPTURED
*(1) DIED IN CAPTIVITY**

<u>PLACE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>NO.</u>
Culpeper, VA (5 TH)	8/9/62	1
Chancellorsville, VA (5, 20 TH) (1 WOUNDED)	5/3/63	5
Drewry's Bluff, VA (7, 11 TH)	5/16/64	2
Bermuda Hundred, VA (6 TH)	6/17/64	1
Petersburg, VA (30 TH) (1 WOUNDED)	7/30/64	1
Cedar Run Church, VA (1 CA)	10/17/64	1
Cedar Creek, VA (1 CA) *	10/19/64	1
Kinston, NC (15 TH)	3/8/65	1

TOTAL CHESTER CASUALTIES

DIED	12	15%
KILLED	3	4%
WOUNDED	10	12%
CAPTURED	13	16%
DESERTED	4	5%

TEN WERE WOUNDED

The first Chester soldier wounded was Private Frederick D. Culver of Company K, 11TH Connecticut. He was wounded at the Battle of Antietam, MD on September 17, 1862 and recovered from his wound. Two Chester soldiers died from a wound received during the war.

**CHESTER WOUNDED
*(2) DIED FROM WOUNDS**

<u>PLACE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>NO.</u>
Antietam, MD (11 TH) *	9/17/62	1
Olustee, FL (7 TH)	2/20/64	1
Chester Station, VA (6 TH)	5/10/64	1
Resaca, GA (20 TH)	5/15/64	1
Drewry's Bluff, VA (11 TH)	5/16/64	1
Cold Harbor, VA (11 TH)	6/2/64	1
Atlanta, GA (5 TH)	7/20/64	1
Peach Tree Creek, GA (20 TH)	7/20/64	1
Petersburg, VA (30 TH)	7/30/64	1
Bentonville, NC (20 TH) *	3/19/65	1

