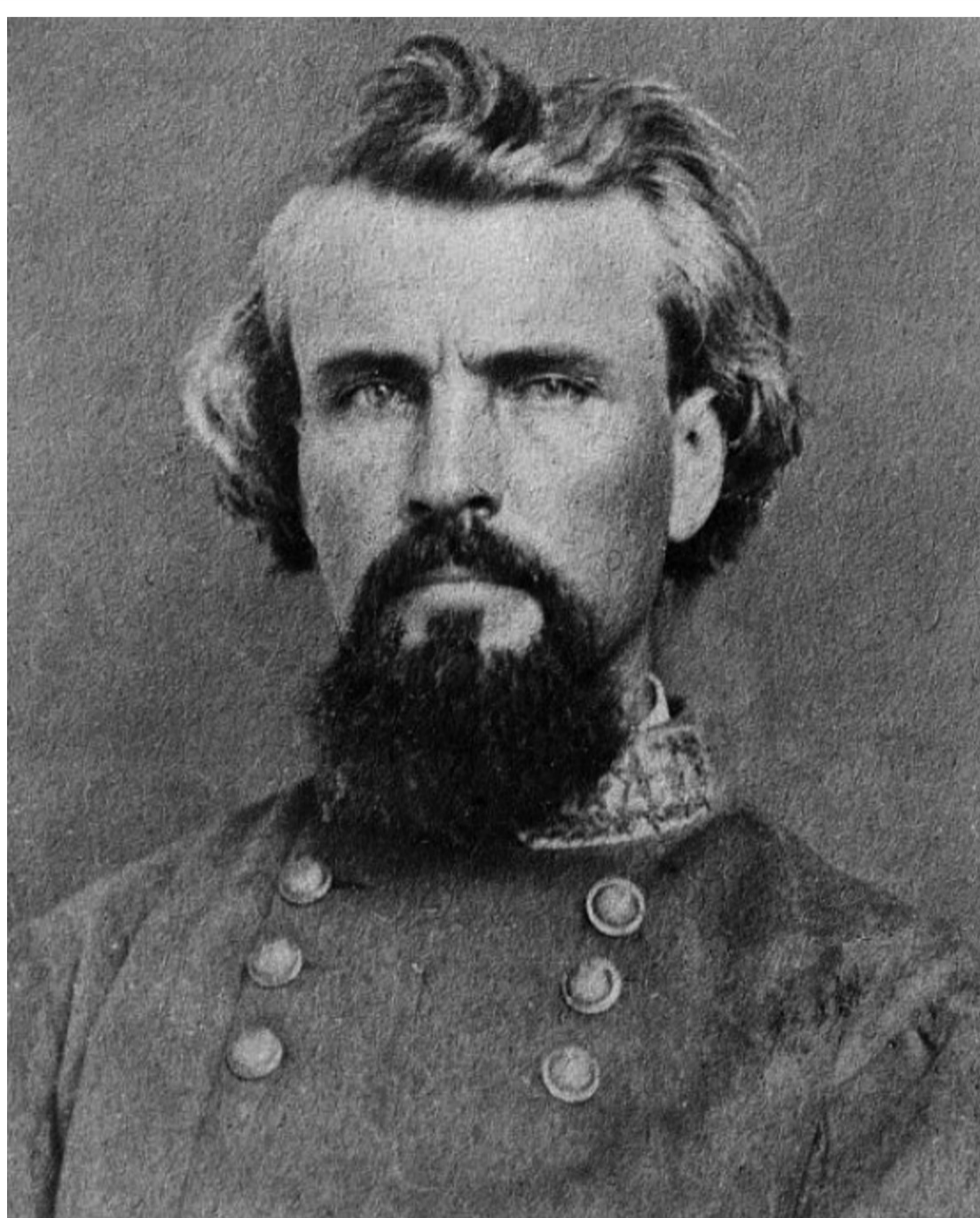




Forrest's Family

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Confederate Gen. Nathan Bedford Forrest is one of the most recognized participants of the Civil War. His exploits, personality, wealth, and postwar events are well documented. What about his brothers and sisters? Who were they? What did they do?

Here is a brief accounting of General Forrest's parents and siblings.

The general's father was **William Forrest**, born 1801 in Orange County, North Carolina. In 1809 his family moved to what is now Marshall County, Tennessee. He married **Miriam Beck** (she was 6 feet tall and weighed 180 pounds). In 1834 William and Miriam moved to Salem in Tippah (now Benton) County, Mississippi, near the present community of Ashland. He died in 1837 at Salem, Mississippi. He was a blacksmith.

William and Miriam had 11 children:

Nathan B. and **Frances** (Fanny) were both born July 13, 1821. Fanny died of scarlet fever in 1838. She is buried in Tippah County, Mississippi. The well-known Nathan died October 29, 1877.

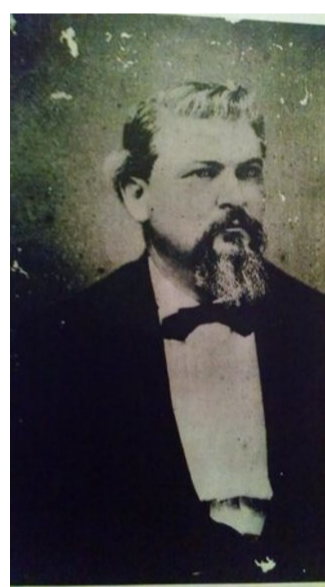
John was born in 1822 and died in Dresden, Tennessee in 1876. He served in the Mexican War, where he was shot and partially paralyzed in his legs. He became a jailer and gambler.



Aaron H. Forrest



Miriam Beck Forrest Luxton



Jesse A. Forrest

William H. 'Bill' was born in 1825 and died in 1871 in Hickman County, Tennessee. He was wounded at the battle of Days Gap, Alabama. He ran slave businesses in St. Louis and Vicksburg, Mississippi, prior to the war.

Mary was born in 1826 and died in 1837.

Jesse A. was born April 8, 1829, and died December 14, 1890 in Memphis. He was Lieutenant Colonel of the 20th Tennessee Infantry, CSA. He was wounded at Athens, Alabama, on September 24, 1864. He was part of Hood's Invasion of Tennessee in 1864. After the war he owned a livery stable.

Milly was born in 1831 and died in 1837.

Aaron H. was born on April 8, 1833, and died in 1864 of pneumonia. He is presumed to be buried somewhere in Weakley Co, Tennessee. He was a captain in the 6th MS Battalion, State Troops, CSA.

Isaac was born and died in 1834.

Bedford was born in 1834. He was Isaac's twin. He also died at a young age. He and Isaac maybe buried at the Forrest home on Pyles Road in Benton, now Marshall, County, Tennessee.

Jeffrey was born in Salem, Mississippi, in 1837 and died February 22, 1864, at the battle of Okolona, Mississippi. He was a captain in the 7th Tennessee Cavalry, CSA and was with Nathan at the battle of and their escape from Fort Donelson, Tennessee, in February 1862. He was wounded at Bears Creek, Mississippi, in October 1863, where he was shot through both thighs. He was in command of the 8th Tennessee Cavalry, CSA when he was shot through the neck at Okolona, Mississippi. He is buried in Memphis.

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