



MUSICIAN

CHARLES GILBERT



Was 22 years old at the time of the battle, and had been a coachmaker in Gettysburg before the war. Coaches were pulled by horses, and it's how people got around before cars were invented. As company drummer, Charles likely put down his drum and picked up a stretcher once the battle began, helping the wounded get back to safety and treatment at a field hospital. A stretcher is a cot with handles, so that the soldiers hurt in battle could be carried to get help inside a house, barn or church.