

George McCluskey was born in Westfield, New Brunswick, Canada, and was an orphan from the age of 5. At the age of 17, George lied about his age and joined the First Maine Cavalry under the Name George E. Alexander. George McCluskey was a veteran of many battles, including Ground Squirrel Bridge, the Battle of Haw's Shop, the Battle of Cold Harbor, the Battle of Trevilian Station, and the Battle of Saint Mary's Church. Captured at the Battle of St. Mary's Church, he was a prisoner of war at Belle Isle in Richmond, VA, spent 10 months in Andersonville Prison, and was later transferred to the POW Camp Lawton in Millen, GA. He was transferred to a hospital in Columbus, and he escaped back to Union lines on April 15, 1865, while the Union Army was capturing Columbus. After the war, George moved to Bridgewater, ME, and married Caroline Barrett. George and Carrie had eight children. George suffered from illnesses contracted as a POW and died at the age of 51. George was a member of the Joel Haycock GAR Post No. 34 in Calais, ME.