

**LITTLE KNOWN FACT:
THE AUTHOR OF THE SONG "JINGLE BELLS"**



Was a proud Confederate Soldier of the 5th Georgia Cavalry named James Lord Pierpont. He also wrote other timeless classics such as "Our Battle Flag", "Strike for the South", and "We Conquer or Die".

James Lord Pierpont (April 25, 1822 – August 5, 1893) was a New England-born songwriter, arranger, organist, **Confederate Soldier**, and composer, best known for writing and composing "**Jingle Bells**" in 1857, originally entitled "The One Horse Open Sleigh". He was born in Boston, Massachusetts, and died in Winter Haven, Florida. His composition "**Jingle Bells**" has become synonymous with the Christmas holiday and is one of the most performed and most recognizable songs in the world.

James stayed in Savannah with his wife Eliza Jane, and at the beginning of the Civil War, joined the **Lamar Rangers**, which became part of the **Fifth Georgia Cavalry of the Confederacy**. He also wrote music for the Confederacy when it seceded from the Union, including "**Our Battle Flag**", "**Strike for the South**" and "**We Conquer or Die**".