CONFEDERATE VETERANS. Division SIGN THIS, AND GIVE NAMES OF TWO REFERENCES.

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Fort Worth, Texas, Apr. 50,08.

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Fort Worth, Texas, Apr. 30,03.

R.E.Lee Camp, C.S.V.
Gentlemen:

Allow me to present my record in connection with the Confederate Government.

The secession of the State of Texas found me in charge of a beef packing establishment, situated on Dickinson Bayou Galveston County, Texas, owned by Ladd, Amery & Tod, the first two being from the East, the last, Capt. John G. Tod, being of this state, formerly second in command of the Lone Star Navy, Who went to Montgomery, Ala, the seat of government. I was left in chareg of the property to do the best I could with it for the interest of the firm. Muring his absence the property was confiscated by the order of General Hebert. I was waited on by Capt. Wm. Nichels and two privates of Cook's Regiment Artilary and told to consider myself under arrest. The next day I was asked if I would continue in charge of the property for the Confederacy. I accepted and think I was sworn in but am not certain. In am month or two Capt. Tod returned with \$50.000.00 to pack beef for the army. I was put in charge of the work and packed beef during the fall and winter of I861 and I862, until the contract was finished in June or July of 1862 I dont remember which.

I joined as a private. Our principal duty was guarding the coast of Galveston Bay, watching the blockading squadron to see that did not make a landing on the main land. That continued until the battle of Galveston. The day before the fight we were ordered to Vorginia Point. That night about twelve oc'k the bugle sounded "boots and saddles,". We then accompanied a part of Cook's regiment and another command of cavalry and dismounted, leading our horses across the Galveston bridge, reconnoitred for the enemy and found the 42 nd, Massachus regiment on the wharf, foot of Tremont street. We visited the South Battery and other points preparatory to the attack on Galveston and got back to Virginia Point about three oclock in the morning. After daylight a detail of myself and others

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received orders to go to Cronkaway Reef and wait until dark and investigate for a crossing for light artilary in case of our retreat and the destruction of the bridge by the enemy.

When we got up to the city the fight was then on. I received ord orders to act as one of the orderlies for General Magruder to carry orders. I was standing beside a six pound gun talking to the gunner, a man named John Bell, along side Ball, Hutchind & Co's bank where they were fireing at the Harriet Lane that was at the end of the wharf, and she was throwing her shot through the buildings on the strand, when General Magruder came along to give orders, when the Harriet Lane stppped fireing, when and orderly dashed up to General Magruder, saluted, and said, " General, the Harriet Lane is flying a white flag, ". He said, " you dont tell me so, " then orders flew thick and fast. We found the 42 nd, Mass. regiment at the foot of the Strand with the deck of the wharf torn up for breas works, and a white flag Then the wounded was sent to the hospital. I found my king flying. Bayon aly chum, Harvey Clarck dieing at the hospital. man an eight pound gun on the bow of the with no protection The rest were behind cotten bales. I had an order to carry to General Nichols house on Broadway. There I gound first Lieutenant Lee of the Harriett Lane dieing. His father Major Lee, of the confederate army was with him. Father and son on opposite sides.

A few days after the fight Major Richardson, quarter master, had me detailed in his department at Lockhatts Mill in Houston to expedite the getting of corn meal. I was afterward sent to Austin to assist in the manufacture of brass guns for light artilary at the State foundry with a captains pay and rations. The state afterwards increased my pay. I was there ten months. I will state right here that Governor Lubback will remember when I went to Austin with our first lieutenant Ralph Hooker, who was Supt. of the foundry. On my desire the State Military Board ordered me to my command. I was then transferred to the B.B.B.C.R.R. in the Machine department. I was afterwards ordered to camp Grace near Hempstead.

There the remnant of our company was dismounted and attached to Col. Gillispie's 25 th, Texas, Infantry. I never reached the regiment, for after three days at camp I was detailed on the G.H. & H. Ry. in the machine department where I was at the surrender. I went to Houston, got an honorable discharge, stateing I had staidby

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Very truly yours.

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