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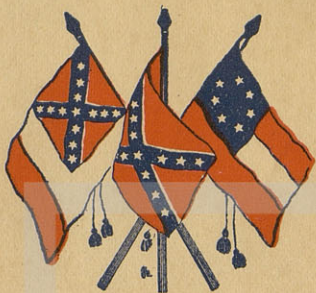
Dear Sir:-

Having misplaced the other blank given me, I shall add to what is contained in the inclosed blank which I herewith hand you the following:

I first attached myself to the "Jasper Blews", commanded by Capt. D.M. Stovall and sent to Pelican's Spit. I was not mustered in, and not willing to spend the ~~xxx~~ term of my enlistment on a bare sand bar, I chose to return home and enlist in the cavalry. This I did. I joined Com. E. of the first Texas Legion, commanded by J.W. Whitfield. Under him as a private, I participated in the battles of Iuka, Oakland, Thompson Station, and various little skirmishes. Was in the surprise at Carter's creek where over one ~~h~~ hundred and twenty of the Legion ^{were} ~~was~~ captured. Our Brigade was first commanded by Hebert, then Whitfield, and then Sul Ross. As a private I was in the famous Van Dorn raid through the northern portion of Mississippi and western Tenn. During this raid Holly Springs Miss. was captured from the enemy and the supplies for Grant's army were destroyed, thus forcing him to retreat from Granada back to Memphis. I was ~~witkxkx~~ transferred from the Legion and promoted to the Chaplaincy of the famous Ninth Tex.

Cavalry. I was with this regiment in this capacity during the last half of the war. We were in Mississ. Tenn. And Georgia. I was on the famous Hood expedition to Franklin and Nashville Tenn. Was in front of Gen. Sherman's army doing cavalry service for Johnson's army on the extreme left. Our command was under fire throughout that campaign until Hood withdrew his forces for his advance to Tennessee. I remained with the army to the close of the war. During all the battles participated in by Ross's men I was present with perhaps Two exceptions. I was on the Killpatrick raid. Present when he ran over our little band of veterans. I had men killed all about me, but was never struck by a bullet, or shot of any kind.

R. C. Armstrong



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UNITED CONFEDERATE VETERANS.

DESCRIPTIVE LIST.

Fort Worth, Texas, April 27 1903

Name Henry L. Abston

When and Where Born Sumner County, Tenn. January 6th 1845.

When and Where Enlisted Kingston, Tenn December 1861.

Rank Sargent Major, Company Douglass Battalion, Wheeler's Brigade.

Transferred Spring 1863 to Company B. Wards Regiment, Breckenridge's Brigade

Division John H. Morgan's Command.

Corps

Army

SIGN THIS, AND GIVE NAMES OF TWO REFERENCES. REMARKS.

[Under this head will be included changes in Commands, important battles in which engaged, and other important facts connected with your CONFEDERATE record.]

Was with Morgan's command until captured in Ohio. Five Hundred of us re-organized under John D. Kirkpatrick senior captain at Morristown, Tenn. was mounted and reported to General Donaldson at Knoxville, Tenn. and from there was ordered to report to General Forest at Chicamogua, Tenn. Opened fight on Friday morning and lost 150 men in five minutes. I participated in that battle also at Muffordsborough, Laverne, Milton, I was detailed with one hundred men to cross the Cumberland River south of Nashville, Tore up the L & N RR, cut off supplies, Commanded by Capt. Rickman of the 4th Tennessee Cavalry, was a courier from there to Gen Beauford at Lebanon, Tenn and from there was orderly for General Beauford on the retreat from Franklin, was captured in Georgia and carried to Chatinoga prison at the time of Lee's surrender.

Refer to
H. C. Pontrell
of Turner Fort Worth Tex

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