

VOLUNTEER ENLISTMENT



STATE OF Tennessee TOWN OF Nashville

I, George Samuel L. George born in Wilson County
 in the State of Tennessee aged twenty two years,

and by occupation a Farmer Do HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGE to have
 volunteered this Tenth day of August 1862

to serve as a Soldier in the Army of the United States of America, for the period of
THREE YEARS, unless sooner discharged by proper authority; Do also agree to accept such

bounty, pay, rations, and clothing, as are, or may be established by law for volunteers. And I,

Samuel L. George do solemnly swear, that I will bear true faith and
 allegiance to the United States of America, and that I will serve them honestly
 and faithfully against all their enemies or opposers whomsoever; and that I will observe and obey
 the orders of the President of the United States, and the orders of the officers appointed over me,
 according to the Rules and Articles of War.

Witness and subscribed by, at Nashville Tenn Samuel L. George

this 10th day of Aug 1862

Before me
J. H. Brown

I CERTIFY ON HONOR, That I have carefully examined the above named volunteer, agreeably to
 the General Regulations of the Army, and that in my opinion he is free from all bodily defects and mental
 infirmity, which would in any way disqualify him from performing the duties of a soldier.

J. H. Brown Adjutant General

I CERTIFY ON HONOR, That I have minutely inspected the volunteer, Samuel L. George
 previously to his enlistment, and that he was entirely sober when enlisted; that to the best of my judgment
 and belief, he is of lawful age; and that, in accepting him as duly qualified to perform the duties of an able-
 bodied soldier, I have strictly observed the Regulations which govern the recruiting service. This soldier has

Blue hair, Dark complexion; is 5 feet 8 inches high.

4th Regiment of Heavy Artillery

MEMORANDUM FROM PRISONER OF WAR RECORDS.

No. _____

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NAME	ORGANIZATION	No. of Regt.	Rank	Arm of Service	Co.	Records of		
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<i>George Hamilton</i>	<i>1st Army Corps</i>							
<i>Captured at</i>								

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Admitted to Hospital at _____

where he died _____

Paroled at _____

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The record refers to Serial 4763

Am. case 170,863, D.C. Army of Gen. Staff

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CERTIFICATE IN LIEU OF LOST OR DESTROYED
DISCHARGE CERTIFICATE.



To all Whom it May Concern:

Know ye, That Samuel L. George, a private
of Company B, Fifth Regiment of
Tennessee Cavalry VOLUNTEERS, who was enrolled
on the fourth day of August, one thousand eight
hundred and sixty-two, to serve three years
was Discharged from the service of the United States on the twenty-sixth
day of June, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-five,
by reason of muster-out of the company.

This Certificate is given under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved July 1, 1902, "to authorize the Secretary of War to furnish certificates in lieu of lost or destroyed discharges," to honorably discharged officers or enlisted men or their widows, upon evidence that the original discharge certificate has been lost or destroyed, and upon the condition imposed by said Act that this certificate "shall not be accepted as a voucher for the payment of any claim against the United States for pay, bounty, or other allowances, or as evidence in any other case."

Given at the War Department, Washington, D. C., this eleventh day
of October, one thousand nine hundred and twenty.

By authority of the Secretary of War:

Tennessee Civil War Veterans Questionnaires - Volume One
(Form NO. 1)

The chief purpose of the following questions is to bring facts that will be of service in writing a true history of the Old South. Such a history has not been written. By answering these questions you will make a valuable contribution to the history of your state.

1. State your full name and present Post Office address: (a) Gassaway, Cannon county Tenn.
2. State your age now: (a) Eighty - six year old
3. In what State and county were you born?: (a) Wilson county Tenn.
4. In what State and county were you living when you enlisted in the service of the Confederacy, or of the Federal Government?: (a) Wilson county Tenn. I enlisted in the Federal Army Co B. 5th. Tenn. Ca. Vol.
5. What was your occupation before the war?: (a) Farmer
6. What was the occupation of your father?: (a) Farmer
7. If you owned land or other property at the opening of the war, state what kind of property you owned, and state the value of your property as near as you can: (a) No land at the time I enlisted. I have no property now.
8. Did you or your parents own slaves? If so, how many?: (a) No
9. If your parents owned land, state about how many acres: (a) None
10. State as near as you can the value of all the property owned by your parents, including land, when the war opened: (a) just a smal amount
11. What kind of house did your parents occupy? State whether it was a log or frame house or built of other materials, and state the number of rooms it had: (a) Log house
12. As a boy and young man, state what kind of work you did. If you worked on a farm, state to what you plowed, worked with a hoe, and did other kinds of similar work: (a) General farm work
13. State clearly what kind of work your father did, and what the duties of your mother were. State all the kinds of work done in the house as well as you can remember - that is, cooking, spinning, weaving, etc.
(a) Rather did general farm work. My mother manufactured our clothing by carding, spinning, weaving and sewing our clothes.
14. Did your parents keep any servants? If so, how many?: (a) No
15. How was honest toil - as plowing, hauling and other sorts of honest work of this class - regarded in your community? Was such work considered respectable and honorable?: (a) Yes it was considered Honorable and respectable and all the people followed farming and did general farm work.
16. Did the white men in your community generally engage in such work?: (a) Yes
17. To what extent were there white men in your community leading lives of idleness and having others do their work for them?: (a) There was no idleness among our people.
18. Did the men who owned slaves mingle freely with those who did not have slaves, or did slaveholders in any way show by their actions that they felt themselves better than respectable, honorable men who did not own slaves?: (a) I don't remember that there was any difference among white people.
19. At the churches, at the schools, at public gatherings in general, did slaveholders and non-slaveholders mingle on a footing of equality?: (a) yes
20. Was there a friendly feeling between slaveholders and nonslaveholders in your community, or were they antagonistic to each other?: (a) Friendly feeling
21. In a political contest in which one candidate owned slaves and the other did not, did the fact that one candidate owned slaves help him in winning the contest? (a) I never noticed it then.
22. Were the opportunities good in your community for the poor young man - honest and industrious - to save up enough to buy a small farm or go in business for himself?: (a) Yes, but not all did it.
23. Were poor, honest, industrious young men, who were ambitious to make something of themselves, encouraged or discouraged by slaveholders?: (a) No
24. What kind of school or schools did you attend?: (a) Common or free schools, last only a few months during the years
25. About how long did you go to school altogether?: (a) a short time only could barely write.
26. How far was it to the nearest school?: (a) One fourth mile of the school hose for sever years
27. What school or schools were in operation in your neighborhood?: (a) Common or free schools, only.
28. Was the school in your community private or public?: (a) public

- About how many months in the year did it run?: (a) three or four
30. Did the boys and girls in your community attend school pretty regularly?: (a) fairly well only
31. Was the teacher of the school you attended a man or a woman?: (a) Man
32. In what year and month and a what place did you enlist in the Confederate or of the Federal Government?: (a) Enlisted at Nashville Tenn. at the fair grounds, Aug. 2nd. 1862
33. State the name of your regiment, and state the names of as many members of your company as you remember: (a) Co. B. 5th Tenn. Cav. Vol. Col. W.B. Stokes, Capt. Tom Waters, J.K.P. Lance, Joshua Bryant, Wathertown Tenn, Gernal Bryant, Eli Hear, John Davis, Zack Davies, Arch Davis, Leui Rodgers, Dock Rodgers, James Compton, Dick Compton, James Grindstaff, Bump Grindstaff, James Kitchensm, Jerome Goodner
34. After enlistment, where was your company sent first?: (a) Drilling, then sent to Smith Court Tenn. to bring out some recruits that wanted to come.
35. How long after your enlistment before your company engaged in battle?: (a) Only a short time.
36. What was the first battle you engaged in?: (a) Near Nashville Tenn
37. State in your own way your experience in the war from this time on until the close. State where you went after the first battle - what you did, what other battles you engaged in, how long they lasted, what the results were; state how you lived in camp, how you were clothed, how you slept, what you had to eat, how you were exposed to cold, hunger and disease. If you were in the hospital or in prison, state your experience here: (a) One battle at Sparta Tenn. lasted for two or three hours, and other places in White county, Murfreesboro or Stne River, Charleston battle Knoxville Battle I was prisoner at Chattanooga Tenn. I was captured at Carthage Tenn. my horse was killed from under me. I was well treated generally.
We were well clothed and fed as a rule but I did not eat a bite for three days and nights at Murfreesboro Tenn. We had considerable exposure in the three years, but I judge not more than other soldiers had. Slept in the open largely, and on the ground with a little straw or leaves under a blanket and one over us.
38. When and where were you discharged?: (a) June 25th of June 1865 at Fayetteville Tenn.
39. Tell something of your trip home: (a) we went to Nashville and was parolled there, and on home no unusual incident.
40. What kind of work did you take up when you came back home?: (a) Farming
41. Give a sketch of your life since the close of the Civil War , stating what kind of business you engaged in, where you have lived, your church relations, etc. If you have held an office or offices, state what it was. You may state here any other facts connected with your life and experience which has not been brought out by the questions: (a) Farmed since the war, I had nine boys and reared eight to be men, I reared one girl, all live in Tenn. But one
42. Give the full name of your father: __; born __ at __; in the county of: __ state of: __. He lived at __.
Give also any particulars concerning him, as official position, war services, etc.; books written by, etc.
(a) Charles George; Wilson Co. Tenn.; Alexandria Tenn.; nothing more than an ordinary citizen Without much education.
43. Maiden name in full of your mother: __; She was the daughter of __ (full name) __ and his wife __ (full name) __, who lived at __. (a) Vasti Hughes; came from Virginia to Tenn.; __: __: __:

Spelling is same as was on orignal paper.