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1911 Arkansas Confederate Veteran's Census

In 1911, the Arkansas Legislature enacted Act 353 whose purpose was to enumerate the Confederate veterans living in Arkansas. Why would they do that? Financial planning was one motive. We'd begun paying our Confederate veterans indigent and widows' pensions in the early 1890s. We needed some estimate of how many potential pensioners there were out there.

The questionnaires were long forms to be filled out by each county's assessor. The compensation to the assessors was only a dime for each form.

The act was only a partial success. Only forty-four of Arkansas' seventy-five counties participated in this census: Arkansas, Ashley, Benton, Boone, Bradley, Carroll, Chicot, Cleburne, Cleveland, Columbia, Conway, Crawford, Desha, Drew, Faulkner, Franklin, Fulton, Hempstead, Howard, Independence, Jefferson, Lafayette, Lee, Little River, Logan, Marion, Miller, Newton, Ouachita, Perry, Phillips, Pope, Prairie, Saline, Scott, Searcy, Sebastian, Sevier, Sharp, Union, Van Buren, Washington, White, and Yell Counties.

Nothing forced participation, so we don't know if the count was anywhere close to the actual number of veterans. The forms eventually found a home at the Arkansas History Commission and in the 1980s, Bobbie Jones McLane of Hot Springs decided to compile the material into book form.

She found questionnaires for 1,751 Confederate veterans. They list the veteran's name, address, date and place of birth; details about military service, full names and places of birth of parents and grandparents – even what country they came from and where the first settled in America; wife's maiden name and her parents' names; and a full list of children, including their residences. The form asked about church affiliation and political party.

Bobbie arranged the information in arranged in alpha order in three volumes by the last name of veteran, and there is a separate index volume which lists over 30,000 "hidden" names - maiden names, grandparents' names, married daughters, and more.

I've kept Bobbie's books in print. These are the volumes:

- Arkansas CSA Soldiers (1911 Census of Confederate Veterans) Vol. 1, Surnames A-D
- Arkansas CSA Soldiers (1911 Census of Confederate Veterans) Vol. 2, Surnames E-Mc
- Arkansas CSA Soldiers (1911 Census of Confederate Veterans) Vol. 3, Surnames M-Z
- An Index to the Three Volumes: Arkansas 1911 Census of Confederate Veterans

And I also offer the four-volume set on one CD.

PUBLIC ACTS OF ARKANSAS (1911) ACT 353

An ACT to make an enumeration or census of the Confederate soldiers residing in the State of Arkansas, and to provide for the payment thereof.

Section

1. Tax assessors herein required to make said census.
2. Designating what census must show, the blanks therefor, and the filing thereof.
3. Provision for compensation of assessors and amount designated.
4. Appropriation of \$500.00 for necessary expenses relative to census.
5. Census to be completed and filed within twelve months after passage of Act.

Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Arkansas:

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Arkansas:

Section 1. That it is hereby made the duty of the tax assessors of the various counties of the State to make a full enumeration, or census, of all persons, residents of their respective counties, who served in the army or the navy of the Confederate States of America, or in any of the organizations of the State of their residence from 1861 to 1865, whether as officers, enlisted men, militia, or home guards for local defense, or in any other military or naval capacity in the War of Secession.

Section 2. The said enumeration, or census, shall show the full name, the present post office address, the date and place of birth, the date, the State and county of enlistment, the name and number of the several companies and regiments in which service was performed, and how such service terminated, as by parole, discharge or imprisonment. It shall be made out on blanks to be prepared and supplied by the secretary of the Arkansas History Commission. After the enumeration has been completed the original list shall be filed in the office of the probate judge of the county where made for permanent preservation, and a carefully compared copy, duly certified, under oath, by the tax assessor, shall be forwarded to the secretary of the Arkansas History Commission for preservation therein. The original and the copy shall each be arranged alphabetically and made out in ink in a legible hand or prepared in typewriting.

Section 3. That the compensation for making said enumeration, or census, shall be ten cents for each name enrolled under the provisions of this Act: said sum to be paid on sworn statements of the amount due, to be checked and compared by the secretary of the Arkansas History Commission and approved by the Governor; and an appropriation is hereby made to cover all of said sums; and the State Auditor is authorized and directed to draw his warrant in favor of the several tax assessors in accordance with the terms of this Act.

Section 4. The sum of five hundred dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated to cover the expense of printing the necessary blanks, circulars and forms to make said enumeration, or census, and for postage and transportation charges thereon. The State Auditor shall draw his warrant to cover such expense, or expenses, on bills duly receipted therefor, certified by the secretary of the History Commission and approved by the Governor.

Section 5. The said enumeration or census shall be completed and filed within twelve months after the passage and approval of this Act.

Approved May 30, 1911.

Example: Jesse Newton Cypert

CYPERT, Jesse Newton, of Searcy, Ark. was born on Dec. 5, 1823 at Indian Creek, Wayne Co., Tenn. the son of Jesse Cypert born at Tav? River, NC. Was in Wm. Cornwall's Brigade, Andrew Jackson Div. in War of 1812. Was at Battle of New Orleans. There he was honorably discharged after the Battle Jan. 8, 1815. He was the son of Francis Cypert and his wife Abigail Johnson Cypert, who lived at Wayne Co., Tenn. Maiden name of subject's mother was Jamima Wortham, dau. of Jas. Wortham of Warren Co., Tenn. "None of my ancestors was in the Revolution. My great uncle Robin Cypert, brother of my grandfather Francis Cypert was a Revolutionary veteran and I have seen his discharge and pension certificate. My father was at the Battle of New Orleans in War of 1812." Subject was educated in county school in Wayne Co. and also attended a grammar school for a short time in Wayne Co., Tenn. Read law in the office of L. L. Mack, "my brother-in-law" in Wayne Co., Tenn. and was licensed to practice in 1849. Began active practice of law in Marion, Crittenden Co. in May 1850 and came to Searcy, White Co., Feb. 14, 1851 where he served, resided and practiced law. Was a Whig until after the Civil War - since has been identified with the Democratic Party. Was a member of M.E. Church, South, Masons, and Oddfellows. "Have written for publication a Chapter on Secession Convention of Ark. published in Vol. One pages 314-324, Ark. Historical Publication. Was Captain of Co. A, Deshlias'

5 Ark. Bat. on the organization of same. Was elected Major at Pocahontas, Ark. in Nov. 1861 after the Battle of Shiloh - it was consolidated with 8th Ark. Regt. and was discharged and sent in commissary Dept. in Train Miss. Married Sarah Harlen Craw, dau. of Joshua B. Craw and wife Lavinia West Craw who lived at West Point, Ark. Married in White Co., Ark. Feb. 6, 1855. "J.B. Craw, my wife's father, was the son of Rev. Charles Craw and his wife Sarah Harlon. Her mother, Lavinia (West) Craw was the daughter of the Rev. William West and wife Mary (Howard) West." Children:

1. Florence, oldest dau. m. Wm. Watkins, d. Aug. 6, 1896
2. Allie m. H. W. Smith and died Feb. 11, 1896
3. Eugene Cypert, my only son, m. L. I. Seat, and they now reside at Searcy, Ark. Eugene Cypert is my present law partner.

Certified by Dave M. Holleman, Assessor of White Co., Ark. Jan. 15, 1912

Example: James L. Dowell

DOWELL, James L., of Harrison, Ark. was born in Wayne Co., Ky, the son of Garrett A. Dowell, who was the son of Reubin Dowell of Wayne Co., Ky. Maiden name of subject's mother was Sarah Hutchinson, dau. of Joseph and Dolley Hutchinson. He was educated in Wayne Co., Ky., was a Democrat and a Baptist. Enlisted 1862, served 3 years under Capt. Beal Gaither, Shaler Regiment, 27th Ark. Married Martha Trotter, dau. of David and Alena Trotter, of Boone Co., Ark. on March 6, 1867. Children:

1. William W. Dowell m. Mary Sparks
2. Rose A. Dowell m. William F. Nicholson, Bellefonte
3. Jane E. Dowell m. James B. Mercer, Harrison, Ark.
4. Mary I. Dowell m. James T. Hickman, Harrison, Ark.
5. John L. Dowell, Harrison, Ark.
6. Levy Dowell, Harrison, Ark.

Certified by D. A. Tomlinson, Assessor of Boone Co., Ark., undated

Example: William Wallace Oates

OATES, William Wallace of Oppelo, Ark. was born Apr. 13 (year omitted) at Greenville, Mecklinburg Co., Ky. the son of Lewis Thomas Oates of the same

OATES, William Wallace (cont'd)

place, who moved to Illinois, remaining one year and returned to Ky. From there to West Tenn. He lived at Weakley Co., Byrdsville, where he joined the Masons. He remained here 12 years and in the spring of 1849, went overland to Calif. in search of goald. Moved to Ark. 1854. He was the son of William and Betsy Oates, who lived near Greenville. Maiden name of subject's mother was Marguerite Martin, dau. of James and Sarah Martin. They came from NC, to Ky., thence to Henry Co., Tenn. near Paris, Tenn. "The family came from Scotland and Ireland. It is not known whether it came to the Carolinas before or after the Revolutionary War. No record of war service is known. William Oates, the grandfather, died on the Miss. River from cholera. Subject was a farmer, Justice of the Peace two years and a Presbyterian. Joined the Confederate Army July 1862, Anderson Gordon's Company, Carroll's Regt. as a Private. Took part in battle of Prairie Grove, Ark. in Dec. 1862. Married Harriet Malissa Sublett, dau. of Thomas T. Sublett of Cadron Cove, in Feb. 1862. Her mother was a Morehead and emigrated to La. from Ky. (were both natives of Ky.) thence to Conway Co., Ark. Thomas T. died March 1865 of meningitis. When Harriet Malissa was only an infant (about 1840) the wife died. Harriett Malissa died in 1890 March 25. Thomas T. Sublett and his son, Samuel, made the hazardous trip to California in 1849. Samuel died at Shreveport, La. from effects of wounds received in the Confederate Service during the Civil War. Children:

1. Leander Oates, born Dec. 1862, died Aug. 1864.
 2. Alonzo William Oates, born Feb. 1863, died Aug. 1864
 3. Alma Leona Oates
 4. Margarete Adeline Oates born Sept. 1865, died Aug. 1868
 5. Alice Mary Oates, born 1872, died June 20, 1890
 6. Princy Oates m. J. S. Hill, Feb. 1885, Oppello, Ark.
 7. Arthur Taylor Oates m. Lena Tucker, Aug. 1890
 8. Thomas Lewis Oates m. May Van Winkle, Oppello, Ark.
 9. Chas. E. Oates, unmarried
 10. John Fount Oates m. May Traffinsteadt, Cameron, Okla.
 11. Samuel Clarence Oates m. Ola Oates (no known relation)
 12. Willie Myrtle Oates, single
- Certified by Arthur Bradley, Assessor of Conway Co., Ark. 1912

Example: Daniel Wiley White

WHITE, Daniel Wiley of Mineral Springs, Ark. was born July 5, 1848 near Franklin Williamson Co., Tenn. the son of Meady White of Tenn. who lived at Yellville, Marion Co., Ark. and was the son of Daniel B. White of Franklin, Williamsburg Co., Tenn. Maiden name of subject's mother was Rachel Roberts, dau. of John and Annie Roberts also of Franklin, Tenn. Subject was educated in Marion Co., Ark., was a farmer, Democrat, Mason, and Missionary Baptist. Served with Home Guard, under Capt. Patton, entered service 1863, disbanded 1864. Married Ellen Brinkley dau. of Buck Brinkley of Nashville, Ark. Children:

1. John W. White m. Mary Loper, Mareden, Okla.
 2. Meady White m. John Webb, Dikes, Tenn.
 3. James F. White m. Alfa Taylor, Mineral Springs, Ark.
 4. Bell White m. Will Griffin, Broken Bow, Okla.
 5. Melvin White m. Florence Gafford, Mineral Springs, Ark.
 6. William Simpson White, single, Mineral Springs, Ark.
- Certified by Joe R. Beane, Assessor of Howard Co., Ark. June 12, 1912