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1861 – 1865

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 Thompson, Henry D. 14th Cav. Co.K
 Thompson, Henry Jack St. Mil. Capt.
 Thompson, Hugh W. 34th Cav. Co.H
 Thompson, Isaiah Inf. 1st Bn. (St. Troops) Co.E
 Thompson, J. Cav. 1st Regt. St. Troops Co.C
 Thompson, J. 7th Cav. Co.D
 Thompson, J. Cav. Terry's Regt. Co.F Sgt.
 Thompson, J. 6th Field Bty.
 Thompson, J. 13th Vol. 2nd Co.H
 Thompson, J. Inf. Timmons' Regt. Co.G
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 Thompson, J.B. Cav. 1st Regt. St. Troops Co.B
 Thompson, J.B. Cav. Waller's Regt. Co.F Sgt.
 Thompson, J.B. 15th Field Bty.
 Thompson, J.B. Inf. 1st St. Troops Wheat's Co.
 Thompson, J.B. 13th Vol. 1st Co.K Ord. Sgt.
 Thompson, J.B. 15th Inf. 2nd Co.F
 Thompson, J.C. 2nd Cav. Co.C
 Thompson, J.C. 10th Cav. Co.F
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 Thompson, J.C. 20th Inf. Co.I Cpl.
 Thompson, J.D. 4th Cav. Co.K Cpl.
 Thompson, J.D. St. Troops Teel's Co.
 Thompson, J.E. 12th Cav. Co.K
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 Thompson, J.E. 11th (Spaight's) Bn. Vol. Co.D
 Thompson, J.E. 21st Inf. Co.H
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 Thompson, J.G. 5th Cav. Sgt.
 Thompson, J.G. 14th Inf. Co.I
 Thompson, J.G. Inf. Yarbrough's Co. (Smith City Lt. Inf.)
 Thompson, J.H. 5th Cav. Co.H
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 Thompson, J.H. Cav. Wells' Regt. Co.E
 Thompson, J.I. Cav. Hardeman's Regt. Co.G
 Thompson, J.J. 35th (Brown's) Cav. Co.A, F, C
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 Thompson, J.L. 9th (Young's) Inf. Co.K
 Thompson, J.M. Cav. 2nd Bn. St. Troops Co.A
 Sgt.
 Thompson, J.M. Cav. Crump's Regt. Co.G
 Capt.
 Thompson, J.M. 15th Inf. Co.C
 Thompson, J.N. 29th Cav. Co.C
 Thompson, J.N. 22nd Inf. Co.D Music.
 Thompson, J.P. 17th Cons. Dismtd. Cav. Co.C
 Thompson, J.P. 14th Inf. Co.C
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 Thompson, James 18th Inf. Co.L
 Thompson, James A. 31st Cav. Co.F Capt.
 Thompson, James A. 37th Cav. Co.B
 Thompson, James B. 1st (Yager's) Cav. Co.C
 1st Lt.
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 Sgt.
 Thompson, James C.S. 1st Inf. Co.L 1st Lt.
 Thompson, James D. 2nd Cav. Co.E Sgt.
 Thompson, James E. 4th Inf. Co.A
 Thompson, James E. 9th (Nichols') Inf. Co.D
 Thompson, James M. 1st (Yager's) Cav. Co.C
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 Thompson, James W. 15th Inf. 2nd Co.H
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 Thompson, Jasper M. 1st (Yager's) Cav. Co.K
 Cpl.
 Thompson, Jasper M. Cav. 8th (Taylor's) Bn.
 Co.B
 Thompson, Jesse 8th Cav. Co.H Sgt.
 Thompson, Jesse Cav. Hardeman's Regt. Co.G
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 Thompson, L. 14th Field Bty.
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 Cpl.
 Thompson, Leonidas L. 36th Cav. Co.A
 Thompson, Leslie A. 1st Inf.
 Thompson, M. Cav. Bourland's Regt. Co.D
 Thompson, M.E. 7th Cav. Co.G



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T.F. Westerman
308 Oak Valley Rd.
Colleyville, TX 76034-3233

Dear Mr. Westerman:

Thank you for your telephone call on October 29 and your request for information regarding Capt. Henry J. Thompson of the Tarrant County area.

We were able to locate one Texas Ranger muster roll abstract for Capt. H.J. Thompson who commanded a company of Minute Men from Parker County in 1861. In addition to this record we also found a Civil War muster roll abstract for a Capt. H.J. Thompson who commanded a company of Texas State Troops during the Civil War. This record indicates that his company enlisted in 1865 in Jack County and that he deserted on April 1, 1864. Since you mentioned in your telephone conversation that the man you were seeking had served in the Union Army, it may be possible that this man first served in the Texas State Troops and then deserted and joined the Union forces.

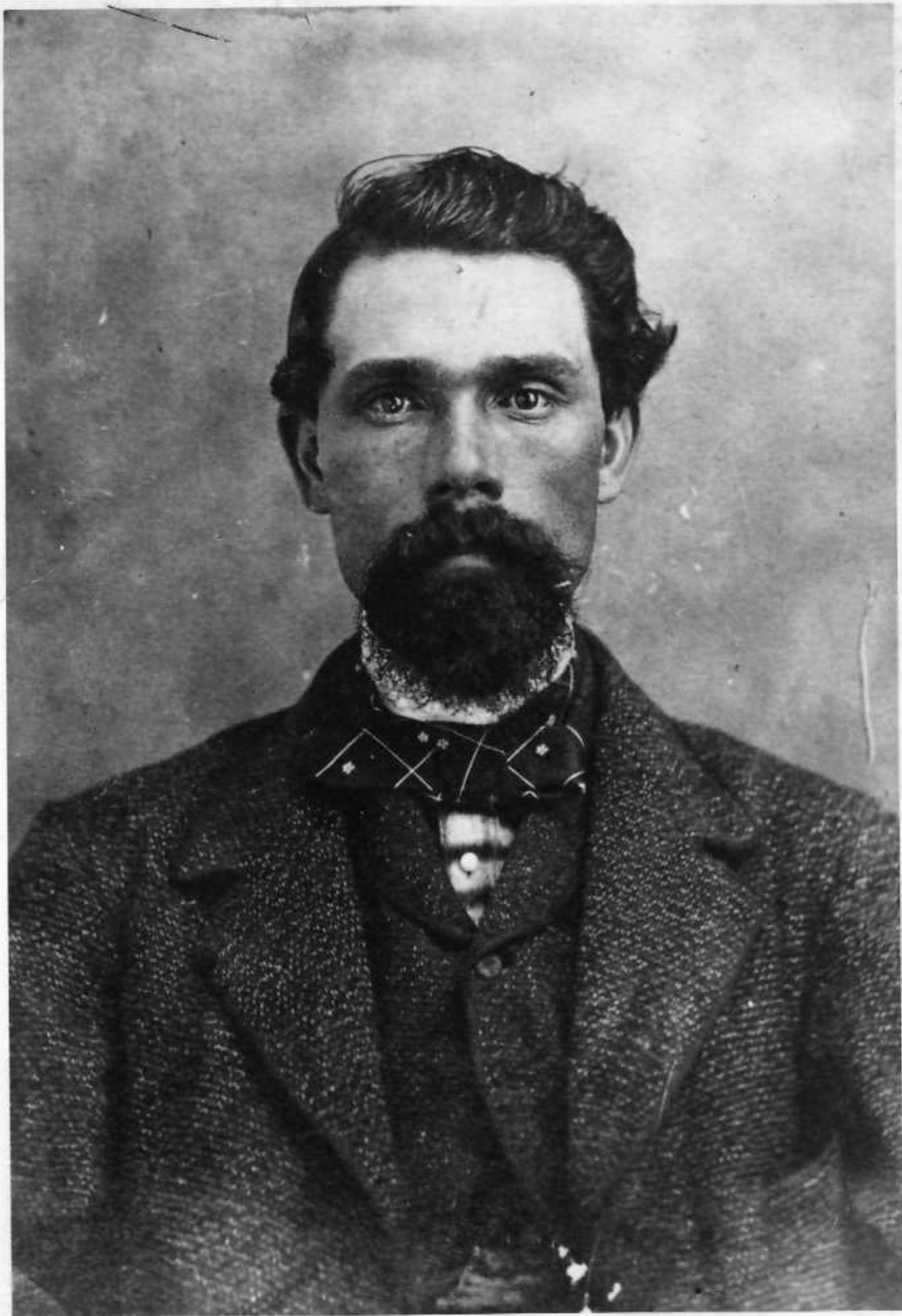
In the book Texas Confederate Soldiers, 1861-1865 there is a listing for a Henry Jack Thompson who served as a captain in the State Militia. This could be the same person who appears on the enclosed muster roll abstracts. The listings from this book were compiled from records at the National Archives in Washington, D.C. However, these records have been microfilmed and you can get copies of the service records by contacting the Confederate Research Center, PO Box 619, Hillsboro, TX 76645.

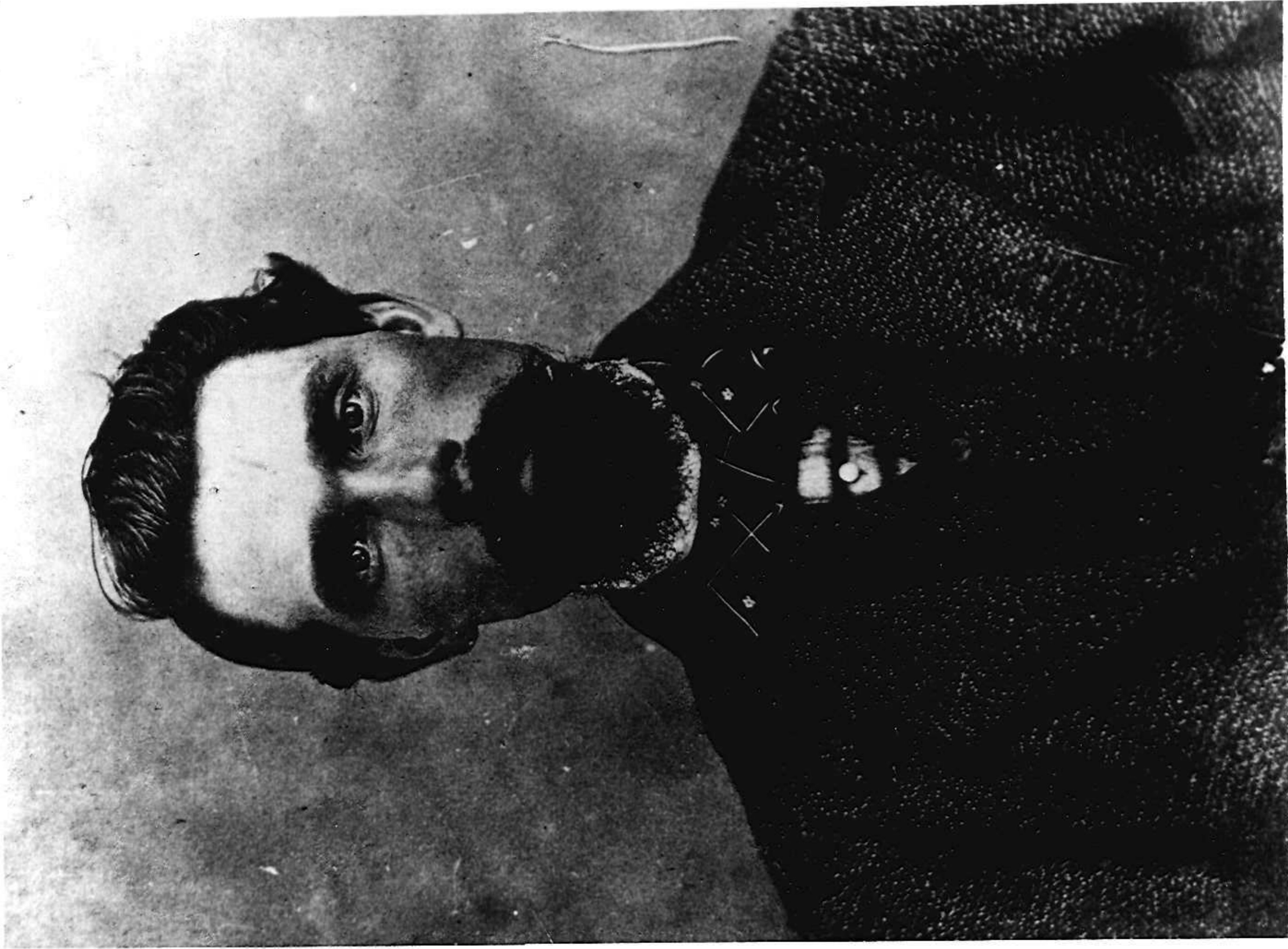
We would appreciate if you would please remit \$1.00 for the enclosed photocopied records and information. Please send your payment to the Archives and Information Services Division, Texas State Library and Archives Commission, PO Box 12516, Austin, TX 78711-2516.

Please let us know if we can be of further assistance to you.

Sincerely,

Donaly E. Brice
Reference Archivist





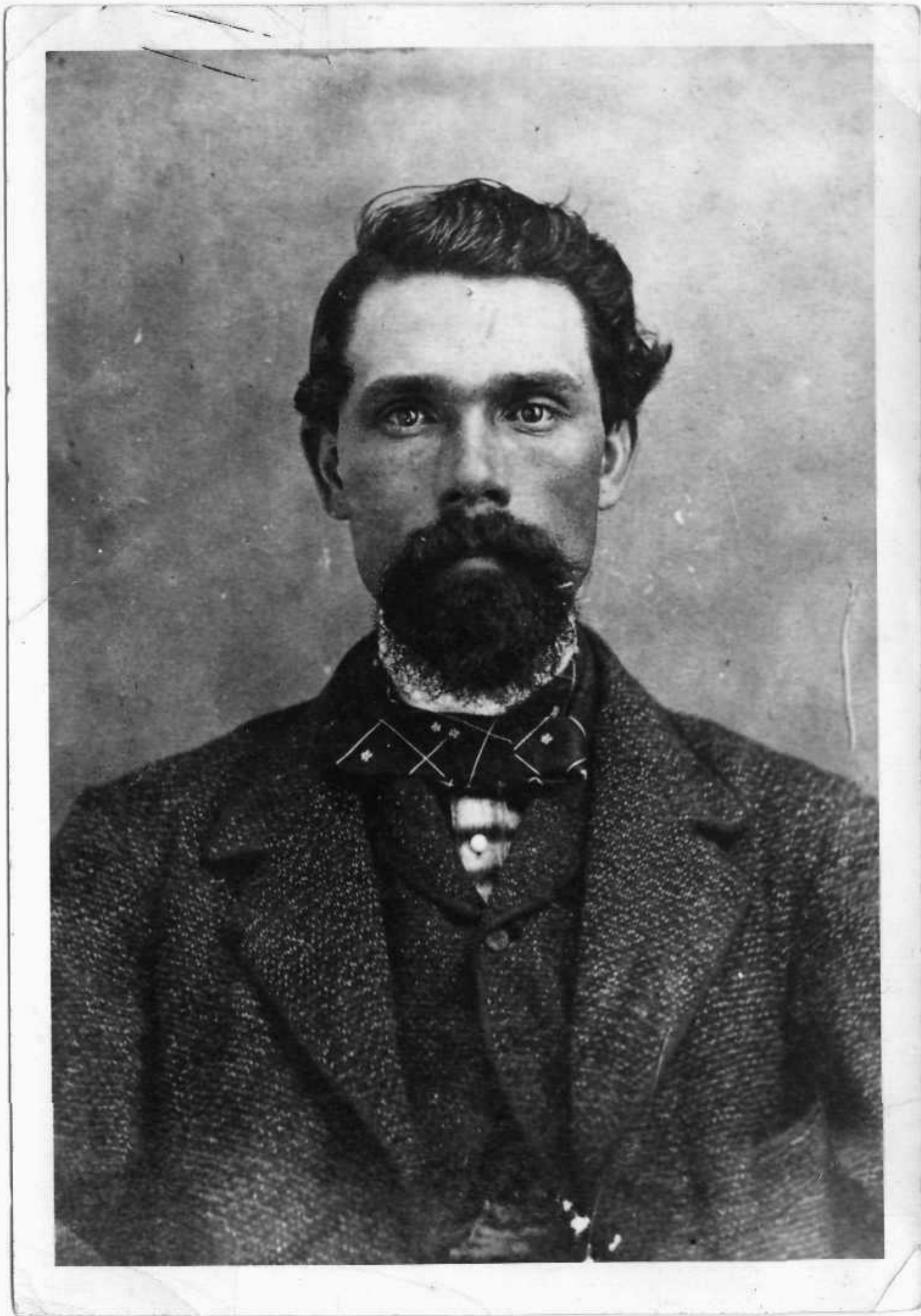
H. J. THOMPSON, ¹⁸⁷⁰
Real Estate Broker,
JACKSBORO, TEXAS.

Capital Stock, - - \$50,000.

REFERENCES.

HUGHES, COURTS & CO., Weatherford, Texas.
RAYMOND & WHITIS, Austin, Texas.

J. P. DUMAS, Sherman, Texas.
HENDRICKS & SMITH, Fort Worth, Texas.



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FORT WORTH, TEXAS.





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FORT WORTH, TEXAS.





STATE OF TENNESSEE.

To all who shall see these Presents---Greeting:

KNOW YE, That we do commission *H. S. Thompson* of the County of *Bradley* a *1st Major* - in the *144th* Regiment of Militia of this State, and do authorize and empower him to execute and fulfil the duties of said Office agreeably to Law and the Rules and Regulations of Military Discipline, with all the Powers, Privileges and Emoluments thereunto of right appertaining. And he is hereby required to obey all his superior Officers' lawful orders and commands, and all Officers and Privates under his command are to be obedient to him as aforesaid.

In Testimony Whereof, We have caused the Great Seal of the State to be affixed.

Witness, **WILLIAM TROUSDALE**, Esquire, our Governor and Commander-in-Chief at Nashville, the *20th* day of *August* 1851

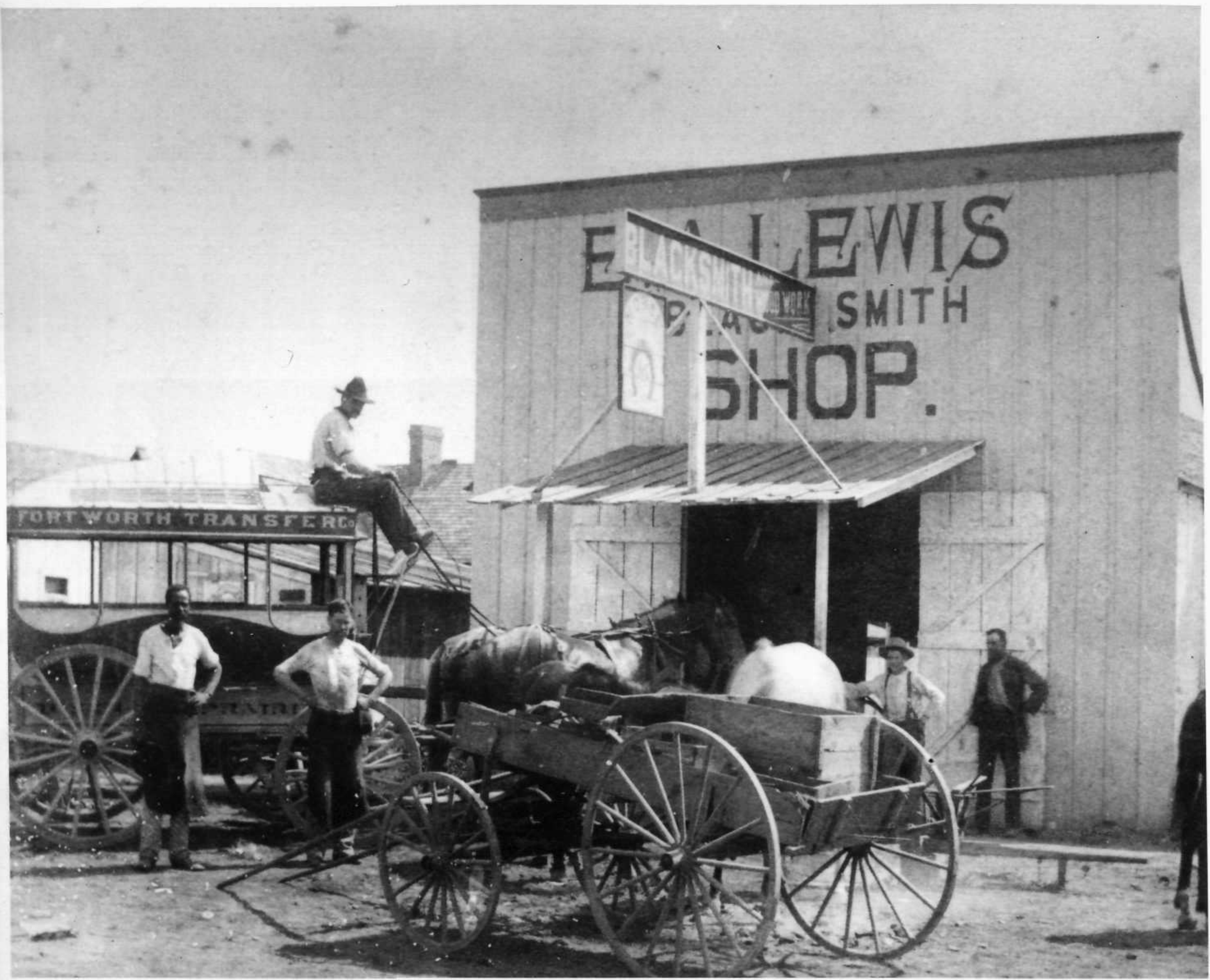
By the Governor:

W. B. Ramsey Secretary of State. *W. Trousdale*

I do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States and of the State of Tennessee, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of my office in the Militia of Tennessee, as prescribed by law to the best of my abilities.

Sworn to and subscribed before me }
the *20* of *August* 1851 }

H. S. Thompson
1st Major



BIRTHS.

H. J. Thompson was born Aug 5th 1832
Jeanette B. Thompson was born Feb 16th 1846.
Martha C. Thompson was born Dec 28th 1861.
H. L. Thompson was born April 11th 1867.
Mark S. Thompson was born Aug 13th 1869.
Alva A. Thompson was born June 18th 1872.
Mary E. Thompson was born July 28th 1874.
B. M. Thompson was born March 26th 1878.
Charles Thompson was born June 23rd 1882.
Charles Dagget Thompson " Oct. 6th 1906
James Crawford Thompson " Oct. 18 - 1903
Lollie Thompson " Aug-11-1891
Florence Victoria Thompson " June 25-1893
Mary M. Campbell " July 12-1854
in Bradley Co. Tenn.

Tarrant Pioneer Buried



Mrs. Jeanette B. Thompson, pioneer settler in the White Settlement district, who was buried Monday afternoon.

LIVED 50 YEARS ON HOMESTEAD

Mrs. Jeanette B. Thompson, 80, for more than 50 years a resident on the old Thompson ranch, a few miles west of Fort Worth on the White Settlement Road, was buried in the private family cemetery on the homestead Monday afternoon. Rev. J. K. Thompson, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, officiated.

Mrs. Thompson died at midnight Saturday. She moved with her husband, Capt. Henry J. Thompson, to Tarrant County from Jack County in 1861. They settled on the place where they lived the rest of their days. Captain Thompson at one time owned practically all of what is now the White Settlement district. It was the first part of the county to be settled, being called White Settlement because of the number of white people who established themselves there.

HISTORY OF TEXAS

TOGETHER WITH A

BIOGRAPHICAL HISTORY

..... OF

TARRANT AND PARKER COUNTIES

CONTAINING A CONCISE HISTORY OF THE STATE, WITH PORTRAITS AND BIOGRAPHIES
OF PROMINENT CITIZENS OF THE ABOVE NAMED COUNTIES, AND
PERSONAL HISTORIES OF MANY OF THE EARLY
SETTLERS AND LEADING
FAMILIES

"Biography is the only true history." - EMERSON.

CHICAGO:
THE LEWIS PUBLISHING COMPANY,
1895.

active interest in public affairs, attending most of the conventions of his party, but has never aspired to office. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity.

CAPTAIN HENRY J. THOMPSON, deceased, was born in Tennessee, August 5, 1832, and died at his home in Tarrant county, Texas, August 26, 1883.

In 1859, then at the age of twenty-seven years, he accompanied his parents to Texas and located at Veal's Station. In the summer of 1861 he was Captain of a company of rangers, and in the fall of that same year he moved to Jacksborough and took charge of a cattle ranch belonging to his father-in-law, he having married soon after his location in Texas. He continued in the cattle business there until 1863. In April of that year he raised a company of 100 men and went North, from here directing his course west into Mexico, where his men scattered, thence north through Colorado and on to Kansas, and thence to Missouri. He traveled about considerably, freighting some in Utah, and finally located at Emporia, Kansas, where he engaged in merchandising. In Texas he was known as a Union man, was accused of abetting the Union army, and a warrant was issued for his arrest, dead or alive. The Confederate soldiers even came to his house to make the arrest. He met them at the gate, took the warrant to read, and while he was reading it a posse of his

own men, who were stationed in a small house near by, came up and surrounded and captured the officers, holding them prisoners and taking them nearly to Mexico before releasing them. It was at this time that Captain Thompson and his men went North, and in their long journey they came near starving, being for five days without anything to eat.

At the close of the war he met one of his brothers, who had served three years in the Confederate army, and together they went to St. Joseph, Missouri, and Council Bluffs, where they bought up a lot of horses, which they then brought to Texas. In the meantime they fell in with five men who had been in the Captain's company and the seven journeyed South together. They had some trouble with the Indians, and on one occasion were captured and held twenty-four hours by the red men. At another time they were pursued for sixty miles by hostile Indians, but made good their escape. Although the war had ended, the Captain and his men found, upon their arrival in Texas, that the trouble was not over, and for a number of years he felt that his life was in constant danger. Long before he died, however, he won the confidence of the people about him and was at peace with all mankind. On one occasion, while attending a sale of Government wagons soon after his return, at Weatherford, a man drew a pistol on the Captain and would have killed him had it not been for the latter's brother, who, in turn, shot the would-be murderer. At

this sale he purchased a number of wagons and for some time thereafter was engaged in contract work for the Government, supplying grain and hay for the stock at Fort Richardson, and in this made money. Then for one year he superintended the Government mills on Big Sandy. After that he spent one year at Jacksborough. He had bought a section of land in Tarrant county, and in 1873 moved to that place and commenced farming. From time to time he added to his original tract until he became the owner of 2,000 acres in Parker county, 2,000 acres in Tarrant county, and land in Jack and other counties. After settling on his farm he became greatly interested in raising stock, and at the time of his death had a herd of choice cattle.

His father, Robert H. Thompson, was a native of Tennessee and was a prominent farmer. He died in Parker county in 1862. Grandfather Thompson was a soldier in the Revolution. The only survivor of the family of Robert H. Thompson is Alva J. Thompson, a resident of Parker county.

Mrs. Jeanette B. Thompson, the widow of this brave frontiersman, was born in Robertson county, Texas, February 16, 1846, daughter of Berry L. Ham, and when six months old was taken by her parents to Navarro county, where her father opened up a farm. He had served through the Texas war of 1836, and had bought land claims in different counties of the State. He came to Texas in the first place with Ben McCulloch and was one of "Deaf" Smith's

men. He was on picket at the time of the battle of San Jacinto. At the time Cynthia Ann Parker was taken captive Mr. Ham was near Parker's fort, and was one of the men who went on the raid after her and her captors. Indeed, he was a pioneer of pioneers, was in many an Indian fight, had large cattle interests, was well known and highly respected by all the early settlers. In one fight he had with the Indians he received a wound, from the effects of which he never fully recovered. At the time of his death, in November, 1879, at the age of sixty-eight years, his residence was in Ennis, Ellis county. His family consisted of nine children, viz.: Jane, Martha, A. L., Jeanette B., Elizabeth, Virginia, Eva, L., and Lyeurgus L.

Mrs. Thompson is the mother of seven children, namely: Cherokee, wife of J. D. Farmer, of Fort Worth; H. Luke, a farmer of Tarrant county; Mark F., who died at the age of nine years; Alva A., a stockman of Parker county; Mary E., better known as "Thudy;" Thompson T.; and Charley.

Mrs. Thompson is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Both her father and husband were Royal Arch Masons.

JH. SIMMONS, a prominent farmer of Tarrant county, Texas, dates his birth in Mississippi, October 14, 1847. He is a son of John and Eliza (Brown) Simmons, natives of Kentucky, who removed from there to Mississippi, and in 1859 came

HENRY THOMPSON, PIONEER, TO BE HONORED IN HIGHWAY NAME

Back in 1848 to 1850, Henry Thompson broke the trail between Fort Worth and Fort Richardson, an outpost of civilization which later became Jacksboro. He hauled supplies between Jefferson, in East Texas, to Fort Richardson, by ox team and, under contract with the Government, built the fort.

But there was some misunderstanding about the contract, and Thompson never received pay from the Government. Now, 75 years later, he is to be honored for his pioneering, a movement having been started in Tarrant and Jack Counties to name newly proposed highway from Fort Worth to Jacksboro as "Thompson Highway."

Jack County already has voted a bond issue of \$400,000 and is at work upon the road, with the state aid amounting to \$800,000, a fund sufficient to provide one of the best hard surfaced roads in Texas.

The road, it is proposed, will run from here to Springtown, Poolville and Jacksboro, crossing a part of Parker County. Jack will extend the highway to Young County and citizens are asking that these counties assist in connecting the historic route. It is the hope of Jack County that this road some day shall lead westward as far as Roswell, N. M.

Thompson in the early days passed through many adventures in fetching supplies from East Texas, fighting Indians being all in the day's work. His home was in Tarrant County, and his widow, Mrs. Eannette Thompson, still resides here, near White Settlement. She now is in her nineties. Her husband has been dead 45 years.

The ruins of old Fort Richardson

at Jacksboro may still be seen. There was little difference then between Fort Worth and Fort Richardson. Both had their garrison of soldiers and a few white settlers, some of whom ever dreamed of Fort Worth becoming a city of 175,000. But it was due to the efforts of the early trail blazers like Thompson that gave Texas its start. Thompson is said to have had \$100,000 due from the Government.

The proposed highway leads through a fertile, well developed section, which has much scenic value.

PAPER WEIGHTS

The only Egyptian rulers that appear to be perfectly satisfactory to Great Britain are the mummified ones.—Tacoma News Tribune.

The ocean is said to be leaking. S'pose that means another fool de-tour!—Lafayette Journal and Courier.

"What shall we do with our children?" asks a correspondent. We know what they used to do with them when they got the way.—Bristol Herald Courier.

It's had enough of women to dress like men, but the worst won't happen until men begin to dress like women.—Los Angeles Times.

Mr. Gayly—The dogs say baldness is on the increase.
Mrs. Gollitely—We you can't drink hair tonic and be it too!—Judge.

The Commercial Advertiser
Chicago, Illinois
March 8, 1877

B-G. A MODEL PLANTATION.

It is 1,200 acres in extent and is located six miles up the West Fork of the Trinity. This splendid estate lies in the bottoms and along the slope to the West of the river and embodies some of the loveliest landscapes I have seen in the South. It is finely fenced and in a high state of cultivation. The green wheat fields in the bottoms, the undulating pastures along the slopes and the grand parks of live oak, in the midst of which is the beautiful half-gothic mansion house make up a picture of rural beauty and comfort which a baron might covet. Col. Henry Thompson, an old Tennessean, came this way on a summer evening, asked for a night's entertainment and being denied, registered in his heart a vow to own the estate. He kept his pledge by subsequent purchase, laid out and perfected the plantation, and built an elegant home from which he dispenses a hospitality which his guests are never likely to forget. He is a gentleman of simple tastes and habits, lives in close sympathy with nature and is one of her noblemen. I hold in memory the charming day at the Thompson farm, envy the great hearted owner the pleasure of his quiet and philosophical life here and hope to sit in the shadows of these grand live oaks in one of the happy future summer days. With these notes of lands and landmen, I come to a

COMMERCIAL REVIEW

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS
MARCH 8, 1877



Charleston, Tennessee
August 16th, 1860

Mr. R. H. Thompson (Veal Station, Texas)

Dear Father & Mother:

I write almost every day to some one of you. There is great excitement in politics. I think a dissolution of the states is certain and there is great fear of insurrection in every part of this country. This may look like far off things, but I have a right to my opinion -- I think it is well founded if Brackenridge is elected -- he will be by ultra southern state and the North will give Cinerton their undivided support and then the South has a president and North has one. The South will not submit to Cinerton neither will the North submit to Brackenridge so I think this is a premature plan by the South and North to dissolve their union and I think that ultra men both North and South are fixing for a combat and _____, and I am sorry to say that some men in Bradley County are encouraging a disunion but I find that they are not slaveholders and this is their final plan to abolish slavery in the South. There is more than me think the same---slavery has fallen 50% on this account and my honest impression is that a majority of men in Bradely County wishes they never had seen a negroe and who is to suffer by this thing - the slaveholders. They will suffer the loss of their property and not only the loss of their negroes but you know that the owners will be the first aim of the negro and his leader. So I consider slaveholders in danger of their lives and personal property and my advice to you is to dispose of what you have, remember what I say, you may think this notion erroneous, but be that as it may, I speak from honest convictions. I will start home in October and I do want a resolution in things, if we ever intend to do anything now is the time and without means you know we cannot do. I wish I was in Texas now but you know that I must close up my business before I leave. I think I will get the most of it settled. There has nothing new taken place since my last letter only Kury Alexander was married last Sunday to Pearl of Calhoun. She is very poor and Kury had to run off as his father was opposed to it. George M _____ got home Sunday and told me about all and mother I am sorry to learn of your dissatisfaction. It cannot look any more gloomy there than it is in this country.

_____ ?
Uncle Dan started to _____ yesterday and will be back in a short time then I will give you the new pros that undoubtedly he is still drinking. I am sorry to learn of the attempted insurrection. I hear that slaveholders are to suffer very greatly. I do want you to sell a part of yours and it had better be all, as a matter of course it is not best to make this public but look for your self.

I am yours,

H. J. Thompson

Name & Rank: Thompson, H
Comm. Off: Thompson, H.
Organ: Minute Men,

Enlist: May 25-61

Dis: 43 days regul

Describe:

Remarks: R&F 40; Co. signed
the Legislature Feb. 7-61;
Roll; 1 MR dtd. May 27-61;
Je. 8- Je. 23-61, Je. 24-
27-Aug. 4-61, Aug. 4- Aug

Thompson, H. J., Capt.
Thompson, H. J. & Roberts, T. F., Capt.
Company Fr. No. 1, Jack Co., 1st Front. Dist.
Maj. Wm. Quayle commdg., TST
[F. 1-64 in Jack Co.]; mus. in same date &
place
Des. 15-64
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RR 57, 70; Mus. Off. Maj. Quayle; Co. org.
under Act D. 15-63; 1 MR dtd. Je. 25-64 &
1 PR dtd. F. 1 to Je. 1-64. Name not on MR.
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