

Born near Woodville, Wilkerson County, Mississippi June 14, 1843. Was the only child of Mr. & Mrs. Chas Spencer (Mary Elizabeth McCrady). Attended School at Newtonia and Woodville, Miss.

Ran away from home at the age of 16. Went to Bayou Sara, La. where he worked at carpenters and _____ trade 6 or 8 mos. Returned to Woodville where he worked at the carpenters trade until the out break of the Civil War. He and a school mate, Dan Miller, went to New Orleans where he enlisted Orleans Light Guards afterwards known as the first Louisiana Volunteers. Have not the date but left New Orleans for Virginia. Arrived at Portsmouth, Va. on the night after the Yankees had vacated Gasport Navy Yards and fired same (Yanks)

Orleans Light Guard was made part of 1st Louisiana Vol. The Brigade to which this is written went into _____ Hampton Roads about three miles above Craney Island, almost opposite New Portnews where he remained for about eleven months.

During this time the whole Brigade witnessed the celebrated fight between the Merrimac and the Manator as well as witnessing the capture of a federal mail boat by one of the Confederates small tugs. Also the bringing in of the mail boat persued by number of federal gunboats whose persuit was checked by the guards of Craney Island.

After this the regiment was moved to North Carolina by D _____ Swamp Canal.

Had a brush with the federals, retreated a short distance where they went into camp

Here his term of enlistment expired. He re-enlisted and for 3 years re-elected officers was then returned to Richmond, Va. in time for the fight of the 7 Pines then fell back within 4 miles of Richmond. Entrenched, were in trenches until the 7 Days fight around Richmond--during this time they defended the trenches against the attack of the enemy also, assisting in Picket Duty.

In the first days fight of the 7 Days fight was wounded laid in Wylder Hospital at Richmond for 6 weeks. Left hospital before wound was healed. Started for the front, took sick with Typhoid Pneumonia. Was brought back to Lynchburg where he was confined to hospital for over 2 months

After this he joined an Independent Company of Cal. Commanded by Capt. Miller, made 2 raids into Kentucky. The commanding officer was killed in a private rough

The company was absorbed by the Atlry Company attached Schots Cal.(1st La.) made a raid into Kentucky at the time Morgan was in Ohio. Schott divided the forces. Col. Scott taking half of the command. Fought his way through while Lt. Col. Nixon held the rear which was held for about 2 or 3 hours when they were surrounded by the federals and captured near Winchester C. H. Ky. were taken to Louisville, Ky. from there to camp Chase Ohio. Were kept there 6 or 7 months then transferred to Fort Delaware in Del Way where he remained until after Surrender.

During this time was sick with small pox. Was released, returned to Woodville, Miss of June or July 6th.

Was elected City Marshall of Woodville in 1866. Resigned this office about 18 months later. Was appointed Deputy Sheriff. Served until the re-construction Days.

Was married to Miss Mollie Kelley March 1st, 1866.

Moved from Woodville to Espuerina, 75 miles above Vicksburg opposite Lake Providence, La. on the Shipland Plantation. Resided here until 1873 when he moved to Dallas, Tex. Arrived at the later place Dec. 8, 1873.

Was appointed on the Police force Dec. 25, 1873 under Ben Lang, mayor and Tom Flynn, city marshall. He and J. C. Arnold were appointed the first 2 mounted men in the city--this was in 1875. Dr. Crowdus being mayor. Remained mounted until 1876, was appointed deputy sheriff under Marion _____, waited on Justice Mc Clures Court. Remained in this position until the election of Bill Smith. Ran a detective agency for the same 12 months. Was again on the mounted force in 1883. Was on force until Dec 1st, 1885. When he ~~xxxxx~~ accepted a position with D. M. Osborne & Co. He was with this firm for 9 years and 8 monts then accepted a position with the P & O Co. Sept 1st, 1895.