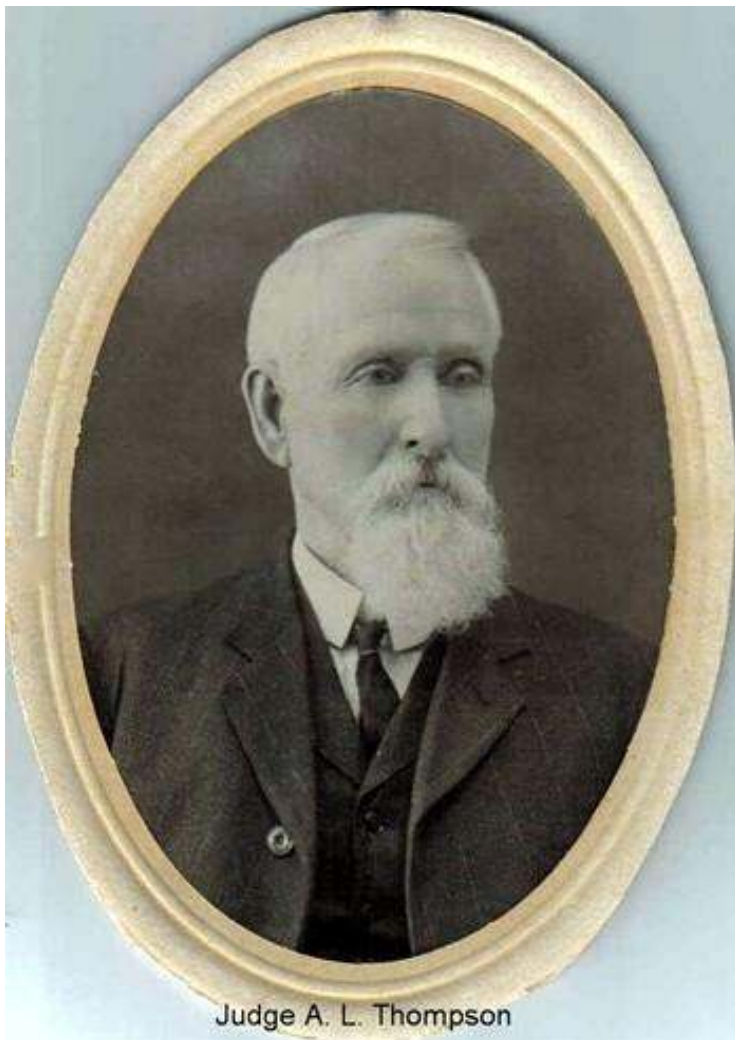


# Aaron Linton Thompson

Commander - 1900



Judge A. L. Thompson

Born in Wayne County, Indiana, September 23, 1836, Aaron Linton Thompson remembered nothing of the wearisome journey to Arkansas. Brought up on the home farm, near Durham, he was educated principally in the subscription schools but attended the only free school established anywhere in the South before the Civil war. The United States government gave to Arkansas section 16, on the middle fork of White river, for school purposes, and the proceeds from the rental of that land were sufficient to carry on the free school which he attended for three months each year. Beginning the struggle of life for himself as a farmer, he

was engaged in agricultural pursuits until 1868, with the exception of the Civil war period.

During that strenuous time, the issues of the Thompson family were sorely divided. All of those eligible for military duty, with the exception of Aaron L., entered the Confederate service. While reading "Brother Jonathan," the "Missouri Republic," and other journals with Union sentiments, his patriotic spirit was aroused, and in response of troops to defend the Union he enlisted in Company I, Arkansas Volunteer Infantry, at Fayetteville, as a private. He was subsequently commissioned first lieutenant of his

company, and served first under Gen. A. J. Smith, and after he was transferred to the eastern department was under command of Generals Steele and Busse. He took part in the Camden fight, the skirmish at Moscow, and in the battle at Jenkin's Ferry, sometimes called the "Saline River" engagement. He received his commission as an officer at Fort Smith in 1864, and was mustered out at the close of the war...;

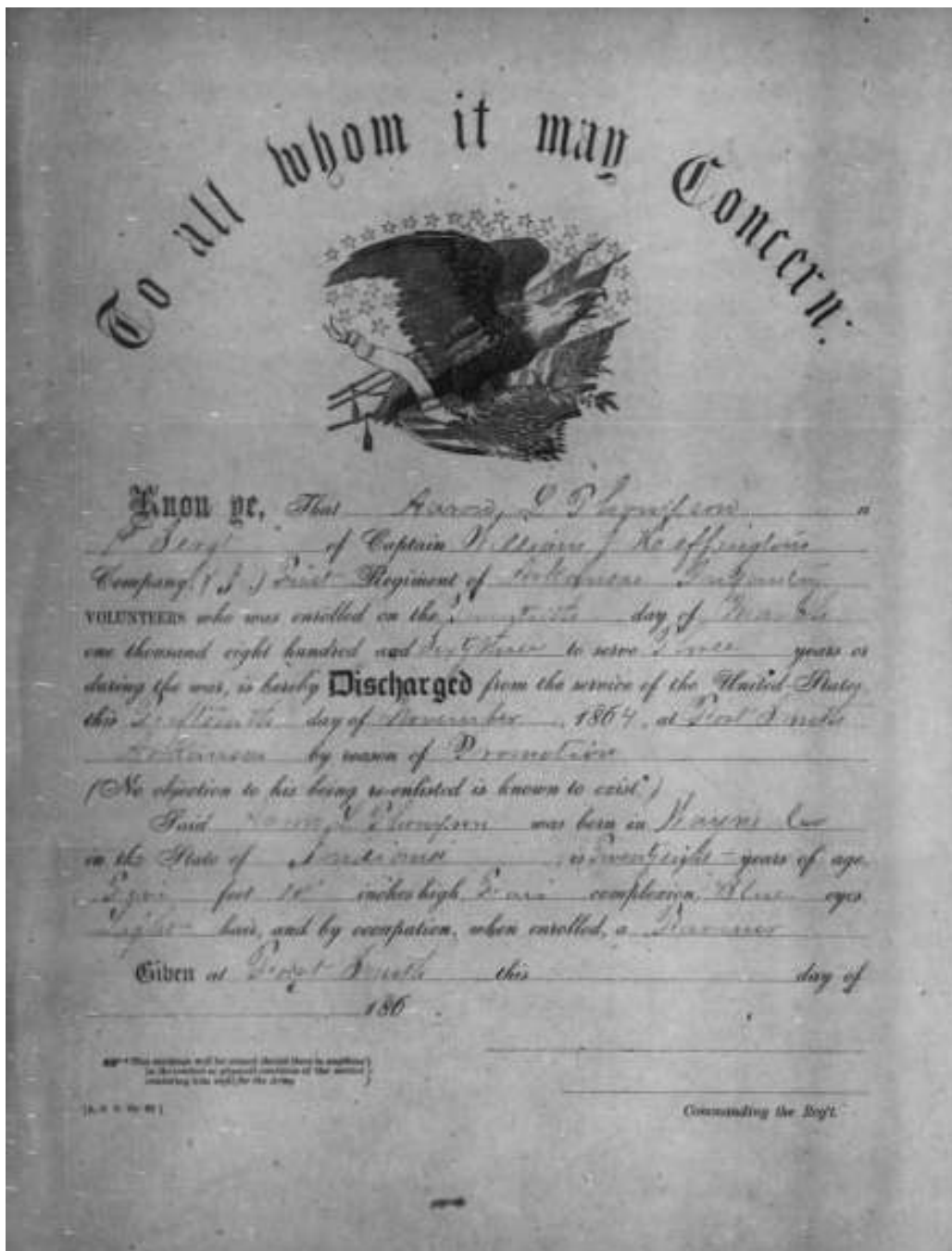
Judge Thompson, as Aaron L. is familiarly called, was originally a Whig in his political affiliations. He became identified with the Republican party soon after its formation, and at the age of twenty-one years began his official career as a constable. He was subsequently elected, in Madison County, justice of the peace, a position which he filled creditably for twelve years. He afterwards served as register of deeds for Madison County, and later was elected county judge, an office which he filled acceptably for several terms. In 1898 the Judge was commissioned by President McKinley postmaster at Springdale, Washington County, Arkansas, and in 1902 was reappointed by President Roosevelt to the same position. Since leaving the post office, Judge Thompson has retired from all active affairs. He has been for many years prominently identified with the Grand Army of the Republic, having held every office in the gift of the organization, rounding out his service as commander of the state.

Judge Thompson has been twice married. He married first, in Washington County, Arkansas, October 18, 1860, Sarah J. Poole, a daughter of Maston P. Poole, formerly of South Carolina. A farmer and a strong Union man, he often served as magistrate of his locality; he was noted for his culture and intelligence, and once said "that he could spell correctly every word found in Webster's dictionary." Of that union five children were born, as follows: Henry L., of Madison county, Arkansas; Dr. John S., of Greenland, Arkansas; William G., a twin brother of Dr. John S., resides in Springdale; Mary Beale died unmarried; and Edwin S.,

the special subject of this biographical record. The mother of these children passed to the life beyond in 1868. Judge Thompson married second, in July, 1870, Elizabeth A. Prater, and to them two children have been born and reared, namely: Cora, wife of W. E. Long, of Gravett, Arkansas; and Floyd, a lumber dealer and merchant at De Queen, Arkansas, and a prominent member of the Republican party. Mrs. Thompson's father, John C. Sumner, was born and brought up in Vermont, and was an own cousin of Charles Sumner, the noted Massachusetts senator.

He represented Madison County, Arkansas, in the state legislature as a Democrat, but he was a man of strong Union sentiment during the Civil War. Uniting with the Missionary Baptist church in 1857, the Judge has led an upright life, and has reared his children in the fear of God.

Judge Thompson died May 14, 1913 in Springdale,



Washington County, AR. And is buried in Bluff Cemetery,  
Springdale AR

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*Thompson Aaron L.*

**Co. *B*, 1 Arkansas Inf.**

*Sergeant / Lieutenant*  
**CARD NUMBERS.**

1	11381635	26
2	11381419	27
3	11381504	28
4	11381597	29
5	11381680	30
6	11381768	31
7	11381866	32
8	11381954	33
9	11382039	34
10	11382126	35
11	11382281	36
12	11370631	37
13	11382210	38
14	11382299	39
15	11382380	40
16	31840912	41
17	34710923	42
18	34710924	43
19		44
20		45
21		46
22		47
23		48
24		49
25		50

Number of personal papers herein 3

Book Mark: \_\_\_\_\_

See also \_\_\_\_\_

*J* | *1* | Ark.

*Aaron L. Thompson*

, Co. *I*, *1* Reg't Arkansas Inf.

Appears on

**Company Descriptive Book**

of the organization named above.

**DESCRIPTION.**

Age *27* years; height *5* feet *9* inches.

Complexion *Fair*

Eyes *blue*; hair *light*

Where born *Wayne Co. Ind.*

Occupation *Farmer*

**ENLISTMENT.**

When *Mar 20*, 1863.

Where *F. ville*

By whom *Huffington*; term *3* y'rs.

Remarks: *Musta as 1st Sgt.*

*Thompson*

J | 1 | Ark.

Aaron L. Thompson  
Surgt, Co. 2, 1 Reg't Arkansas Infantry.

Age 36 years.

Appears on

**Company Muster-in Roll**

of the organization named above. Roll dated

Fayetteville, March 20, 1863.

Muster-in to date March 20, 1863

Joined for duty and enrolled:

When March 20, 1863.

Where Fayetteville, Ark

Period 3 years.

Remarks: Appointed March 20, 1863

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T | 1 | Ark.

Aron C. Thompson

Sergeant, Co. I, 1 Reg't Arkansas Infantry.

Appears on

Company Muster Roll

for March 20 to April 30, 1863.

Present or absent Present

Stoppage, \$ \_\_\_\_\_ 100 for \_\_\_\_\_

Due Gov't, \$ \_\_\_\_\_ 100 for \_\_\_\_\_

Remarks: Appointed March 20, 1863.

Book mark: \_\_\_\_\_

Beiler



*J* | **1** | **Ark.**

*Carow L. Thompson*

*Wright*, Co. I, 1 Reg't Arkansas Infantry.

Appears on

**Company Muster Roll**

for *May June*, 1863.

Present or absent *Present*

Stoppage, \$ *100* for \_\_\_\_\_

Due Gov't, \$ *100* for \_\_\_\_\_

Remarks: *Appointed Mch. 20, 1863*

Book mark: \_\_\_\_\_

*Bisler*

T | 1 | Ark.

Aaron L. Thompson

Wg't Co. I, 1 Reg't Arkansas Infantry.

Appears on

**Company Muster Roll**

for July & Aug, 1863.

Present or absent. Absent

Stoppage, \$ \_\_\_\_\_ 100 for \_\_\_\_\_

Due Gov't, \$ \_\_\_\_\_ 100 for \_\_\_\_\_

Remarks: Appointed Mch. 29, 1863.  
Absent sick at Ft. Blunt  
C. V. Aug. 23, 1863

Book mark: \_\_\_\_\_

Bisler

7 | 1 | Ark.

*Aaron L. Thompson*

*Serg't.*, Co. I, 1 Reg't Arkansas Infantry.

Appears on

**Company Muster Roll**

for *Sept & Oct*, 186*3*

Present or absent *Present*

Stoppage, \$ \_\_\_\_\_ 100 for \_\_\_\_\_

Due Gov't, \$ \_\_\_\_\_ 100 for \_\_\_\_\_

Remarks: \_\_\_\_\_

Book mark: \_\_\_\_\_

*Tolman*

T | 1 | Ark.

*Sam L Thompson*

*Aug 4*, Co. I, 1 Reg't Arkansas Infantry.

Appears on

**Company Muster Roll**

for *Nov & Dec*, 186*3*.

Present or absent *Present*

Stoppage, \$ \_\_\_\_\_ 100 for \_\_\_\_\_

Due Gov't, \$ \_\_\_\_\_ 100 for \_\_\_\_\_

Remarks: \_\_\_\_\_

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*Thompson*

T | 1 | Ark.

*Aaron L Thompson*

*Serg't* Co. I, 1 Reg't Arkansas Infantry.

Appears on

**Company Muster Roll**

for *Feb. 29 to June 30, 1864.*

Present or absent *Present*

Stoppage, \$ *100* for

Due Gov't, \$ *100* for

Remarks: *Pension and  
advance bounty  
due \$27.*

Book mark:

*Thompson*

T

1

Ark.

*Asa L. Thompson*

*Serg't*, Co. I, 1 Reg't Arkansas Infantry.

Appears on

**Company Muster Roll**

for *July & Aug.*, 186*4*.

Present or absent *Present*

Stoppage, \$.....*100* for.....

Due Gov't, \$.....*100* for.....

Remarks: *Premium and  
advance bounty due.*

Book mark:.....

*Thompson*

T | 1 | Ark.

*Carroll L Thompson*

*1* Sert, Co. I, 1 Reg't Arkansas Infantry.

Appears on

**Company Muster Roll**

for *Sert. S. A. H.*, 186 *4*

Present or absent *Present*

Stoppage, \$ *100* for

Due Gov't, \$ *100* for

Remarks:

Book mark:

*Thompson*

*ES* | **1** | **Ark.**

*Aaron S. Thompson*

*1 Sgt.*, Co. I, 1 Reg't Arkansas Infantry.

Appears on

**Company Muster Roll**

for *Nov Dec*, 1864.

Present or absent *present*

Stoppage, \$ *100* for \_\_\_\_\_

Due Gov't, \$ *100* for \_\_\_\_\_

Remarks: \_\_\_\_\_

Book mark: \_\_\_\_\_

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*Thompson*

Copyist.



DJ | 1 | Ark.

Raymond Thompson  
1 Sgt., Co. I, 1 Reg't Arkansas Infantry.

Appears on

Company Muster Roll

for June 7 Feb, 1865.

Present or absent

Stoppage, \$ 100 for

Due Gov't, \$ 100 for

Remarks: Promoted to  
1st of this company  
Musters date  
June Nov 16, 1864

Book mark:

Kearney

9 | 1 | 1 | Ark.

Aaron L Thompson

1st, Co. I, 1 Reg't Arkansas Inf.

Age 28 years.

Appears on an

Individual Muster-in Roll

of the organization named above. Roll dated

Fort Smith AR Oct 21, 1865.

Muster-in to date Nov. 16, 1864

Joined for duty and enrolled:

When Nov 16, 1864.

Where Fort Smith AR

Period 3 years.

Remarks: promoted from 1st Sgt Co. I / ARK vol enlist to 1st. same Co. and Regt. by appointment from the President U.S. to fill vacancy caused by the resignation of 1st Terry

Book mark:

(over)

House

AUG. 10.

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Rec'd and accepted  
appointment Nov. 16, 1864.  
muster in to take effect  
Nov. 16, 1864 as per  
official Extract herewith

\* As appears on Roll

T | 1 | Ark.

Warren Thompson

1st, Co. I, 1 Reg't Arkansas Infantry.

Appears on

Company Muster Roll

for Jan & Feb, 1865.

Present or absent present

Stoppage, \$ 100 for

Due Gov't, \$ 100 for

Remarks Permitted

from 1st Sgt to  
1st Lt. Nov 16, 1864

Pay due as 1st Sgt  
from July 1, 1864

Book mark:

Harper

T

1

Ark.

*Arnold Thompson*

*1st*, Co. I, 1 Reg't Arkansas Infantry.

Appears on

**Company Muster Roll**

for *Mar Apr*, 1863.

Present or absent. *Absent*

Stoppage, \$ \_\_\_\_\_ 100 for \_\_\_\_\_

Due Gov't, \$ \_\_\_\_\_ 100 for \_\_\_\_\_

Remarks: *Absent*

*with leave*

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Book mark: \_\_\_\_\_

*Harper*

J

1

Ark.

Aaron S Thompson  
Sgt, Co D., 1 Reg't Arkansas Infantry.

Appears on **Returns** as follows:

Aug 1863 Absent sick  
from forced march  
mg. at Ft Gibson  
Since Aug 23" 1863  
Feb 1865 Discharged

Book mark :

Reck

*F*

1

Ark.

*Aaron S Thompson*  
Saut, Co. *D.*, 1 Reg't Arkansas Infantry.

Appears on **Returns** as follows:

*Feb 1865* Appointed from  
*Sgt.* to *1st Co D.*  
*Ark. Vol Inf. No 1*  
*16<sup>th</sup> Co.* Present.

*March 1865* Present.

*April 1865* Absent with  
leave.

*May 1865 to July 1865:*  
Present.

Book mark : .....

*Peck*

AUG. 11.

11382380

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Arks, place of  
discharge to Kay-  
sterville Arks. place  
of original enlist-  
ment in Co "D" 1st  
Ark. Inf.



Aaron L. Thompson

*T* | 1 | Ark.

*Aaron J. Thompson*  
*1st*, Co. *D*, 1 Reg't Arkansas Infantry.

Age *28* years.

Appears on **Co. Muster-out Roll**, dated

*Ft Smith Ark Aug 10*, 1865.

Muster-out to date *Aug 10*, 1865.

Last paid to *Feb 28*, 1865.

Clothing account:

Last settled....., 186 ; drawn since \$.....100

Due soldier \$.....100; due U. S. \$.....100

Am't for cloth'g in kind or money adv'd \$.....100

Due U. S. for arms, equipments, &c., \$.....100

Bounty paid \$.....100; due \$.....100

Remarks: *Was 1st Sgt from*

*organization to Nov 16*

*1864 then Pvt*

*vice Serjeant*

*Travelling allowance*

*due from Ft Smith*

Book mark: .....

*over*

*Harper*

War Department  
Adjutant General's Office  
Washington D.C. Jan. 14, 1865

Major S. O. Vincent  
Company of Mustos  
Regt of Ark Kansas  
Little Rock Ark

Major

Authority is hereby  
given for the muster in of the following named  
Officers and enlisted men of the 1<sup>st</sup> Ark Regt Vol. as  
of the grade set opposite their names respectively  
+ + + + +

1<sup>st</sup> Sergeant Samuel L. Thompson Co. D  
to be 1<sup>st</sup> Lieut Co. D.

These musters will date from Nov. 16, 1864

I am Major Very Respectfully  
Your Obedient Servant  
Signed Thomas W. Vincent  
Asst Adjt General

Official Extract

at  
Major S. O. Vincent  
Regt of Ark Kansas

Thompson Aaron C.

1st, Co. I, 1 Reg't Ark. Inf.

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Enclosures.

Bed Cards	Final Statements
Burial Records	Furloughs or L. of A
Certa. of Dis. for Discharge	Med. Certificates
C. M. Charges	Med. Des. Lists
Descriptive Lists	Orders
Discharge Certificates	Pris. of War Record
Enlistment Papers	Resignations

Other papers relating to—

Admission to Hosp'l	Furlough or L. of A
Casualty Sheet	Med. Examination
Confinement	Misc. Information 3
Contracts	Pay or Clothing
Death or Effects	Personal Reports
Desertion	Rank
Discharge from Hosp'l	Transfer to Hosp'l
Discharge from Service	Transfer to V. R. C.
Duty	Transportation

State of Arkansas }  
County of Sebastian } Swore to before me



I James Edmund Clark of  
of the Circuit Court in and for the  
County of Sebastian and State  
of Arkansas this the 10<sup>th</sup> day of  
August 1865

In testimony whereof I have hereunto  
set my hand and affixed the official  
seal of my office this the day first above  
written James Edmund Clark

James E. Clark  
10<sup>th</sup> Aug 1865

State of Arkansas }  
County of Sebastian } 88

I Aaron L Thompson Late  
1st Lt. Co. 1st Arkansas Infantry, vols. do. declare on oath  
that I have accounted for all public property and  
monies for which I was responsible as an officer  
in the United States Military Service that I have  
rendered all accounts and returns required by  
existing orders and Revised Army Regulations  
and that I am not now indebted to the  
Government of the United States on any account.  
Whatever assets are shown on final muster out  
Rolls.

Subscribed in my presence }  
Present before me at }  
Fort Smith Arkansas }  
This 10th day of August }  
James Edmundson Clerk

Aaron L. Thompson  
Late 1st Lt. Co. 1st Arkansas Infantry

Office and Army Division

S. D. C. No.

Post Smith Act

25th Sept 1864

Respectfully

J. O. Smith, Party War 1864

To request the Discharge of L. S. King  
Kaiser & Schuyler Co. J. P. King  
Capt. King was the former Lieutenant and  
Appointed from the 2nd Cavalry U.S.  
as 1st Lieut. from 1862 to  
date from November 18 1864

Very Respectfully

J. O. Smith

Com. of the Army  
Washington

Respectfully forwarded  
Approved  
J. O. Smith

OATH OF IDENTITY.

of the town of \_\_\_\_\_  
County of \_\_\_\_\_ in the State of \_\_\_\_\_  
On this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ in the year  
two thousand eight hundred and sixty \_\_\_\_\_ personally appeared  
before me, the undersigned, a Justice of the Peace for the county  
and \_\_\_\_\_  
who, being duly sworn according to law, declares that he is the  
identical \_\_\_\_\_ who was  
\_\_\_\_\_ in the company commanded by  
Captain \_\_\_\_\_ in the regiment  
\_\_\_\_\_ commanded by \_\_\_\_\_  
that he enlisted on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_  
for the term of \_\_\_\_\_ and was discharged  
at \_\_\_\_\_ on the \_\_\_\_\_ day  
of \_\_\_\_\_ by reason of \_\_\_\_\_

There are attached to this for the copy and post office address.

I certify that \_\_\_\_\_ in fact  
where the above affidavit purports to have been made, is a Justice of  
the Peace duly authorized to administer oaths, and that the above is  
his signature.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my  
official seal, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_  
in the year \_\_\_\_\_  
at \_\_\_\_\_ in the State of \_\_\_\_\_

Notary Public

To all whom it may Concern:



Know ye, That Aaron J. Chapman a  
Sergeant of Captain Williams of the 1st Regiment of Arkansas Infantry  
VOLUNTEERS who was enrolled on the 15th day of March  
one thousand eight hundred and forty three to serve three years or  
during the war, is hereby **Discharged** from the service of the United States,  
this 21st day of November, 1864, at Fort Smith  
Arkansas by reason of Promotion

(No objection to his being re-enlisted is known to exist.)

Said Aaron J. Chapman was born in Warren Co  
in the State of Louisiana, is twenty eight years of age,  
five feet 10 inches high, fair complexion, blue eyes,  
light hair, and by occupation, when enrolled, a Farmer

Given at Fort Smith this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_  
186\_\_\_\_\_

\* This sentence will be erased should there be anything  
in the conduct or physical condition of the soldier  
rendering him unfit for the Army

[A. G. O. No. 89]

\_\_\_\_\_  
Commanding the Reg't.