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Learning About Family & Community

Suggestions from One Descendant to Others



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Research.

Document.

Verify.

Share.





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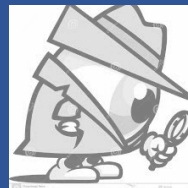
What do you
call yourself?



Historian?



Genealogist?



Amateur Detective?



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You've probably already started!

- Listening to old family stories.
- Looking at photographs.
- Talking with relatives.

Take the next steps!



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- **Write** down what you've heard.
- **Ask** questions.
- **Label** photographs.



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**Accept that there's always
more to learn.**



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Suggestion #1 : Collaborate with other descendants

Two other descendants and I agreed to:

1) Document the sources we used.

This allows someone else to search for and find the same or similar information.

2) Share sources of information.

For example, someone writes to the Secretaries of State for documents relating to their family. Someone else is good at reading old handwriting. Another remembers stories about Brackettville.

3) While researching, take note of information that might be of use to someone else.

An example of this is on the next page.



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I learned from my great-grandfather's military records, that he served in the 1899-1902 U.S. occupation of Cuba.

Know ye, that John Jefferson a trumpeter of Troop "D" of the Tenth Regiment of Cavalry who was enlisted on the 25th day of March one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine serve 3years is hereby Honorably Discharged from the army of the United states by reason of Expiration of term of service.

The said John Jefferson was born in Fort Clark in the state of Texas and when enlisted was 21 six years of age, 5 feet 10 inches high, Dark complexion Br. eyes, Black hair and by occupation a Laborer.

Given under my hand in near Ciego de Avila, Cuba the 24th day of March in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and two.

J.W. Watson Captain 10th Cav., commanding

Character

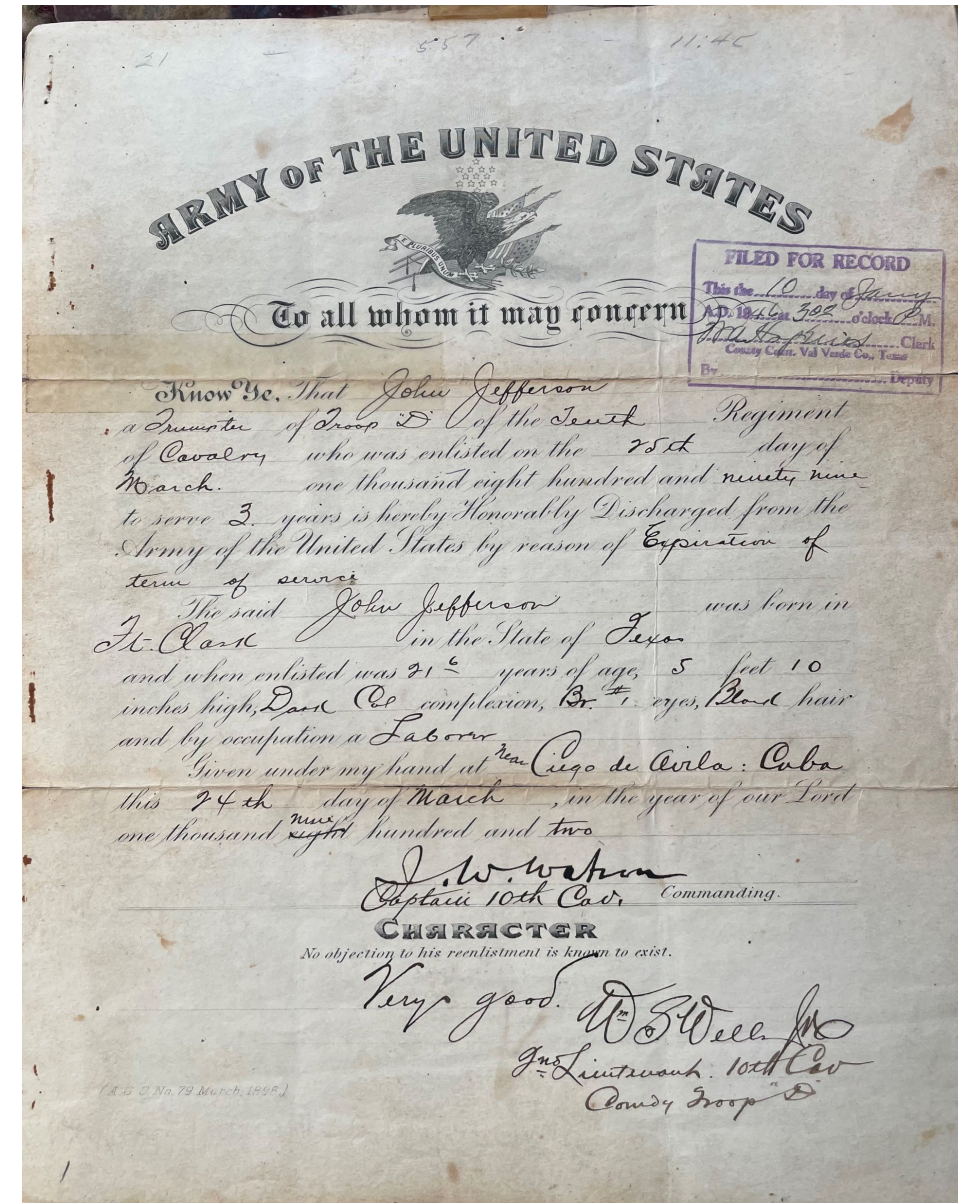
No objecting to his reenlistment is known to exist.

Very Good

Wm Wells

2nd lieutenant 10th CAV

Comdg Troop "D"





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I wondered if there were other men from Ft. Clark who also served. I looked up the surname of one of the descendants I was working with, Hawkins. Below is my query on ancestry.com and the results.

First & Middle Name(s) Last Name

Exact... Exact...

Quick Fill Suggestions
[RI_Johnson Family Tree](#) ×

No suggestions found

Place your ancestor might have lived Birth Year

Exact to...

Search [Show fewer options](#) Match all terms exactly

Add event: [Birth](#) [Marriage](#) [Death](#) [Lived In](#) [Any Event](#) [More](#)

Year Location ×

Exact +/-...

Any Event ×

Exact to...

Add family member: [Father](#) [Mother](#) [Sibling](#) [Spouse](#) [Child](#)

Keyword

Exact

Gender Race/Nationality

Collection Focus

Hawkins
 Military: 1899
 Any: Brackettville, Kinney, T...
 Hide 2 fields ^

Anything: 10th cavalry
 Gender: Male

Focus:

Apply

Filters

- > Census & voter lists 70,000+
- > Birth, marriage & death 70,000+
- > Military 10,000+
- > Immigration & emigration 4,018
- > Newspapers & periodicals 10,000+
- > Stories, memories & histories 1,221
- > Directories & member lists 60,000+
- > Court, land, wills & financial 10,000+
- > Dictionaries, encyclopedias & reference 129
- > Family trees

Record location

- > North America 100,000+
- > Europe 90,000+
- > Oceania 10,000+
- > Africa 418
- > Asia 388
- > South America 45

Record date

- > 1600 1
- > 1700 206
- > 1800 50,000+
- > 1900 100,000+
- > 2000 1,196

[help](#), [edit your search](#) or [learn more](#)

U.S., Civil War Soldier Records and Profiles, 1861-1865 Soldier, veteran & prisoner rolls & lists	Name	James M Hawkins
U.S., Civil War Soldiers, 1861-1865 Soldier, veteran & prisoner rolls & lists	Name	James M. Hawkins
	Military	Tennessee
U.S., Civil War Pension Index: General Index to Pension Files, 1861-1934 Pension records	Name	James Hawkins
	Residence	Kentucky, USA
1920 United States Federal Census 1920s	Name	James H Hawkin [Jame H Hawkin] [James H Hawkins]
	Birth	Tennessee
	Residence	1920 Rosser, Kaufman, Texas, USA
1920 United States Federal Census 1920s	Name	James M Hawkins [James M Hawkin] [Jam M Harvkins]
	Birth	Texas
	Residence	1920 Justice Precinct 7, Bexar, Texas, USA
U.S., Buffalo Soldiers, Returns From Regular Army Cavalry Regiments, 1866-1916 Draft, enlistment and service	Name	James Hawkins
	Military	Apr 1899 Fort Clark, Texas
	Action Date	18 Apr 1899
		Seen 4 days ago
U.S., Civil War Pension Index: General Index to Pension Files, 1861-1934 Pension records	Name	James J Hawkins
	Relative	Sarah Hawkins

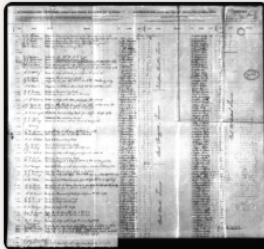


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I shared this information with the Descendant so that he could do further research to determine if this was his relative.

James Hawkins

in the U.S., Buffalo Soldiers, Returns From Regular Army Cavalry Regiments, 1866-1916



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Name	James Hawkins
Regiment	United States Tenth Cavalry
Regiment Return Date	Apr 1899
Regiment Commanding Officer	Colonel Samuel M Whiteside
Officer or Enlisted	Enlisted
Rank	Private
Company Letter	D
Number	79
Action Date	18 Apr 1899
Action Place	Fort Clark, Texas
Roll number	99
Archive Publication Number	M744
Archive Publication Title	Returns From Regular Army Cavalry Regiments 1866-1916

Save

U.S., Buffalo Soldiers, Returns From Regular Army Cavalry Regiments, 1866-1916 for James Hawkins

United States Tenth Cavalry > 1897-1900

NAME	RANK	COMPANY	REGIMENT	DATE	PLACE
James Hawkins	Private	D	United States Tenth Cavalry	18 Apr 1899	Fort Clark, Texas
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Suggestion #2

Coming Soon!