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FORM B

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Widow's Application for Pension

The Commissioner of Pensions reserves the right to call for additional testimony if he deems it necessary.

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Name of Applicant

Major Mearns

Wray County

Postoffice Emporium, R300#3

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E. A. Johnson

Commissioner of Pensions

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FORM B

For Use of Widows of Soldiers Who are in Indigent Circumstances

THE STATE OF TEXAS }

County of Gregg

I, Mrs Joe Mercer, do hereby make application to the Commissioner of Pensions for a pension, to be granted me under the Act passed by the Thirty-first Legislature of the State of Texas, and approved March 26, A. D. 1909, on the following grounds:

I am the widow of Marion Mercer, deceased, who departed this life on the 5 day of November, A. D. 1899, in the county of Gregg, in the State of Texas.

I have not remarried since the death of my said husband, and I do solemnly swear that I was never divorced from my said husband, and that I never voluntarily abandoned him during his life, but remained his true, faithful and lawful wife up to the date of his death. I was married to him on the 5 day of January, A. D. 1870, in the county of Rusk, in the State of Texas.

My husband, the said Marion Mercer, enlisted and served in the military service of the Confederate States during the war between the States of the United States, and that he did not desert the Confederate Service. I have been a resident of the State of Texas since prior to March 1, A. D. 1880, and have been continuously since a citizen of the State of Texas. I do further state that I do not receive from any source whatever money or other means of support amounting in value to the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars per annum, nor do I own in my own right, nor does any one hold in trust for my benefit or use, estate or property, either real, personal or mixed, either in fee or for life, of the assessed value of over one thousand dollars; nor do I receive any aid or pension from any other State, or from the United States, or from any other source, and I do further state that the answers given to the following questions are true:

1. What is your age? 66 yrs
2. Where were you born? Crawford County Georgia
3. How long have you resided in the State of Texas? Since 1852
4. How long have you resided in the county of your present residence? And what is your postoffice address? Since about 1873 - Longview Tex. R.F.D. #3
5. What was your husband's full name? Marion Mercer
6. When and where were you married? Rusk Co. Tex. 1870
7. What was the date of his death? Nov. 5 -
8. In what State was your husband's command originally organized? Mississippi
9. How long did your husband serve? If known to you, give date of enlistment and discharge. Enlisted 1861 and served through the war
10. What was the name or letter of the company, or name or number of the battalion, regiment or battery of artillery in which your husband served? If he was transferred from one branch of service to another, give time of transfer, description of command and time of service. Company 'F' 2nd Regiment



11. Name branch of service in which your husband served, whether infantry, cavalry, artillery or the navy, or if commissioned as an officer by the President, his rank and line of duty, or if detailed for special service, under the law of conscription, the nature of such service, and time of service. Infantry

12. Have you transferred to others any property of any kind for the purpose of becoming a beneficiary under this law? No

Wherefore your petitioner prays that her application for a pension be approved and such other proceedings be had in the premises as are required by law.

(Signature of Applicant) Mrs Joe Mercier

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 13 day of November, A. D. 1908

J. H. McHoney  
County Judge Gregg County, Texas.

[SEAL.]

AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESSES

[NOTE.—There must be at least two credible witnesses.]

THE STATE OF TEXAS }  
County of Gregg

Before me J. H. McHoney, County Judge of Gregg County, State of Texas, on this day personally appeared C. G. Murren & J. G. Butts, who are personally

known to me to be credible citizens, who, being by me duly sworn, on oath state that they personally know that Mrs. Joe Mercier, applicant for a pension as the widow of Marion Mercier deceased, is in truth and fact the widow of Marion Mercier deceased; that they personally know that she has not remarried since the death of her husband, for whose service in the army she claims a pension, and that they have no interest in this claim.

(Signature of Witness) C. G. Murren

(Signature of Witness) J. G. Butts

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 29 day of Oct., A. D. 1910

J. H. McHoney  
County Judge Gregg County, Texas.

[SEAL.]

AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESSES

[NOTE.—There must be at least two credible witnesses.]

THE STATE OF TEXAS }  
County of Gregg

Before me J. H. McHoney, County Judge of Gregg County, State of Texas, on this day personally appeared C. G. Murren & J. G. Butts, who are personally

known to me to be credible citizens, who, being by me duly sworn, on oath state that they personally know the above-named applicant for a pension, and that they personally know that the said Mrs. Joe Mercier has been a bona fide resident citizen of the State of Texas since prior to March 1, A. D. 1880, and that they have no interest in this claim.

(Signature of Witness) C. G. Murren

(Signature of Witness) J. G. Butts

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 29 day of Oct., A. D. 1910

J. H. McHoney  
County Judge Gregg County, Texas.

[SEAL.]



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Form B.

WIDOW'S APPLICATION  
FOR A PENSION

The Comptroller of Public Accounts reserves the right to call for additional testimony if he deems it necessary.

Name of Applicant.

*Miss Lucie Ann Mearns*  
Rural  
County.

Postoffice *San Antonio #3*

Filed *2/24/24*

Approved

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*John A. Smith*  
Comptroller of Public Accounts

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For Use of Widows of Soldiers Who Are in Indigent Circumstances

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

County of Rusk

I, Mrs. Jane Anna Mercer do hereby make application to the Comptroller of Public Accounts for a pension, to be granted me under the Act passed by the Thirty-third Legislature of the State of Texas, and approved April 7, A. D. 1913, on the following grounds:

I am the widow of Marion Mercer deceased, who departed this life on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of Nov., A. D. 1899 in the county of Gregg in the State of Texas

I have not remarried since the death of my said husband, and I do solemnly swear that I was never divorced from my said husband, and that I never voluntarily abandoned him during his life, but remained his true, faithful and lawful wife up to the date of his death. I was married to him on the 9 day of January, A. D. 1869 in the county of Gregg in the State of Texas

My husband, the said Marion Mercer, enlisted and served in the military service of the Confederate States during the war between the States of the United States, and that he did not desert the Confederate service. I have been a resident of the State of Texas since prior to January 1, A. D. 1900, and have been continuously since a citizen of the State of Texas. I do further state that I do not receive from any source whatever money or other means of support amounting in value to the sum of \$300.00 per annum, nor do I own in my own right, nor does anyone hold in trust for my benefit or use, estate or property, either real, personal or mixed, either in fee or for life, of the value of one thousand dollars, exclusive of the home of the value of not over \$1000; nor do I receive any aid or pension from any other State, or from the United States, or from any other source, and I do further state that the answers given to the following questions are true:

1. What is your age? 80
2. Where were you born? Georgia
3. How long have you resided in the State of Texas? 72 years
4. How long have you resided in the county of your present residence? And what is your postoffice address? Since its organization, Langview #3
5. Did your husband draw a pension? If so, give his file number. No
6. What was your husband's full name? Marion Mercer
7. What was the date of his death? November 8<sup>th</sup> 1899
8. In what State was your husband's command originally organized? Mississippi
9. How long did your husband serve? If known to you, give date of enlistment and discharge. The entire war
10. What was the name or letter of the company, or number of the battalion, regiment or battery of artillery in which your husband served? If he was transferred from one branch of service to another, give time of transfer, description of command and time of service. Co. E 2nd Regt, Miss Infantry
11. Name branch of service in which your husband served, whether infantry, cavalry, artillery, or the navy, or if commissioned as an officer by the President, his rank and line of duty, or if detailed for special service under the law of conscription, the nature of such service, and time of service. Infantry

12. Have you transferred to others any property of any kind for the purpose of becoming a beneficiary under this law? No

Wherefore your petitioner prays that her application for a pension may be approved and such other proceedings be had in the premises as are required by law.

(Signature of Applicant) Mrs. Joanna Mercer

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 14 day of February, A. D. 1924

[Seal.]

County Judge Rusk County, Texas.

\*Where applicant has remarried it is necessary that she state facts covering particulars of last marriage, date, to whom married, and date of last husband's death. She must also state that she is now a widow.

**AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESSES**

[Note.—There must be at least two creditable witnesses.]

THE STATE OF TEXAS,  
County of Russell

Before me, J. G. Watson, County Judge of Russell County,  
State of Texas, on this day personally appeared C. M. Lindsey & M. D. Ray, who are personally  
known to me to be creditable citizens, who, being by me duly sworn, on oath state that they personally know  
that Mrs. Joe Ann Mercer applicant for a pension as the widow of Marion Mercer  
deceased, is in truth and fact the widow of Marion Mercer deceased; that they personally  
know that she has not remarried since the death of her husband, for whose services in the army she claims  
a pension, and that they have no interest in this claim.\*

(Signature of Witness) C. M. Lindsey

(Signature of Witness) M. D. Ray

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 25 day of February, A. D. 1924

J. G. Watson

[Seal.]

County Judge Russell County, Texas.

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State of Texas, on this day personally appeared C. M. Lindsey & M. D. Ray, who are personally  
known to me to be creditable citizens, who, being by me duly sworn, on oath state that they personally know  
the above named applicant for pension, and that they personally know that the said Mrs. Joe Ann Mercer  
has been a bona fide resident citizen of the State of Texas since prior to January 1, A. D. 1900, and that they  
have no interest in this claim.

(Signature of Witness) C. M. Lindsey

(Signature of Witness) M. D. Ray

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 25 day of February, A. D. 1924

J. G. Watson

[Seal.]

County Judge Russell County, Texas.

AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESSES

(If possible, the two witnesses should have served with the applicant's husband in the army, and if so, let them, or either of them, state it in their oath; also any information regarding the army service of applicant's husband.)

THE STATE OF TEXAS,
County of.....

Before me, ....., County Judge of ..... County, State of Texas, on this day personally appeared ..... re personally known to me to be creditable citizens, who, being by me sworn, on oath state that they are personally acquainted with the foregoing applicant, and that the facts set forth and statements made in her application are correct and true, to the best of their knowledge and belief, and that they have no interest in this claim. And further make oath to the following facts touching the service of applicant's husband in the Confederate Army: (State fully your source of knowledge) .....

We are unable to find a living witness hence we are submitting the Confederate record together with a letter from Mr. T.J. Battle. Should you find that other evidence is needed please advise me. Resp. J. Watson

(Signature of Witness) .....

(Signature of Witness) .....

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this ..... day of ....., A. D. 19.....

[Seal.]

County Judge ..... County, Texas.

CERTIFICATE OF STATE AND COUNTY ASSESSOR

I, R.H. Maloney, State and County Assessor in the County of Rush State of Texas, do certify that Mrs. Joe Ann Mercedes whose name is signed to the foregoing application for a pension, under the Act of the Thirty-third Legislature, approved April 7, 1913, is charged on the tax rolls of said county with a homestead of the value of 00 Dollars, and of other property, real or personal, or both, of the value of 00 Dollars.

Given under my hand, this 25 day of Feb A. D. 1924

R.H. Maloney State and County Assessor





witness signature  
X R B Henderson  
X J M Beaker  
Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 30 day of Aug, 1902

J M Street, Notary Public

THE STATE OF Mississippi

County of Tippah

I, J M Street, Clerk  
(Here give name and official character of officer before whom taken.)

Clerk of Tippah Co. Miss do hereby certify that R B Henderson and J M Beaker are personally known to me to be credible citizens of said County and State, and that the foregoing answers of said R B Henderson and J M Beaker the witness before named, and

whose name appear signed to the foregoing deposition, were made before me and were sworn to and subscribed before me, by said witness (4)

Given under my hand and official seal, this the 30 day of August, 1902

(L. S.)  
see here

J M Street, Clerk

NOTE.—In Texas, any Clerk of the District Court, any Judge and Clerk of the County Court, or any Notary Public or Justice of the Peace within their respective Counties, are authorized to take depositions. Out of the State and within the United States—any Clerk of a Court of Record having a seal, any Notary Public, or any Commissioner of Deeds of Texas.

File No.  
In \_\_\_\_\_ County, Texas.  
Before the Honorable County Judge of said County.

EX PARTE

Applicant for Confederate Pension

DEPOSITION OF

R B Henderson  
J M Beaker

Witness for Applicant

Filed \_\_\_\_\_ day  
of \_\_\_\_\_ 190  
By \_\_\_\_\_ Clerk.  
Deputy.

Fee for Taking Deposition, \$

Lined area for deposition text.



- (1) Here give the name and residence of each witness.
- (2) Here state "and cross interrogatories," if any.
- (3) Here give the name and official character of the person taking the deposition.
- (4) Here state "respectively," if more than one witness.
- (5) Here state whether "Commission, or agreement," if Commission was waived.

EX PARTE

IN RE APPLICANT FOR CONFEDERATE PENSION

*Mr. Joe Mercer*

Under Act March 26, 1909, pending

*Gregg*

Applicant for Confederate Pension.

County, Texas, before the Honorable County Judge of said County.

Answers and depositions of (1) *X* R. B. Henderson-----

*and* *X* J. M. Booker-----

to the accompanying interrogations (2) *and X Interrogatories* propounded to *them* in the above entitled cause taken before (3) *X* J. W. Street, chancery & chancery clerk of Tipton county, Mississippi, and ex-officio notary public in accordance with the accompanying (7) *agreement*

To the first interrogatory the said R. B. Henderson

Witness, answers that he is 74 years of age and that his P. O. address is Blue Mountain, Mississippi, R. F. D. No. 1; and the said J. M. Booker, witness answers that he is 77 years of age and that his post office address is Ripley, Mississippi, R. F. D. No 1.

*To the 2nd Inty. They answer:* That they each knew the said Marion Mercer from the time that he was a child up until the Civil War and through the said war, personally.

To the 3rd Inty: They answer: That their answer is contained in their answer to the 2nd interrogatory above.

*4th* To the 3rd Interrogatory- They answer: That they personally know that the said Marion Mercer enlisted in service of the Confederacy and and performed service therein as a soldier.

To the *4th* interrogatory- They answer: They personally know that the said Marion Mercer enlisted and served in Company "F", 2nd. Mississippi Regiment, in the year of 1861, at Ripley, Tipton county, Mississippi, and served in said company until he was honorably discharged in the year of 1865. The above company was a part of the army of Northern Army, and stayed in the said state the greater part of the time of the war.

*6th* To the 5th interrogatory-- They answer: That so far as they know the said Marion Mercer was not commissioned as any officer whatever.

To the 6th interrogatory--They answer: That they do not know of such.

To X-interrogatory No 1-They answer: That they were with him in said company during said time of service, that is the greater part of the said time. They also answer that they never knew any other soldier by the name of Marion Mercer.

To X-interrogatory No 2- They answer: That they do not know the applicant- All that they know is set out above, and they know that the said Marion Mercer left Mississippi at, or shortly after, the close of the Civil War and went to the state of Texas.

To X-interrogatory No 3- They answer; That they know that he served and was honorably discharged as above set out in their answers to the cross-interrogatories. (TX)

To X-interrogatory No 4- They answer: That they never knew *of* the said Marion Mercer deserted his command, or voluntarily abandoned his post of duty.

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Mrs Joe Mereer  
Applicant for Confederate Pension.

Pending in Gregg County,  
Texas, before the Honorable County Judge of said  
County.

The Honorable County Judge of Gregg County, Texas,  
will please take notice that, five days after the service hereof, applicant herein will apply to the Clerk of the County  
Court of said County and State for a commission to take the depositions of R.B. Henderson  
and J.M. Booker who reside in the County  
of Tippah in the State of Miss in answer to the following interrogatories and  
such cross interrogatories as may be propounded by the County Judge of said County, which will be read in evidence  
upon the hearing of applicant's claim for pension in behalf of applicant; said testimony is material and indispensable  
to applicant in furnishing the required proof of her claim for a pension under the Act of March 26, 1909, the applica-  
tion for which is now pending before the Honorable County Judge, and the facts necessary and required to be proven  
under the provisions of said act, applicant believes can not be proven by any witness ~~is~~ residing in the County of  
Gregg and State of Texas, of which she is a bona fide resident.

Mrs Joe X Mereer  
Applicant for Applicant.

Direct Interrogatories to be Propounded to the Witness es

R.B. Henderson + J.M. Booker

- INT. 1. What is your name? Age? Present place of residence and postoffice address?
- INT. 2. Do you personally know, or did you at any time know Marion Mereer husband who  
is of applicant for pension under Act of March 26, 1909?
- INT. 3. How long had you known the said Marion Mereer  
and when and where did you first know him?
- INT. 4. Do you personally know that the said Marion Mereer  
enlisted in the service of the Confederacy, and performed the duties of a soldier or a sailor?
- INT. 5. Do you personally know in what company and regiment the said Marion Mereer  
enlisted and served in the Confederate army? When? Where? And the time of service? If you person-  
ally knew and so have stated that he enlisted and served in the Confederate navy, then state: When? Where?  
And how long he so served?
- INT. 6. Do you personally know that Marion Mereer  
was commissioned as an officer directly by the President of the Confederate States? What was his rank and  
line of duty?
- INT. 7. Do you further know if Marion Mereer was, under the  
provisions of the conscript law, detailed for any kind of special service in the field, shops, armories, etc., of  
the Confederacy? What was the nature of his service, and how long did he serve?

CROSS INTERROGATORIES.

TX

To be Propounded to R.B. Henderson and J.M. Booker

CROSS INTERROGATORY 1. If, in answer to the foregoing direct interrogatories, you have stated that you personally  
know or did know said Marion Mereer and that you know that he enlisted in the service of the  
Confederacy and performed the duties of a soldier or sailor, and having named the company and regiment, or special  
service in which Marion Mereer so enlisted and served, then please state fully what is  
your source of such knowledge? And state whether or not you know or at any time you knew of any other soldier or  
sailor by the name of Marion Mereer serving in the same company or regiment, or special  
service in which you say the said Marion enlisted, if you have stated that said  
Marion Mereer enlisted and served in the navy of the Confederacy, then state whether or

not you know any other soldier or sailor of the same name as said Marion Mercier  
husband of applicant serving in the same command, or the special service to which he was assigned?

If you say that you so know other soldiers or sailors of the same name of Marion Mercier  
then can you and how do you identify and locate the one from the other or others?

CROSS INT. 2. Are you positively certain that said Marion Mercier husband of applicant  
is the identical person serving as testified by you?

CROSS INT. 3. Do you know whether or not the said Marion Mercier  
served honorably from the date of his enlistment until the close of the late Civil War between the States, or until he was  
discharged from said company and regiment, or the special service to which he had been assigned?

CROSS INT. 4. Do you know whether or not the said Marion Mercier  
deserted his command, or voluntarily abandoned his post of duty or the service during said war?

THE STATE OF TEXAS, }

County of Gregg

I, J. H. McManey, County Judge of said County, in said State,  
do hereby waive copy of interrogatories, notice, time and issuance of commission, and it is hereby agreed that the answers  
to the hereinabove direct and cross interrogatories of the said herein named witness as may be attached hereto.

J. H. McManey  
County Judge Gregg County, Texas.  
Mrs. Joseph Mercier  
Applicant's Attorney for Applicant.

In Re

Application for Confederate

Pension.

FOR USE OF SOLDIERS OR WIDOWS.

Gregg County, Texas,  
Pending before the County Judge of said County.

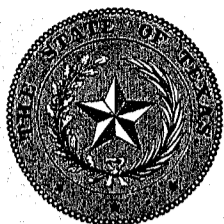
EX PARTE

Mrs. Joe Mercier  
Applicant. 1

INTERROGATORIES  
propounded to

Witnesses.

VON BOECKMANN-JONES CO., AUSTIN, TEXAS



E. A. BOLMES, Commissioner

OFFICE OF  
**Commissioner of Pensions**

State of Texas

Austin

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To the Adjutant General,

War Department,

Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I have the honor to request the military record  
of Marion Mercer who is reported to have enlisted in  
Company F, Regiment 2nd Mississippi Infantry  
in the service of the Confederate States Army.

Purpose: The widow of the person above named is an applicant  
for a Confederate pension granted by this State, and I desire to verify  
his proof of service.

Very respectfully,



E. A. Bolmes

Commissioner of Pensions.

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ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE  
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WAR DEPARTMENT

Address: "The Adjutant General,  
War Department, Washington, D. C."  
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**WAR DEPARTMENT,**

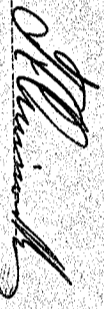
**THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,**

WASHINGTON, November 7, 1910.

*Respectfully returned to the*

Commissioner of Pensions,  
State of Texas,  
Austin.

The records show that Marion Mercer, private, Company F, 2d Mississippi Infantry, Confederate States Army, enlisted May 1, 1861. On the roll of the company for July and August, 1864 (last roll on file), he was reported as corporal, with the following remarks: "Deserted. - Received a furlough of indulgence for 50 days, June 25, '64. Is supposed to be in Miss." No later record of him has been found.

  
The Adjutant General.

(A. G. O. 721)

Per

OR

WAR DEPARTMENT,  
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,  
WASHINGTON,

Dec. 5, 1923.

Newel Ray,  
Longview,  
Texas.

The records show that Marion Mercer (also borne Messer), private of Co. F, 2 Regt. Miss. Infantry, C.S. Army, enlisted April 30, 1861 at Ripley, Tippah County, Miss. and was mustered-in May 10, 1861 at Lynchburg, Va. In May or June, 1862 he was promoted to Corporal. The rolls to Dec. 31, 1863 report him present, or properly accounted for. He was granted a furlough of indulgence of 30 days to Mississippi from Jan. 25, 1864 and not returning upon the expiration of the same was on the roll for July & Aug., 1864, dropped as deserted. His name is not borne on succeeding rolls of the Co. which cover period from Sept. 1, 1864 to Feb. 28, 1865.

Stamped envelope returned.

*Robert C. Davis*  
The Adjutant General.  
By *ms*



Eldersville Texas

Feb 23. 1924.

Mess J. T. Watson.

Henderson Texas.

Sir

In Complying with your recent request relative to what I know about the service of Mr Marion Mercier, who lived in this community for about 35 years. Coming here soon after the close of the Civil War. I think that the best evidence I ever had of his service was what I happened to be present at a meeting between Mr Mercier and Capt Tuttle. Who belonged to the Cavalry from TX Virginia. Who after the close


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of the war went into the Ministry.  
And at the time I knew him  
was Pastor of the Longview  
Presbyterian Church. He also  
organized the Presbyterian Church  
here. In 1892. The present church  
building was erected. Mr D. B.  
Elder and myself built the house  
according to plans furnished  
by Mr Tuttle who personally  
supervised all of the work.  
While the house was being  
built, Mr Tuttle and Mr Elder  
talked incessantly of their TX  
experiences during their service  
in the Confederate Army.  
And one day I think in  
the later part of August while

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They were talking about the war Mr. Mercer rode up. And after listening to them for a while joined in the conversation. The conversation soon became one of personal experience. first one and then the other relating his or some comrades experience.

Finally Mr. Mercer told of having been cut off from his command while on scout duty. He said that he with 3 companions had crossed a river when the Yankees cut them off and tried to capture them. They refused to surrender and swam for the river. Two of his comrades

were killed before they reached  
the river. Mr Mercer and the  
other ones jumped into the  
river and started to swim back  
the Yankees firing on them as  
they swam his companion was  
killed in the stream. And the  
bullets were striking all around  
him. When all at once a  
company of Virginia Cavalry  
rushed up and drove the  
men back and he made  
his way to the bank. And  
was taken up behind the  
Captains on his horse and  
restored to his own command.  
When he had finished   
the story Mr Tuttle began to

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ask him questions about  
what river. The date. And what  
Company it was that came  
to his rescue. All of which he  
answered readily. Then Mr  
Tuttle got up from his seat  
on a pile of timber and  
told him that he was  
the Captain who had led  
the Company to the rescue.  
Mr Mercer arose and asked him  
a question or two. Then  
quickly going up to him  
threw his arms around him  
and embraced him as he  
would have a brother.  
It was the most affectionate  
meeting I ever witnessed.

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between two men. And I  
have never doubted in my  
mind but that the story as  
related was true.

I was born during the  
War, and raised by Confederate  
Parents and have heard these  
old stories from my first  
recollection. but the story  
told by Mr Mercer on that  
occasion impressed me  
more than any I ever heard,  
and trusting that this will  
be of some benefit to his  
Widow whom I know to be  
worthy and deserving. I beg  
to remain sincerely yours.

Harriet Butler (TR)