

Austin, Texas

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Miss Florence Gray,  
2017 Elmen St.,  
Houston, Texas.

Dear Florence:

Your letter was received yesterday.

I was in the service with your grandfather. <sup>Lee was</sup> He enlisted in the confederate service sometime in the year of 62; don't know the exact date. He went as a recruit to the second Texas infantry. The regiment was at that time camped about six miles north of Vicksburg Mississippi, with about forty-five or fifty of us that were distributed out among the different companies. The commander of our regiment was Col. Ashbell Smith. The regiment belong to Moore's brigade, Penburton division. He was in two battles; fort Penburton, up near the line of Tennessee and the seige of Vicksburg. He was never wounded, nor was he discharged, just dis-banded.

I did not know you grandfather personally, but from reputation. He was always spoken of as a good citizen of Newton County and being a good citizen, made a good soldier. I don't know anything of his war record. I was at home on a furlow and so was not there when the company was disbanded, but they were disbanded on the Galveston Island.

Hope that this will be sufficient to admit you in to the Daughters of Confederacy.

Sincerely,

W. Byerly.

Jesse Lee  
Battle of  
Vicksburg

Joe,  
This is a copy of a letter that W. Byerly wrote to my Aunt Florence (Bry) Collier about Grandpa Lee and the Civil War. (still looking for the article that my dad wrote)  
Danny