

Case Study #2

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Elbert Jones b 16 May 1789 d 1863 Conecuh Co AL

Married Catherine Fountain or Fountaine

It is known that he fought in the Mexican War. The Mexican War was from 1846-1848. At this time Elbert was living in Covington or Butler County, Alabama.

The question is what can be learned of his service in the war.

1. Fold3 search
 - a. Select "Mexican War" records
 - b. Select Mexican American and Early Indian Wars
 - i. Select "Publication" Mexican War Service Record Index
 - ii. Choose State of Alabama
 - iii. Choose "Surname Starts With J"
 - iv. There are no results for an Elbert Jones
 - c. Select All Categories of the Mexican American and Early Indian Wars
 - i. Filter by time line 1846-1849
 - ii. Filter by US States "Alabama" and "include 231 no place matches"
 - iii. The third record is for an Elbert P. Jones who received a certificate for a pension in the 12th Battn US Field Artillery
 - iv. There is also an index card for Elbert Jones who served in Company C of the 25th Reg't Alabama Infantry
 - d. Select Civil War
 - i. Search all publications
 - ii. Filter by US Sates "Alabama"
 - iii. There are two results for an Elbert Jones who served in Company C of the 25th Reg't Alabama Infantry – These results were included with the previous search
2. Ancestry.com search
 - a. The following search options were performed:
 - i. Select "Search" option across the top of the home page
 - ii. Select Alabama
 - iii. Select Military
 - b. No results were found for this Elbert Jones
3. Future research suggestions
 - a. The Familysearch Wiki for Alabama Military Records looks to be a good resource. It has links to direct the user to other military records.
 - i. Steve R. Butler. Alabama Volunteers in the Mexican War, 1846-1848. Richardson, Texas: Descendants of Mexican War Veterans, 1996
 - ii. Steve R. Butler. "Alabama Volunteers in the Mexican War" Alabama Genealogical Society Magazine 23 (1991): 37 – 40

- iii. J. Hugh LeBaron, et.al. Perry County, Alabama, First Regiment of Alabama Volunteers 1846-1847 and the Mexican War, diary of Captain William G. Coleman. Starkville, Mississippi: J.H. LeBaron, 2002