Jefferson Co

Form 1

BIOGRAPHICAL MEMORANDA

IN REFERENCE TO

Hamilton Thompson Beggs

Great care should be exercised in filling the blanks which follow. Data should be full and accurate. The facts given will form the basis for sketches, and if wanting in detail or if carelessly prepared, the sketches will be correspondingly deficient. The facts called for have reference to the subject of the sketch.
Collect all data and examine blank carefully before attempting to fill.
Attach sheets of this size for additional data.

1. Full name (*do not use initials*): Hamilton Thompson Beggs

2. Present P. O. (give last address, with date of death if dead): U.S.S. Cyclops

3. Exact date and place of birth: on Oct 12 1895 at Birmingham

in the county of Jefferson State of Alabama

4. Full name of the subject's father: John Phillips Beggs born at

Columbiana in the county of Shelby State of Ala.

He lived at Birmingham Ala

Give also any particulars concerning him, as official position, war services, etc., books written by, etc.

Engaged in iron manufacture. During war gov. service in shell inspection in B'ham. He was the son of

Hamilton Thompson Beggs (Full name) and his wife Susan Dittmavan (Full name)

who lived at Birmingham Ala

5. Maiden name in full of the subject's mother: Amy C. Etter She was

the daughter of Samuel P. Etter (Full name) and his wife Martha Elizabeth Etter (Full name)

who lived at Birmingham Ala

6. Remarks on Ancestry. Give here any and all facts possible in reference to your parents, grandparents, great-grandparents, etc., not included in the foregoing, as where they lived, offices held, Revolutionary or other war service; what country the family came from to America, where first settled, county and State; *always* giving *full* names (if possible) and *never* referring to an ancestor simply as such without giving the name. It is desirable to include every fact possible, and to that end the full and exact record from old Bibles should be appended on separate sheets of this size, thus preserving the facts from loss:

Paternal descendants - Hamilton Thompson Beggs (grandfather) was formally from Liverpool England a descendant of the Duke of Hamilton. His paternal grandmother was a second cousin of Henry Clay. She was

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a Virginian by birth. His grandfather Bedge was a pioneer of Bham - settling here in 1871. He built and operated the first foundry in Bham. He melted the first pig iron - which was made in the old McElwain furnace near Irondale. (continued on last page)

7. Early education—where obtained, incidents, names of teachers:

Birmingham School.

8. College education—where attended, and year of graduation, with college honors and degrees:

9. Professional education, if any—where obtained, date of graduation, with degrees:

10. Profession or occupation—*date* entered upon, where practiced, and incidents of:

Joined the navy 1912 as midshipman served 4 yrs. reenlisted as a reserve. Called to service as local recruiting officer at beginning of war. Was 2nd Class Electrician.

11. Every civil office held—city, county, State or national, with *exact* dates as far as possible. If ever a member of the Legislature, give date of session:

12. Miscellaneous: Reform movements, influence on affairs, etc:

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13. Political party—official position, committee work in, etc.: ;

14. Church connection—with official position, if any: Was a Presbyterian

15. If a member of the Masons, Odd Fellows, or *other* secret order, give names, with official position, if any:

16. Titles of books written or edited. Give exact copy of title page, with the number of pages the book contains:

17. Maiden name in *full* of the subject's wife, with *date* and *place* of marriage:

She was the daughter of ..... and his
Full name

wife ..... who lived at .....
Full name

..... Give also other and full particulars of wife's ancestry, as far as possible:

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18. Military record: (1) exact rank, (2) name of commands and commanders, (3) date and places of service, (4) heroic or trying incidents personal to your service, all as full as possible, and if necessary on separate sheets of paper: Served on the U.S.S. Michigan for 4 yr service. Learned the occupation of electrician while there. After reinlisting was detailed to the collier U.S.S. Cyclops, where he was serving at the time of his death.

(Continued) Lt Beggs and Wm A Gould were the first to open a coal mine in the district. The first coal mined was taken from Slope no 1 Pratt City. J. P. Beggs together with his other sons have been associated

19. Full list of children (if any) of the subject of the sketch, with full names of husbands or wives of each, in case of marriage, with present place of residence and P. O., numbering them in regular order, viz:

(1) in the developement of iron manufacture since Bham was founded.

The foregoing data was prepared by

Amy C Beggs
Name

Date Oct 26-'21

Irondale Ala
Address

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