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Form 1

BIOGRAPHICAL MEMORANDA

IN REFERENCE TO

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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*): Edwin James Benton

2. Present P. O. (give last address, with date of death if dead): Speigner Ala. Oct ~~16~~ 15th 1918

3. Exact date and place of birth: on Oct. 29th at Troy Ala.

in the county of Pike State of Ala.

4. Full name of the subject's father: John Oscar Benton born at Louisville in the county of Barbour State of Ala.

He lived at Troy also Gadsden Ala

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

Warden Speigner prison four years.

He was the son of Absolom Benton (Full name) and his wife Lou Barnes Benton (Full name)

who lived at Troy Ala.

5. Maiden name in full of the subject's mother: Alva Thomas She was the daughter of Dr. J. S. Thomas (Full name) and his wife Kate Cox Thomas (Full name)

who lived at Mobile 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:

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His early education was obtained in the Public schools of Gadsden Ala. Teachers were Prof Jester & Prof Moore.

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

Teachers were Prof Jeffries and Prof Moore.

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

Also attended Webb school, Bell Buckle, Tenn. His last year was at Jefferson Military College

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

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

Enlisted for service on Mexican Border.

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.: .....;.....

Democrat

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

M. E. Church South

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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