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BIOGRAPHICAL MEMORANDA

IN REFERENCE TO

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.

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- 1. Full name (do not use initials): William Berdes Harmon
- 2. Present P. O. (give last address, with date of death if dead): 1416 Cotton Ave, West End, Birmingham, Ala.
- 3. Exact date and place of birth: on May 5th 1894 at Carbon Hill,
in the county of Walker State of Alabama.
- 4. Full name of the subject's father: William Claiborne Harmon born at Aberdeen in the county of Monroe State of Mississippi

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

He was the son of Jack J. Harmon and his wife Sara Harmon
Full name Full name

who lived at Aberdeen, Miss.

5. Maiden name in full of the subject's mother: Mary ^{Howard} Harmon She was the daughter of William J. Howard and his wife Emma Howard
Full name Full name

who lived at Fackville, 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:

Berdes Harmon's grandfather, Jack J. Harmon was
quartermaster in the Confederate Army for four yrs,
and was surrendered along with Lee's Army to Grant
at Appatamas Va. His Grand father on his
Mother side W. J. Howard had no war record
but has nice boy for the Community in which he
residing

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7. Early education—where obtained, incidents, names of teachers: Flat Creek, Ala., under Prof. Chas. B. West, also Morgan County High School, Hartsville, Ala., under Prof. G. H. Riddle.

8. College education—where attended, and year of graduation, with college honors and degrees: Completed shorthand & Bookkeeping at Marsey's Business College, Birmingham Ala.

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

10. Profession or occupation—date entered upon, where practiced, and incidents of: Bookkeeper - worked for American Steel & Wire Company, Fairfield, Ala.,

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:

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

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

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

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: Enlisted man in National

Guards (Ala.) during Mexican Border trouble.
under Captain Evans. Received honorable discharge
and enlisted in U. S. Navy in June 1917.

Went to Harvard College, and received training
as a Radio Operator, was placed on board
of U. S. S. Thetis and was killed
on Sept. 30th 1918, about 1300 miles from
New York on way to Bordeaux France,
when a German submarine sank his
vessel. He was on duty as Wireless Operator
when the vessel was attacked.

Captain Madison was in command on
U. S. S. Thetis and was one of the
20 survivors

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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)

The foregoing data was prepared by

W. C. Starnon

Name

Date

Oct. 27-21

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Ala.,