

BIOGRAPHICAL MEMORANDA

IN REFERENCE TO

John Coffey Watson

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): John Coffey Watson

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

3. Exact date and place of birth: on 19th June, 1886, Furman in the county of Wilcox State of Alabama

4. Full name of the subject's father: B. Valus Watson born at Snow Hill in the county of Wilcox State of Alabama

He lived at Furman, and Snow Hill from Oct. 13th 1866 to Oct 1900. New Senator Ala from Oct. 1900 to Sept. 1911. Pineapple, Ala from Sept. 1911 to date Practiced medicine from 1886 to 1911. At present farming He was the son of

Wm M. Watson and his wife Elizabeth J. Watson Full name Full name

who lived at Snow Hill, Ala.

5. Maiden name in full of the subject's mother: Leta Curry She was

the daughter of Rev. Wm S. Curry and his wife Annie M. Higgins Full name Full name

who lived at Morrisville, Ala.

6. Remarks on Ancestry. Give here any and all facts possible in reference to your parents, grand-parents, 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:

His great grand parents were Scotch and Irish. Part of them settled in North Carolina and the others in Virginia. His grand parents both fought in the Civil war. Rev. Wm S. Curry was Chaplain under Gen. Rhoades

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

Public Schools of New Decatur, Ala.  
Prof. F. F. Harman

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

Harvard College  
Alabama Col. High. Inst.

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

Chemical Eng. Ala. P. Inst.  
Graduated 1913

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

Assett Chemist. Employed by  
Imm. Coal. Iron. & R.R. Co., Birmingham  
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: *None*

12. Miscellaneous: Reform movements, influence on affairs, etc: *None*

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

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

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

Knappa Alpha Fraternity

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

the book contains: none

17. Maiden name in full of the subject's wife, with date and place of marriage: not

married

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:

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: *Corporal, Co. F. 167 Inf.*

*42 division under Col. Wm P. Lewis  
Volunteered July 13, 1917. At time of  
death was in charge of the Intelligence  
section of the Company. Was  
killed July 15<sup>th</sup> 1918 in the battle  
for Chalaur. Buried temporarily  
in the Argonne Cemetery. Grave  
number 169, Section 63, Plot 4*

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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

*A. H. Watson*

Name

Date

*Nov. 15, 1921*

*Quincy, Ala.*

Address