

Husband: Frederick Shopher

Born: Abt. 1795 in: France according to 1850 census
 Married: November 04, 1825 in: Bolivar Twp., Hardeman County Tennessee
 Died: Bet. 1850 - 1860 in: Tennessee?
 Father: ?

Wife: Delilah Weaver

Born: 1800 in: Tennessee

CHILDREN

1 M	Name: Calvin Shopher Born: Abt. 1827 Died: Bet. 1863 - June 20 1870 Married: February 10, 1854 Spouse: Mary M. Mitchell	in: Bolivar Twp., Hardeman County Tennessee? in: Arkansas or Tennessee? in: Bolivar Twp., Hardeman County Tennessee
2 M	Name: John Shopher Born: Abt. 1831 Died: July 07, 1864 Married: August 17, 1859 Spouse: Nancy T. Clines	in: Bolivar Twp., Hardeman County Tennessee in: Vicksburg, Mississippi in: Hardeman County Tennessee
3 M	Name: Jonas Shopher Born: Abt. 1835 Died: October 30, 1899 Married: Spouse: Married: Abt. 1868 Spouse: Martha F ?	in: Bolivar Twp., Hardeman County Tennessee in: Harrisburg, Poinsett County Arkansas
4 F	Name: Nancy Jane Ann Shopher Born: January 1836 Died: Bet. 1920 - 1930 Married: January 20, 1858 Spouse: Giles Scroggins	in: Bolivar Twp., Hardeman County Tennessee in: Cobb County Georgia in: Hardeman County Tennessee
5 F	Name: Elizabeth Shopher Born: Abt. 1841	in: Bolivar Twp., Hardeman County Tennessee
6 M	Name: Rufus N. Shopher Born: April 1843 Died 1: September 22, 1877 Died 2: April 27, 1877 Married: Abt. 1868 Spouse: Annie C. [Shopher]	in: Bolivar Twp., Hardeman County Tennessee in: Harrisburg, Poinsett County Arkansas in: Poinsett County Arkansas
7 M	Name: Francis Marion Shopher Born: Abt. 1846	in: Bolivar Twp., Hardeman County Tennessee

Husband:	Frederick Shopher
Census 1:	1830 Hardeman County Tennessee
Census 2:	1832 Hardeman County Tennessee Tax List
Census 3:	1840 Hardeman County Tennessee
Census 4:	1850 Hardeman County Tennessee
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The first place we find Frederick Shopher is in 1830 Tennessee:

1830 Tennessee, Hardeman, Roll 176 Book 1, Page 377a: Shopher, Frederick household contains the following individuals:

2 males aged 20-30;
2 males under the age of 5;
2 females aged 20-30;
1 female aged 5-10;
1 female under 5;

The household in 1830 must consist of 2 families as there are 2 men, 2 women and 4 children. As Frederick is head of household, he would be one of the men and Delilah probably one of the women since they married in 1825. I would assume one of the males under 5 is Calvin. It's possible the other male under 5 could be John since his birth is close to the census decade and if not John, then he may belong to the other couple. The female child age 5-10 must belong to the other couple as with the female child under 5, unless she belongs to Frederick and Delilah and died before the 1840. Who is this other couple? Siblings of Frederick or Delilah? We know it can't be their parents, there's no one old enough in the household.

Shofner Fredrick 1837 43 187.1 Bedford Co. - Salem, Rogersville, and Winchester Turnpike Company

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1 female under 5 = This would be Nancy
2 of them are listed as farmers = probably Fredrick & Calvin

The census taker must have written down Fredrick's age in 1850 wrong. According to the 1850 census, Fredrick would be 45 in 1840 and 35 in 1830, but there is no one in either census that age. So therefore he would have been born between 1800 and 1810. But until I get a date, I will keep it at 1795, since he is most recognized for that date in 1850.

1850 Hardeman County Tennessee Census: Shofer, Fredrick 55, Calvin 23, John 19, Jonus 16, Nancey 13, Rufus 10, Elizabeth 9, Marion 3. Fredrick born in France, all children born in Tennessee

Delilah does not show up in Frederick's household in 1850 but I did spot the following entry in the 1850 Bedford County Tennessee Census: Shoftner, Hezekiah 26, Emily 23, Sarah 2, Delilah 2 1/2, Delilah 63. I have not been able to conclude as of this date August 1, 2003, if this is our Delilah.

I can't find Frederick after the 1850 census, I've assumed at this point he died between 1850-1860; unless he turns up in another state. Still unsure of Delilah's demise.....did Fred and Dee divorce before the 1850 or did she die?

An Email sent to me from E. Clyde Mayfield

Subject: Frederick Shopher

Date: Tue, 7 Jul 1998 21:17:39 -0500

From: "E. Clyde Mayfield" <ecmayf@netusal.net.netusa1.net>

To: <Cody@Safeweb.net> NOTE: THIS WAS A PREVIOUS EMAIL

Hi Carol,

While browsing the Hardeman Co. page tonight I discovered your inquiry of July 97 Perhaps you have the following info by now but, if not, here is what I have on Shopher.

The 1850 census of Hardeman County Lists my ggrandfather, Archabald Mayfield, as having in his household "A. Shofin (55) laborer, born in France" I have an additional note that he is a.k.a. Frederick Shopher.

I found that Frederick Shopher and my gggrandfather, Randolph Mayfield, were granted a joint deed to land in 1847 The documentation is as follows:

Settlement of Real Property is in Hardeman County Clerk Office RD#189 entitled "R. Mayfield vs. Sholfer et al."

Real Estate

By virtue of Entry # 437 dated 12 Jan 1847 Made in pursuance of the 2nd section of an Act passed 17 Nov 1847 chapter 8 and by virtue of Eighty Dollars 12 1/2 cents in hand and paid I have this day sold to Fred Shophert and Randolph Mayfield this plot and certificate of Survey containing one hundred and forty six and one half acres of land situate in the county aforesaid in Range 1 of d Section 4 of the 10th Surveyors Dist. (boundaries described)

Survey Dec 25 1846 By T.P. Marsh Deputy Surveyor \

(Signed) Jan 12 1847 Muriel Crisp Entry Taker and E. C. Crisp Dep E.T.

Witnesses: Arch Mayfield and Calvin Shopher

I do not have further info on when the land was divided. Nor do I have any of the info you submitted regarding the wife and descendants of Frederick Shopher.

Hope this gives you a lead or two. I would like to know how Randolph Mayfield and Frederick Shopher came to be granted title to the same tract of land.

E. Clyde Mayfield

He didn't mention why he thought "A. Shofin" was Frederick Shopher.

Frederick Shopher is listed in 1850 Hardeman County census as head of household with his family (below is how both families appear in the 1850 Hardeman County Tennessee Census)

33 109 109 MAYFIELD Anchabald 20 M . Farmer . Tennese X X . . .

34 109 109 SPURLIN Salley 40 F . . . Ky

35 109 109 SPURLIN Elry 15 M . Farmer . Tenn . X . . .

36 109 109 SPURLIN George 8 M . . . Tenn . X . . .

37 109 109 SHOFIN A. 55 M . Laborer . France

19 1548 1548 SHOFER Fedrick 55 M . Farmer 200 France

20 1548 1548 SHOFER Calvin 23 M . Laborer . Ten

21 1548 1548 SHOFER John 19 M . Laborer . Ten

22 1548 1548 SHOFER James 16 M . Laborer . Ten

23 1548 1548 SHOFER Nancey 13 F . . . Ten

24 1548 1548 SHOFER Rufus 10 M . . . Ten

25 1548 1548 SHOFER Elizabeth 9 F . . . Ten

26 1548 1548 SHOFER Marion 3 M . . . Ten

Yes Frederick is 55 in 1850 but a farmer in his household and Calvin, John and Rufus are listed as laborers. But then again, A Shofin and Frederick Shofer are both 55 and say they were born in France. Could this A. Shofin be a brother to Frederick and the other man that appears in Fredericks household in 1830?

If indeed Frederick contracted himself out as a laborer, was he at the Mayfield house when the census taker came and the census taker took down his name. And Freddy's family back at 1548 gave the family information, therefore him showing up twice? If so, did he take it down wrong, or does Frederick have an alias?

Maybe "A. Shofin" actually is that and it was misinterpreted by the researcher that he was Frederick Shopher because Fredericks name appears on a land deed.

Better yet, disregarding "A Shofin", what happened to the almost 150 acres of land Frederick was co-owner of hummmmmmm?????????

Also it's possible this Frederick born 1795 could be named James Frederick.....his first child, Calvin and wife Mary followed the naming pattern pretty well for back then except their first son's name is James, John didn't have a son, but Jonas named his first son James as well. There's definately a James in that generation unaccounted for.

I'm thinking since Francis Marion was the youngest and he's living with Calvin in 1860 and so are the other siblings, it's possible Frederick could have died by this time or could have been to ill to care for them. There's also the possibility that he went back home to France..... As of August 1, 2003, this is still unresolved.

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Marriage Information

Wife:	Delilah Weaver
Married:	November 04, 1825
Beginning status:	Married
in:	Bolivar Twp., Hardeman County Tennessee
Source:	(1) Hardeman County Tennessee Marriage Records. (2) Book: Early West Tennessee Marriages.

Marriage Notes

Wife: Delilah Weaver

Census 1: 1830
Hardeman County TennesseeCensus 2: 1840
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Child:	Calvin Shopher
Census 1:	1830 Hardeman County Tennessee
Census 2:	1840 Hardeman County Tennessee
Census 3:	1850 Hardeman County Tennessee
Census 4:	1860 Poinsett County Arkansas
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Military service:	February 26, 1862 Enlisted 23rd Arkansas Inf Company A

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1840 Tennessee, Hardeman, Roll 522 Book 1, Page 308a: Shofer, Fredrick

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Fredrick born in France, children born in Tennessee

1860 Arkansas, Ppoinsett, Harrisburg Twp., Roll 48 Book 1, Page 590: Calvin (30), Mary (24), James (6), Elisha (4) and Sarah (1/12). Also

living with them are his sister: Elizabeth (18), his brother and his wife: John (25), Nancy (19), and brothers: Rufus 21) and Francis M. (14).

All persons are listed as born in Tennessee

Military Notes:

SHOPHER, CALVIN - Researched and Written by Darren M. Jones

Calvin enlisted February 26, 1862 at Poinsett Co. Ark. From the get go he had a hard time of it as did the regiment. Calvin was in the 23rd Arkansas Infantry Company A, also known as (Lyles') Infantry Regiment, which was originally C. W. Adams', 23rd Regiment, and was organized at Helena, Ark. during the spring of 1862. Its members were from the counties of Craighead, Phillips, St. Francis, Monroe, Cross, Poinsett, and Chicot, Ark. The unit fought in the conflicts at Corinth and Hatchie Bridge. During these battles the Regiment suffered a reported 5 killed, 23 wounded, and 116 missing.

Calvin was, however, according to the muster rolls, present at the battle of Corinth in Corinth Miss. in April of 1862. Shortly after this battle in August Calvin fell ill. It is not stated in his records what the illness was, but he more than likely suffered from cholera. This would be an accurate assumption since at the beginning of the war both sides suffered greatly from cholera due to poor hygiene and dirty drinking water. Also, another clue is the length of time that Calvin was listed as "sick" in his records. Cholera kept it's victims incapacitated for months at a time and once a soldier was diagnosed with this disease they would continue to suffer from relapses for years after there original recovery.

Calvin spent most of the month of August in 1862 in a hospital and was eventually returned to his regiment. In December of that same year the regiment was engaged in a large battle at "Cane Hill" which is known as the battle of "Prairie Grove" southwest of Fayetteville, Arkansas. According to a report by Maj. Gen. Thomas C. Hindman, C. S. Army, commanding First Corps, Trans-Mississippi Army to the Assistant Adjutant General, Trans-Mississippi Department Lieut. Col. S. S. Anderson, the regiment did not perform so well. In the letter the General stated,

"Of all the troops engaged on our side, Adams' Arkansas regiment alone dishonored itself. It was well armed, ably commanded, and surrounded by good soldiers from the same state, setting it an example of courage and patriotism; but, after delivering a single fire, the greater

part of the men broke ranks, threw down their arms, and shamefully fled, many of them even deserting to the enemy. The field and staff officers who had been appointed rallied about 75 around the colors, and these did much to redeem the reputation of the regiment. With but few exceptions, the company officers exerted no influence."

Despite this act by the men of the twenty-third the Confederate force took the field and captured some three stands of colors.

Calvin however, did not desert but was listed on the roster as present up until May of 1863 but was also listed as sick in most of the entries up to this point. Most of the men in this regiment, as well as many soldiers in the South, were ragged, dirty, sick, under nourished and with out shoes or boots, yet they continued to do their duty and take up their gun.

The Regiment was later assigned to General Beall's Brigade, Department of Mississippi and East Louisiana. In April 1863, it was united with Powers' 14th and Crockett's 18th Arkansas, Regiments, and in July captured at Port Hudson. It's not clear whether Calvin was captured at this time or not as the whole regiment was not captured. But if he was, this would have surely added to his health problems.

After being exchanged and mounted, the regiment served in the Trans-Mississippi Department and took an active part in Price's Missouri Expedition. The regiment surrendered on May 16, 1865 near Memphis, Tennessee. The field officers were Colonel Oliver P. Lyles, and Lieutenant Colonels Erastus L. Black and A. H. Pennington.

The last entry in Calvin's service record was dated May 1, 1863 so it is not known as to whether he served until the Regiment surrendered or if he left the war early due to his illness. The Twenty-third Regiment was a tough bunch, at least those that lasted until the end of the war. It was one of the lasts Confederate regiments to have surrendered. Maj. Wm. H. Morgan wrote a reply letter to Col. Lyles, which stated:

Colonel: "I am instructed by the major-general commanding to say, in reply to your letter of this date, that you and your command can surrender on the same terms that General Lee did to General Grant, or General Taylor to General Canby."

There were many smaller units or bands of confederates in Missouri, Arkansas, Louisiana and in the Mississippi area who did not immediately surrender. Some of these men wanted to surrender honorably as soldiers and be paroled like the troops of General Lee and General Taylor but Federal troops had dubbed them as outlaws or "guerrillas and acting without authority". As a result, outlaw gangs sprang up such as that of Jessie James, the Daltons and the Youngers.

The full fate of the men of the Twenty-third is not known it would probably take years and years of research to find out. However, we do know that Calvin Shopper was very ill and he returned home to his family. According to family records he passed his illness on to his wife and they both became unfit to take care of their children. -

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Calvin is last seen in census in 1860 and last noted alive in 1863; and Mary is spotted back in Hardeman County Tennessee in 1870 with children: M. E. could this actually be Sarah Elizabeth? and J. R, John Ralph? and William. It's possible Calvin died between this time of 1863-1870, as he was very ill during the war. But did he die in Arkansas and Mary went back to Tennessee by herself, or did they go back to Tennessee together and he died there?

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Marriage Information	
Wife:	Mary M. Mitchell
Married:	February 10, 1854
Beginning status:	Married
in:	Bolivar Twp., Hardeman County Tennessee
Source:	(1) Hardeman County Tennessee Marriage Records. (2) Book: Early West Tennessee Marriages.

Marriage Notes

Child:	John Shopher
Census 1:	1840 Hardeman County Tennessee
Census 2:	1850 Hardeman County Tennessee
Census 3:	1860 Poinsett County Arkansas
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Military service 1:	May 03, 1864 Recruited in Vandalia
Military service 2:	July 07, 1864 Died at Vicksburg Mississippi

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Cause of death: Died of disease on 07 July 1864 in Vicksburg, MS
 Source: John Shopher's Civil War Records.

Notes

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Roster of Company H 8th Illinois Infantry list Shopher, John; Recruit Vandalia May 3, 1864; Died July 7, 1864, Vicksburg

Marriage Information	
Wife:	Nancy T. Clines
Married:	August 17, 1859
Beginning status:	Married
in:	Hardeman County Tennessee
Source:	(1) Book: Early West Tennessee Marriages. (2) Hardeman County Tennessee Marriage Records.
Marriage license:	August 16, 1859 Hardeman County Tennessee

Marriage Notes

Child:	Jonas Shopher
Census 1:	1840 Hardeman County Tennessee
Census 2:	1850 Hardeman County Tennessee
Census 3:	1860 Poinsett County Arkansas
Census 4:	1870 Poinsett County Arkansas
Census 5:	1880 Poinsett County Arkansas
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Military service 1:	July 24, 1862 Enlisted 13th Arkansas
Military service 2:	September 19, 1863 Captured and Sent To Camp Douglas Illinois
Military service 3:	June 14, 1865 Discharged

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Height: 5 ft. 2 in.

Medical Information:

Jonas has dark hair and hazel eyes

Source: Jonas Shopher's Military Records.

Notes

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1860 Arkansas, Poinsett, Harrisburg Twp. Roll 48 Book 1, Page 588, Shofer, Jonas, no information given other than name, listed in the household of ? Goodles or Goodloe.

Military Notes:

Civil War Vet - 13th Calvary Arkansas Company B- Infantry, July 24, 1862-1865.

Shopher, Jonas - Pvt, Co. K, 13th Ark Inf, CSA; enlisted 24 Jul 1862; Captured 19 Sep 1863 at Chickamauga, sent to Camp Douglas, IL.;

Discharged 14 Jun 1865.

Military records have him listed as Jonas and Jonah

1870 Arkansas, Poinsett, Boliver TWP., Roll 60 Book 1, Page 253a: Scroggins, Giles, 28, head, farmer, born Tennessee; Nancy J., 23, wife, born Tennessee; Francis, 7, daughter, born Arkansas; Robert, 5, son, born Arkansas; Shofer, Jonas, 34, born Tennessee; Franklin, 18, born Arkansas....Is Franklin Jonas' son from a previous marriage?

1880 Poinsett County Arkansas Census: Shofer, J. wm-45 Tenn. head, M. F. wf-26 Tenn. wife, J. C. wm-7 Tenn. son, J. W. wm-5 son, T. L. wm-1 son.

Proof of Service Statement by Comrades for Jonas Shopher

STATE OF ARKANSAS,

County of Poinsett

On this day personally came before the undersigned, a Circuit Clerk within and for the County of Poinsett and State of Ark, E. L. Jacobs & T. H. Peck citizens of Poinsett Co. whom I certify to be creditable persons and worthy of confidence, who being duly sworn, state that they were each, personally, well acquainted with Jonas Shopher and have known him 42 years, respectively.

That he was a Confederate soldier. Belonging to Company _____ Regiment of Infantry. That as such soldier he served from July 24, 1862 to 1865. That he was paroled from such service, and did not desert the same. That he is now dead and was for the past twelve months a bona fide resident of Arkansas. That to the best of our knowledge, all property now owned by his widow, is not worth exceeding \$400.00 (exclusive of household goods and wearing apparel). That his widow is not in receipt of any income, annuity, pension or wages for any services, or the emoluments of an office, in excess of \$150.00 per year. That we have no interest in this claim.

[signatures]

T. H. Peck

E. L. Jacobs

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 8 day of July 1901

[signatures]

B. F. Cole, Clerk

By W. W. Nelms, DC

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Marriage Information	
Wife:	Martha F ?
Married:	Abt. 1868
Beginning status:	Married

Marriage Notes

Marriage date of c.1868 based on the 1880 census where they say they have been married 12 years.

Child:	Nancy Jane Ann Shopher
Census 1:	1840 Hardeman County Tennessee
Census 2:	1850 Hardeman County Tennessee
Census 3:	1860 Poinsett County Arkansas
Census 4:	1870 Poinsett County Arkansas
Census 5:	1880 Poinsett County Arkansas
Census 6:	1900 Cobb County Georgia
Census 7:	1910 Covington County Alabama
Census 8:	1920 Hamilton County Tennessee
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1870 Arkansas, Poinsett, Boliver TWP., Roll 60 Book 1, Page 253a: Scroggins, Giles, 28, head, farmer, born Tennessee; Nancy J., 32, wife, born Tennessee; Francis, 7, daughter, born Arkansas; Robert, 5, son, born Arkansas; Shofer, Jonas, 34, born Tennessee; Franklin, 18, born Arkansas

1880 Poinsett County Arkansas Census: Scroggins, G. farmer 41 Tenn., N.J. wife 44 Ark?, M. F. daughter 16 Ark, R. W. son 12 Ark, G. T. son 9 Ark, M. E. daughter 6 Ark, G. W. son 3 Ark, S. E. daughter 2 Ark, P. daughter 5/12 Ark.

I noticed on the following censuses that Nancy must have alzheimers, she appears confused at the location of her birth and her parents births. She's now claiming to be born in Georgia and thinks her father was born in Georgia or North Carolina and thinks her mother was born in Georgia or Tennessee. Bless her little heart.

1900 Georgia, Cobb County, Coxes District, Roll 188 Book 2, Page 65:: Scroggins, Nancy J. head, 64, born Jan 1836, widowed born Georgia, father: Georgia, mother: Georgia; Kindly, Mary F. , 32, born Sept 1867, widowed, born Georgia, Father: Georgia, Mother: Georgia; Johnie, 10, Oct 1889, born Georgia, father: Georgia; mother: Georgia

1910 Alabama, Covington, Green Bay, Roll 9 Book 2, Page 92b:: Scroggins, Nancy, 67, born Alabama, father: PA, mother: Alabama; William, David, son-law, 36, born Florida, father: US, mother: US; Paducka?, daughter, 38, born Alabama, father: Alabama, mother: Georgia; Mitchell T, grandson, 13, born Alabama,; Nancy J., granddaughter, 12, born Alabama,; Sippie C., granddaughter, 9, born Alabama, Jesse L., grandson, 8, born Alabama,; David E., grandson, 6, born Alabama,; Loducka? V. granddaughter, 4, born Alabama,; Frederick, grandson, 1 1/2

1920 U.S. Census, Tennessee, Hamilton, District 2, ED# 206:: Scroggins, Nancy, 78, widowed, Georgia, father: NC, mother: TN: Joe, nephew, 28, born Georgia, father: TN, mother: GA

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Marriage Information	
Husband:	Giles Scroggins
Married:	January 20, 1858
Beginning status:	Married
in:	Hardeman County Tennessee
Source:	(1) HARDEMAN COUNTY, TN - VITALS - Marriage Records, 1824-1950 (2) Early West Tennessee Brides.

Marriage Notes

Child:	Elizabeth Shopher
Census 1:	1850 Hardeman County Tennessee
Census 2:	1860 Poinsett County Arkansas
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Marriage Information

Marriage Notes

Child:	Rufus N. Shopher
Burial:	Bolivar Cemetery Poinsett County Arkansas
Census 1:	1850 Hardeman County Tennessee
Census 2:	1860 Poinsett County Arkansas
Census 3:	1870 Poinsett County Arkansas
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Died 2:	April 27, 1877 Poinsett County Arkansas
Source 2:	Bolivar Cemetery Records.

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Military Notes:

Civil War Vet - 13th Calvary Arkansas Company B - Infantry, July 24, 1862-1865.

Shofer, Rufus N. - Pvt, Co. K, 13th Ark Inf, CSA; enlisted 24 Jul 1862; pension applied for in Harrisburg, Poinsett, AR; Paroled Apr 1865 at Greensboro, NC

Proof of Service Statement by E. L. Jacobs and T. H. Peck:

STATE OF ARKANSAS,

County of Poinsett

On this day personally came before the undersigned, a Circuit Clerk within and for the County of Poinsett and State of Ark, E. L. Jacobs & T. H. Peck citizens of Poinsett Co. whom I certify to be creditable persons and worthy of confidence, who being duly sworn, state that they were each, personally, well acquainted with Rufus N. Shopher and have known him 42 years, respectively.

That he was a Confederate soldier. Belonging to Company _____ Regiment of Infantry. That as such soldier he served from July 24, 1862 to 1865. That he was paroled from such service, and did not desert the same. That he is now dead and was for the past twelve months a bona fide resident of Arkansas. That to the best of our knowledge, all property now owned by his widow, is not worth exceeding \$400.00 (exclusive of household goods and wearing apparel). That his widow is not in receipt of any income, annuity, pension or wages for any services, or the emoluments of an office, in excess of \$150.00 per year. That we have no interest in this claim.

[signatures]

T. H. Peck

E. L. Jacobs

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 8 day of July 1901

[signatures]

B. F. Cole, Clerk

By W. W. Nelms, DC

Military records give September 22, 1877 as date of death. Cemetery records in Poinsett County Arkansas give April 27, 1877 as date of death. I'm using the death date from the military records and they are probably correct as Cemetery records are usually filled out from the memory of relatives.

1870 Arkansas, Poinsett, Boliver Twp., Roll 60 Book 1, Page 250b: Shofer, Rufus, 29, head, born Arkansas; Annie C., 21, wife, born Arkansas

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Marriage Information

Wife:	Annie C. [Shopher]
Married:	Abt. 1868
Beginning status:	Married

Marriage Notes

Marriage estimate based on one census where Ann says she was 20 when she got married.

Child:	Francis Marion Shopher
Burial:	Have been unable to confirm his whereabouts after 1860 will work on again later.
Census 1:	1850 Hardeman County Tennessee
Census 2:	1860 Poinsett County Arkansas
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Notes

1850 Hardeman County Tennessee Census: Shofer, Fredrick 55, Calvin 23, John 19, James 16, Nancey 13, Rufus 10, Elizabeth 9, Marion 3. Fredrick born in France, children born in Tennessee

1860 Poinsett County Arkansas Census: Calvin (30), Mary (24), James (6), Elisha (4) and Sarah (1/12). Also living with them are his sister: Elizabeth (18), his brother and his wife: John (25), Nancy (19), and brothers: Rufus 21) and Francis M. (14). All persons are listed as born in Tennessee

I'm thinking since Francis Marion was the youngest and he's living with Calvin in 1860 and so are the other siblings, it's possible Frederick could have died by this time or could have been to ill to care for them. There's also the possibility that he went back home to France..... As of August 1, 2003, this is still unresolved.

I lost track of Francis Marion after the 1860 census, I'm not sure if he died before 1870 or re-located to another state.

There is an F. M. Shoffer that shows up in 1870 Illinois, Macon, Whitmore Twp., Roll 249 Book 1, Page 628b, I'm not sure if this is Francis Marion Shopher son of Frederick. But he listed as F. M. Shoffer with wife Sallie and children Mira, Anna and Agnes.

Also there is a marriage of a F. M. Shaeffer to a Rosa McHenry on May 10 1888 in Lawrence County Arkansas.....Is this Francis Marion. As of August 1, 2003, this is still unclear and proof has not been found yet.

There is a marriage of Shaver, F. M. and McGuire, Louisa J. [Mrs] on Date: 29 Nov 1894 in Randolph County Arkansas

There is a marriage of Marion Shaver and [Mrs.] Sallie Simpson on 10 Jul 1897 in Sharp County Arkansas

In 1910 Iowa, Davis, Cleveland Twp., Roll 399 Book 3, Page 35a, I find a Francis Marion Shofer age 50, single, and an Anna Shofer age 44, single, living in an Almshouse. Could this be a son and daughter of Francis Marion Shopher son of Frederick? There are several Francis Marion Shopher/Shofer's running around at this time period so it's unsure as to whether he actually married or not.

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