

Husband: Rufus N. Shopher

Born: April 1843 in: Bolivar Twp., Hardeman County Tennessee
 Married: Abt. 1868
 Died 1: September 22, 1877 in: Harrisburg, Poinsett County Arkansas
 Died 2: April 27, 1877 in: Poinsett County Arkansas
 Father: Frederick Shopher
 Mother: Delilah Weaver

Wife: Annie C. [Shopher]

Born: December 06, 1848 in: Arkansas
 Died: July 21, 1912 in: Poinsett County, Arkansas

CHILDREN

1 F	Name: E. F. Shopher Born: 1871 Died: Bef. 1910	in: Bolivar Twp., Poinsett County Arkansas in: Bolivar Twp., Poinsett County Arkansas
2 F	Name: Mary B. Shopher Born: December 11, 1872 Died: August 15, 1873	in: Bolivar Twp., Poinsett County Arkansas in: Bolivar Twp., Poinsett County Arkansas
3 M	Name: Theophulis G. Shopher Born: September 1875 Died: Abt. 1934	in: Bolivar Twp., Poinsett County Arkansas in: Bolivar Twp., Poinsett County Arkansas
4 F	Name: Leilia Rufus Shopher Born: Abt. 1877 Died: Abt. 1949	in: Bolivar Twp., Poinsett County Arkansas in: Bolivar Twp., Poinsett County Arkansas

Husband:	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.

Medical**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

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.

Wife:	Annie C. [Shopher]
Burial:	Bolivar Cemetery Poinsett County Arkansas
Census 1:	1870 Poinsett County Arkansas
Census 2:	1880 Poinsett County Arkansas
Census 3:	1900 Poinsett County Arkansas
Census 4:	1910 Poinsett County Arkansas
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1910 Arkansas, Poinsett, Bolivar Twp., Roll 61 Book 1, Page 7a:: Shofer, Ann C., head, 61, widowed, first married at age 20, mother of 4 children 3 children living, born Arkansas, father: North Carolina, mother: Kentucky; Theophelos G., son, 34, single, born Arkansas, father: Tn, mother: Arkansas; Rufus L., daughter, 32, single, born Arkansas, father: TN, mother Arkansas

In 1880 Annie has 3 children. She states in the 1900 census that she is the mother of 2 children and 2 are living. But she states in 1910 that she is the mother of 4 children and 3 are living. Mary B. died before the 1880 census. It should be presumed that the first missing child became Mary B. and then E. F. before the 1910 census. No wonder she didn't offer to take Calvin and Mary's children, she couldn't even keep track of her own children or how many she had or when they died.

Ann C. Shopher filed a Widow's Application for Pension, June 13, 1901 in Harrisburg, Poinsett County Arkansas:

STATE OF ARKANSAS,

County of Poinsett

I, Ann C. Shopher do solemnly swear that I am the widow of Rufus N. Shopher who served in the army of the Confederate States, being a member of The 13th Arkansas Co. "B" Regiment of Infantry from the State of Arkansas: that he was honorably paroled from such service on or about the ____ day of May 1865, and did not desert the same; that I am now, and for the past twelve months have been, a bona fide resident of this State: that I do not own property, real or personal, or both, or money of choses in action in excess of the value of \$400.00 (exclusive of household goods and wearing apparel), nor have I conveyed title to any property to enable me to draw a pension, and that I am not in receipt of any income, annuity, penion or wages for any services, the emoluments of an office, in excess of \$150.00 per year: that my said husband died on the 22nd day of September 1877 and that I have not since re-married, so help me God.

[signatures]

J.W. Griffin

Ann C. Shopher [her mark]

subscribed and sworn to before me, this 13th day of June 1901

[signature]

B. F. Cole, Clerk

By W. W. Nelms, DC

STATE OF ARKANSAS

County of Poinsett

We, the undersigned, sitting as a Pension Board for Poinsett County do certify that we have examined the application of the within named Ann C. Shoffer for pension, under Act of the General Assembly of the State of Arkansas, as approved March 11, 1901, and the proof in support of same, and find that said applicant is the widow of a Confederate Soldier, is in indigent circumstances, and that her claim is just, and that she should be allowed \$50.00 pension.

[signatures]

H. M. Ainsworth [seal]

J. M. Harris [seal]

J. A. Stone [seal]

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Child:	E. F. Shopher
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Census:	1880 Poinsett County Arkansas
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Marriage Information

Marriage Notes

Child:	Mary B. Shopher
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Burial:	Bolivar Cemtery, Poinsett County Arkansas
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Medical

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Mary B. never made it on to a census but the hint of her is given by Ann on the 1900 and 1910 census.

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Marriage Notes

Child:	Theophulis G. Shopher
Burial:	Bolivar Cemetery Poinsett County Arkansas
Census 1:	1880 Poinsett County Arkansas
Census 2:	1900 Poinsett County Arkansas
Census 3:	1910 Poinsett County Arkansas
Census 4:	1920 Poinsett County Arkansas
Census 5:	1930 Poinsett County Arkansas
Occupation:	1930 Manager of Saw Mill

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Theophulis [Lee] and Lelia never married and also lived with each other until they died.

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