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REAL ARCHIVAL FILE - This report reads the genuine Compiled Military Service Record of Emarcus L. Adams, Company F, 1st Florida Infantry, U.S. Volunteers (National Archives, RG 94), who enlisted at eighteen for the war with Spain in 1898. He never left the United States and saw no combat, which was the ordinary experience of that war. The report says only what the record says.

A SPANISH-AMERICAN WAR SERVICE RECORD REPORT

Emarcus L. Adams

Private · F · 1st Regiment Florida Infantry (U.S. Volunteers)

Compiled Military Service Record with Carded Medical Records (NARA RG 94, M1087) — War with Spain (Spanish-American War); U.S. volunteer service, no side question

Family Keepsake Edition · Researcher-Reviewed

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Every fact in this report is traced to the page that states it.

Prepared from the original compiled service records of the United States National Archives (Record Group 94).

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Short Biography

Emarcus L. Adams was an eighteen-year-old schoolteacher living at Green Cove Springs, Florida — but born in Brooklyn, Missouri — when he enlisted in Company F, 1st Florida Infantry in the spring of 1898 for the war with Spain. He served through the camps of that summer and fall, present at nearly every muster but repeatedly treated in quarters for illness, including a bout of acute diarrhoea; someone applied to have him discharged as a minor, yet he stayed with the company until it mustered out at Huntsville, Alabama, in January 1899. The file carries a small conflict about exactly when and where he first joined — the muster-out record's corrected date of late April at Jacksonville against the May date at Tampa on the muster-in — and a pencil notation from 1965 shows a headstone application later filed in his name.

The Story of Emarcus L. Adams

This is a **Compiled Military Service Record with an attached Carded Medical Records packet** (NARA RG 94, publication M1087), covering one man's service in the **War with Spain** — the Spanish-American War of 1898. Every jacket and card is stamped (**Spanish War.**) or (**War with Spain.**), and the man served the United States in a state volunteer regiment; there is no Union-or-Confederate question here. What follows is drawn only from the pages in this file.

A schoolteacher from Green Cove Springs. When Emarcus L. Adams joined the army he was **18 years old, single**, and gave his occupation as **school teacher** (p. 3). He was living at **Green Cove Springs, Florida**, but the muster-in roll records that he was **born in Brooklyn, Missouri** — a birthplace stated nowhere else in the file and worth holding onto. The descriptive entry paints him: **light complexion, blue eyes, brown hair**, and a height that reads as roughly five feet eight inches (the figure is not perfectly clear — see the notes). As next of kin the form names **Mrs. Jessie Anderson of Green Cove Springs, Florida**, listed as his **parent or guardian**; the file does not spell out the relationship, and her different surname is simply what the record shows.

Joining up — and a small tangle of dates. The muster-in roll (p. 3) says he **enrolled at Tampa, Florida, on May 20, 1898**, and was **mustered in there on May 23, 1898**. The bimonthly rolls repeat the May 20 Tampa enrollment (pp. 4–6), though one (p. 7) gives May 23. But the **muster-out roll** (p. 8), citing a **list of corrections furnished by the commanding officer**, states he was **enrolled April 25, 1898, at Jacksonville, Florida** — and its own remarks note **pay due from April 25 to May 11, 1898**, which fits that earlier date. Because that later correction is a formal amendment and its pay entry corroborates it, this report treats **April 25 at Jacksonville** as the better-supported enrollment date, while noting the muster-in itself was completed May 23 at Tampa (enrollment and muster-in are two different events). Both readings are preserved in the notes.

A summer and fall of camp illness. Adams was carried **present** on every company muster roll — June, July–August, September–October, and November–December 1898 (pp. 4–7). But the muster-out roll and its reverse (pp. 8–9) read like a sick-book: **sick in quarters** on May 31, June 15–16, July 12–13, July 18, November 15–16, November 18–21, and December 6, 1898 — each time marked **in line of**

duty. The Carded Medical Records packet (pp. 11–12) captures one of these episodes in full: on **July 9, 1898** he was admitted from his command with "**Diarrhoea Acute,**" was **treated in quarters**, and was **returned to duty the same day** (patient's no. 127). Acute diarrhea and camp fevers, not Spanish bullets, were the great killers of 1898; Adams came through his bouts.

A furlough home, and a bid for discharge. In mid-August he was **absent on pass / furlough at Green Cove Springs** — the regimental return for August (p. 10) dates it August 16–17; the muster-out roll dates it August 17–20 by order of **Col. Lovell** (a small overlap, noted). And on the June muster roll a clerk wrote that the **Adjutant General's Office had an application for his discharge as a minor** ("See 103958, A.G.O.," p. 4). Whatever came of that petition, Adams did not go home early: he **mustered out with the regiment at Huntsville, Alabama, on January 27, 1899**, his enrollment there recorded as April 25, 1898, Jacksonville. He was owed **\$3.14 for clothing**, and owed the government **\$0.30 for arms and equipments; no clothing had been issued him by the state** (pp. 8–9).

A long afterlife on the jacket. Two late pencil notations sit on the jacket back (p. 2): what appears to be a headstone or grave file, "**hdst appl 12-9-65,**" a reference to **Wilmer Adams**, and the name **T. B. Smith, Ex'r** (executor). These read as a **1965 government-headstone application** filed after the veteran's death — a pointer to records that would name his death date and the family who filed. And the personal-papers jacket (p. 13) shows his one enclosed personal paper (an examination preliminary to muster-out) was **loaned to the Commissioner of Pensions on August 16, 1901** — a sign that a Spanish-War pension claim was once in motion. Those threads are laid out in the research section.

How to Read This Report

Source tiers tell you how strong each fact's source is:

- **Tier 1** — a document in the soldier's own hand, or sworn testimony. (*None survives in this file.*)
- **Tier 2** — official compiled cards abstracted from the original muster rolls, returns, and hospital registers. Reliable for the fact stated, but each is a **copyist's abstract made around 1899–1901**, one step removed from the original roll (the copyist signs each card).
- **Tier 3** — process paperwork.
- **Tier 4** — jacket covers, card-number lists, clerk's file numbers, and the Fold3 index page (bookkeeping, not evidence).

Flags mark trouble spots: a **source conflict** is two legible documents disagreeing (here, the enrollment date); an **illegible reading** is handwriting that cannot be read with confidence (never silently guessed); a **research gap** points to a record this file does not contain. The soldier being *present* is claimed only from a roll covering that date; gaps in the rolls are stated as gaps.

Personal Service Timeline

Built from this soldier's own cards, in date order. Enrollment date is discussed in the story and the flags.

- **Apr 25, 1898** — enrolled at Jacksonville, Fla. (per muster-out roll's list of corrections; pay due from this date) (p. 8–9) — conflicts with the May 20 Tampa entry below.
- **May 20, 1898** — enrolled at Tampa, Fla. (per muster-in and June–Oct rolls) (pp. 3, 4, 5, 6).
- **May 23, 1898** — mustered in at Tampa, Fla.; roll dated same day (p. 3); one roll also gives May 23 as the enrollment date (p. 7).

- **May 31, 1898** — sick in quarters, in line of duty (*p. 8*).
- **June 1–30, 1898** — present; sick in quarters June 15 & 16 (*pp. 4, 8*).
- **July 9, 1898** — admitted from command, "Diarrhoea Acute," treated in quarters, returned to duty same day (*p. 12*).
- **July 12–13 & July 18, 1898** — sick in quarters, in line of duty (*p. 9*).
- **July–Aug 1898** — present (*p. 5*).
- **Aug 16–17 / 17–20, 1898** — absent on furlough / pass at Green Cove Springs, by order of Col. Lovell (*pp. 10, 9*).
- **Sept–Oct 1898** — present (*p. 6*).
- **Nov 15–16 & Nov 18–21, 1898** — sick in quarters, in line of duty (*p. 9*).
- **Nov–Dec 1898** — present (*p. 7*); sick in quarters Dec 6 (*p. 9*).
- **Jan 27, 1899** — mustered out with the company at Huntsville, Ala. (*p. 8*).

Enlistment, Description & Identity

From the **Company Muster-in Roll** (*p. 3*):

- **Name:** Emarcus L. Adams; indexed elsewhere as **E. L. Adams** (*pp. 11, 12*).
- **Rank:** Private (in and out).
- **Age:** 18 years (implied birth year ~1879–1880; the Fold3 index estimates 1879–1880, calculated from age).
- **Height:** reads as about **5 feet 8 inches** — the figure is not fully legible (flagged).
- **Complexion:** light; **eyes:** blue; **hair:** brown.
- **Born:** Brooklyn, Missouri.
- **Occupation:** School Teacher.
- **Residence:** Green Cove Springs, Florida.
- **Marital status:** Single.
- **Parent or guardian:** Mrs. Jessie Anderson, Green Cove Springs, Florida (relationship not stated).
- **Term of enlistment:** 2 years.

Medical Record

The attached **Carded Medical Records** packet (RG 94; medical-card jacket *p. 11*, medical card no. 7017141 on *p. 12*) documents one hospital-register episode, and the muster-out roll adds the quarters-sick chain:

- **July 9, 1898 — Report of Sick and Wounded, 1 Florida Infantry:** admitted from command; **race White**; cause of admission "**Diarrhoea Acute**" (period diagnosis, quoted as written); **treated in quarters; in line of duty; returned to duty** same day; patient's no. 127 (*p. 12*).
- Repeated **sick in quarters** entries, all **in line of duty**, on May 31, June 15–16, July 12–13, July 18, Nov 15–16, Nov 18–21, and Dec 6, 1898 (*pp. 8–9*).

No wound, no hospital transfer, and no discharge for disability appears. The jacket counts **1 medical card**, which matches the single card supplied.

Pay, Clothing & Accounts

- **Last paid** by a succession of paymasters: Major Bullis (to May 31), Major Clark (to July 31), Major Tyler (to Sept 30), Maj. Marsh (to Nov 30), and Maj. Kenner (to Dec 31, 1898) (*pp. 4–8*).
- At muster-out: **due the soldier for clothing \$3.14; due the U.S. for arms and equipments \$0.30**; Q.M. stores line blank (*p. 8*).
- **No clothing issued him by the state; pay due from April 25 to May 11, 1898** (*p. 9*).

Named People in the File

- **Paymasters:** Major Bullis, Major Clark, Major Tyler, Maj. Marsh, Maj. Kenner (*pp. 4–8*).
- **Col. Lovell** — ordered his August furlough/pass (*p. 9*).
- **Mrs. Jessie Anderson** — listed parent or guardian, Green Cove Springs, Fla. (*p. 3*).
- **Wilmer Adams** and **T. B. Smith, Ex'r** — named in the 1965 pencil notations on the jacket back (*p. 2*).
- **Copyists (compilers, ~1899–1901):** J. L. Austin (muster cards), S. Cottrell (regimental return), Sam'l J. Armstrong (medical card).

The Jacket, Its Counts & Later Notations

Reconciliation of the jacket (p. 1). The cover carries penciled card numbers — beginning **41096508** and running through several figures (...6597, 6674, 6787, 6917, 7024...) to a final number that is hard to read — plus "**Number of medical cards herein: 1**" and "**Number of personal papers herein: 1**." The service cards supplied (muster-in, four bimonthly rolls, muster-out, and the regimental return) match that group; the stamp **41097024** on p. 9 corresponds to the "7024" entry. The **1 medical card** is present (*p. 12*).

The one personal paper is not here. The personal-papers jacket (*p. 13*) lists a single enclosure — an "**Ex. Preliminary to M. O.**" (examination preliminary to muster-out) — and is stamped that this paper was **loaned to the Commissioner of Pensions on August 16, 1901**. The document itself is **not among the pages supplied**; only its wrapper card is (flagged as a gap).

Book Mark is blank; "**See also**" is check-marked but left blank on the jacket (*p. 1*).

Later pencil notations (p. 2). The jacket back bears faint later notes that read as a **government-headstone application dated 12-9-65 (December 9, 1965)**, a reference to **Wilmer Adams**, an entry beginning "**S. 20 79939 P.O.M.M.**", and the signature **T. B. Smith, Ex'r**. The exact wording is uncertain (flagged); together they point to a headstone/grave file created decades after service.

Research Gaps & Next Steps

What this file establishes — and what it cannot. These cards prove what *the Emarcus (E. L.) Adams of Company F, 1st Florida Infantry* did in 1898–99: his enlistment, description, birthplace (Brooklyn, Missouri), Green Cove Springs residence, camp illnesses, and muster-out. The identity anchors a family will use are the **name, age (~18, born ~1879–1880), Missouri birthplace, Green Cove Springs residence, physical description, and the guardian Mrs. Jessie Anderson**. This file cannot, by itself, prove that this soldier is a particular family's ancestor — that requires correlation with records **outside** this file (census, county, church, land, probate). Same-named soldiers of the same era are common; the connection is a correlation task this report does not perform.

Where the record points next:

- **Spanish-American War pension.** The personal paper was **loaned to the Commissioner of Pensions in 1901**, strongly implying a pension claim. Search the **General Index to Pension Files (NARA T288)** and the Spanish-American War service-pension act of **June 5, 1920 (increased 1926)**; a pension file would carry family detail this record lacks.
- **Minor-discharge application.** The June roll cites **A.G.O. file 103958** — an application for discharge as a minor. That Adjutant General's Office correspondence would name who petitioned and why.
- **Government-headstone / grave file (1965).** The p. 2 notations point to an **Application for a Headstone/Marker** (VA/Quartermaster series), which would give his **death date and place** and name the applicant (Wilmer Adams; T. B. Smith, executor).
- **The missing personal paper** (examination preliminary to muster-out) — may survive with the loaned-to-Pensions file.
- **State records.** Florida Adjutant General's reports and rosters for the 1st Florida Infantry; the "**See also**" check-mark on the jacket may indicate another jacket for the same man (no target was filled in).
- **Birthplace lead.** "Brooklyn, Missouri" and the guardian's name (Anderson) are the strongest hooks for census and county correlation.

Regimental History

The 1st Regiment Florida Infantry (U.S. Volunteers) was organized from the Florida state militia and mustered into the service of the United States at Tampa, May 20 to 25, 1898, with 48 officers and 956 enlisted men. It was immediately assigned to the Second Brigade, First Division of Major General Fitzhugh Lee's Seventh Corps, a command being trained to take part in the invasion of Havana, Cuba, but the invasion would never occur.

The regiment remained within the United States throughout its service, moving from Tampa to Fernandina, Florida, and then, after the fighting had ended, to Huntsville, Alabama. On August 12, an armistice was reached between the United States and Spain ending the fighting between the two countries, and the regiment stayed at Fernandina until August 23, when it was sent to Huntsville, Alabama, arriving on August 25.

Most companies mustered out at Tallahassee December 3, 1898, while Companies B, D, F, and G mustered out at Huntsville, Alabama, January 27, 1899. The 1st Florida saw no combat. As was ordinary for volunteer regiments in this war, its losses were chiefly to camp sickness rather than battle: casualties while in service were one officer dead of disease and, among the enlisted men, 27 dead of disease, 2 murdered, and 19 deserted.

_Sources: <https://www.spanamwar.com/1stflorida.htm>;
https://fortwiki.com/1st_Florida_Volunteer_Infantry;
https://sites.rootsweb.com/~scjssawv/Database/Florida/1stInfantryRegiment_History.html;
<https://spanamwar.com/1floridacoc.htm> _ _ (This regimental history was verified by web search.
 Everything else in this report is drawn only from the soldier's own file.)_

Document Inventory

Page	Document Type	Summary
1	Jacket cover / card-index (Tier 4)	Jacket for Adams, Emarcus L., Co. F, 1 Florida Infantry

		(Spanish War), Private/Private. Penciled card numbers (41096508, 6597, 6674, 6787, 6917, 7024, and a hard-to-read final figure); medical cards herein 1, personal papers herein 1; Book Mark blank; 'See also' check-marked but blank.
2	Jacket back with later pencil notations	Faint later notes reading as a 1965 government-headstone application ('hdst appl 12-9-65'), 'SS to Wilmer Adams,' an entry 'S. 20 79939 P.O.M.M.,' and signature 'T. B. Smith, Ex'r.' Exact wording uncertain.
3	Company Muster-in Roll (Tier 2)	Roll dated Tampa, Fla., May 23, 1898; mustered in May 23, 1898; age 18; height ~5 ft 8 in (unclear); light complexion, blue eyes, brown hair; born Brooklyn, Missouri; occupation school teacher; enrolled May 20, 1898 at Tampa; term 2 years; residence Green Cove, Fla.; single; parent/guardian Mrs. Jessie Anderson, Green Cove Springs, Fla. Copyist J. L. Austin.
4	Company Muster Roll, June 1–30, 1898 (Tier 2)	Present; enlisted May 20, 1898 at Tampa; last paid by Major Bullis to May 31, 1898. Remarks: 'A.G.O. — Appn for dischge as a minor. See 103958, A.G.O.' Copyist J. L. Austin.
5	Company Muster Roll, July & Aug 1898 (Tier 2)	Present; enlisted May 20, 1898 at Tampa; last paid by Major Clark to July 31, 1898. Copyist J. L. Austin.
6	Company Muster Roll, Sept & Oct 1898 (Tier 2)	Present; enlisted May 20, 1898 at Tampa; last paid by Major Tyler to Sept 30, 1898. Copyist J. L. Austin.
7	Company Muster Roll, Nov & Dec 1898 (Tier 2)	Present; enlisted May 23, 1898 at Tampa (date differs from other rolls); last paid by Maj. Marsh to Nov 30, 1898. Copyist J. L. Austin.
8	Company Muster-out Roll (Tier 2)	Roll dated Huntsville, Ala., Jan 27, 1899; mustered out Jan 27, 1899; enrolled April 25, 1898 at Jacksonville, Fla. (per list of corrections by commanding officer); last paid by Maj. Kenner to Dec 31, 1898;

		residence Green Cove Spgs, Fla.; place of discharge Huntsville, Ala.; due soldier \$3.14 clothing, due U.S. \$0.30 arms/equipments. Remarks begin sick-in-quarters chain. Copyist J. L. Austin.
9	Muster-out Roll reverse / remarks continuation (Tier 2)	Stamp OCT 17 1899, 41097024. Continues sick-in-quarters entries (July 12–13, July 18, Nov 15–16, Nov 18–21, Dec 6, all in line of duty); absent on pass Aug 17–20 by order Col. Lovell; pay due April 25 to May 11, 1898; no clothing issued him by the state.
10	Regimental Return, August 1898 (Tier 2)	Absent enlisted man accounted for: Aug 16–17, 1898, at Green Cove Springs, on furlough. Copyist S. Cottrell.
11	Medical-card jacket / index (Tier 4)	Jacket for Adams, E. L., Pvt, Co. F, 1 Reg't Florida Infantry (Spanish War); Medical Card Numbers: 1 — 7017141.
12	Carded Medical Record — Report of Sick and Wounded, July 1898 (Tier 2)	E. L. Adams, Pvt, Co. F; race White; admitted July 9, 1898 from command; cause 'Diarrhoea Acute'; treated in quarters; in line of duty; returned to duty July 9, 1898; patient's no. 127. Copyist Sam'l J. Armstrong.
13	Personal-papers / inclosures jacket (Tier 4)	Adams Emarcus L., P, Co. F, 1 Reg't Florida Inf. (War with Spain); 1 inclosure — 'Ex. Preliminary to M. O.'; stamped War Dept., R. & P. O., Aug 16, 1901, paper loaned to the Commissioner of Pensions this day; figure '16'.
14	Fold3 source-information page (Tier 4)	Index page: Adams, Emarcus L., age 18, Co. F, enlistment/discharge rank Private, year 1898, estimated birth year 1879–1880 (calculated), Spanish-American War, served for USA, M1087, RG 94, 1 Florida Infantry, NARA catalog 300400.

Every Fact and Its Source

Each substantive fact in this report, with the document that states it. Tier 1 = sworn or own-hand documents; Tier 2 = official contemporaneous records; Tier 3 = claim-process paperwork; Tier 4 = administrative material. Notes mark facts a witness learned second-hand, values worked out by calculation, and uncertain readings.

Fact	Source document (page)	Tier	Notes
Emarcus L. Adams (indexed elsewhere as E. L. Adams), Private, Co. F, 1st Regiment Florida Infantry, War with Spain.	Jacket cover / card-index (p. 1)	4	—
Age 18 at enlistment (implied birth year ~1879–1880).	Company Muster-in Roll (p. 3)	2	calculated/derived
Born at Brooklyn, Missouri.	Company Muster-in Roll (p. 3)	2	corroborated by second source
Physical description: light complexion, blue eyes, brown hair; height approximately 5 feet 8 inches.	Company Muster-in Roll (p. 3)	2	reading uncertain
Occupation: school teacher.	Company Muster-in Roll (p. 3)	2	source conflict
Residence at enlistment: Green Cove (Springs), Florida.	Company Muster-in Roll (p. 3)	2	corroborated by second source
Single; parent or guardian given as Mrs. Jessie Anderson, Green Cove Springs, Florida.	Company Muster-in Roll (p. 3)	2	—
Served the United States in the War with Spain (Spanish-American War), a U.S. volunteer regiment; NARA RG 94, M1087.	Fold3 source-information page (p. 14)	4	corroborated by second source
Enrolled May 20, 1898 at Tampa, Fla. (per muster-in and June–Oct rolls).	Company Muster-in Roll (p. 3)	2	source conflict
Mustered in May 23, 1898 at Tampa, Fla.; term 2 years.	Company Muster-in Roll (p. 3)	2	corroborated by second source
Enrolled April 25, 1898 at	Company Muster-out Roll and reverse (p. 8)	2	source conflict

Jacksonville, Fla., per the commanding officer's list of corrections; pay due from April 25, 1898.			
Present, June 1–30, 1898; last paid by Major Bullis to May 31, 1898.	Company Muster Roll, June 1–30, 1898 (p. 4)	2	reading uncertain
Application for his discharge as a minor noted (A.G.O.; 'See 103958, A.G.O.').	Company Muster Roll, June 1–30, 1898 (p. 4)	2	reading uncertain
Present, July & Aug 1898; last paid by Major Clark to July 31, 1898.	Company Muster Roll, July & Aug 1898 (p. 5)	2	—
Present, Sept & Oct 1898; last paid by Major Tyler to Sept 30, 1898.	Company Muster Roll, Sept & Oct 1898 (p. 6)	2	—
Present, Nov & Dec 1898; last paid by Maj. Marsh to Nov 30, 1898; roll gives enrollment as May 23, 1898.	Company Muster Roll, Nov & Dec 1898 (p. 7)	2	source conflict
Absent on furlough at Green Cove Springs, Aug 16–17, 1898.	Regimental Return, August 1898 (p. 10)	2	source conflict
Absent on pass Aug 17–20, 1898 by order of Col. Lovell; repeated sick-in-quarters entries (May 31; June 15–16; July 12–13; July 18; Nov 15–16; Nov 18–21; Dec 6, 1898), all in line of duty.	Company Muster-out Roll reverse (p. 9)	2	—
Mustered out with the company at Huntsville, Ala., Jan 27, 1899; last paid by Maj. Kenner to Dec 31, 1898.	Company Muster-out Roll (p. 8)	2	—
At muster-out: due the soldier \$3.14 for clothing; due the U.S. \$0.30 for arms	Company Muster-out Roll and reverse (p. 8)	2	—

and equipments; no clothing issued him by the state.			
Treated in quarters July 9, 1898 for 'Diarrhoea Acute' (period diagnosis), admitted from command, returned to duty same day; race recorded White; patient's no. 127.	Carded Medical Record — Report of Sick and Wounded, July 1898 (p. 12)	2	—
Jacket counts 1 medical card (no. 7017141) and 1 personal paper; the personal paper (examination preliminary to muster-out) was loaned to the Commissioner of Pensions Aug 16, 1901 and is not in the file.	Medical-card jacket (p.11) and personal-papers jacket (p.13) (p. 13)	4	—
Later pencil notations on the jacket back read as a government-headstone application dated Dec 9, 1965, referencing Wilmer Adams and executor T. B. Smith.	Jacket back with later notations (p. 2)	4	reading uncertain
Cards compiled/copied ~1899–1901 by copyists J. L. Austin, S. Cottrell, and Sam'l J. Armstrong; stamp 41097024 dated Oct 17, 1899 on the muster-out reverse.	Company muster/medical cards (p. 9)	2	corroborated by second source
Fold3 index estimates birth year 1879–1880, calculated from the muster-in age of 18.	Fold3 source-information page (p. 14)	4	calculated/derived

Hard-to-Read Entries

These are original handwritten records, in places faded or damaged with age. Where a word could not be read with confidence, it is flagged here rather than guessed at - nothing in this report is invented. A researcher reviewed each entry below against the original scans; some were made out on a closer look, and the rest remain genuinely unclear.

- **Page 3** - flagged as hard to read (The height figure on the muster-in roll is not clearly legible; the feet digit could be misread). A researcher re-checked it against the original scan; it remains genuinely unclear, which we note honestly.
- **Page 1** - flagged as hard to read (The penciled card-number list on the jacket is faint; the leading number 41096508 and the trailing figure are hard to read with confidence). A researcher re-checked it against the original scan; it remains genuinely unclear, which we note honestly.
- **Page 2** - flagged as hard to read (The jacket-back pencil notations are faint and partly illegible; readings offered are tentative). A researcher re-checked it against the original scan; it remains genuinely unclear, which we note honestly.

Where the Documents Disagree

Here two or more perfectly legible documents say different things. That is a finding about the record, not a reading problem - both versions are shown, and neither was silently preferred. Where the evidence clearly favored one reading, the story above follows it, and the note here says why - a visible weighing, never a silent one.

- **Page 8** - the documents disagree here (The muster-out roll (p. 8), citing the commanding officer's list of corrections, gives April 25, 1898 at Jacksonville, while the muster-in roll (p. 3) and June–Oct company rolls (pp. 4–6) give May 20, 1898 at Tampa). Both readings appear in the report; review confirmed the disagreement is in the record itself. Our read: April 25, 1898 at Jacksonville — a formal correction furnished by the commanding officer, corroborated by the p. 9 entry 'Pay due from April 25/98,' outweighs the muster-in entry. Note the formal muster-in was completed May 23 at Tampa (enrollment and muster-in are distinct).
- **Page 7** - the documents disagree here (The Nov–Dec 1898 muster roll (p. 7) gives the enrollment as May 23, 1898, whereas pp. 3–6 give May 20, 1898). Both readings appear in the report; review confirmed the disagreement is in the record itself. The evidence is evenly balanced; we do not choose between them.
- **Page 9** - the documents disagree here (The muster-out remarks (p. 9) date the August absence Aug 17–20 by order of Col. Lovell; the August regimental return (p. 10) dates it Aug 16–17 as a furlough at Green Cove Springs). Both readings appear in the report; review confirmed the disagreement is in the record itself. The evidence is evenly balanced; we do not choose between them.

What the File Does Not Establish

The file is silent on these points. No document states them, so the report says so rather than filling them in.

- **Page 13** - the file does not answer this (The jacket counts 1 personal paper and the inclosures card lists an 'Ex. Preliminary to M. O.,' but the document itself is not among the supplied pages; it was loaned to the Commissioner of Pensions on Aug 16, 1901). The Research Gaps section points to the records that might.
- **Page 1** - the file does not answer this (The 'See also' line on the jacket is check-marked but left blank, hinting a cross-reference exists without naming its target). The Research Gaps section points to the records that might.

- **Page 4** - the file does not answer this (The June roll cites 'A.G.O. 103958' — an application for discharge as a minor — not present in this file). The Research Gaps section points to the records that might.
- **Page 2** - the file does not answer this (The 1965 headstone-application notation implies a separate grave/headstone file naming death date and applicant). The Research Gaps section points to the records that might.

About this report: it was produced from the file provided, read page by page. It does not search records beyond that file - the Research Gaps section points to the outside records that could carry the story further.