

# ENLISTMENT, OATH OF SERVICE, AND DESCRIPTION RANGER FORCE

Company C Ranger Force, Station Austin

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

COUNTY OF Travis

I, Albert F. Gholson, born in Evant

the State of Texas, aged 35 years and — months, and by occupation a

September, 1917, do hereby acknowledge to have voluntarily enlisted — day of

as a private in the Ranger Force of this State, for the period of two years, unless sooner discharged by proper authority. And I do also agree to accept from the State of Texas such bounty, pay, subsistence and other expenses as are or may be established by law. And I do solemnly swear that I will faithfully and impartially discharge and perform all the duties incumbent on me as an officer of the Ranger Force according to the best of my skill and ability, agreeably to the Constitution and laws of the United States and of this State, and I do further solemnly swear that since the adoption of the Constitution of this State, I being a citizen of this State, have not fought a duel with deadly weapons, nor have I acted as second in carrying a challenge, or aided, advised or assisted any person thus offending. And I furthermore swear that I have not, directly nor indirectly, paid, offered or promised to pay, contributed nor promised to contribute, any money or valuable thing, or promised any public office or employment, to secure my appointment. So help me God.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 1<sup>st</sup> day of September A. D. 1917

E. Heilighorst  
Notary Public, Travis Co., Tex.

I certify that A. F. Gholson, the above named man, has been carefully examined by me previous to his enlistment, and to the best of my knowledge and belief he is physically able, competent to and will faithfully perform the duties incumbent on him in accordance with law. This man is 35 years

— months of age. Height 6 feet 2 inches. Complexion fair Eyes blue  
Hair brown Born at Evant County of Coryell State of Texas  
Occupation Stockman ~~Married or single~~ Previous service —

Remarks: —

A. L. Ransom  
Captain Co. C Ranger Force.

THE STATE OF TEXAS

OATH OF MEMBERS  
RANGER FORCE

Name A. F. Grelson

Rank ~~Private~~ Sergeant

Company ~~1st~~       , Ranger Force

Station       

REGULAR RANGER.

Thomas General Co. & Co.

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February 2, 1949

Mrs. H. N. Lyle,  
Box 268,  
Cisco, Texas

Dear Mrs. Lyle :

Reference is made to your letter of January 28, 1949, making inquiry relative to Benjamin Franklin Gholson.

The only person by the name of Gholson who has served with the Texas Rangers since 1917 was Albert F. Gholson who enlisted in the Ranger service on September 1, 1917. At that time Mr. Gholson was 35 years of age. The records indicate he was born at Evant, Coryell County, Texas. He was six feet two inches tall with a fair complexion, blue eyes and brown hair and listed his occupation as "Stockman".

Ranger records prior to 1917 were transferred to the State Archives, Texas State Library, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas. If an inquiry is directed to them you should, if possible, advise when Mr. Gholson served, his captain's name, and any other information that you might have.

Yours very truly,

Bob N. Massengale,  
Texas Dept. of Public Safety

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Cisco, Texas,  
Jan. 28, 1949

Dept. of Public Safety.  
Austin, Texas.

Dear Sirs;—

Do you have any material on  
Benjamin Franklin Gholson, a <sup>former</sup> Texas Ranger?  
Or can you tell me where I may find  
same?

I would appreciate an early reply.

Very Respectfully,

Mrs. H. N. Lyle  
Box 268

Cisco, Texas.

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