

Placed docketed by May 27<sup>th</sup> 1899

To Captain R. T. Shindler  
Commanding Co. A. 3<sup>rd</sup> Reg. T.V.G. Stone Fort Rifles

Desiring to enlist in your company, I hereby make application for enlistment, and pledge myself to conform to the militia law, rules and regulations of this State and by-laws of the company, I have never been dishonorable discharged from any organization of the Texas Volunteer Guards.

Age 27 Weight 140  
Hair Dark Where born Cuthbert  
Eyes Brown State of Ga  
Complexion Ruddy Occupation Merchant

### OATH.

To be executed before an officer authorized to administer oaths.

I, McNeil Chapman do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support the Constitution of the United States, and that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the State of Texas, and will support the Constitution thereof; and I do further swear (or affirm) that I will faithfully observe and obey all laws and regulations for the government of the Volunteer Guards of this State, and the orders of all officers elected or appointed over me, for the period of three years; so help me God.

McNeil Chapman

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 29<sup>th</sup> day of May A. D. 1899

Ernest Co. clk  
Stone Fort Rifles  
By J. J. Ray spc

I certify that McNeil Chapman was admitted as a member May 29<sup>th</sup> 1899

Company Clerk of J. J. Ray  
Stone Fort Rifles

NOTES.—As required by Rule No. 3, Chapter "Term of Service and Oath," p. 75, Regulations of 1895, this blank application must be filled up, and oath executed in duplicate, before a member is admitted in a Company of the Texas Volunteer Guards. As soon as the member is admitted, the Company Clerk will certify to the fact, and transmit one Copy of this application and oath to the Adjutant General, and retain the other Copy in the Company records.  
A member of a Company, whose term of service expires, will use this blank adding the syllable "re," before "enlist."

Chapman, McNeil



ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,  
STATE OF TEXAS.

CIRCULAR No. 8.

AUSTIN, January 10, 1900.

*Thos Seery*  
*Adjutant General T.V.G.*

SIR:

For the purpose of making a complete record of the officers of the Texas Volunteer Guard you are directed to return this circular with your answers in full to the following, to-wit:

1. What is your business address (give street and number)?

*Wesgdoches Texas*

2. What is your residence address (give street and number)?

*Wesgdoches Texas*

3. If you have a telephone at your place of business or residence, give number of each telephone?

*City Phone # 101.*

4. Your native State?

*Georgia*

Your age?

*28 years*

5. If you have ever attended a military school, give its name and location.

*Military School in Cuthbert Ga*

6. Give date of your admission as a cadet, your rank each year and date of graduation?

Sometimes in 1881. Only attended one session.

7. If you have served in the Militia of any other State, give name of State, date of enlistment, name and letter of Company, designation of Regiment, or position in Staff Corps, rank during said service and date of discharge or resignation.

None except in Texas.

8. If you have served in the Confederate or Union Army or in the U. S. Volunteer or Regular Army, give date of enlistment, name and letter of Company, designation of regiment, or position in the Staff Corps, rank during said service and date of discharge or resignation.

Served in U.S. Vol Infantry during Spanish American war, was commissioned as 1st Lieut the 14th day May 1898. in Co. B. 2nd Reg U.S.V. Inf. was discharged at end of war in Dallas Texas in November 1898.

9. If you have served in the Texas Volunteer Guard prior to date of your present commission, give date of enlistment, name and letter of Company, designation of regiment, or position in Staff Corps, rank during such service and date of discharge or resignation.

I was a member of Stone Point Rifles of the 3rd Regiment prior to the Spanish

war for 8 or 10 years serving as a  
private. don't know date of enlistment.

10. Give details of your actual service in riots, skirmishes or battles.

Never in Riot or Battle  
Called out once to guard prisoner in  
Nacogdoches.

Your service in the Texas Volunteer Guard or in the U. S. Volunteer Army in the war with Spain will be verified by the records of this office.

You will endeavor to give an accurate account of your military services as outlined above. If more space is needed, attach statements. You will sign the following certificate to-wit:

Nacogdoches Texas 9/15 1900.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true statement in every particular, which can be verified by the records or by competent evidence.

(Signature)

(Rank)

Merrill Chapman  
formally  
1st Lt. 2nd Reg. 2nd Div.  
U.S. Vol. Infantry

In stating details of service in answer to Numbers 6, 7, 8 and 9 you will give beginning date of each rank in each organization in which you have served. For example, (presuming a case) in answer to number 9: "Private Co. A., (Smithville Rifles), 1st Regt. Infty., T. V. G., January 7th, 1892; Corporal, November 20th, 1892; Sergeant, July 1st, 1893; 2nd Lieut., January 4th, 1894; Resigned June 3rd, 1895. 1st Lieut. Co. G, (Jonesboro Rifles), 1st Regt. Infty. T.V. G., January 6th, 1896; Captain, January 8th, 1897; Major 1st Regt. Infty., T.V. G., June 20th, 1898 honorably discharged by G. O. No. 14, A. G. O., Nov. 22nd, 1899."

The above would indicate continuous service except between June 3rd, 1895, to January 6th, 1896, and that each rank continued until date of next rank except time following resignation.

In the event there is no record of your service the words "the records or" in above certificate may be erased.

The proper business and residence addresses and telephone number of each officer is important, that he may be reached without delay with orders in cases of emergency.

BY COMMAND OF THE GOVERNOR:

*THOS. SCURRY,*  
ADJUTANT GENERAL.