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Troy Texas June 9th 1924.
Miss. Hattie B. Hale
Nashville Ark.

My Dear Miss. Hale for
as such I must style thee
On my return from Mem-
phis Tenn, (at which place
I attended the Confederate
Reunion) I found your
letter of 1st inst. on my desk;
the contents of which I have
carefully noted. I am person-
ally & well acquainted with
Mr. Spencer Young, and I
will now comply with your
request to the very best of my
ability. On May 28-1862, 136
men were organized into a
company of volunteers at
Monticello Ark. & I remember
two brothers Dr. & Andrew Hale

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and myself were members of said Company, we elected Sam Gibson for our first captain. Company B, and when mustered into service our first colonel was Col. Morgan of Camden Ark. Next Col. Wright Next Col. was Pitts Yell next & last Col. was Brooks. at first we belonged to the 26 Ark. Regiment. Finally reorganization took place & we were placed in the 3rd Ark. Trans. Mississippi department. (Regiment.) I believe McRays² Brigade Churchills Division at the close of the war under E. Kirby Smith, we were honorably discharged at Marshall Texas,

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All I have learned of Dr. Hale since the close of the war between the states I learned it from Mr. Spencer Young his brother in Law of Killen Tex, who told me of the death of Doctor Hale some time ago, I believe we were in Ross's Brigade a short while Gen. Holmes's Division I think Ragland was our captain awhile after Gibson. Colwell was our Captain at close of war. Co. B. I can hand you the names of several who was in Co. B. with Dr. Hale & myself but cannot give the given names of but a few. A few others went from Ashley Co, which lay next to

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Drew Co. Namely Dr. Denton
Dr. Morris John & Ab. Lowe Marion
Roper Hyram Biggs, Huff Gray
Biggs Reily & brother Chapman & Bro,
Murphy Grant Skipper Barbary
Law Corder Smith Will Cham-
bers 3 brother Mc Douglas Carpenter
John Edwards Green Bullock Bill
Bullick Bottom Riles Norshum
and others I can not call
their names, The last time
I heard of Capt. Sam -
Gibson he was at Wash-
ington Ark. His Father died
during the Confederate war &
buried on my place where
Snyder is now located in
Ashley Co. Ark. which land
I formerly owned during the
war & of which I disposed
several years ago at a song.

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Personal

I am now in my 94th year of my age & can scarcely see how to write otherwise I am stout healthy & lively. Our reunion will be Dallas Tex. next year. so come to it on low rates & see your Uncle Spencer young which is only 165 miles by rail from Dallas & can see me there as I live on Rail Road Station you would travel, any information that I have failed to note command me & I will be at your service. Please send me a birth day card on my next birth day March 26-1925 Excuse pencils I do my own writing. With highest regards sincerely yours, J. O. Thompson
(Bell County) Boy Texas