

**SOUTHAMPTON COUNTY BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE**  
**BANK OF SOUTHAMPTON BUILDING**  
**PHONE NO. 51**

**COURTLAND, VIRGINIA**

**May II, 1925.**

RE: John C. Barnes,  
Pvt. in Huger's Battery,  
Norfolk Light Artillery.  
Present Address: Ivor, Va. R.F.D.

Mr. John H. Johnson,  
Pension Clerk,  
Office of Auditor of Public Accounts,  
Richmond, Virginia.

My dear Mr. Johnson:-

In reply to your communication to Mr. John C. Barnes December 8, 1924, please be advised that Mr. John C. Barnes says that William Shands was the first Captain of his Company. This Company went from Courtland (which was then called Jerusalem) to Hicks' Ford (now called Emporia). Later Captain William Shands was promoted to Colonel and Mr. Huger was made Captain. Also Mr. John C. Barnes says there was no other man in his company by the name of Barnes. He states that in Jan. 1865 that he was wounded in the lower part of his right leg and went home on a furlough and the war closed before he was able to return to service.

"The report of death you mention must have been made through an error as there was no other John C. Barnes in Captain Frank Huger's Battery, Norfolk Light Artillery except myself." Mr. John W. Sebrell, Sr., died Dec. 1924 and Mr. Barnes does not know of another living comrade of Captain Huger's Battery. In Southampton County there are a few Confederate Veterans belonging to other Companies, who know that Mr. Barnes served and neighbors might give some evidence. Confederate Veterans in county now living- L.L. Manry, Courtland, John I. Turner, Sebrell, George Pond, Sedley, Henry Williams, Ivor, Va. Please advise if sworn statement would be accepted from any of these.

Mr. John C. Barnes had a slight stroke of paralysis March 1925 and is unable to work. He is without funds or property and would not file a claim for a pension as long as he was able to work any.

We are writing at Mr. Barnes' request and trust that you will advise us of any procedure that might help to secure the evidence required.

Thanking you for a prompt reply. Very respectfully,  
*Mary L. Babb, Supt.*