Francis L. Pitts, Private, Co. G, 2 MO Infantry, C.S.

1841  April 25: Pitts was born in Shelby County, MO to Mr. and Mrs. James Pitts.

1850  October 3: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Hannibal, Marion County, MO showed nine-year-old Francis living with his father and siblings. His father, James was a harness maker.

1862  April 20: After he served in the Missouri State Guard, Pitts enlisted in the C.S. Army and mustered into Co. G, 2 MO Infantry C.S. At the time of his enlistment he was 24 years old and a harness maker.

    July to October: Company Muster Rolls. Present.

July 4: Captured at Vicksburg, MS. Two days later he signed an oath promising never to “take up arms again against the United States.” and was released to return to his home.


September to December: Company Muster Rolls. Present.

1864 January to August: Company Muster Rolls. Present.

November 30: Wounded at the Battle of Franklin.

December 18: Captured at Franklin, TN and forwarded to U.S. Gen'l Hosp. #1 in Nashville and treated for “Gunshot fract. Of Rt. Wrist.” Wound received from “can. Ball.” Pitts was released from hospital on March 7, 1865 and forwarded to Louisville and on to Camp Chase.

1865 July 13: Signed the Oath of Allegiance to the U.S. for the second time.

1870 August 4: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Paris, Monroe County, MO showed Frank, a saddler, boarding in a hotel run by Robert and Elizabeth Scott.

1874 August 17: Listed in local newspaper as nominee for Sheriff of Paris, MO.

1875 February 4: Married Laura Baulware in Monroe County, MO.
1878  Elected County Collector of Monroe County, MO.

1880  June 2: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Paris, Monroe County, MO showed Frank, the county collector, and his new wife Laura living with her mother, Elizabeth Boulware.

1891  July 2:

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Mexico Weekly Ledger, Mexico, MO, Thursday July 2, 1891, pg. 1.
DEMOCRATIC SPEAKING!

AND

Grand Picnic

Under the auspices of the Youngs Creek, Gatewood and Rowena Democratic Clubs

At Youngs Creek
FRIDAY, JULY 8.

The following State candidates will be present and address the people:
For Governor—Hon. R. H. Dalton, Hon. W. J. Stone, Dr. Yeaman and Judge James Gibson.
For Lieut.-Governor—A. W. Florea, W. F. Tuttle and Judge Jeff Pollard.
For State Treasurer—Frank L. Pitts and Lon V. Stephens.
Hon. Champ Clark and Col. H. Martin Williams will be present and speak.
All other candidates for State offices are cordially invited to be present.
A good Brass Band has been engaged to furnish music.
All arrangements have been made for the convenience and comfort of the people.
Everybody invited to come and bring well filled baskets.

S. C. Crawford, Chief Marshal.

Lucien Wright. The paper will remain neutral in politics.

FRANK L. PITTS, who aspires to be state treasurer, lost an arm in the battle of Franklin, Tenn., the same action in which Major Elijah Gates, formerly state treasurer, lost an arm.

State Treasurer Stephens has no

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2 Mexico Weekly Ledger, Mexico, MO, Thursday, June 30, 1892, pg. 3.
3 Darlington Record, Darlington, MO, Thursday June 16, 1892, pg. 2.
Auditor.

The sentiment of Oregon county is for Capt. Frank L. Pitts for state auditor. His nomination for the office he seeks will add great strength to the Democratic ticket in November. Under the laws of our state the treasurer cannot succeed himself (which should be the law with regard to all offices.) He now seeks the office that J. M. Seibert filled for 16 years. Capt. Pitts' qualifications are not questioned by any one. Frank L. Pitts was born in Shelby county, Mo., April 25, 1841; and was educated in the common schools of Shelby county and Hannibal public schools. He entered the confederate services in the spring of 1861, and was wounded at the battle of Franklin, Tenn., losing his right arm; was captured and held prisoner at Camp Chase, Ohio, until June 13, 1865. Later he returned to Missouri and was sheriff of Monroe county for four years and collector ten years. His fidelity and integrity were rewarded in 1896 when he was made the nominee of his party for state treasurer, being elected by an unusual majority.

Salisbury Press-Spectator says:

"He lost an arm while battling for the lost cause, and was as true a man as ever faced a foe."

Stoutsville Fanner says: "We who have known Frank for many years think there is nothing in the gift of the people too good for him. We are all proud of him because of his unselfed official record and his qualities as a gentleman and citizen.

The Moberly Democrat says: "Capt. F. L. Pitts is receiving much encouragement in his candidacy for State Auditor. Randolph county has always been as good a friend to Capt. Pitts' as his own county, and will no doubt stand by him as faithfully as heretofore. He can point to his services as Treasurer with pride and can confidently expect the full endorsement of the people by being elected Auditor."

The Statesman, in speaking of O. O. Allen and T. M. Bradbury, who are Capt. Pitts' opponents, says: "Capt. Pitts is decidedly a "new man at the State's capital. Mr. Allen has for eighteen years been drawing a handsome salary in the position he now holds, (chief clerk in the Auditor's office at Jefferson City. Mr. Bradbury, (Assistant supt at the penitentiary) well, from time, almost, when the memory of man runneth not, he, or other members of his family, have fed from the public crib, as it were." The Statesman has no fight to make on these gentlemen, but their friends should spring a better argument than that of "new man wanted."

4 South Missourian Democrat, Alton MO, Thursday February 8, 1900, pg. 1
March 15:

Would Make a Good Officer.

Frank L. Pitts is a candidate for State Auditor and has the esteem and confidence of the Democrats of the State and has made himself popular during his term of office as State Treasurer; and will no doubt receive the support of his party.—Putnam County Journal.

Hon. Frank L. Pitts is receiving many flattering notices from the Democratic press of the state in his candidacy for State Auditor, all of which he richly deserves, as no more loyal Democrat or gentleman devoted to duty can be found in the State.—Lamonte Record.

June 5: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Jefferson, Cole County, MO showed Frank, state treasurer, and Laura living with their daughter Kitty.

1905 February 3: Frank Pitts died in San Antonio, TX. He was returned to Paris, MO to be buried at Walnut Grove Cemetery.

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5 The Windsor Review, Windsor, MO, Thursday, March 15, 1900, pg. 2
EX-TREASURER PITTS DEAD.

The End Came to the Well Known Missouri Politician in Texas.

San Antonio, Tex., Feb. 3—Captain Frank L. Pitts of Paris, Mo., ex-state treasurer and prominent in Missouri politics, died here to-night of catarrhal pneumonia in the Menger hotel. His wife and his son-in-law and daughter, Dr. and Mrs. Shobe, were at the deathbed and left with the body to-night for Paris. He came to this city about three weeks ago for the benefit of his health.

Frank L. Pitts was born in Shelby county, Missouri, April 25, 1841. He was educated in the common schools of Shelby county and the Hannibal public schools. He entered the Confederate service in the spring of 1861 and was wounded at the battle of Franklin, Tenn., losing his right arm. He was captured and held prisoner at Camp Chase, Ohio, until June 13, 1865. After the war he went to Monroe county, where he was sheriff for four years and collector for ten years. He was elected treasurer on the Democratic ticket in 1896. He had always been an active worker in state and county politics.

Ex-Treasurer Pitts Dead.

Ex-State Treasurer Frank Pitts died at the Menger Hotel in San Antonio, Texas, Friday, January 3, of pneumonia. Mr. and Mrs. Pitts had been in Texas for the last two or three weeks, and during the Captain's last illness Hon. J. A. Potts and George Marshall, both of this city, were with him.

When the writer left San Antonio last week Mr. Pitts had pneumonia very badly, but his wife and physicians thought he would recover.

Capt. Pitts served with distinction in the confederate army, being identified with the 2nd Missouri brigade from the date of its organization. He lost an arm during the desperate charge upon the federal breastworks at Franklin, Tenn. Returning to Paris at the close of the war, he worked at the saddlery trade until elected sheriff of Monroe county. He afterward served as county collector. His remains will be brought back to Paris for burial.

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6 La Plata Home Press, Thursday, February 9, 1905,
7 Mexico Weekly Ledger, Mexico, MO Thursday, February 9, 1905