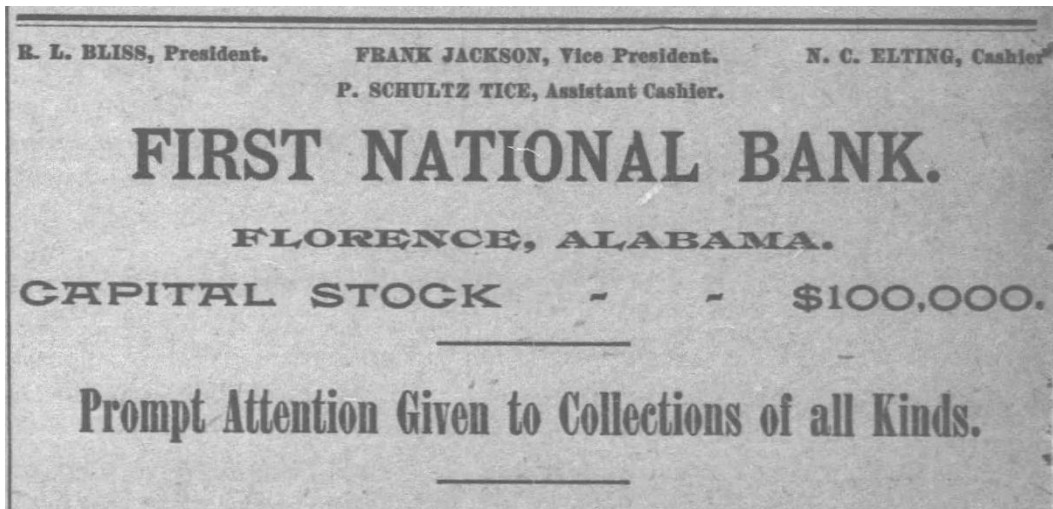


## Robert Lewis Bliss, Sergeant, F&S, 16 AL Infantry, CS

- 1843 June 4: Bliss was born to Robert L. and Susan Collins Bliss, both immigrants, in Florence, Lauderdale County, AL.
- 1850 December 16: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Florence, Lauderdale County, AL showed seven-year-old Robert living with his parents and siblings. His father, Robert Sr., immigrated from England and was listed on the census as a druggist.
- 1860 June 13: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Florence, Lauderdale County, AL showed 17-year-old Robert living with his parents and siblings. His father, Robert, was a druggist.
- 1861 December 24: Enlisted in the C.S. Army in Florence, AL. He mustered into Co. H 3 MS Battalion.
- 1862 February: Captured at Fort Donelson, however he escaped.  
May & June: Company Muster Roll. Absent. Remarks "Detached to report at Ordnance Department by order of Brig Gen Woods."
- 1864 November 30: Fought at the Battle of Franklin. Immediately following battle he was transferred to be Ordnance Sergeant for Forrest's cavalry corps.
- 1870 August 13: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Florence, Lauderdale County, AL showed R.L. as a bookkeeper.
- 1871 July 19: Married Dora Watkins in Farmersville, TN.
- 1880 June 5: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Florence, Lauderdale County, AL showed Robert, a merchant, and Dora living with several of their children.
- 1890 President of the First National Bank.



- 1900 June 2: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Florence, Lauderdale, AL showed Robert L., a banker, and Dora W. living with their children.
- 1907 Listed on the Alabama Confederate Soldier Census. The census gives detailed information about his service. [correction: 3<sup>rd</sup> MS Battalion, not 33<sup>rd</sup>]

Census or Enumeration of Confederate Soldiers Residing in Alabama, 1907. 5

No. 13

Full name: Robert Lewis Bliss; Present Post Office address: Florence, Ala.  
Do not use initials.

was born on June 4 1843 at Florence, in the County of Lauderdale  
in the State of Ala.; first entered the service as Private on \_\_\_\_\_ Date.  
A private, or if an officer, give rank.

at Florence in the \_\_\_\_\_ 27th Ala. Reg. and continued until  
Battle of Fort Donelson. Captured and escaped.  
Name of Place and State. Give name and letter of Co., and number of Regiment. Give date, and whether captured, discharged, transferred, resigned or paroled, with the place of same.

Re-enlisted as Private on \_\_\_\_\_ at Corinth, Miss.  
Give rank, etc. Date. Place.

in the 33<sup>rd</sup> Miss. Battalion and continued until \_\_\_\_\_  
Give exact command as above. Here give details as above for termination of service.

transferred to 16th Ala. Regt. as Ordnance Sergeant  
Re-enlisted as \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_  
Give rank, etc. Date. Place.

in the \_\_\_\_\_ and continued until Battle of Franklin Tenn.  
Give exact command as above. Here give details as above for termination of service.

Afterwards transferred to Forrest's Cavalry Corps as Ordnance Sergeant and surrendered  
Other service, if any: (Here give all facts in brief as to other forms of service, as Conscript officer, Staff officer, Ordnance officer, member of Home Guards, of an Escort Company, or of a Reserve Company. etc., etc.):  
with that command at Gainesville Ala.

- 1908 September 3: Robert Lewis died in Florence, AL. He was buried in the Florence Cemetery.

<sup>1</sup> The Florence Herald, Florence, AL Saturday 22 Mar 1890, pg. 4

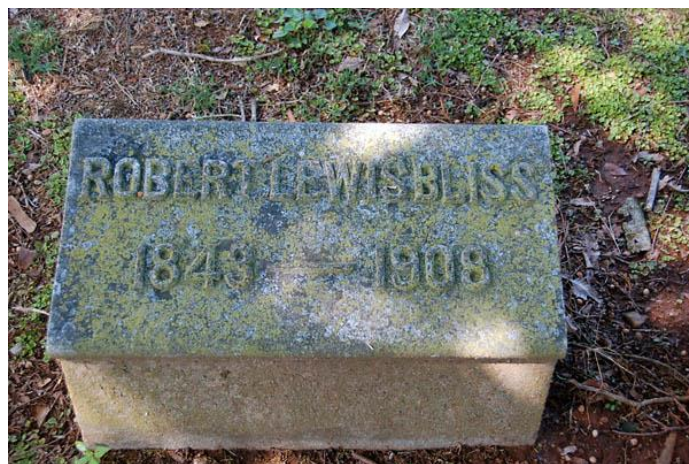
<sup>2</sup> Ancestry.com image

R. L. Bliss president of the First National Bank at Florence Ala., was stricken with paralysis September 3. He was 65 years old. No hope of his recovery.

3

**R. L. BLISS DEAD.**  
He Was Prominent Banker at Florence.  
Sheffield, Sept. 3.—R. L. Bliss, a capitalist and President of the First National Bank of Florence, died today of paralysis.

4



5

---

<sup>3</sup> Huntsville Weekly Democrat, Huntsville, AL Wednesday 9 Sep 1908, pg. 3

<sup>4</sup> The Montgomery Advertiser, Montgomery, AL Friday 04 Sep 1908, pg. 1

<sup>5</sup> Findagrave.com image