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**SOLDIER'S APPLICATION  
 FOR A PENSION**

*80 years*  
 The Comptroller of Public Accounts reserves the right to call for additional testimony if he deems it necessary.

*4-16-30*

Name of Applicant.

Matthew J. Abbott

Henderson County.

R. F. D. or Street No. No. 2,

Postoffice Eustace, Texas.

Filed July 24th, 1929.

Approved November 25th, 1929.

Pension allowed from Sept. 1st, 1929

Rejected

*S. H. Terrell*  
 Comptroller of Public Accounts.

THE B. L. STAGG CO., AUSTIN

COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE  
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## Soldier's Application for Confederate Pension

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

County of Henderson

I, Matthew J. Abbott do hereby make application for a pension, pursuant to the provisions of the First Section of Title 109, Revised Civil Statutes, 1925, providing for Confederate Pension, amended by Chapter 95, General Laws of the Fortieth Legislature, as amended by Senate Bill 287, Acts of the Regular Session of the Forty-first Legislature of the State of Texas, approved March 5, 1929, on the following ground:

I enlisted and served in the military service of the Confederate States during the war between the States of the United States and that I did not desert the Confederate service, but during the war I was loyal and true to my duty, and never at any time abandoned my post of duty in the said service; or (that I was in the service of the State of Texas during the war to protect said State against the Indians and Mexicans.)

That I was honorably discharged or surrendered Applicant lived in Tipa County, Miss., was wounded at Harrisburg, Miss., in month of July 1864, sent by Superiors to New Albany, Miss. Applicant was shot thru left side, was unable to return to army prior to close of war and for this reason did not receive regular discharge-  
(Give date and cause.)

that I have been a bona fide citizen of this State since prior to January 1, A. D. 1920, and have been continuously since a citizen of the State of Texas. I do further state that I do not hold any National, State, city or county office which pays me a salary or fees of \$300.00 per annum, nor have I an income from any other employment or other source whatever which amounts to \$300.00 per annum, nor do I receive from any source whatever money or other means of support amounting in value to the sum of \$300.00 per annum, nor do I own in my own right, nor does anyone hold in trust for my benefit or use, nor does my wife own, nor does anyone hold in trust for my wife, estate or property either real, personal or mixed, either in fee or for life, of the assessed value of over one thousand dollars, exclusive of a home of the value of not more than \$2000.00; nor do I receive any aid or pension from any other State of the United States, and I do further state that the answers given to the following questions are true:

1. What is your age? 80 years of age
2. Where were you born? In Banks County, Georgia, about 20 miles from Athens, Ga.
3. How long have you resided in the State of Texas? 50 years
4. In what county do you reside? Henderson County
5. How long have you resided in said county? 29 yrs What is your postoffice address?  
Eustace, Texas, Route No. 2,
6. Have you applied for a pension under the Confederate pension law and been rejected? No  
If rejected, state when and where None
7. In what State was the command in which you served organized? Mississippi
8. What was your postoffice address at the time of enlistment? New Albany, Miss.
9. How long did you serve? 9 months Give, if possible, the date of enlistment and discharge  
Enlisted in December 1863 and wounded in July 1864.
10. What was the letter of your company, number of battalion, regiment or battery?  
First Mississippi Cavalry, under Forrest-
11. If transferred from one command to another, give time of transfer, name of command and time of service  
No transfer but was detailed from one place to another-
12. What branch of the service did you enlist in—infantry, cavalry, artillery or navy?  
Cavalry
13. What is the assessed value of your home, if you own a home? None
14. What is the assessed value of your other property? None
15. Do you own any property other than that rendered for taxes in your county? If so, state value of same and county where located None
16. Have you transferred to others any property of any kind for the purpose of becoming a beneficiary under this law? No.

Wherefore your petitioner prays that his application for a pension be approved and such other proceedings be had in the premises as are required by law.

(Signature of Applicant)

M. J. Abbott (TX)Sworn to and subscribed before me this 22nd day of July A. D. 19 29.JB Cobb

[Seal]

County Judge Henderson County, Texas.



## AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESSES

[Note.—There must be at least two creditable witnesses.]

THE STATE OF TEXAS, }  
 County of Henderson }

Before me, A. B. Coker, County Judge of Henderson County,  
 State of Texas, on this day personally appeared Albert H. Abbott and  
Frank Walker, who are personally known to me to be creditable citi-  
 zens, who, being by me duly sworn, on oath state that they personally know Matthew J. Abbott,  
 the above named applicant for pension, and that they personally know that the said  
Matthew J. Abbott has been a bona fide resident citizen of the State of Texas since prior to  
 January 1, A. D. 1920, and that they have no interest in this claim.

(Signature of Witness)

Frank B Walker

(Signature of Witness)

Albert H Abbott

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 22nd day of July, A. D. 19 29.

A B Coker

[Seal.]

County Judge Henderson County, Texas.



## AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESSES

(If possible the two witnesses should have served with the applicant in the army, and if so, let them, or either of them, state in their oath their source of knowledge, also any other information regarding applicant's army service.)

THE STATE OF TEXAS,  
County of Henderson }

Before me, A. B. Coker, County Judge of Henderson County,  
State of Texas, on this day personally appeared Walden Lewis

\_\_\_\_\_ who are personally known to me to be creditable citizens, who, being by me sworn, on oath state that they are personally acquainted with the foregoing applicant, and that the facts set forth and statements made in his application are correct and true, to the best of their knowledge and belief, and that they have no interest in this claim, and said applicant's habits are good and free from dishonor. And further make oath to the following facts touching the applicant's service in the Confederate Army: (Witnesses must state fully the source of their knowledge of applicant's service) Affiant Walden Lewis says that he is eighty four years of age; that he served in the army with applicant, and was in the same battle where the applicant was wounded, and knows personally that the facts herein are true; he saw applicant while serving in the army, was with him, and has personal knowledge of the service of applicant.

Affiant Albert H. Abbott knows affiant Walden Lewis, and knows applicant herein, and knows that they are both honorable and truthful men and he so regards them and knows that it is community talk that the applicant served in the Cavalry with General Forrest, or under his command-

(Signature of Witness) Walden Lewis

(Signature of Witness) \_\_\_\_\_

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 22nd day of July, A. D. 19 29.

[Seal.]

A. B. Coker  
County Judge Henderson County, Texas.

## CERTIFICATE OF STATE AND COUNTY ASSESSOR

I, John W. Wood, State and County Assessor in the County of Henderson State of Texas, do certify that \_\_\_\_\_ or his wife, or his trustee, or trustee for his wife, whose name is signed to the foregoing application for a pension, is charged on the tax rolls of said county with a homestead of the value of None- Dollars, and in addition to homestead, of other property, real and personal, or both, of the value of None Dollars.

Given under my hand, this 22 day of July, A. D. 19 29.

John W. Wood  
State and County Assessor.

TX



*Ernest A. Landman*  
ATTORNEY AT LAW  
ATHENS, TEXAS

July 22, 1929.

Subject: Pension Application-  
Matthew J. Abbott,  
Eustace, Texas, Route No. 2.

Honorable S. H. Terrell,  
Comptroller,  
Austin, Texas.

Dear Sir:

I herewith inclose the application of Matthew J. Abbott of Eustace, Texas, claiming pension under the laws of Texas for services in the Cavalry December 1863 to July 1864, when he was wounded and unable to return to the service.

Mr. Abbott tells me that he has not property, and that he has been living with his present wife about sixteen years.

Please consider his application, and if Mrs. Abbott is entitled to a pension please give this part of the application due consideration.

Yours very truly,

*E. A. Landman*







Comptroller's Department  
State of Texas  
Austin

July 24th, 1929.

To the Adjutant General,  
War Department,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:-

I have the honor to request the Military  
record of Matthew J. Abbott., who is  
reported to have enlisted in Company \_\_\_\_\_  
Regiment \_\_\_\_\_.

First Mississippi Cavalry, under Forrest.

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JUL 27 1929  
OLD RECORDS DIVN.

in service in the Confederate States Army.

Very respectfully,

*J. H. Terrell*

Received A. G. O. JUL 27 1929 Comptroller of State of Texas.





WAR DEPARTMENT  
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

IN REPLY  
REFER TO

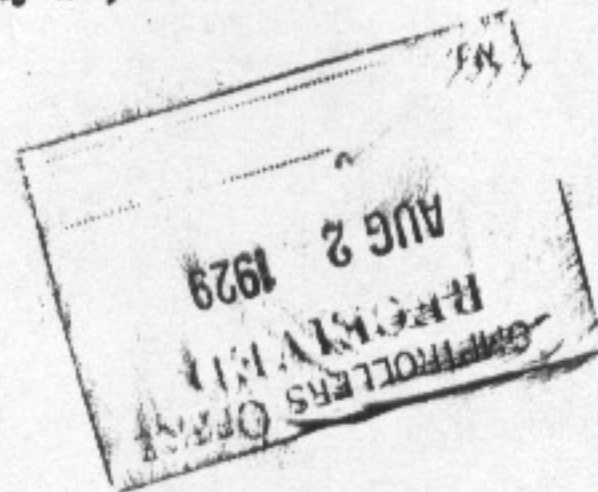
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*g.a.m.*

WASHINGTON July 29, 1929.

Respectfully returned to

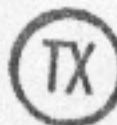
Comptroller,  
State of Texas,  
Austin, Texas.



The name Matthew J. Abbott has not been found on the muster rolls of any organization, Confederate States Army, nor has any record been found of his service, capture or parole as of the 1st. Mississippi Cavalry, C.S.A.

One M. J. Abbott who enlisted in Chatham Co., Ga., served in Co. I, 7th. Georgia Cavalry, C.S.A.

*C. H. Bridges,*  
Major General,  
The Adjutant General.  
By *J.C.*



46168



August 2, 1929.

Hon. E. A. Landman,  
Attorney At Law,  
Athens, Texas.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of July 22nd, enclosing application for Confederate Pension of Matthew J. Abbott.

You are advised that in reply to my request to the Adjutant General, War Department, Washington, D. C., for the military record of Matthew J. Abbott, I have the following report:

"The name Matthew J. Abbott has not been found on the muster rolls of any organization, Confederate States Army, nor has any record been found of his service, capture or parole as of the 1st Mississippi Cavalry, C. S. A.

One M. J. Abbott who enlisted in Chatham County Georgia, served in Co. I. 7th Georgia Cavalry, C. S. A."

Since this report fails to identify Mr. Abbott as a member of any military organization of the Confederate States Army, C. S. A., from Mississippi, and since the testimony of only one witness as to his service has been furnished, it will be necessary before the application of Mr. Abbott can be approved, that he comply with the requirements of the statute.

I am of the opinion that the record given in the second paragraph of this report is not the record of Matthew J. Abbott as it shows that this man enlisted from Chatham County, Ga.

If the military record of Mr. Abbott can be proven as required by the statute, his application will have further consideration.

Yours very truly,

TX

JHT:E  
cc to Mr. M. J. Abbott,  
Eustace, Texas.

Comptroller of Public  
Accounts.



1.  
Nov. 25-1929.


Hon. S. H. Terrell, Compt. of Public Account

Dear Sir,

I have learned that my Lawyer E. A. Landman, in qualifying my witness Mr. Isaac, on the 23d. has made a mistake in giving my initials.

He has written it - J. M. instead of M. J. or Matthew J.

Hope this will make it plain to you

In regard to one M. J. Abbott enlisting from Chattahoochee. I think it is a mistake of Enroller or Recorder. When I was questioned as to my place of residence. I stated that I was raised  Banks, Franklin, Madison & Chatham Co. Ga.



2.

I was too young to enlist-  
in the army but went in  
and was enrolled.

I have refrained from ask-  
ing for a pension until  
now I am a nearly helpless  
invalid and hope you  
will give me favorable con-  
sideration

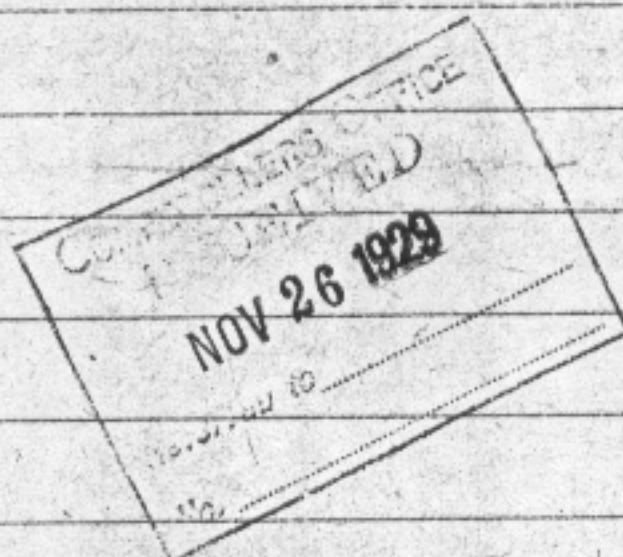
yours very Truly  
M. J. Abbott

Eustace Texas

Route 2.

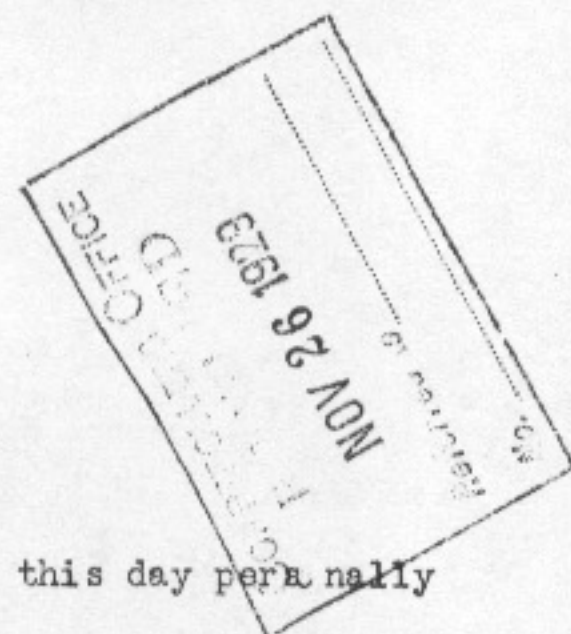








THE STATE OF TEXAS    )  
                                   )  
 COUNTY OF HENDERSON    )



Before me, the undersigned authority on this day personally came G. T. Isom, a resident citizen of Eustace, Henderson County, Texas, and being by me duly sworn states under oath as follows:

-1-

That affiant was a Confederate soldier and served in the cavalry Second Georgia ~~Salvage~~ under W. P. Crosby, and affiant is now receiving a pension from the State of Texas.

-2-

Affiant further says that he personally knows J. M. Abbott of Eustace, Texas, who makes application for a pension under the Texas laws and that he has known the said J. W. Abbott only for a short time, and affiant says that at the time he was serving in the Cavalry he frequently heard of the service of the said Abbott who was serving in the Mississippi Cavalry.

-3-

Affiant did not know the said Abbott personally, but frequently heard of his services in the Cavalry.

G. T. Isom

Subscribed and Sworn to before me the undersigned authority on this the 23rd day of November A. D. 1929.

E. A. Sandman  
 Notary Public Henderson County, Texas.





May 6, 1930.

Mrs. Sarah E. Abbott,  
Route 2,  
Eustace, Texas.

Dear Mrs. Abbott:

I am in receipt of your application for pension, but I am sorry to advise you that under the present Pension Law of this State you are not eligible for pension on account of the date of your marriage to Mr. M. J. Abbott.

The requirement of the law is that in order for the widow of a Confederate soldier to be eligible for pension at the time of the death of her husband, she must have married said soldier prior to January 1, 1912. Your application shows that your marriage occurred in March, 1913 and for this reason I am forced to reject your application.

Yours very truly,

JHT:E.

State Comptroller of Public  
Accounts.





Aug. 14 1930

Mr. Gov. H. Sheppard,

Dear Sir,

I am writing to ask if you cant get that pension for me. I am not able to work and all my neighbors say I ought to have it they pay taxes and they know what a dreadful time I have had the last seventeen years.

Mr. Abbott would not apply for a pension until he got so old and afflicted <sup>NOV 12 1930</sup> he was not able to work but did all he could.

I hate to go to the poorhouse.

Don't you think you can send me the pension no one would say a word against it.

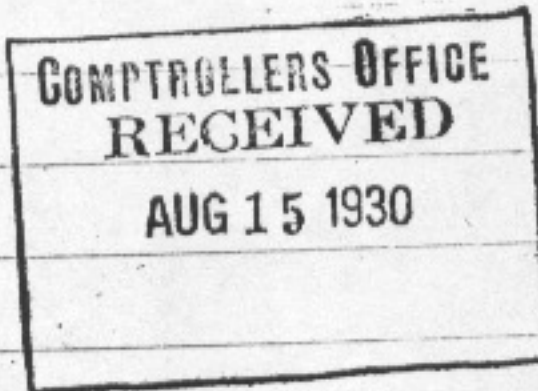
Mrs. Sarah E. Abbott  
Eustace

Texas



Route 2







August 19, 1930

Mrs. Sarah E. Abbott,  
Route 2,  
Eustace, Texas.

Dear Mrs. Abbott:

Replying to your letter of August 14th in which you insist on my granting the pension application lately filed by you.

I am very sorry to advise you that I do not have the right nor the power to make changes in the pension law of this State.

The Statutory requirement is if a widow of a Confederate soldier be eligible for pension she must have married said soldier prior to January 1, 1912.

The application shows the date of your marriage to be March 13, 1913, and it is on this account that your pension application is rejected.

Yours very truly.

Comptroller of Public Accounts.

JHT/mh





Refer to Matthew J Abbott  
County Tenderon 46168

Nov 10-1931

Comptroller

Austin Texas

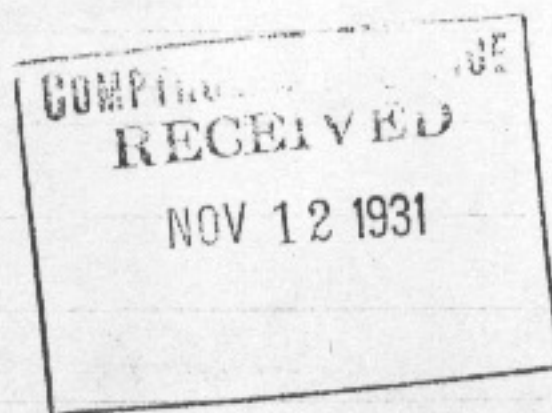
Dear Sir as you remember  
Our step mother Mrs. L. E.  
Abbott, Wife of M. J. Abbott  
The deceased Applied  
for a Pension But under the  
Law Was Not entitled to Receive  
a Pension: But since the Law  
has been changed we have  
been informed by our County  
Judge, she is now entitled  
to a Pension, Would you  
please send her an application  
Blank to Mrs. L. E. Abbott  
P. O. Rustace Texas

Thank you

By Albert J. Abbott









November 12, 1931.

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Mr. Albert H. Abbott,  
Route 2,  
Eustace, Texas.

Dear Mr. Abbott:

Replying to your letter of November 10th, in regard to an application for pension filed by Mrs. Sarah E. Abbott in May, 1930, and which was rejected at that time on account of the date of her marriage to Mr. M. J. Abbott.

Under an amendment to the pension law passed by the Forty-second Legislature, Mrs. Abbott is now entitled to pension as the widow of M. J. Abbott, and it will not be necessary that she file another application as I have reconsidered the application on file.

Mrs. Abbott's application is being approved, and she will receive formal notice of the approval within the next ten days. Her first payment will be for the month of December and warrant will issue on or about December 31st.

Yours very truly,

JHT:E.

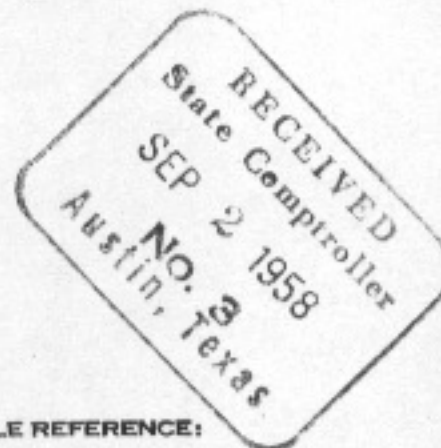
State Comptroller of Public  
Accounts.







VETERANS ADMINISTRATION  
VETERANS BENEFITS OFFICE  
MUNITIONS BUILDING  
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.



AUG 23 1958

YOUR FILE REFERENCE:

Comptroller of Public Accounts  
State of Texas  
Austin, Texas

IN REPLY REFER TO:  
XC 21 011 611  
ABBOTT, Matthew John  
3072/212A

Dear Sir:

It will be appreciated if you will furnish us for use in a pending claim for death pension from Mrs. Sarah E. Abbott of Eustace, Texas, a statement of the military history of her late husband, Matthew John Abbott who was born April 10, 1849 in Georgia, served in the Confederate Army and died in 1930 in Henderson County, Texas.

Mrs. Abbott is unable to furnish any information whatsoever regarding the veteran's military service. She states it may be obtained from your office. Please inform us of the date of his enlistment; his last rank and organization; and the date, place, and character of his discharge. Please also furnish us under Sections B and C of the enclosed form VB 8-4184 certification of the veteran's marriage to Sarah E. Bradbury in February 1919 at Athens, Texas; and of the veteran's death in 1930.

For your convenience in replying there is enclosed an addressed envelope which requires no postage. For identification of correspondence please show on your reply the veteran's name and XC number as given in this letter.

Thank you for your prompt cooperation in this matter.

Very truly yours,

E. E. JOHNSTON  
Director, Claims Service

50353  
Henderson  
46168

Encl.



An inquiry by or concerning an ex-service man or woman should, if possible, give veteran's name and file number, whether C, XC, K, N, V, H, RH, RS, or loan number. If such number is unknown, service or serial number should be given.



AUG 23 1958

Comptroller of Public Accounts  
State of Texas  
Austin, Texas

XC 21 011 611  
ABBOTT, Mathew John  
3072/212A

Dear Sir:

It will be appreciated if you will furnish us for use in a pending claim for death pension from Mrs. Sarah E. Abbott of Eustace, Texas, a statement of the military history of her late husband, Mathew John Abbott who was born April 10, 1849 in Georgia, served in the Confederate Army and died in 1930 in Henderson County, Texas.

Mrs. Abbott is unable to furnish any information whatsoever regarding the veteran's military service. She states it may be obtained from your office. Please inform us of the date of his enlistment; his last rank and organization; and the date, place, and character of his discharge. Please also furnish us under Sections 3 and C of the enclosed form VB 8-4184 certification of the veteran's marriage to Sarah E. Bragbury in February 1919 at Athens, Texas; and of the veteran's death in 1930.

For your convenience in replying there is enclosed an addressed envelope which requires no postage. For identification of correspondence please show on your reply the veteran's name and XC number as given in this letter.

Thank you for your prompt cooperation in this matter.

Very truly yours,

E. E. JOHNSTON  
Director, Claims Service

Encl.



September 3, 1958

XC 21 011 611  
ABBOTT, Mathew John  
3072/212A

Veterans Administration  
Veterans Benefits Building  
Washington 25, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Attention: Mr. E. E. Johnston  
Director, Claims Service

The records of this office show the following information:

VETERAN - Matthew J. Abbott (Deceased) # 46168  
Date of Birth - Not Shown. Age in July 1929 80 years  
Place of Birth - Banks County, Georgia- 20 miles from Athens, Ga.  
Date of Death - April 10, 1930 in Eustace, Texas Henderson County

ORGANIZATION;+ Enlisted in December, 1863 in First Mississippi  
Cavalry, C. S. A. Under General Forrest but was  
detailed to several different places. Wounded  
in Harrisburg, Miss in July, 1864. Was not issued  
a discharge. Served until 1864. Rank is not shown.

The application for pension of Mr. Abbott was approved on  
affidavits of witnesses.

WIDOW - Mrs. Sarah E. Abbott (Widow) # 50353  
Date of Birth - May 21, 1868  
Place of Birth - Weston, Louis County, West Virginia  
Date of Marriage to Matthew J. Abbott - March 3, 1913 in Henderson  
County, Texas.  
First and Only Marriage according to application was to Matthew J.  
Abbott.

The application for pension of Mrs. Abbott was approved on  
the affidavits of witnesses and on service of Mr. Abbott.

Yours very truly,

Robert S. Calvert  
Comptroller of Public Accounts





## APPLICATION FOR MORTUARY WARRANT

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

County of HendersonI, A.H. Abbott,

do hereby certify that I am the person to whom is entrusted the paying of the accounts and indebtedness of the late Matthew J. Abbott, who was a pensioner of the State of Texas, and whose file number was 46168 and whose original county was Henderson

The said pensioner Matthews J. Abbott, died on the 10th. day of April, 1930, in the town of Near Eustace,

County of Henderson, Texas.The pensioner died in the home of ownwho was related to the pensioner as -

That the warrant, which application is hereby made for, shall be applied to paying all or part of the funeral expenses incurred by the said pensioner Matthews J. Abbott

I further certify that the warrant for the current quarter has not been cashed by the pensioner, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

I am related to the pensioner as (Friend) Son,

that my postoffice address is Eustace, Texas. R. F. D. # 2.

Street or R. F. D.

City

State

Signed A.H. AbbottSworn to before me this 23, day of April, 1930.

Must return before  
40 days expires from  
date of Pensioners' death

Notary Public in and for Henderson State of Texas.

## CERTIFICATE OF UNDERTAKER

I, J. A. Ballard, do certify that I am undertaker in the town of Eustace, County of Henderson, State of Texas that I had charge of the body of Matthew J. Abbott, who died in the town of Eustace, County of Henderson, State of Texas on the 10th day of April 1930. That said body was prepared for burial by me on the 10 day of April 1930 and that I am of the opinion that warrant herein applied for should be issued to the said A.H. Abbott who makes the foregoing application.

Signed J. A. BallardLisence # 1540  
Undertaker.

## CERTIFICATE OF PHYSICIAN

I, R. L. LaRue M.D., do certify that I am a practicing physician, and that I attended Matthew J. Abbott in his last illness, and am of the opinion that his ailments were apoplexy

I further certify that I am of the opinion that the Mortuary Warrant above requested should be issued in the name of the aforementioned applicant, in accordance with Act passed by the Thirty-eighth Legislature and approved March 2, 1923.

Signed R. L. LaRue M.D.Physician's Address Eustace, Texas

TX

4-10-30



# APPLICATION FOR MORTUARY WARRANT

THE STATE OF TEXAS.

County of \_\_\_\_\_ State of \_\_\_\_\_  
 do hereby certify that I am the person to whom is entrusted the paying of the amount and indubitable of the late \_\_\_\_\_ who was a member of the State of \_\_\_\_\_ and whose original county was \_\_\_\_\_  
 The said person \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 1930, in the town of \_\_\_\_\_ County of \_\_\_\_\_ State of \_\_\_\_\_

The person died in the house of \_\_\_\_\_ who was related to the person as \_\_\_\_\_  
 That the warrant which application is hereby made for shall be applied to paying all or part of the funeral expenses incurred by the said person \_\_\_\_\_  
 I further certify that the warrant for the current quarter has not been cashed by the person, to the best of my knowledge and belief.  
 I am related to the person as (friend) \_\_\_\_\_  
 that my postoffice address is \_\_\_\_\_  
 Trustee, T. S. \_\_\_\_\_

Sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 1930.  
 Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
 Notary Public in and for \_\_\_\_\_ State of Texas

State of \_\_\_\_\_  
 County of \_\_\_\_\_  
 Town of \_\_\_\_\_  
 that I had charge of the body of \_\_\_\_\_ who died in the \_\_\_\_\_ State of \_\_\_\_\_  
 on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 1930.  
 That said body was prepared for burial by me \_\_\_\_\_ of the opinion that \_\_\_\_\_  
 warrant herein applied for should be issued to the said \_\_\_\_\_ who makes the foregoing application

**COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE  
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 APR 24 1930**

CERTIFICATE OF PHYSICIAN  
 I \_\_\_\_\_ do certify that I am a practicing physician, and that I attended \_\_\_\_\_ in his last illness, and am of the opinion that his ailments were \_\_\_\_\_

I further certify that I am of the opinion that the Mortuary Warrant above requested should be issued in the name of the aforementioned applicant, in accordance with Act passed by the Thirty-eighth Legislature and approved March 2, 1923.  
 Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
 Physician's Address \_\_\_\_\_

TX