

42233**DEAD** FORM A.

## Soldier's Application for a Pension

The Commissioner of Pensions reserves the  
right to call for additional testimony if he deems  
it necessary.

Dead  
10-17-27

Name of Applicant.

G W AustellHenderson County.

Postoffice

Malakoff Tx  
Box 45

Filed

July 6-1926

Approved

July 12-1926

Pension allowed from

June 1-1926

Rejected

S. H. Ferrell  
Commissioner of Pensions.

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## For Use of Soldiers Who are in Indigent Circumstances

## THE STATE OF TEXAS

County of HendersonI, G.W. Austell

do hereby make application to the Commissioner of Pensions for a pension to be granted me under the Act passed by the 33rd Legislature of the State of Texas, and approved April 7, 1913, on the following grounds:

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 said war I was loyal and true to my duty, and never at any time voluntarily 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 for more than 6 months.) That I was honorably discharged or surrendered. Discharged 1865

(Give date and cause.)

that I have been a bona fide citizen of this State since prior to January 1, A. D. 1900, 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 any one hold in trust for my benefit or use, nor does my wife own, nor does any one 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 \$1000.00; nor do I receive any aid or pension from any other State, or from the United States, or from any other source, and that I am not an inmate of the Confederate Home, and I do further state that the answers given to the following questions are true:

1. What is your age? 79
2. Where were you born? Arkansas
3. How long have you resided in Texas? 52 years
4. In what county do you reside? Henderson
5. How long have you resided in said county, and what is your postoffice address? Malakoff, Texas  
Bx 45
6. Have you applied for a pension under the Confederate pension law and been rejected? If rejected, state when and where. No
7. What is your occupation, if able to engage in one? Not able to work What is your physical condition? poor
8. In what State was the command in which you served organized? Arkansas
9. How long did you serve? Give, if possible, the date of enlistment and discharge. 3 years, June 19, 1862
10. What was the letter of your company, number of battalion, regiment or battery? Co. B. 30th Regt  
Arkansas Infantry
11. If transferred from one command to another, give time of transfer, name of command and time of service. Transferred from Co B. to Capt Deadrick's Co, and Col. Dobbins Regt.
12. What branch of the service did you enlist in—infantry, cavalry, artillery or navy? Infantry

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13. If commissioned direct by the President, what was your rank and line of duty?

Private

14. If detailed for special service, under the law of conscription, what was the nature of your service and how long did you serve?

15. What is the assessed value of your home, if you own a home? None

16. What is the assessed value of your other property? none

17. 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)

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 29 day of June A. D. 1926

[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

County Judge of Henderson

County,

State of Texas, on this day personally appeared

known to me to be credible citizens, who, being by me duly sworn, on oath state that they personally know

the above named applicant for a pension, and that they personally know that the said has been a bona fide resident citizen of the State of Texas since prior to January 1, A. D. 1910, and that they have no interest in his claim.

(Signature of Witness)

(Signature of Witness)

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 29 day of June A. D. 1926

[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, state it in their oath, their source of knowledge; also any information regarding applicant's army service.)

THE STATE OF TEXAS

County of

Before me, County Judge of County,

State of Texas, on this day personally appeared

who are personally known to me to be credible citizens, who, being by me sworn, on oath state that they are per-



sonally 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 his 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: (State fully your source of knowledge.)

(Signature of Witness).

(Signature of Witness)

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this.....day of....., A. D. 191

[Seal.]

County Judge.....County, Texas.

# CERTIFICATE OF STATE AND COUNTY ASSESSOR

I, D. C. Davis, State and County Assessor in the County of Henderson  
State of Texas, do certify that G. M. Ostell, or his wife, or his trustee,  
or trustee for his wife, whose name is signed to the foregoing application for a pension, under the Act of the  
Thirty-third Legislature, approved April 7, 1913, is charged on the tax rolls of said county with a homestead of  
the value of None Dollars,  
and of other property, real or personal, or both, of the value of None  
Dollars.

Given under my hand, this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of July A. D. 1926

D. C. Davis

State and County Assessor.





WAR DEPARTMENT  
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE  
WASHINGTON

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IN REPLY  
REFER TO

A. G. 201  
Austell, G. W.  
(6/12/26) ORD

June 15, 1926.

Honorable Morris Sheppard,  
United States Senate.

My dear Senator Sheppard:

I have your letter of June 12, 1926, in which you request to be furnished the record of G. W. Austell, who it is stated enlisted in 1864, and served as a member of Co. B, 5th Arkansas Infantry, C.S.A.

The records show that G. W. Austell enlisted June 19, 1862, at Pineville, as a private of Co. B, 30th Regiment Arkansas Infantry, C. S. A., also known as the 5th Regiment Trans-Mississippi Infantry. His presence or absence is not stated on the muster roll for June 19, 1862. The muster roll for March and April, 1863, next on file, shows him present; for July and August, 1863, next on file, "Absent sick, detailed to go for deserters July 12, 1863, taken on way back," and the roll for January and February, 1864, next and last on file, shows him, "Absent, detailed for deserters July 12, 1863, not since reported. Deserted."

The Union Prisoner of War records show that George Austell, private, Co. B, 5th Regiment Trans-Mississippi Infantry, was captured February 24, 1865, in Phillips County Ark., and was received at Camp Douglas, Ill., from Helena, Ark., March 5, 1865, and at New Orleans, La., from Camp Douglas, May 11, 1865. He was exchanged at New Orleans, La., May 23, 1865.

Very respectfully,

*Robert C. Turner*  
Major General,  
The Adjutant General.





The State Texas,  
County of Henderson.

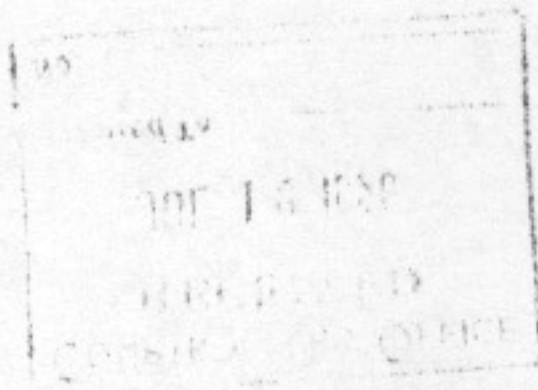
Before me Grover H. Curlee, County Judge, in and for Henderson County, on this day personally appeared G.W. Austell, who after being by me duly sworn says as follows: My recollection is, that I enlisted Co., B. under Capt. Biscoe in June 1863, ~~xxxxxx~~ Col., Hart, regiment and Gen. McKaes brigade, Army of the Trans-Mississippi, commanded by Gen. Price, we soldiered through the northern part of Arkansas. I was in a battle of Prairie Grove. From there we went to Little Rock, where we went into camp. In June we left Little Rock, and went to Helena in Phillips County and on the 4th day of July we fought a battle at Helena, we took Helena about 10 o'clock in the morning and the enemy in the afternoon received re-inforcements and took Helena from us. On the 5th day of July we left Helena and started back to Little Rock. We had a lot of deserters after the battle of Helena and Capt. Biscoe detailed me, my brother-in-law Andrews and him self to gather up deserters, we failed in our undertaking and we started to return to Gen. Price's Command, on the road I was taken very sick, with fever and was sick about two weeks and Capt. Biscoe told my brother, C.C. Austell, (who is now getting a pension) to stay with me until I was well, and then to report to his command. When I recovered we tried to rejoin Capt. Biscoe's company, but found that we were cut off, and then we went to the nearest Confederate Command that we could hear of, which was Capt. I.N. Deadrick's troop of Cavalry. He told us that he would notify Capt. Biscoe that we were with his command and that he would protect us. We scouted and skirmished under Capt. Deadrick, until February 1865, near Helena where I was captured by the Federal soldiers. Later Capt. Deadrick was captured at Wittsburg. I was sent to Camp Douglas in Chicago Ill., and was exchanged at New Orleans at the close of the War.

G. W. Austell

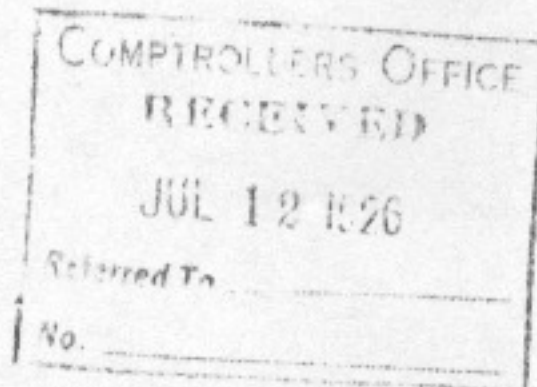
Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 9th day of July A.D. 1926.

Grover H. Curlee  
County Judge, Henderson County, Texas.

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*[Handwritten signature]*

THE STATE OF TEXAS, COUNTY OF DALLAS, ss. I, the undersigned, Clerk of the County, do hereby certify that the within and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original as the same appears from the records of the County of Dallas, Texas, in and to which said County is duly recorded.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of said County, at Dallas, Texas, this 12th day of July, 1926.

CLERK OF COUNTY

County of DALLAS, Texas



July 6, 1926.

Hon. Grover H. Curlee,  
County Judge,  
Athens, Texas.

Dear Sir:-

Replying to your favor of July 2,  
enclosing application of Mr. G.W. Austell  
for Confederate pension.

This application cannot be approved  
on account of the records showing Mr.  
Austell to be charged with desertion in July  
and August 1863, unless he can establish re-  
inlistment and honorable service after the  
date of his reported desertion.

If Mr. Austell will make affidavit  
to the fact that he is "Geo. Austelle, who  
enlisted in Co., B, 5th Regiment, Trans-  
Mississippi Inf, and was captured February  
24, 1862 in Phillips County Arkansas" his  
application will receive further consideration.  
Let this affidavit detail movements of Mr. Austell  
from July 12, 1863 until February 24, 1865, giv-  
ing the date of each movement from one camp  
to another, where he was confined while absent,  
reasons for not returning to his first command  
and other detailed information that may have to  
submit.

Yours truly

KR/wpm.

COMPTROLLER.





## COUNTY OF HENDERSON

GROVER H. CURLEE, COUNTY JUDGE

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VICTOR T. GARNER, DISTRICT CLERK  
A. B. CULBERTSON, COUNTY ATTORNEY  
JOE M. HUTCHESON, COUNTY TREASURER  
J. P. MORROW, SHERIFF  
A. H. MEREDITH, TAX COLLECTOR  
D. C. DAVIS, ASSESSOR



H. C. MOSELEY, SUPT. PUBLIC INSTRUCTION  
J. W. PEAY, COMMISSIONER PREC. 1  
G. E. REYNOLDS, COMMISSIONER PREC. 2  
J. W. McLEOD, COMMISSIONER PREC. 3  
W. J. SHUPTRINE, COMMISSIONER PREC. 4

ATHENS, TEXAS

July 2, 1926.

Hon. S. H. Terrell,

Austin, Texas.

Dear sir:-

I am enclosing the application for pension of G. W. Austell. You will note that the affidavits of service have not been executed for the reason that his comrades are all dead, or their whereabouts unknown.

The War Department furnished me with a copy of service record of Mr Austell, which I am enclosing. You will note in the record that Mr Austell is reported deserted July 12, 1863. This Mr Austell says is a mistake; that he was detailed to round up deserters and that he was taken sick and was sick a long time; that the first organization that came along when he had recovered his health, he joined and told them where he was from and that he continued in this service until captured, and that he never deserted.

Yours truly,

*Grover H. Curlee*  
Grover H. Curlee, County Judge,  
Henderson County, Texas.





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## United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON  
IRRIGATION AND RECLAMATION

June 17, 1926.

My dear Judge Curlee:

In further reference to your letter of recent date, relative to the Confederate military service record of Mr. G. W. Austell, I send you herewith a letter from the Adjutant General, which will explain itself.

With all good wishes, I am

Yours very truly,



*Morris Sheppard*

Judge Grover H. Curlee,  
Athens, Texas.



# APPLICATION FOR MORTUARY WARRANT

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

County of Henderson } I, J. J. Austell

do hereby certify that I am the person to whom is entrusted the paying of the accounts and indebtedness of the late J. J. Austell, who was a pensioner of the

State of Texas, and whose file number was 42233 and whose original county was Henderson

The said pensioner J. J. Austell died on the 10 day of Oct, 1927, in the town of Molokoff

County of Henderson, Texas.

The pensioner died in the home of his home who 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.

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 Molokoff Texas

City 34327 Street or R. F. D. \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Signed J. J. Austell Sworn to before me this 12 day of Oct, 1927

George C. Burrell Notary Public in and for Henderson State of Texas.

Co Judge

## CERTIFICATE OF UNDERTAKER

I, Sam Gentry, do certify that I am undertaker in the town of Molokoff County of Henderson State of Texas

that I had charge of the body of J. J. Austell who died in the town of Molokoff County of Henderson State of Texas

on the 10 day of Oct 1927 That said body was prepared for burial by me on the 10 day of Oct 1927, and that I am of the opinion that

warrant herein applied for should be issued to the said \_\_\_\_\_ who makes the foregoing application.

Signed Sam Gentry Undertaker.

## CERTIFICATE OF PHYSICIAN

I, D. B. Owen, do certify that I am a practicing physician, and that I attended Mr. J. J. Austell in his last illness, and am of the opinion that his ailments were Pellagra

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 D. B. Owen M.D. Physician's Address Molokoff Texas

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