

40978

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.

3-23-26

Name of Applicant.

S R Blackman

Henderson County.

Postoffice Athens Texas

Filed Mar 27-1925

Approved June 26-1925

Pension allowed from June 1-1925

Rejected

S H Derrell

Commissioner of Pensions.

H. L. STECK, PRINTING, BOOKBINDING, AUSTIN

2-28-26

FORM A

694-315-2M

For Use of Soldiers Who are in Indigent Circumstances

THE STATE OF TEXAS

County of Henderson

I, Grover H. Blackum 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 May 15, 1865, at the close of the
war

(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? 88
2. Where were you born? Harris County, Georgia.
3. How long have you resided in Texas? 32 years
4. In what county do you reside? Henderson
5. How long have you resided in said county, and what is your postoffice address? 6 months,
Athens, Texas, route #3
6. Have you applied for a pension under the Confederate pension law and been rejected? If rejected, state when and where _____
7. What is your occupation, if able to engage in one? notable What is your physical condition? real bad
8. In what State was the command in which you served organized? Alabama
9. How long did you serve? Give, if possible, the date of enlistment and discharge to the end of war.
Sept 10, 1861
10. What was the letter of your company, number of battalion, regiment or battery? Co. F. 20th, Ala Regt.
Capt Retter, died at Manidou Miss
11. If transferred from one command to another, give time of transfer, name of command and time of service.
transferred to Rollin Battery 1864.
12. What branch of the service did you enlist in—infantry, cavalry, artillery or navy? Infantry

13. If commissioned direct by the President, what was your rank and line of duty? no
14. If detailed for special service, under the law of conscription, what was the nature of your service and how long did you serve? no
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.)

S R Blackman

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 12 day of March A. D. 1925

Grant H. Carlee

County Judge Hudson County, Texas.

[Seal.]

AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESSES

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

THE STATE OF TEXAS

County of Hudson

Before me Grant H. Carlee, County Judge of Hudson County,

State of Texas, on this day personally appeared John McChristy & W. H. Sherman

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

S R Blackman, the above named applicant for a pension, and that they personally know that the

said S R Blackman 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)

John McChristy

(Signature of Witness)

W. H. Sherman

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 20 day of March A. D. 1925

Grant H. Carlee

County Judge Hudson County, Texas.

[Seal.]

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.....

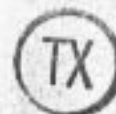
[Seal.]

County Judge.....County, Texas.

CERTIFICATE OF STATE AND COUNTY ASSESSOR

I, D. P. Davis, State and County Assessor in the County of Henderson State of Texas, do certify that A. R. Blackman, 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 1000 00 Dollars, and of other property, real or personal, or both, of the value of 1000 00 Dollars.

Given under my hand, this 24 day of March A. D. 1925



D. P. Davis

State and County Assessor.

March 30, 1925.

Mr. S. R. Blackmon,
Henderson, Texas.

Dear Sir:

Your application for a Confederate pension has been received and filed but cannot be approved on account of your having failed to furnish any proof of service whatever.

Before your application may be approved, it will be necessary for you to file with this office, the affidavits of witnesses who personally know of the service rendered by you and who must state fully the source of their knowledge of your service.

On receipt of such affidavits your application will be again taken up for consideration and approved, if possible.

Very truly yours,

WR:b

Comptroller.





Comptroller's Department
State of Texas
Austin

S. H. TERRELL, Comptroller
J. M. EDWARDS, Chief Clerk

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

Dear Sir:

I have the honor to request the military record of S R Blackburn
who is reported to have enlisted in Company F Regiment 20th

Alabama Infantry

in service in the Confederate States Army.

Very respectfully,

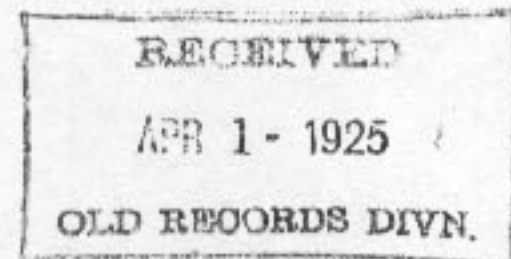
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Comptroller of State of Texas.

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Grover H. Curlee

COUNTY JUDGE, HENDERSON COUNTY

Athens, Texas

X

April 10th, 1935.

Hon. S. H. Terrell,

Austin, Texas.

Dear sir:

Please send death warrant for John W. Watts, who died a few days ago.

Will you kindly send me some application blanks for widows of confederate soldiers.

I mailed you some time ago, the application of S. R. Blackmon. Could you give me a report on his application at this time.?

Yours truly.



Grover H. Curlee

County Judge, Henderson Co.,
Texas.

*Blanks sent
4-15-35*

W. H. Blackmon



ORD

WAR DEPARTMENT.
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE.
WASHINGTON April 3, 1925.

MEMORANDUM.

Respectfully returned to

Comptroller,
State of Texas,
Austin, Texas.

The records show
Stephen R. Blackmon,
Co. F, 20th. Alabama Infantry, C.S.A.
Enl. Sept. 10, 1861, in Perry Co.,
Ala.

Muster roll Jan. & Feb., 1863,
(latest on file) shows him present,
a Private.

Prisoner of War records show that
he was, - Captured May 16, 1863, at
Champion Hill, - Paroled at Fort
Delaware, Del., July 3", 1863, and, -
Received at City Point, Va., July 6"
1863, for Exchange, a Private.

No record of later capture or
parole found.

TX

Lutz Wahl.
Brigadier General
Acting The Adjutant General.
By re.

Form No. 0-105-A.G.O.

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ORD

Address: "The Adjutant General,
War Department, Washington, D. C."

WAR DEPARTMENT.
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE.
WASHINGTON May 22, 1925.

Respectfully returned to

Mr. E. B. LaRue,
Athens, Texas.

The records show

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enlisted Sept. 10, 1861, in Perry Co.,
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Champion Hill, paroled at Fort Dela-
ware, Del. July 3, 1863, exchanged
July 4, 1863, and delivered at City
Point, Va., July 6, 1863, a Private.

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(Also borne as S. R. Blackburn)

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Muster roll Jan. & Feb. 1865, (latest
on file) shows him present, a Private.

Prisoner of War records show that
he was surrendered May 4, 1865, and
paroled at Meridian, Miss., May 11,
1865, a Private, Ritter's Batty. 3rd Battn.
Residence: Russell Co., Ala.

John B. Rowan was Captain of the Co.

TX

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Form No. 072-A.G.O.

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Grover H. Curlee

COUNTY JUDGE, HENDERSON COUNTY

Athens, Texas

April 22nd, 1925.

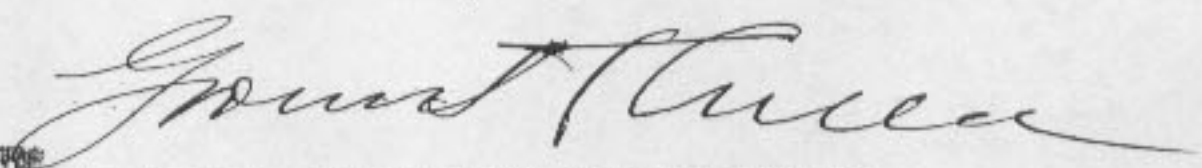
Hon. S. H. Terrell,

Austin, Texas.

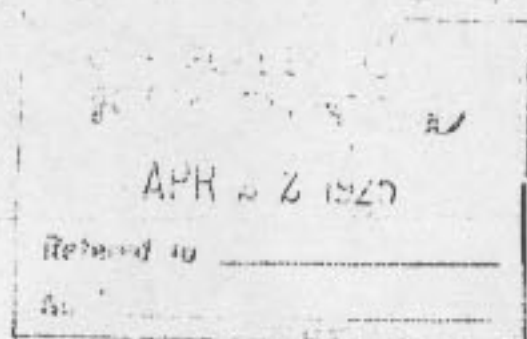
Dear Sir:

Please advise me what disposition you have made in the Blackmon application from this county. This old soldier is very old and feeble and is anxious to hear from his application.

Yours truly.


County Judge, Henderson County, Texas.





April 30, 1925.

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

Dear Sir:

Replying to your favor of April 22nd,-

Letter addressed to you under date of April 25th advises reasons for failure to approve application of Mr. S. R. Blackman for Confederate Pension. More proof will be required in this case, and you will disregard second paragraph of my letter of April 25th suggesting the filing of affidavit provided for by Art. #6270 P. C. S., this affidavit is for the use of and to be filed only by widow applicants.

You will advise Mr. Blackman that it will be necessary for him to file some proof of his service in the form of affidavit executed by witnesses knowing of the service rendered by him in the Confederate Army.

Very truly yours,

COMPTROLLER.



KR:RM

April 25, 1925.

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

Dear Sir:

Replying to your favor of recent
date,-

You are advised that the application of
Mr. S. R. Blackman for Confederate Pension was not
approved when filed and he was notified under date
of March 30th, 1925 that before same could be approved
it would be necessary for him to furnish proof of his
service in the form of affidavits of witnesses personally
knowing of the service rendered by him, or documentary
evidence might be offered in support of his service
record.

In the event he is unable to secure
affidavits of persons knowing of his services, or he
is unable to furnish any documentary proof, he may
make affidavit provided for by Art. 6270 and file
same with application.

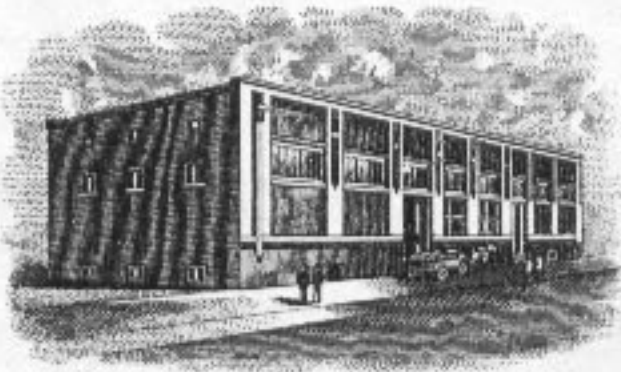
A supply of Confederate Pension Applica-
tion Blanks have been mailed to your address under
separate cover.

Very truly yours,

COMPTROLLER.



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ATHENS, TEXAS

May 16, 1925.

Mr. J.M. Edwards,
Austin, Texas,

Dear Mr. Edwards:

I am taking the Confederate Veterans from this County to the Dallas Reunion. There is one old gentleman that is physically unable to go, and is in rather hard circumstances. He is suffering from an old wound received in service, and he has been unable to get his pension. The reason is that he has been unable to give sufficient proof of service.

The information that I get is that his name is S.R. Blackmon. That he volunteered and was inducted into service and formally mustered in on Sept 10th 1861, and was assigned to the 20th Ala. Regiment, Company F. He was later transferred to the 3rd Marion Artillery, Rowans Battery.

I don't know the problems incident to these matters that come up in your office of course, but from my own experience as Major of Artillery during the World War, I know that the various units are too vague for the average civilian to put something over unless he has actually made a study of impersonating a soldier. In this case I don't think anything of this kind is hardly possible. The old gentleman is absolutely honest, and he has had the service, and I think deserves consideration.

I will be glad to have you write me about this, and I assure you that any information that you give me will be appreciated.

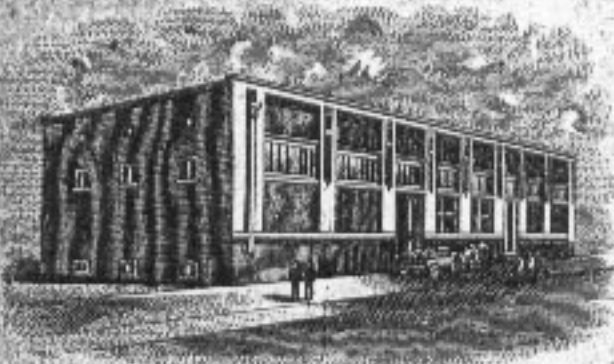
Respectfully yours,



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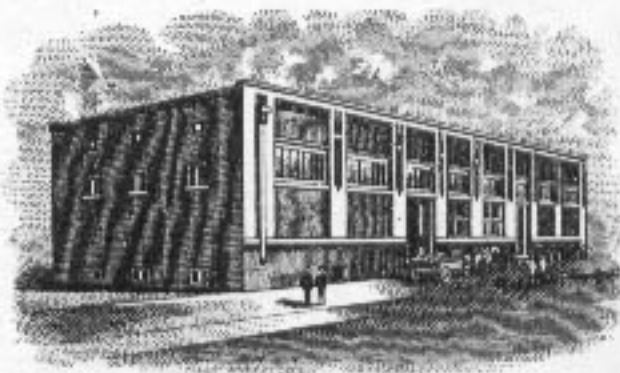
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ATHENS, TEXAS.

May 18th, 1925.

The Adjutant General
 Washington D C

Dear Sir:

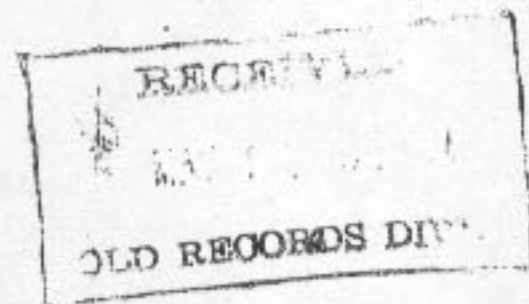
Will you send me the certified copy of the record of service of S.R. Blackmon, of the Confederate Army, or such other information that he can use as proof of service in securing his pension from the State of Texas.

S. R. Blackmon,
 Enlisted at Marion Alabama
 Mustered in on Sept 20th 1861 and assigned to
 Co. **F**, 20th Ala. Regiment. Was later transferred to
 the 3rd Marion Artillery, ~~Rowans~~ Rowans Battery.

This information will be very much appreciated.

Yours very truly,

E. B. Larue



May 19, 1925.

Mr. E. B. La Rue,
Athens, Texas.

My Dear Sir:-

Replying to your favor of May 16th, the application of Mrs. S. R. Blackmon was not approved when filed on account of his failure to furnish any proof whatever of service claimed to be rendered by him. It is not customary to approve any applications without some proof of service is submitted with same. Mr. Blackmon has been notified that this will be required of him and letters have also been written to the County Judge, G. H. Curlee advising him that some proof of service will be necessary before application may be approved.

Very truly yours,

KR/fs



Comptroller.

ORD

~~Address:~~ Address: "The Adjutant General,
War Department, Washington, D. C."

WAR DEPARTMENT.
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,
WASHINGTON. May 22, 1925.

~~Respectfully submitted~~

Comptroller,
State of Texas,
Austin, Texas.

The records show that a statement in the case of Stephen R. Blackmon, Co. F, 20th. Alabama Infantry, C.S.A., was furnished on April 3d. 1925.

It is requested that the following be added to his record:-

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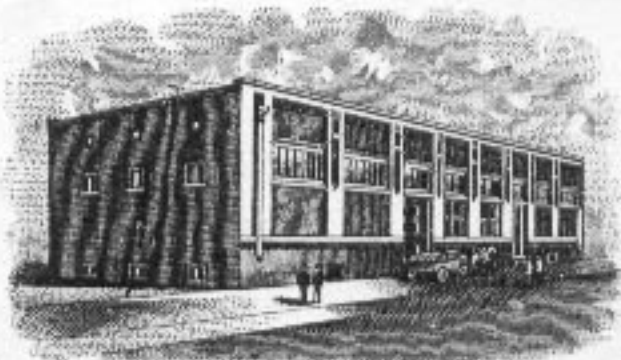
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ATHENS, TEXAS

May 29, 1925.

Mr. J. M. Edwards,
Chief Clerk,
Austin, Texas,

Dear Mr. Edwards:

In further reply to your recent letter, and following my letter of the 16th., a copy of which is inclosed, I have secured the record of service of Mr. Stephen R. Blackmon.

Judge Curlee~~x~~ who has been handling this matter is in Dallas in the Sanitarium, and I am sending this in his absence.

Assuring you that I will be glad to have you advise me if this is what is required, I am,

Yours very truly,

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~~Address:~~ Address: "The Adjutant General,
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Acting The Adjutant General,

By *LC.*

APPLICATION FOR MORTUARY WARRANT

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

County of HendersonI, Mrs Etna Sherman,do hereby certify that I am the person to whom is entrusted the paying of the accounts and indebtedness of the late S R Blackmon,who was a pensioner of the State of Texas, and whose file number was 40978 and whose original county was HendersonThe said pensioner S R Blackmon died on the27 day of March, 1926, in the town ofCounty of Henderson, Texas.The pensioner died in the home of Mrs Etna Sherman who was related to the pensioner as Daughter.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 S R Blackmon

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) Daughter that my postoffice address isAtkins Rk-3
City

Street or R. F. D.

Texas
StateSworn to before me this 27 day of March, 1926Signed Etna ShermanAtkinsNotary Public in and for Henderson State of Texas.

CERTIFICATE OF UNDERTAKER

I, J R Lehr, do certify that I am undertaker in the town of Atkins County of Henderson, State of Texas, that I had charge of the body of S R Blackmon, who died in the town of Henderson, County of Henderson, State of Texas on the 22 day of March, 1926. That said body was prepared for burial by me on the 22 day of March, 1926, and that I am of the opinion that warrant herein applied for should be issued to the said Mrs Etna Sherman who makes the foregoing application.

Signed

J R Lehr

Undertaker.

CERTIFICATE OF PHYSICIAN

I, A C Sumner, do certify that I am a practicing physician, and that I attended S R Blackmon in his last illness, and am of the opinion that his ailments were Influenza and Debility

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

A C Sumner

Physician's Address

Atkins Texas

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