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FORM A.

**SOLDIER'S APPLICATION  
FOR A PENSION**

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

11-13-30

Name of Applicant.

W. W. McWilliams  
Henderson County.

R. F. D. or Street No.

Postoffice

Athens, Tex

Filed

Sept. 14, 1928

Approved

October 9th, 1928.

Pension allowed from

Sept. 1st, 1928.

Rejected

S. H. Terrell

Comptroller of Public Accounts.

## Soldier's Application for Confederate Pension

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

County of Henderson

I, W W McWilliam do hereby make application to the Commissioner of Pensions for a pension to be granted me under the Act passed by the Thirty-third 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 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. I had been sent home sick when the surrender came for All my service was in the Militia hunting deserters and guarding stock and prisoners at Tyler Texas  
(Give date and cause.)

that I have been a bona fide citizen of this State since prior to January 1, A. D. 1910, 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 \$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? 81
2. Where were you born? Alabama
3. How long have you resided in Texas? 78 years
4. In what county do you reside? Henderson
5. How long have you resided in said county? 10 years What is your postoffice address? Athens Texas
6. Have you applied for a pension under the Confederate pension law and been rejected? no

If rejected, state when and where.

7. In what State was the command in which you served organized? Texas
8. How long did you serve? 1 year Give, if possible, the date of enlistment and discharge.

9. What was the letter of your company, number of battalion, regiment or battery? Don't know  
Joab McManis Co Garrison's Regiment

10. If transferred from one command to another, give time of transfer, name of command and time of service. Cavalry while scouting but dismounted while on guard

11. What branch of the service did you enlist in—infantry, cavalry, artillery or navy? Cavalry while scouting but dismounted while guarding

12. What is the assessed value of your home, if you own a home? have no home

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

14. 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

15. 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 8 day of August A. D. 1928

[Seal]

County Judge W W McWilliam County, Texas.

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AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESSES

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

THE STATE OF TEXAS,  
County of Henderson }

Before me, E. H. Currie, County Judge of Henderson County,  
State of Texas, on this day personally appeared Mary Wyatt

who ~~are~~ <sup>is</sup> personally known to me to be creditable citizens, who, being by me duly sworn, on oath state that ~~they~~ <sup>she</sup> personally know W. W. McWilliams, the above named applicant for pension, and that ~~they~~ <sup>she</sup> personally know that the said W. W. McWilliams

has been a bona fide resident citizen of the State of Texas since prior to January 1, A. D. 1910, and that ~~they~~ <sup>she</sup> have no interest in this claim. And affiant further states that she knows

the applicant was in the Confederate service during the Civil War  
(Signature of Witness) Amesville

(Signature of Witness)

Mary Wyatt

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 12<sup>th</sup> day of September, A. D. 1928

E. H. Currie

[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, E. H. Curlee, County Judge of Henderson County, State of Texas, on this day personally appeared W. B. Owen, who <sup>he is</sup> personally known to me to be <sup>an</sup> creditable citizen, who, being by me sworn, on oath states that <sup>he is</sup> 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 <sup>his</sup> knowledge and belief, and that <sup>he has</sup> 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)

I was a lieutenant in M<sup>c</sup>Manis Co. Cameron's Regiment and served with the applicant W. B. M<sup>c</sup>Williams

(Signature of Witness)

(Signature of Witness)

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 12 day of Sept, A. D. 1928.

[Seal.]

County Judge, Henderson County, Texas.



CERTIFICATE OF STATE AND COUNTY ASSESSOR

John W. Wood State and County Assessor in the County of Henderson State or Texas, do certify that W. B. M<sup>c</sup>Williams, 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, and amended by Regular Session Thirty-eighth Legislature, 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 or personal, or both, of the value of None Dollars.

Given under my hand, this 12 day of September, A. D. 1928.

John W. Wood  
State and County Assessor.

## C. A. Spencer Grocery

STAPLE AND FANCY GROCERIESAthens, Texas, Aug 29 1928

Hon S.H. Terrell

Austin Texas

Dear Sir: We have a Man here that is really entitled to a pension but for some oversight his name, W.W. McWilliams, does not appear on the records at the War Department. I was a small boy during the latter part of the war. And was in school with him and remember he was taken out of school and put in the Militia whos duty it was to hunt deserters. He afterward was taken to Tyler to guard prisoners. He was sent home on sick leave and was still sick when the war closed. (D)

There is probably no other one of those boys living now who



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served with him. However there are two people living who lived at the time of his service <sup>near him</sup> who are nearly as old as he, who knows the above statement is true. Up to a few years ago he was in easy circumstances, but now he is broke and old and is in needy circumstances. He lived at that time in Vanzandt County and he remembered that that County by popular vote seceded from the state and assumed the name of the free state of Vanzandt. A great many of its citizens refused to go to the War and stayed in the brush. After the War and during reconstruction they made life perilous for the home guards. Or those who helped

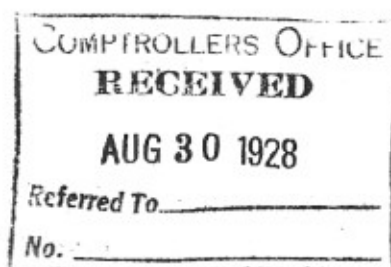
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in Captains deserters. It is  
possible I can find on man bot  
Owen who served with him  
Please tell me what is necessary  
under the circumstances to estab-  
lish his claim for I am morally  
certain he ought to be recognized  
as an ex confederate soldier  
yours very truly

Geo. R. Davis.







August 30, 1928.

Mr. Geo. R. Davis,  
Athens, Texas.

My dear Mr. Davis:

I have your favor of August 28, which is in regard to the rights of W. W. McWilliams as a confederate pensioner.

Enclosed I am handing you soldiers application for confederate pension. Mr. McWilliams should take this blank to the County Judge of the county of his residence who will assist him in properly filling out same if he desires to file his application for pension. You are advised, however, that he would be required to comply with the Confederate Pension Laws of this State, and I would especially call his attention to the affidavit with regard to proof of service.

If the application is filed, it will have prompt attention.

Very truly yours,

STATE CONTROLLER  
of Public Accounts.

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Enclo.

*McWilliams*



# COUNTY OF HENDERSON

GROVER H. CURLEE, COUNTY JUDGE

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W. J. SHUPTRINE, COMMISSIONER PREC. 4

ATHENS, TEXAS Sept 12-1928

~~At~~ Hon S. H. Terrell Austin Tex.

Dear Sir: Enclosed find Affidavits as required  
Affiant Mary Wyatt is used for two purposes.  
She was reared in the community with the applicant  
As I told you in my first letter M<sup>rs</sup> Mann's Company  
was made up of boys and old men used to hunt de-  
serters and guard prisoners at Tyler Tex. Tyler was  
one of the South's prison camps during the Civil War.  
I hope these papers will make it plain to you that the  
applicant has a just claim

yours very truly

Geo R Davis

September 14, 1928.

Mr. George R. Davis,  
Athens, Texas.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of August 29th, enclosing application for confederate pension of Mr. W. W. McWilliams.

You are advised that in as much as the War Department at Washington, D. C. does not show Mr. McWilliams to have been a member of any military organization of the Confederate States Army, it will be necessary for him to comply with the statute in proving his military service.

The testimony as given by Mary Wyatt, in which she makes the statement "that she knows the applicant was in the Confederate service during the Civil War," is not such testimony that would prove the military record of this man.

Mrs. Wyatt should state what she saw or what act of Mr. McWilliams caused her to determine that he was rendering service as a confederate soldier.

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

JHT/E

Yours very truly,

Comptroller of Public  
Accounts.

Public Service Station  
TEXACO PRODUCTS

Fisk Tires

Accessories

Athens, Texas, Sept 17 1928

Hon S H Terrell

Austin Tex

Dear Sir:

I thought that the Affidavit of W. D. Owen who was Mr. Williams' Lieut would be sufficient. It is doubtful whether or not another one of the company he belonged to can be found.

However I will do my best to find one

yours very truly  
Geo. R. Davis



September 20, 1928.

Mr. George R. Davis,  
Athens, Texas.

Dear Mr. Davis:

I have your letter of September 17th, in regard to the proof of military service of Mr. W. W. McWilliams as a confederate soldier, whose application for pension is on file in this office.

In my letter of September 14th, I did not in any way intend to discredit the testimony of the witness Mrs. Mary Wyatt. It is perfectly legitimate that she testify that she personally knew the applicant rendered service as a confederate soldier during the War Between the States, but the witnesses must go further and state fully the source of their knowledge of the applicants service. From the statement made by Mrs. Wyatt, I am of the opinion that the military record of Mr. McWilliams can be proven by this witness.

If the proof of the military service is furnished this office, the application will have further consideration.

JHT/E

Yours very truly,

Comptroller of Public  
Accounts.



JNO. A. SPENCER, MAYOR

E. B. GAUNT  
A. M. NEWBILL  
COMMISSIONER  
CHAS. A. RICHARDSON  
CITY CLERK  
E. H. BRYAN,  
SUPT. WATER WORKS

## THE CITY OF ATHENS

COMMISSION FORM  
— OF —  
GOVERNMENT

DOC BOYETT  
CITY RECORDER  
W. R. THOMAS  
CITY ATTORNEY  
JACK I. WOFFORD  
CHIEF OF POLICE

ATHENS, TEXAS

State of Texas  
County of Henderson,

Personally appeared before me ~~The~~  
J. H. Curlee County Judge of Henderson  
County Texas. Mrs. Mary Wyatt to me  
well known to be a person of good  
reputation who deposes and says  
that she actually saw W. H. McWilliams  
who is an applicant for pension for  
service in Confederate Army, during  
actual military service, hunting  
deserters from Confederate Army.

Mary Wyatt

Sworn to and subscribed & before me  
this — Sept — 1928 —

J. H. Curlee  
Co Judge



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ATHENS, TEXAS

Oct. 8th 1948

Hon. B. H. Kerrell Austin Texas

Enclosed find Affidavit of  
Mary Wyatt as you directed. I would  
have sent it in sooner but the Co,  
Judge has been absent.

I hope you will consider Mr. Mc-  
Williams claim for pension good and  
his proof sufficient

Yours very truly



Geo. R. Davis,



October 9, 1928.

Mr. George R. Davis,  
Athens, Texas.

Dear Mr. Davis:

I am in receipt of your letter of October 8th, enclosing affidavit of Mrs. Mary Wyatt, supporting the military service record of Mr. W. W. McWilliams.

You are advised that the application of Mr. McWilliams is being approved today. He will receive formal notice of approval within the next few days at which time an affidavit will be mailed him to be executed covering issuance of first quarterly warrant to which he is entitled, which warrant will issue on or about November 30th.

JHT/E

Yours very truly,

Comptroller of Public  
Accounts.



## APPLICATION FOR MORTUARY WARRANT

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

County of Henderson } I, C P Mc Williamsdo hereby certify that I am the person to whom is entrusted the paying of the accounts and indebtedness of the late W W Mc Williams, who was a pensioner of theState of Texas, and whose file number was 44057 and whose original county was HendersonThe said pensioner W W Mc Williams, died on the6 day of November, 1930, in the town of AthensCounty of Henderson, Texas.The pensioner died in the home of C P Mc Williams who was related to the pensioner as SonThat 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 W W Mc Williams

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 211 West College StAthens Street or R. F. D. Texas  
City StateSigned C P Mc WilliamsSworn to before me this 12 day of November, 1930.W B Foster County Judge  
Notary Public in and for Henderson County State of Texas.

## CERTIFICATE OF UNDERTAKER

I, J R Lehr, do certify that I am undertaker in the town of Athens, County of Henderson, State of Texas that I had charge of the body of W W Mc Williams, who died in the town of Athens, County of Henderson, State of Texas on the 6 day of November, 1930. That said body was prepared for burial by me on the 6 day of November, 1930, and that I am of the opinion that warrant herein applied for should be issued to the said C P Mc Williams who makes the foregoing application.

Signed J R Lehr Undertaker.

## CERTIFICATE OF PHYSICIAN

I, A H Eastabury, do certify that I am a practicing physician, and that I attended W W Mc Williams in his last illness, and am of the opinion that his ailments were Influenza & Venereal

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 H Eastabury  
Physician's Address Athens, Texas

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

