

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.

Name of Applicant.

*W F Pate**Henderson* County.

Postoffice

Atkins Texas

Filed

Mar 27-1925

Approved

Pension allowed from

Rejected

*Sept 3-1925**S N Gurrell*

Commissioner of Pensions.

Reported Webster
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For Use of Soldiers Who are in Indigent Circumstances

THE STATE OF TEXAS

County of Henderson
W F Pate

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 opponently with
Gen R E Lee 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? 86
2. Where were you born? Wickley Co Tenn.
3. How long have you resided in Texas? 35 years
4. In what county do you reside? Henderson
5. How long have you resided in said county, and what is your postoffice address? 20 years
Athens Texas, 90 Poor Farm

6. Have you applied for a pension under the Confederate pension law and been rejected? If rejected, state when and where. yes, papers were lost, was not rejected
7. What is your occupation, if able to engage in one? none What is your physical condition? Poor (TX)
8. In what State was the command in which you served organized? Tenn
9. How long did you serve? Give, if possible, the date of enlistment and discharge. 4 yrs. Beginning of War
10. What was the letter of your company, number of battalion, regiment or battery? Co F, 154 Tenn
Infantry, Col Mc Gevery, Chatam Brigade
11. If transferred from one command to another, give time of transfer, name of command and time of service. Feb 1865, that he was prevented from returning to his
said Command by orders
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? 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? no

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

16. What is the assessed value of your other property? no

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.) W F Pate

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 24 day of March A. D. 1925

[Seal.]

County Judge Gordon H. Curlee Henderson County, Texas.

AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESSES

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

THE STATE OF TEXAS }

County of Henderson

Before me Gordon H. Curlee County Judge of Henderson County,

State of Texas, on this day personally appeared B M Coker & T L Stalter

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

W F Pate the above named applicant for a pension, and that they personally know that the

said W F Pate has been a bona fide resident citizen of the State of Texas since prior to

January 1, A. D. 1900, and that they have no interest in his claim.

(Signature of Witness) B. M. Coker

(Signature of Witness) T. L. Stalter

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 24 day of March A. D. 1925

[Seal.]

County Judge Gordon H. Curlee 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 W. F. Tate, 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. 1921

L. C. Davis

State and County Assessor.





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 W. F. Pate
who is reported to have enlisted in Company F Regiment 154th

Tennessee Infantry

in service in the Confederate States Army.

Very respectfully,

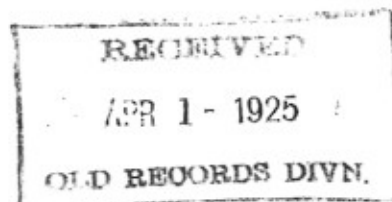
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S. H. TERRELL, COMPTROLLER
J. M. EDWARDS, CHIEF CLERK

Comptroller's Department
State of Texas
Austin

August 21, 1925.

The Adjutant General,
War Department,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have your report of April 4th, 1925 on service record of W. F. Pate, Co. F, 154 "Senior Tenn. Infantry, C.S.A. (1" Tenn. Vols). This report states that Mr. Pate deserted after the battle at Corinth, Mississippi, May 14, 1862, and that you have no record of his capture or parole.

Since Mr. Pate claims to have been captured a few days after the battle at Corinth while on outpost picket duty and that he was taken to Trenton, Tennessee for confinement and was paroled about one year later by Hankin's Command, I am requesting that you please make investigation of his claims of capture and ascertain if his statements are borne out by the records of prison camp at Trenton, Tennessee, or other records that you may have in your office.

Please let me have this information at your earliest convenience, and oblige.

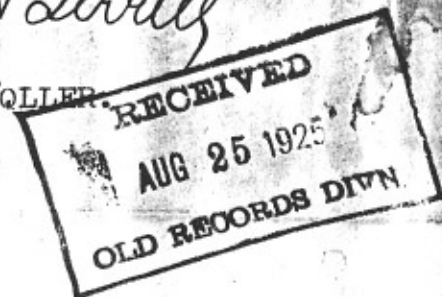
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Yours very truly,

S. H. Terrell

KR/ms

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ORD

WAR DEPARTMENT,
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE.
WASHINGTON April 4, 1925.

MEMORANDUM.

Respectfully returned to

Comptroller,
State of Texas,
Austin, Texas.

The records show
W. F. Pate,
Co. F, 154th Senior Tenn. Infantry, C.S.A.
(1st Tenn. Vols).

Enl. May 14, 1861, at Randolph,
Tenn.

Mustor roll dated May 6, 1863,
shows him, - Deserted May 14, 1862,
at Corinth, Miss., a Private.

Not borne on the subsequent rolls
of the Co. from July 1863 to Feb. 29,
1864, (latest on file).

Capture, parole or later record
not found.

TX

Lutz Wahl,
Brigadier General,
Acting The Adjutant General.
By *Te.*

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ORD

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE
WASHINGTON April 27, 1925.

Respectfully returned to

Comptroller,
State of Texas,
Austin Texas.

In the case of W. F. Pate, Co. F,
154th. Senior Regiment Tenn. Inf.,
C.S.A., no additional information
to that contained in report from this
office of April 4, 1925 has been
found.

There are no rolls on file of men
paroled at Trenton, Tennessee.

TX

Lutz Wahl,
Brigadier ~~Major~~ General,
Acting The Adjutant General.

By *Te.*

Form No. 072-A.G.O.

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CASH-DOWN GROCERY

Geo. R. Davis, Proprietor

WEST LARKIN STREET

Athens, Texas

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State of Texas } Personally Appeared before me the undersigned
 County of Henderson } Authority W. F. Pate who states under oath
 that he was a Confederate Soldier in the Civil
 War; that he was in the battle of Corinth Miss;
 that a few ^{days} after the battle he was on out
 post, Cavalry, picket duty, about two miles
 from his command, that the Out post pickets,
 Cavalry, were stationed about one fourth
 mile apart, that he was surprised by a
 detachment of Hawkins Men and captured;
 that they carried him to Trenton, ^{Texas} where after
 about one year he was paroled by Hawkins
 Command, that he returned home to find it
 in the hands of the enemy and the prejudice
 was so extreme that it ^{was} dangerous to try to
 stay there; that finally ^{he} decided to return to his TX
 Command; that on the way he met some of
 his Command returning home who told him
 the War was over that he returned with;

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and the District Attorney

in the County of _____

them?

that he never deserted nor shirked duty during the war, and is reasonably certain that if the records show that he deserted at Corinth, it is because they did not know nor had any way of finding out what became of him because he was alone when captured.

(TX)

Signed
Sworn to and S. *W. J. [unclear]* before me
Geo. B. Davis.

Notary public in and

for Henderson County, Tex

Signed and sealed at Athens Texas
June 14th 1915

STATE OF TENNESSEE)

COUNTY OF HENRY)

Personally appeared before me H.R.Cravens County Court Clerk, of Henry County , in and for the State Tennessee, J.V.Myrick and W.P.Erwind both citizens and residents of the State and County aforesaid and the City of Paris, and with whom I am personally acquainted and made oath to the following statement; That W.F.Pate was a confederate Soldier and that he took part in the battle at corinth and in every other battle his command took part in during the Civil War; and that if his service record shows that he ever deserted that said record is in erro.

J. V. Myrick
W. P. Erwin

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED TO BEFORE ME THIS THE 1st, DAY OF
 JUNE ,1925.

THE SEAL OF THE COUNTY COURT
 OF HENRY COUNTY TENNESSEE.

H. R. Craven
 COUNTY COURT CLERK.



STATE OF TENNESSEE,

HENRY COUNTY.

Before me, Fuqua J. Routon, deputy Clerk of the County Court of the County aforesaid, this day personally appeared J.C. Myrick and W.P. Erwin, Residents of the County of Henry and the State of Tennessee, and aged 85 years and years respectively, their addresses being Paris, Tennessee, and deposed and said that they have been personally acquainted with W.F. Pate, of Athens, Texas, for the period since the beginning of the Civil War; That they served as comrades with him through said war in "F" Company, 154th Tenn. Sr. Regiment, under Captain Fitzgerald, through the war; that the said W.F. Pate was furlowed from his Company immediately before the end of the war; and that, on the way back to rejoin the Company he received orders not to report back to the Company, but to consider himself discharged; That the war record of the said W.F. Pate is clear and above reproach; and that he was never Court Martialed and never deserted his Command. That the information above set out is based on a personal knowledge of the facts as known by men who served by his side throughout the war.

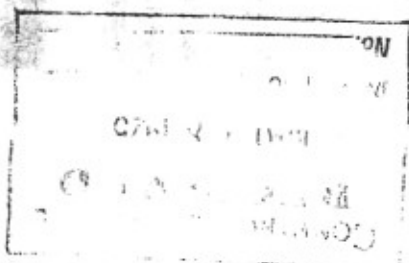
J. C. Myrick
W. P. Erwin

TX

Sworn to and subscribed before me this the 12th day of

May, 1925.

Fuqua J. Routon
 Deputy Clerk of the County
 Court.



STATE OF TENNESSEE.

HENRY COUNTY.

Before me, H.R.Cravens, Clerk of the County Court of said County, personally appeared J.C.Myrick, of the State and County above stated, and made oath in due form of law that he is personally acquainted with W.F.Pate, and that he has known the said W.F.Pate ever since the days before the Civil War; that he served with the said Pate throughout the Civil War in Co. F, 154th Tennessee Infantry, under Col. McGivney; and that they were furlowed from that command in Feb., 1865, and that they were prevented from returning to the said Col. McGivney's Regiment by orders.

Deponent further states that the said W.F.Pate is in every way a man whose word can be depended upon, and that he knows him to be the person mentioned in this addication for pension.

J.C. Myrick
J.C. Myrick.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this the 21st day of March, 1925.

H.R.Cravens, County Court Clerk.

Fugate Rauton
D.C.



April 13, 1925

Mr. W. F. Pate,
Athens, Texas.

Dear Sir:

Your application for a Confederate pension has been received and filed, but cannot be approved on account of the unfavorable report on your military record, received from the office of the Adjutant General, War Department, Washington, D.C. which report reads as follows:

" The records show W.F.Pate, Co.F, 154 "Senior Tenn.Infantry, C.S.A. (1 Tenn.Vols.) Enl.May 14, 1861, at Randolph, Tenn. Muster roll dated May 6, 1863, shows him, - Deserted May 14, 1863, at Corinth, Miss., a Private. Not borne on the subsequent rolls of the Co. from July 1863 to Feb. 29, 1864, (latest on file). Capture, parole or later record not found."

Unless it may be show by two or more competent and creditable witnesses that this report is in error, that you did not desert your command at any time during the war, but that you served faithfully until the surrender, your application cannot be approved.

Yours very truly,



KR:MJB

COMPTROLLER.

COUNTY COURT CLERK

Henry County, Tennessee

HERMAN R. CRAVENS, Clerk

Paris, Tennessee

FUQUA J. ROUNTON
DEPUTY CLERK

June.1st,1925.

Mr.Geo R.Davis,
Athens, Texas,

My Dear Mr.Davis;

Your letter of May 24th 1925, has been received and same very carefully noted, and on the account of not locating Mr Myrick until today is the reasons of the delay.

You will find herewith enclosed an affidavit signed by the two Gentleman whom I trust to be honest and good citizens of this County.

And further assuring you that I have done allthat I can toward helping fix the old man up I remain to further serve you at your command

Most cordially
County Court Clerk.



May 19, 1925.

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

My Dear Sir:-

Replying to your favor of May 15th enclosing affidavit to be filed with application of W. P. Pate for confederate pension.

You are advised that since report of military record of Mr. Pate states that he deserted his command May 14, 1862 at Corinth, Miss., it is absolutely necessary that affidavits of at least two competent and creditable witnesses be executed and filed with his application showing that this report is in error. This affidavit should go more into details and be much more specific than the affidavit sent by you which was signed by J. C. Myrick and W. P. Ervin.

Since report shows that he deserted May 14, 1862 it is necessary that witnesses cover this particular date and account for his absence from the company at this time stating where he was on this particular date and on immediate subsequent dates, whether wounded, in hospital or captured as a prisoner and detailed information concerning his movements after date of reported desertion up to the end of the war. Let witnesses state when and where they saw Mr. Pate first after his reported desertion, if he was with his command at that time and how many days was he absent from his command at the time of his reported desertion.

Please have this affidavit executed and file as soon as convenient and application will then be given further consideration.

Very truly yours,



KR/fs

Comptroller.

CASH-DOWN GROCERY

Geo. R. Davis, Proprietor

WEST LARKIN STREET

Athens, Texas

May 15 1920

Hon S. H. Russell Campbeller
Austin Tex.

Dear Sir: There is on file in your office
an application of W. F. Pate to become a
Confederate pensioner. He has also on file an
affidavit of service, to which you, as the law
directs, wanted a additional proof. Enclosed
find two affidavits which seems to be in proper
form. Mr Pate is more than 80 years old
has no living relatives on whom to rely. Was
wounded three times in the Civil War. Partially
blind and crippled up with rheumatism.
He has been on the poor farm for some time
I was Co Commissioner part of the time while
he has been there. I know that undoubtedly
his claim is just and hope his application
will meet with your speedy approval
Address him at Athens Tex E. W. W. Howard

Yours
Geo. R. Davis. (TX)

June 9, 1925.

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

My Dear Sir:-

I am in receipt of your favor of June 5th enclosing affidavits of J. C. Myrick and W. P. Erwin concerning the military record of W. F. Pate, applicant for confederate pension.


This affidavit is not sufficient in its present form. Please refer to my letter of May 19th requesting that this affidavit go more into details and that witnesses cover time from his reported desertion May 14, 1862 to the close of the war, or at least from May 14, 1862 to February 29, 1864.

Let this affidavit state when and where witnesses first saw Mr. Pate after his reported desertion May 14, 1862, if he was with his command at that time and how many days he was absent from his command at the time of his reported desertion.

If these witnesses served with Mr. Pate throughout the war as they have stated in their affidavit dated May 12, 1925, they should not hesitate in furnishing affidavit specifically covering time mentioned above. On receipt of amended affidavit the application of Mr. Pate will be taken up for further consideration.

Very truly yours,

KR/fs

Comptroller 

CASH-DOWN GROCERY

Geo. R. Davis, Proprietor

WEST LARKIN STREET

Athens, Texas

May 5th

1925

Comptroller

Austin, Texas

Dear Sir: Enclosed find affidavit of Virrick Erwin that clears up the War record of W. F. Pate. I can't see how the records got so badly mixed up. I had a job of this one before for a man who served through out the War in my father's company. Knowing Mr. Pate as I do I felt sure there was some error in the War Department. He by nature is too obstinate and courageous to desert furthermore he was wounded in three different battles. Hoping the old man will have no further trouble in getting his pension.

I am yours

TX

Geo. R. Davis

COUNTY OF HENDERSON

GROVER H. CURLEE, COUNTY JUDGE

DAN BROWNING, COUNTY CLERK
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

Oct 21, 1925.

Hon. S. H. Terrell,
Austin, Texas.

Dear sir:-

I have to hand you herewith application for admission to the Confederate home, of William F. Pate.

Affidavits of service in the Confederate Army are on file in your office. He having made application for a pension some few months ago.

This poor old soldier is now an inmate of the County Poor farm and he wants to come to the home before the weather gets bad.

I will thank you to look into his claim.

Yours truly,

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



Sept. 3, 1925/

Mr. W.F. Pate,
c/o Geo. R. Davis,
Athens, Texas.

Agreeable to my letter of Aug. 21st,
I am advising that a report has been
received from the Office of the Adju-
tant General, War Department, Washing-
ton, D.C., stating that after thorough
investigation, no additional informa-
tion to that contained in report of
April 4th, 1925 can be found, and that
there are no Rolls on file in that
Office of men paroled at Trenton, Tenn.

I regret very much that I cannot
approve your application, but cannot
do so with the evidence and reports
submitted.

Yours very truly,



C o m p t r o l l e r.

KR:AE.

August 21, 1935.

Mr. W. F. Pate,
c/o Geo. R. Davis,
Athens, Texas.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your favor of August 19th.

I regret that I cannot comply with your request to return to you papers filed in connection with your application for confederate pension. Once filed, all such papers must be kept in this Department.

Since you claim to have been captured soon after the battle at Corinth, Mississippi, and confined in military prison at Trenton, Tennessee, I am today requesting a report from the office of the Adjutant General, War Department, Washington, D. C., covering your capture and confinement.

If this report is favorable and bears out your statements, your application will again be taken up and given due consideration.

Yours very truly,



KR/ms

COMPTROLLER.

August 21, 1925.

The Adjutant General,
War Department,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have your report of April 4th, 1925 on service record of W. F. Pate, Co. F, 154 "Senior Tenn. Infantry, C.S.A. (1st Tenn. Vols). This report states that Mr. Pate deserted after the battle at Corinth, Mississippi, May 14, 1862, and that you have no record of his capture or parole.

Since Mr. Pate claims to have been captured a few days after the battle at Corinth while on outpost picket duty and that he was taken to Trenton, Tennessee for confinement and was paroled about one year later by Hanks's Company I am requesting that you please make investigation of his claims of capture and ascertain if his statements are borne out by the records of prison camp at Trenton, Tennessee, or other records that you may have in your office.

Please let me have this information at your earliest convenience, and oblige.

Yours very truly,

TX

KR/ms

COMPTROLLER.

CASH-DOWN GROCERY

Geo. R. Davis, Proprietor

WEST LARKIN STREET

Athens, Texas

Aug 19

1925

Hon S. H. Kerrell

Austin Texas

Dear Sir Being so blind I can't see I am having this letter written. When I first filed My Application for pension you discovered that the record showed that I deserted. You wrote me that if I would furnish two witnesses to prove that I never deserted that My Application would be granted. I found the only two of My old Co that are living they both stated under oath that I never deserted. You have my Affidavit also. All this seems to do me no good. ^{will} You be so kind as to send me all the papers in the case. As I want keep them to remember those who tried to help me. I must say it looks a little bad after I have been shot up as I am, 86 years old blind and deaf almost helpless to be turned down when others who never

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Geo. R. Davis, Proprietor

WEST LARKIN STREET

Athens, Texas _____ 192_____

says
the service I saw, and are stout and
able to take care of them selves, are draw-
ing a pension. Please return all my
papers in care of Geo R Davis
Athens Tex R-6-

W. F. Pate





July 11, 1925.

Mr. George W. Davis,
Athens, Texas.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your favor of July 6th.

I wish to assure you that I have been very lenient in applying the Confederate Pension Laws of this State to Applications under consideration, and regret that the Application of Mr. W.F. Pate could not be perfected so as to permit my approval of same.

The fact that Mr. Pate does not deny being absent from his Command, but admits his absence for an indefinite period, which period really covers about two years, before he attempted to return to his Command, and of course he was classed as a Deserter after being absent from his Command and failing to answer the Roll Call for a given number of days. From his own statement, he did not attempt to return until about the time of the Surrender, when he met Comrades or other Veterans returning Home, who told him that the War was over.

It is unfortunate that deserting Veterans are deprived the Pension privileges intended for them to enjoy, but in considering Mr. Pate's application and complying with the Law as leniently as possible, I find that I cannot approve same.

Yours very truly,



Comptroller.

KTR:AM.

CASH-DOWN GROCERY

Geo. R. Davis, Proprietor

WEST LARKIN STREET

Athens, Texas July 6th

1920

Hon. H. D. Terrell, Comptroller
Austin Tex

Dear sir

W. F. Pate the old man that I have been trying to get pension for is Mentally worn out like most old men get. He really does not know how long he was in prison nor how long he was at home on parole. He gets mad ~~when~~ and all out of sorts when I mention desertion to him. He remembers he was out of the service a long time, but does not know how long. I am sorry for him which is the only reason I have tried so hard to get him assistance. No one appreciates more than I do your persistency in trying to track the law and with the present lights before you, if you can't give him relief, I submit to fate that it has dealt with him unkindly.

Sincerely yours

Geo. R. Davis

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