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**SOLDIER'S APPLICATION
FOR PENSION**

Approved

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

8-23-26

Name of Applicant:

William B. Davis

Anderson County.

Postoffice *Palmiton Tex*

Filed *Nov. 7-1921*

Approved *12-6-1921*

Pension allowed from *13-1-21*

Rejected

Geo A Smith
Commissioner of Pensions.

THE E. L. STEER CO., AUSTIN

W. R. Rye m 11/7/1921

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For Use of Soldiers Who are in Indigent Circumstances

THE STATE OF TEXAS

County of Anderson

I, William B Davis

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 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.

Honorably Discharged June 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 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 \$1,000.00; 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? 83 years
- 2. Where were you born? Macon Ga.
- 3. How long have you resided in Texas? 66 years
- 4. In what county do you reside? Anderson
- 5. How long have you resided in said county, and what is your postoffice address? 33 years. Address Box 156 Palestine Texas

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? None What is your physical condition? Fair

8. In what State was the command in which you served organized? Texas

9. How long did you serve? Give, if possible, the date of enlistment and discharge. Enlisted March 1862 discharged June 1865

10. What was the letter of your company, number of battalion, regiment or battery? Co. A 3rd Texas Cavalry TX

11. If transferred from one command to another, give time of transfer, name of command and time of service Not transferred

12. What branch of the service did you enlist in—infantry, cavalry, artillery or navy? Cavalry

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? Clerk under Q M

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 B Davis

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 3 day of November A. D. 1921

Chas. R. Stewart

[Seal.] County Judge Anderson County, Texas.

AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESSES

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

THE STATE OF TEXAS,
County of Anderson

Before me Chas. R. Stewart, County Judge of Anderson County, State of Texas, on this day personally appeared O. J. Addington & J. H. Weeks known to me to be creditable citizens, who, being, by me duly sworn, on oath state that they personally know W. B. Davis, the above named applicant for a pension, and that they personally know that the said W. B. Davis 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) O. J. Addington

(Signature of Witness) J. H. Weeks

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 3 day of November A. D. 1921

Chas. R. Stewart

[Seal.] County Judge Anderson County, Texas.

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(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 Hays

Before me J. P. Daily, County Judge of Hays County, State of Texas, on this day personally appeared O. P. Daily & L. J. Daily 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 his claim, and said applicant's habits are good and free from dishonor. And they further make oath to the following facts touching the applicant's service in the Confederate Army: (State fully your source of knowledge.)

We were members of the same company with W. B. Davis, and the company was organized at San Marcos, Texas, at the beginning of the Civil War, the regiment was fully organized at the Salado River near San Antonio, Texas, and was known as the ^{Texas Cavalry} 32nd Regiment under Col' P. C. Woods, Company A, of this regiment was under Captain James G. Storey.

W. B. Davis served from the organization of this company till the close of the Civil War, the regiment operated in Texas and Louisiana, and at the close of the war was disbanded at Houston, Texas, We know of the service of W. B. Davis, because we served in the same company with him, he was a good soldier, and did not desert his command. We knew of no other W. B. Davis in that company, nor in that regiment.

J. P. Bailey

(Signature of Witness)

A. P. Bailey

(Signature of Witness)

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 29th day of October A. D. 1921

J. P. [Signature]

[Seal.]

County Judge Hays County, Texas.

CERTIFICATE OF STATE AND COUNTY ASSESSOR



I, Mrs Anna Bowen, State and County Assessor in the County of Anderson State of Texas, do certify that Mr W B Davis, 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 3 day of November, A. D. 1921

Mrs Anna Bowen
State and County Assessor.

May 23, 1939

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William B. Davis, Deceased
Confederate Soldier. Pension
File No. 37786 Anderson Co.

Mr. Claude Marshall
710 Palestine Avenue
Palestine, Texas.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of May 16, the records of this office show that William B. Davis drew a Confederate Pension from the State of Texas under file number 37786 until his death in August, 1926.

William B. Davis was a private in Company A, 32nd Texas Cavalry, Confederate States Army, also known as Captain Wood's Company, Texas Mounted Riflemen and Company A, 36th Regiment of Texas. He enlisted about March 7, 1862 and served until June, 1865.

The application for pension was approved on a report from the Adjutant General, War Department, Washington, D. C., and also on affidavits of witnesses.

Yours very truly,

Geo. H. Sheppard
Comptroller of Public Accounts.

JHT:EB



110 Palestine Avenue
Palestine, Texas
May 16, 1939

Hon. George H. Shippard
State Comptroller
Austin, Texas.

Dear Sir:

As you can see on the reverse side of this letter that I was instructed to get the War Record of William Benjamin Davis, a Confederate War Veteran. He was drawing a pension at the time of his death at Palestine, ~~Pa~~ in August of 1926. Exact Date unknown.

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Anderson

Thank you
Claude Marshall



NAT PATTON
7TH DIST. TEXAS
CROCKETT, TEXAS

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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

May 13, 1939

Mr. Claude Marshall
710 W. Palestine Ave.
Palestine, Texas

My dear friend:

Your letter of the 5th has just today been received--
I don't understand why it was so long in reaching me.

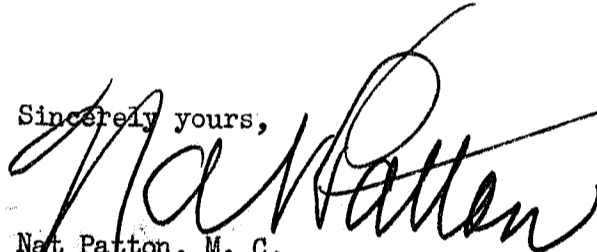
I am delighted to attach the necessary application blank
to be filled out for securing a marker for the grave of
your great grandfather, W. B. Davis. You write to Hon.
Geo. H. Sheppard, State Comptroller, Austin, Texas telling
him that your great grandfather drew a pension and giving
him the date and place of his death. Mr. Sheppard can
send you the full service record.

Return the blank to me in the enclosed self-addressed en-
velope which needs no postage.

Glad to be of service, and when I can help you further let
me know.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

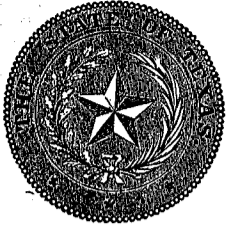


Nat Patton, M. C.
7th Dist of Texas



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Comptroller's Department
State of Texas
Austin

LON A. SMITH, Comptroller.
W. T. GASTON, Chief Clerk.

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

Dear Sir:

I have the honor to request the military record of William B. Davis who is reported to have enlisted in Company "A", Regiment 3rd Tex. Cavalry

in service in the Confederate States Army.

Purpose: The above person above named is an applicant for a Confederate pension granted by the State, and I desire to verify his proof of service.

Very respectfully,



Lon A. Smith

Comptroller of Public Accounts.

Co A, 36 Tex Cav

Received A. G. O.

NOV 13 1921

Form 770b-S-1050-1021-1M

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OLD RECORDS DIVN.

*Co A
June 13/61 to June 30/62*

THE E. L. BECK CO., AUSTIN

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O. R. DIWYAR DEPARTMENT,
AND THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,
WASHINGTON, Dec. 1, 1921.

Respectfully returned to

Comptroller's Department,
Austin,
Texas.

with the information that the name
William B. Davis has not been found
on the rolls on file in this Office,
of Co. A, 3d Reg't., Texas Cavalry
C.S.A., and nothing has been found in
the official records concerning the
service, capture or parole of a man of
that name and organization.

There is one William B. Davis, a
private of Co. A, 36th Reg't Texas
Cavalry C.S.A. (Known at various times
as Capt. Woods; Co. Tex. Mtd. Riflemen;
Capt. Storey's Co., Woods' Reg't Tex.
Mtd. Vols.; and Co. A, 32d Reg't Texas
Cavalry) who enlisted March 7, (also
shown as Mar. 18,) 1862, and shown as
Mar. 22, 1862, at Camp Salado, Tex.

Company M.R. for Jan. and Feb. 1864,
last on file, shows him as Quarter
Master's Clerk since June 1, 1862.
Return of above Reg't for March
1865 show him as Clerk for A. Co. M. 32d,
T.C.S. June 1, 1862.
No later record found and no
record of capture or parole found.

P. C. [Signature]
The Adjutant General.

Per *ms*



Comptroller of Public Accounts

APPLICATION FOR MORTUARY WARRANT

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

County of Anderson } I, C. S. Davis

do hereby certify that I am the person to whom is entrusted the paying of the accounts and indebtedness of the late W. B. Davis

who was a pensioner of the State of Texas, and whose file number was 37786 and whose original county was Anderson

The said pensioner W. B. Davis, died on the 17 day of Aug, 1926, in the town of Palestine

County of Anderson, Texas.

The pensioner died in the home of C. S. Davis who was related to the pensioner as son

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 W. B. Davis

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 Palestine Tex Post 156-156 Street or R. F. D. Palestine City Texas State

Sworn to before me this 26 day of August, 1926. Signed C. S. Davis

Notary Public in and for Anderson County, State of Texas.

CERTIFICATE OF UNDERTAKER

I, P. B. Greel, do certify that I am undertaker in the town of Palestine County of Anderson, State of Texas, that I had charge of the body of W. B. Davis who died in the town of Palestine, County of Anderson, State of Texas on the 17 day of aug, 1926. That said body was prepared for burial by me on the 17 day of aug, 1926, and that I am of the opinion that warrant herein applied for should be issued to the said C. S. Davis who makes the foregoing application.

Signed P. B. Greel Undertaker.

CERTIFICATE OF PHYSICIAN

I, E. L. Council, do certify that I am a practicing physician, and that I attended W. B. Davis in his last illness, and am of the opinion that his ailments were arterio-sclerosis - hypertensive - died from uraemia

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 E. L. Council Physician's Address Palestine Tex

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

8-23-26