

FORM B.

**WIDOW'S APPLICATION
FOR A PENSION**

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Name of Applicant

Mrs. Trevlon L. Ivytle,

Smith

County.

R. F. D. of ~~Smith~~ No. 7

Postoffice Tyler, Texas.

Filed May 23rd, 1931.

Approved _____

Pension allowed from _____

Rejected _____ May 23rd, 1931.

E. O. H. Chapman
Comptroller of Public Accounts.

Robert M. ...
MAY 23 1931

FORM B

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Name of Applicant

Mrs. Nancy R. Lytle,

Smith, County.

R. F. D. or Street No.

Postoffice Taylor, Texas
P.O. Box 465.

Filed August 29th, 1928.

Approved

Pension allowed from

Rejected September 11th, 1928.

A. H. Powell
Comptroller of Public Accounts.

Charged with desertion.

Widow's Application for Confederate Pension

THE STATE OF TEXAS

County of Smith
 I, Mrs. Shelton L. Lytle, do hereby make application for a pension pursuant to the provisions of Articles 6264 to 6227, inclusive, of the Revised Civil Statutes of 1925 as amended by S. B. No. 27, passed by the Forty-fifth Legislature at its Fifth Called Session and all other laws of this State relating thereto.

I am a widow of Shelton L. Lytle, deceased, who departed this life on the 18 day of July, A. D. 1927, in the county of Smith in the State of Texas.

I have not remarried since the death of my said husband; (or in case of remarriage that I am now a widow); and I do solemnly swear that I was never divorced from my said husband.

and that I never voluntarily abandoned him during his life but remained his true, faithful and lawful wife up to the date of his death. I was married to him on the 18 day of April, A. D. 1861, in the county of Smith in the State of Texas.

My husband, the said Shelton L. Lytle, served as a Confederate soldier (or sailor) in the war between the States of the United States; or (that he was a soldier who, under special laws of the State of Texas during said war, served in organizations for the protection of the frontier against Indian raiders or Mexican marauders); or (that he was a soldier of the militia of the State of Texas who was in active service during said war.) That my said husband served honorably from the date of his enlistment until the close of the war, (or until he was discharged or paroled in some military organization regularly mustered into the army or navy of the Confederate States until the surrender). He was honorably discharged or paroled at Sherman.

(Give date and cross.)

That I have been a bona fide resident of this State continuously since the 18th day of July, A. D. 1860.

1. What is your age, and date of birth? July 25, 1843
2. How long have you resided in the county of your present residence? 26 yrs
3. What is your postoffice address? Lytle - Lytle
4. Have you applied for a pension under the Confederate pension law and been rejected? no
5. If rejected, state when and where applied 2 yrs ago - from this Co
6. Did your husband draw a pension? no If so, give his file number.
7. Give, if possible, the postoffice address of your deceased husband at the time of his enlistment Marshall, Arkansas
8. What was your husband's full name? Shelton Lytle Lytle
9. In what State was your husband's company originally organized? no rec - probably Ark in Arkansas
10. How long did your husband serve? 4 yrs
11. If known to you, give date of enlistment and discharge 1861 - 1865
12. What was the name or letter of the company, or number of the regiment in which your husband served? If he was transferred from one branch of service to another, give time of transfer, description of unit and time of service. (If applicant's husband was a pensioner give his file number, which is evidence sufficient for proof of service.) Company - Jackson & Lee
13. Name branch of service in which your husband served, whether infantry, cavalry, artillery, or the navy, or if commissioned as an officer by the President, his rank and line of duty, or if detailed for special duty, under the law of conscription, the nature of such service, and time of service. Infantry

Wherefore your petitioner prays that her application for a pension may be approved and such other proceedings be had in the premises as required by law.

(Signature of Applicant) Mrs. Shelton L. Lytle

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 11 day of May, A. D. 1931 TX

[Seal]

County Judge Smith County, Texas.

*Where applicant has remarried it is necessary that she state date covering particulars of last marriage, date, in whom married, and date of last husband's death. She must also state that she is now a widow.

Widow's Application for Confederate Pension

THE STATE OF TEXAS,
County of Smith

I, Mrs. ~~Frederick Lytle~~ Mrs. Nancy R. Lytle do hereby make application to the Comptroller of Public Accounts 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, A. D. 1913, on the following grounds:

I am the widow of T. L. Lytle deceased, who departed this life on the 18th day of July, A. D. 1928, in the county of Wood in the State of Texas

I have not remarried since the death of my said husband,* and I do solemnly swear that I was never divorced from my said husband, and that I never voluntarily abandoned him during his life, but remained his true, faithful and lawful wife up to the date of his death. I was married to him on the 2nd day of April, A. D. 1871, in the county of Smith in the State of Texas

My husband, the said T. L. Lytle, enlisted and served in the military service of the Confederate States during the war between the States of the United States and he did not desert the Confederate service. I have been a resident of the State of Texas 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 receive from any source whatever money or other means of support amounting in value above the sum of \$300.00 per annum, nor do I own in my own right, nor does anyone hold in trust for my benefit or use, estate or property, either real, personal or mixed, either in fee or for life, of the value of one thousand dollars, exclusive of the home of the value of not over \$2000; 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, and date of birth? 75 years. Born July 25, 1853
2. Where were you born? Tennessee
3. How long have you resided in the State of Texas? 73 years
4. How long have you resided in the county of your present residence? 73 years
5. What is your postoffice address? Lyles, Texas. P.O. Box 463
6. Have you applied for a pension under the Confederate pension law and been rejected? No
If rejected, state when and where. No
7. Did your husband draw a pension? No. If so, give his file number. None
8. What is your husband's full name? Thomas Lockage Lytle
9. In what State was your husband's command originally organized? Arkansas
10. How long did your husband serve? 4 years. If known to you, give date of enlistment and discharge. enlisted in year 1861 and discharged after surrender
11. What was the name or letter of the company, or number of the regiment in which your husband served? If he was transferred from one branch of service to another, give time of transfer, description of command and time of service. (If applicant's husband was a pensioner give his file number, which is evidence sufficient for proof of service.) 3rd Art. Regiment, Horse Artillery, G. D.
12. Name branch of service in which your husband served, whether infantry, cavalry, artillery, or the navy, or if commissioned as an officer by the President, his rank and line of duty, or if detailed for special service, under the law of conscription, the nature of such service, and time of service. Infantry

13. Do you own any property other than that rendered for taxes in your county? If so, state value of same and county where located. No

14. Have you transferred to another any property of any kind for the purpose of becoming a beneficiary under this law? No

Wherefore your petitioner prays that her application for a pension may be approved and such other proceedings be had in the premises as required by law.

(Signature of Applicant) Nancy R. Lytle
Sworn to and subscribed before me this 6th day of August, A. D. 1928
Archie W. ...
[Seal] Smith County, Texas.

*When applicant has married it is essential that she state fully preceding marriages of her husband, date, in whose service, and date of her husband's death.

See also Form 111B for a value.

2 copies
R. Phillips

AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESSES

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

THE STATE OF TEXAS,
County of Smith

Before me, Brady Aubrey, County Judge of Smith County,
State of Texas, on this day personally appeared Messrs. Gus F Taylor
R. Leo Phillips

, who are personally known to me to be credible citizens, who, being by me duly sworn, on oath state that they personally know that Mrs. Revalon L Lytle, applicant for a pension as the widow of Revalon L Lytle deceased, is in truth and fact the widow of Revalon L Lytle deceased; that they personally know that she has not remarried since the death of her husband, for whose services in the army she claims a pension, and that they have no interest in this claim.*

(Signature of Witness) Gus F. Taylor

(Signature of Witness) R. Leo Phillips

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 20 day of May, A. D. 1931

Brady Aubrey
County Judge Smith County, Texas.

*Where applicant has remarried it is necessary that she state facts covering particulars of last marriage, date, to whom married, and date of last husband's death. She must also state that she is now a widow.

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THE STATE OF TEXAS,
County of Smith

Before me, Brady Aubrey, County Judge of Smith County,
State of Texas, on this day personally appeared Messrs. Gus F Taylor
R. Leo Phillips

, who are personally known to me to be creditable citizens, who, being by me duly sworn, on oath state that they personally know the above named applicant for pension, and that they personally know that the said Mrs. Revalon L Lytle has been a bona fide resident citizen of the State of Texas for 46 years since and that they have no interest in this claim.

(Signature of Witness) Gus F. Taylor

(Signature of Witness) R. Leo Phillips

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 20 day of May, A. D. 1931

Brady Aubrey
County Judge Smith County, Texas.

[Seal.]

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THE STATE OF TEXAS,
County of Smith

Before me, A. M. Pannasour, District Clerk, County Judge of Smith County,
State of Texas, on this day personally appeared _____

_____, who are personally known to me to be credible citizens, who, being by me duly sworn, on oath state that they personally know that Mrs. Nancy R. Lytle, applicant for a pension as the widow of T. L. Lytle deceased, is in truth and fact the widow of T. L. Lytle deceased; that they personally know that she has not remarried since the death of her husband, for whose services in the army she claims a pension, and that they have no interest in this claim.*

(Signature of Witness) M. H. Leeper

(Signature of Witness) J. W. Fitzgerald

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 10 day of August, A. D. 1928.

[Seal]

A. M. Pannasour, District Clerk
County Judge Smith County, Texas.

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AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESSES

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

THE STATE OF TEXAS,
County of Smith

Before me, A. M. Pannasour, District Clerk, County Judge of Smith County,
State of Texas, on this day personally appeared _____

_____, who are personally known to me to be creditable citizens, who, being by me duly sworn, on oath state that they personally know the above named applicant for pension, and that they personally know that the said Mrs. Nancy R. Lytle 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 this claim.

(Signature of Witness) M. H. Leeper

(Signature of Witness) J. W. Fitzgerald

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 10 day of August, A. D. 1928.

[Seal]

A. M. Pannasour, District Clerk
County Judge Smith County, Texas

AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESSES

(If possible the two witnesses should have served with the applicant's husband in the army, and if so, let them, or either of them, state it in their oath, also any other information regarding the army service of applicant's husband.)

THE STATE OF TEXAS,
County of Smith

Before me A. M. Ransom, ~~County~~ ^{District Clerk} Judge of Smith County, State of Texas, on this day personally appeared R. W. Roberts and H. J. Rix, 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 her application are correct and true, to the best of their knowledge and belief, and that they have no interest in this claim. And further make oath to the following facts touching the service of applicant's husband in the Confederate Army: (Witnesses must state fully the source of their knowledge of service of applicant's husband)

Second, T. L. Lytle was a member of the Albert Sidney Johnson Camp, 7th S. I. at the time he became a member he furnished sufficient evidence of his service in the Army.

(Signature of Witness) R. W. Roberts
(Signature of Witness) H. J. Rix

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 10 day of August, A. D. 1928.

[Seal.] A. M. Ransom, ~~County~~ ^{District} ~~Clerk~~ ^{Clerk} Smith County, Texas.



CERTIFICATE OF STATE AND COUNTY ASSESSOR

I, H. H. Allen State and County Assessor in the County of Smith State of Texas, do certify that Mrs. Mary R. Lytle 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 No property of any kind Dollars, and, in addition to homestead, of other property, real or personal, or both, of the value of _____ Dollars.

Given under my hand, this 10th day of August, A. D. 1928.
H. H. Allen
State and County Assessor

AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESSES

(If possible the one witness should have served with the applicant's husband in the army, and if so, let him state it in his oath, also any other information regarding the army service of applicant's husband.)

THE STATE OF TEXAS, }
County of _____ }

Before me, _____, County Judge of _____ County,
State of Texas, on this day personally appeared _____

_____, who is personally known to me to be a creditable citizen, who, being by me sworn, on oath states that (he or she) is personally acquainted with the foregoing applicant, and that the facts set forth and statements made in her application are correct and true, to the best of (his or her) knowledge and belief, and that (he or she) has no interest in this claim. And further make oath to the following facts touching the service of applicant's husband in the Confederate Army: (Witness must state fully the source of (his or her) knowledge of service of applicant's husband) _____

(Signature of Witness) _____

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this _____ day of _____, A. D. 19 _____

[Seal]

County Judge _____ County, Texas.





Comptroller's Department
State of Texas
Austin

August 28th, 1928.

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

Dear Sir:-

I have the honor to request the Military
record of T.L.Lytle, _____, who is
reported to have enlisted in Company "D"
Regiment 3rd. Arkansas Infantry, Hood's Brigade.

in service in the Confederate States Army.

Very respectfully,

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A. H. Gerrell

Comptroller of State of Texas.



Mrs. Nancy R. Lytle.

WAR DEPARTMENT

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

BY
ORD.

WASHINGTON Sept. 5, 1928.

Respectfully returned to

Comptroller's Department,
State of Texas,
Austin, Texas.



The records show that Trevalon L. Lytle, also borne as T.L. Lytle, private, Company D, 3rd Regiment Arkansas Infantry, Confederate States Army, enlisted June 20, 1861, at Selma, Arkansas.

Muster Roll for December 31, 1863 to February 29, 1864, shows him, deserted February 22, 1864, supposed to be gone to Arkansas, not borne on subsequent roll, for April 30, 1864 to August 31, 1864.

No later record has been found.

Lutz Wahl
Major General,
The Adjutant General,
By E.H.



WAR DEPARTMENT
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

O.R.D.

WASHINGTON April 25, 1931.

Respectfully returned to

Hon. Brady P. Gentry, County Judge,
Smith County,
Tyler,
Texas.

The records show that Trevalon L. Lytle, private, Company D, 3rd Regiment Arkansas Infantry, Confederate States Army, enlisted June 20, 1861, at Selma, Arkansas and was mustered-in, July 2, 1861, at Lynchburg, Virginia.

Company Muster Roll for June 30, 1863 to August 31, 1863, shows him absent wounded at Gettysburg, July 2, 1863, now at hospital at Richmond, Virginia.

Company Muster Roll for December 31, 1863 to February 29, 1864, shows "Deserted February 22, 1864, supposed to be gone to Arkansas."

His name is not borne on the only subsequent roll on file, for April 30 1864 to August 30, 1864. No later record has been found.

Medical Records show that he was admitted to the Receiving and Wayside Hospital, or General Hospital No. 9, Richmond, Virginia, July 28, 1863, sent to the General Hospital at Petersburg, Virginia, December 14, 1863, and returned to duty, December 30, 1863.

C. H. Bridges
Major General,
The Adjutant General.
By: *E. F.*

TX

September 11, 1928.

Hon. A. M. Ramsour,
District Clerk,
Tyler, Texas.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of August 23rd, enclosing the application for confederate pension of Mrs. Nancy R. Lytle.

You are advised that in reply to a request from this office to the War Department Washington, D. C. for the military record of T. L. Lytle, as a Confederate Soldier, I have the following report:

"The records show that Trevalon L. Lytle, also borne as T. L. Lytle, private, Company D, 3rd Regiment Arkansas Infantry, Confederate States Army, enlisted June 20, 1861, at Selma, Arkansas.

Master roll for December 31, 1863 to February 29, 1864, shows him, deserted February 22, 1864, supposed to be gone to Arkansas, not borne on subsequent roll, for April 30, 1864 to August 31, 1864.

No later record has been found."

On account of this report showing that Mr. Lytle deserted the Confederate States Army on February 22, 1864, the application of Mrs. Nancy R. Lytle must be rejected, under the present pension law of this State.

JHE/E

Yours very truly,

Controller of Public Accounts.

(TX)

SEN, DEPUTY

J. H. WARREN, JUDGE
WALTER RUSSELL,
S. W. DAVIS, CLERK

DISTRICT COURT OF SMITH COUNTY

TYLER, TEXAS

August 23rd, 1928.

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

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing herewith Widow's Application for Confederate pension of Mrs. Nancy R. Lytle who lives in Smith County, and ask that you give same your usual prompt attention.

Thanking you for all past favors and for your careful consideration of this application, I remain,

Yours truly,



District Clerk



P. S. Please address Mrs. Nancy R. Lytle, P. O. Box 463,
Tyler, Texas.

RAMEY, CALHOUN & MARSH
ATTORNEYS AT LAW

T. B. RAMEY, JR.
GALLOWAY CALHOUN
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VERNON ELLISSE
GORDON BRELAPOND

CITIZENS NATIONAL BANK BUILDING
TYLER, TEXAS

August 15th, 1931

Mr. George H. Sheppard,
State Comptroller of Public Accounts,
Austin, Texas.

My dear Mr. Sheppard:-

I am taking the liberty of writing you in the interest of Mrs. Trevlon L. Lytle, of Route #7, Tyler, Texas, one of the oldest and most worthy characters in our entire county.

I have been informed that Mrs. Lytle has made application for a pension under the service record of her deceased husband, Trevlon L. Lytle, and that said application was denied by reason of the fact that the service record showed that on February 22nd, 1864, he deserted and went to his home in Arkansas.

Hon. Brady P. Gentry, County Judge of Smith County, informs me that he secured the service record of Mr. Lytle from the War Department in Washington, which shows that Mr. Lytle enlisted in the very beginning of the war, and that his record from the beginning through the Battle of Gettysburg was one of real service, one that anyone would be proud of. The record shows that he was in the very thick of many battles, and that in the Battle of Gettysburg he was horribly wounded, and was sent to the General Hospital, from which he was not discharged until December 30, 1863.

Judge Gentry also tells me that he has been informed from reliable sources that after the occasion of his going home, following his release from the hospital, (I express it this way, for I can hardly conceive of old man Lytle, whom I knew, and whom everyone loved, honored, and respected, deserting) he returned to the army, and was among those who stacked their guns when Lee surrendered at Appamatox.

Of course, the record does not disclose this fact, but I can imagine in those final days of the war, when the ranks were thin, they did not have time to keep full and adequate records in every case, and this might have been one of the exceptions; and since his record prior to 1864 was so exceptionally good,

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Mr. George H. Sheppard .. #2

and since the Judge has been reliably informed that he returned to the army, and further because of his good citizenship and life without spot or blemish for the great span of years which he lived in this County, I am inclined to feel that he should be given the benefit of any doubt.

At any rate, Mr. Sheppard, I would appreciate it if you will make an investigation of this matter, and then, if this application can consistently be approved, I shall be very happy

Here was a man who was a real soldier -- not a member of the Home Guards -- but one who faced the shot and shell for three years, any how, and spilled his very blood for the Stars and Bars, and I would rejoice if he could be vindicated, and this blot removed from his otherwise stainless name.

It was my pleasure to know Mr. Lytle -- he was a great old man, and a good citizen. He raised a family of fine folks -- the very salt of the earth. He was always considered by everyone as being a Confederate Veteran, and he attended the Confederate Reunions as long as he was able, and I do trust that his widow will be found entitled to a pension.

I am
With kindest personal regards and best wishes,

GC/BB

(TX)

Always your friend

J. Galloway Calhoun.

August 20, 1931.

Hon. Galloway Calhoun, Attorney,
Citizens National Bank Bldg.,
Tyler, Texas.

Dear Sir:

to your letter
Replying of August 15th, in which you advised that Judge Gentry has been informed by reliable sources that after the occasion of Mr. Trevlon L. Lytle's going home, following his release from the hospital, he returned to the army and was among those who stacked their guns when Lee surrendered at Appomattox.

You are advised that if Judge Gentry or Mrs. Lytle can make proof of the service of Mr. Lytle subsequent to the time he is charged with desertion, on February 22, 1864, the application of Mrs. Lytle will be approved.

Yours very truly,

JHE:E.

State Comptroller of Public
Accounts.

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GORDON BRELSPOND

CITIZENS NATIONAL BANK BUILDING
TYLER, TEXAS

Aug. 17th, 1931.

Mr. J. H. Taylor,
Comptroller Dept., Pension Division,
Austin, Texas.

My dear Mr. Taylor:

I have written a letter to Mr. Sheppard with
reference to the application for pension of Mrs. Trevlon Lytle
of our county.

I am sure, however, that you, in reality, handled
this matter and I am therefore taking the liberty of sending
you a copy of my letter to Mr. Sheppard.

I will appreciate anything that can be done for
Mrs. Lytle.

With kindest personal regards and best wishes,
I am

Very truly yours,

(TX)

Galloway Calhoun

GC*N

Thanks

~~Lytle~~
Lytle

The Citizens National Bank

Tyler, Texas

August 15, 1931.

Gus F. Taylor
President

Honorable George Sheppard,
Comptroller of Public Accounts,
Austin, Texas.

Dear Mr. Sheppard:

The Honorable Brady P. Gentry, County Judge of Smith County, has called my attention to the fact that there is some hesitancy on the part of your Department to issue a pension to Mrs. Trevlon L. Lytle, Route 7, Tyler, Texas, widow of the late Trevlon L. Lytle, an ex-Confederate soldier.

I was born and reared in this County and if I live until the 8th day of next month, I will be seventy years old. I have known Mr. Lytle as long as I can remember. If anybody has ever questioned the fact that he was not a loyal Confederate soldier, I have never heard of it. He was a loyal citizen, a high-class man, and a Christian gentleman, and I hope your Department will see to it that his widow, who is sorely in need of it will receive the pension that I believe she richly deserves for the service given the Confederate States by her late husband.

Thanking you in advance for your kind and prompt attention to this matter, and with all good wishes, I remain,

Yours very truly,

Gus F. Taylor

GFT HN..



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I am

With kindest personal regards and best wishes,

Always your friend,

gc/nn

TX

May 25, 1931.

Hon. Brady P. Gentry,
County Judge,
Tyler, Texas.

Dear Mrs. Gentry:

I am in receipt of the application for Confederate pension of Mrs. Trevlon L. Lytle of Route 7, Tyler, Texas.

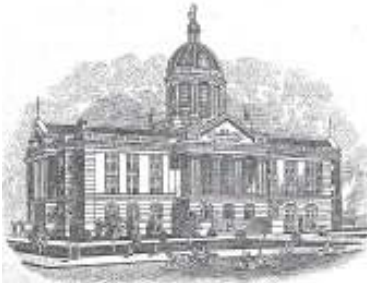
I am sorry to advise that under the law of this State Mrs. Lytle is not eligible for pension under the service record of her deceased husband, Trevlon L. Lytle for the reason the report from the War Department, Washington, D. C. charges him with having deserted the Confederate States Army on February 22, 1864, it being shown by the same report that he was returned to duty from general hospital at Petersburg on December 30, 1863, which shows to have been one month and twenty-three days before he is charged with desertion, and for this reason the application of Mrs. Lytle must be rejected.

Yours very truly,

JHT:E.

State Comptroller of Public
Accounts.





STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF SMITH

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Hon. Geo. H. Sheppard,
Austin, Texas.

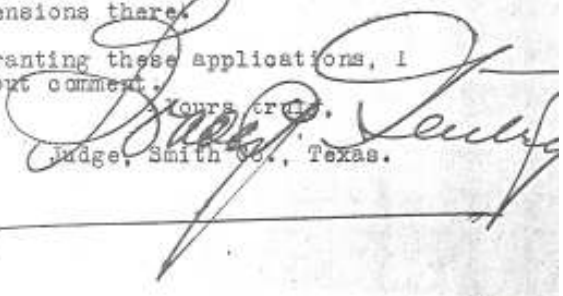
My Dear Sir:

I am enclosing two applications for Pensions. Technically, and by following the plain reading of the law, either or both might be denied. If the spirit of the law can be interpreted, I believe they can, in all fairness and justice, be granted.

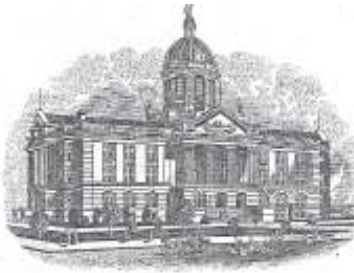
In the Lytle case, can a mere notation "Deserted and supposedly in Arkansas" placed on the record just as this soldier was coming out of a Hospital after six months therein, from wounds received in the Battle of Gettysburg, and who by the very incomplete records of Washington served three years in the Confederacy, should that recital deny to his widow privileges allowed others for practically no service? For your information, I enclose the few notations I took from this old lady, which represent what her husband had told her of his service and if his reputation in this County established through long years right living can be taken for anything, his statements of serving the Confederacy until the war was over are true.

Mr. Duncan, the other applicant, has resided in Smith County for 43 years. Those who saw service with him in South Carolina are drawing pensions there.

If you can favor me by granting these applications, I shall submit all others without comment.

Yours truly,

 J. J. Pierce,
 Judge, Smith Co., Texas.

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Adjutant General,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Kindly give me the Confederate service Record of one
Trevlen L. Lytle, probably enlisted from Monticello, Ark.,
Served under Jackson and Lee, claimed by some of his friends
to have been wounded at Gettysburg and by others to have been
with Lee at the surrender of Appamatox.

5 Received A. G. O. APR 21 1931

Yours very truly,

Brady P. Gentry
Judge, Smith County, Texas.



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Mr. Trevlin L. Lytle -

Lived at Monticello, Ark.
July dead 4 years - 88
years old today - don't know
anybody who served with him -
was with General Wheeler
he surrendered - wounded
at Gettysburg - ~~was there~~
Had been in Jackson's
Brigade

Write Adjutant General Washburn
" Monticello Arkansas

Letter copy to Adjutant
Gen. 4/16/3

Wm. W. Lytle
Super. Rt 7 -
No. 10 Hill -

August 17, 1931.

Hon. Gus. F. Taylor, President,
The Citizens National Bank,
Tyler, Texas.

Dear Mr. Taylor:

Replying to your letter of August 5th, in regard to an application for pension filed by Mrs. Trevlon L. Lytle of Route 7, Tyler, Texas.

In reply to my request to the War Department, Washington, D. C., for the service record of Mr. Trevlon L. Lytle as a Confederate soldier, I have the following report:

"The records show that Trevalon L. Lytle, private, Company D, 3rd Regiment, Arkansas Infantry, Confederate States Army, enlisted June 20, 1861, at Selma, Arkansas and was mustered-in, July 2, 1861, at Lynchburg, Virginia.

Company Muster Roll for June 30, 1863 to August 31, 1863, shows him absent wounded at Gettysburg, July 2, 1863, now at hospital at Richmond, Virginia.

Company Muster Roll for December 31, 1863 to February 29, 1864, shows "Deserted February 22, 1864, supposed to be gone to Arkansas."

His name is not borne on the only subsequent roll on file, for April 30, 1864 to August 30, 1864. No later record has been found.

Medical Records show that he was admitted to the Receiving and Wayside Hospital, or General Hospital No. 9, Richmond, Virginia, July 28, 1863, sent to the General Hospital at Petersburg, Virginia, December 14, 1863, and returned to duty, December 30, 1863."

The above report shows that Mr. Lytle was wounded in August, 1863 and in the hospital at Richmond, Virginia. He was later transferred to the General Hospital at Petersburg

Ion. Gus F. Taylor, Tyler, Texas.

Virginia in December, 1863, and on December 30, 1863 he was returned to duty. The Company Muster Rolls from December, 1863 to February, 1864, shows Mr. Lytle deserted on February 22, 1864.

Unless there is an error in the report from Washington Mr. Lytle would not have been entitled to pension under the law of this State, and neither would his widow be entitled to pension on his record.

I am very sorry to advised that unless it can be shown that the report is error, and that Mr. Lytle rendered service in some military organization of the Confederate States Army subsequent to the time he is charged with desertion, the application of Mrs. Lytle cannot be approved.

It was on the same ground that the application of Mrs. Lytle was rejected on May 23, 1931.

Yours very truly,

JHT:E.

State Comptroller of Public
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