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FORM A. **DEAD**

### Soldier's Application for a Pension

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

Name of Applicant.

*John Blake Smith*

County.

Postoffice

*Tyler RT 5*

Filed

*June 1st 1914*

Approved

*June 1st 1914*

Pension allowed from

*Sept. 1st 1914*

Rejected

Commissioner of Pensions.

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**FORM A**

**For Use of Soldiers Who Are In Indigent Circumstances**

**THE STATE OF TEXAS**

County of Smith.

I, John Blake lo hereby make application to the Commissioner of Pensions for a pension to be granted me under the Act passed by the 53rd 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 Discharged and paroled at Indianapolis, Ind., at close of 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? 82 years of age.
2. Where were you born? Georgia.
3. How long have you resided in Texas? 32 years.
4. In what county do you reside? Smith.
5. How long have you resided in said county, and what is your postoffice address?  
32 years. Tyler, Texas, Route 5.
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? Not able to engage in one. What is your physical condition? Feeble.
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 4 years.
10. What was the letter of your company, number of battalion, regiment or battery?  
Company F, 22nd Regiment Infantry, Ala
11. If transferred from one command to another, give time of transfer, name of command and time of service  
Never transferred.
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?  
Was not.

14. If detailed for special service, under the law of conscription, what was the nature of your service and how long did you serve?  
Was not.

15. What is the assessed value of your home, if you own a home? \$970.00

16. What is the assessed value of your other property? \$260.00

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) John Blake

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 12 day of June, A. D. 1914

[Seal.] County Judge Smith County, Texas.

AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESSES

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

THE STATE OF TEXAS }  
County of Smith.

Before me Jesse F. Odom, County Judge of Smith County,

State of Texas, on this day personally appeared W.S. Bobbs and I.N. Cross, who are personally known to me to be credible citizens, who, being by me duly sworn, on oath state that they personally know

Jno. Blake, the above named applicant for a pension, and that they personally know that the said Jno. Blake 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) W.S. Bobbs

(Signature of Witness) I.N. Cross

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 15th day of June, A. D. 1914

[Seal.] County Judge Smith 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 Smith.

Before me, Jesse F. Odom, County Judge of Smith County,

State of Texas, on this day personally appeared R.S. Comally, 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.)

R.T.Connally states on oath that he is 67 years of age; that he personally knows that John Blake enlisted and served in the military service of the Confederate states; he was a member of Co.F, 22nd Ala. Regiment; that he was wounded at Chickamauga, and saw him while at the hospital in Atlanta, Ga; that he served about four years, and made a good soldier and did not desert.

(Signature of Witness) *R T Connally*

(Signature of Witness)

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this *17* day of *June* A. D. 19*14*

[Seal.]

*James T. Odom*  
County Judge *Odom* County, Texas.

### CERTIFICATE OF STATE AND COUNTY ASSESSOR

I, **H.B. Matthews**, State and County Assessor in the County of **Smith** State of Texas, do certify that **John Blake**, 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 *970<sup>00</sup>* Dollars, and of other property, real or personal, or both of the value of *260<sup>00</sup>* Dollars.

Given under my hand, this **15th** day of **June** A. D. **1914**

*H B Matthews*  
State and County Assessor.



EX-PARTE

John Blake

Applicant for Confederate Pension.

Pending in Smith County, Texas, before the Honorable County Judge of said County.

The Honorable County Judge of Smith County, Texas, will please take notice that, five days after service hereof, applicant herein will apply to the Clerk of the County Court of said County and State for a commission to take the depositions of Wm. Sears and who reside in the County of Alabama in answer to the following interrogatories and such cross-interrogatories as may be propounded by the County Judge of said County, which will be read in evidence upon the hearing of applicant's claim for pension in behalf of applicant; said testimony is material and indispensable to applicant in furnishing the required proof of his claim for a pension under the Act of March 26, 1909, the application for which is now pending before the Honorable County Judge, and the facts necessary and required to be proven under the provisions of said act, applicant believes cannot be proven by any witness residing in the County of Smith and State of Texas, which he is a bona fide resident.

John Blake (Applicant) Attorney for Applicant.

Direct Interrogatories to be Propounded to the Witness

- INT. 1. What is your name? Age? Present place of residence and postoffice address?
INT. 2. Do you personally know, or did you at any time know John Blake who is an applicant for pension under Act of March 26, 1909?
INT. 3. How long had you known the said John Blake and when and where did you first know him?
INT. 4. Do you personally know that the said John Blake enlisted in the service of the Confederacy, and performed the duties of a soldier or a sailor?
INT. 5. Do you personally know in what company and regiment the said John Blake enlisted and served in the Confederate Army? When? Where? And the time of service? If you personally knew and so have stated that he enlisted and served in the Confederate navy, then state: When? Where? And how long he so served?
INT. 6. Do you personally know that John Blake was commissioned as an officer directly by the President of the Confederate States? What was his rank and line of duty?
INT. 7. Do you know further if John Blake was, under the provisions of the conscript law, detailed for any kind of special service in the field, shops, armories, etc., of the Confederacy? What was the nature of his service, and how long did he serve?

CROSS INTERROGATORIES

To be propounded to Wm. Sears



CROSS INTERROGATORY 1. If, in answer to the foregoing direct interrogatories, you have stated that you personally know or did know said John Blake and that you know that he enlisted in the service of the Confederacy and performed the duties of a soldier or sailor, and having named the company and regiment, or special service in which John Blake so enlisted and served, then please state fully what is your source of such knowledge? And state whether or not you know or at any time knew of any other soldier or sailor by the name of John Blake serving in the same company or regiment, or special service in which you say the said John Blake enlisted, if you have stated that said John Blake enlisted and served in the navy of the Confederacy, then state whether or

not you know any other soldier or sailor of the same name as said John Blake

applicant serving in the same command, or the special service to which he was assigned?

If you say that you know other soldiers or sailors of the same name of John Blake

then can you and how do you identify and locate the one from the other or others?

CROSS INT. 2. Are you positively certain that said John Blake is the identical person serving as testified by you?

CROSS INT. 3. Do you know whether or not the said John Blake served honorably from the date of his enlistment until the close of the late Civil War between the States or until he was discharged from said company and regiment, or the special service to which he had been assigned?

CROSS INT. 4. Do you know whether or not the said John Blake deserted his command, or voluntarily abandoned his post of duty or the service during said war?

THE STATE OF TEXAS }  
County of Smith.

I, Jesse F. Odom, County Judge of said County, in said State, do hereby waive copy of interrogatories, notice, time and issuance of commission, and it is hereby agreed that the answers to the hereinabove direct and cross interrogatories of the said herein named witness may be attached hereto.

Jesse F. Odom  
County Judge Smith County, Texas.

John Blake  
(Applicant) Attorney for Applicant.

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*Answers Re*

Application for Confederate Pension

FOR USE OF SOLDIERS OR WIDOWS

Smith County, Texas.

Pending before the County Judge of said County.

EX-PARTE  
John Blake  
Applicant.

INTERROGATORIES propounded to

Jesse Odom

Witnesses.

EX PARTE

IN RE APPLICANT FOR CONFEDERATE PENSION

Under Act March 26, 1909, pending

Applicant for Confederate Pension.

County, Texas, before the Honorable County Judge of said County.

Answers and depositions of (1)

to the accompanying interrogations (2)

propounded to in the above entitled cause taken before (3)

in accordance with the accompanying (7)

To the first interrogatory the said

Witness, answers

Int. #1, Nick T. Leverett, I am 74 years of age, 1907 S 8th St., Waco, Texas.

Int. #2, Yes I have been knowing him since before the war.

Int. #3, I knew him in Alabama when we were boys, he was grown but I was a boy.

Int. #4, Yes I do as a soldier he did, I was along by his side and I know it.

Int. #5, Co. F, 22nd Ala., he enlisted in 1862 I think, don't remember what place, he served until close of war I think, I was wounded in July in 1864 and wasn't in the service anymore, He was first seargent in my company.

Int. #6, He was not commissioned.

Int. #7, he was not.

Cross Int. #1, I was in the same company and regiment with him. I do not know any other man by that name.

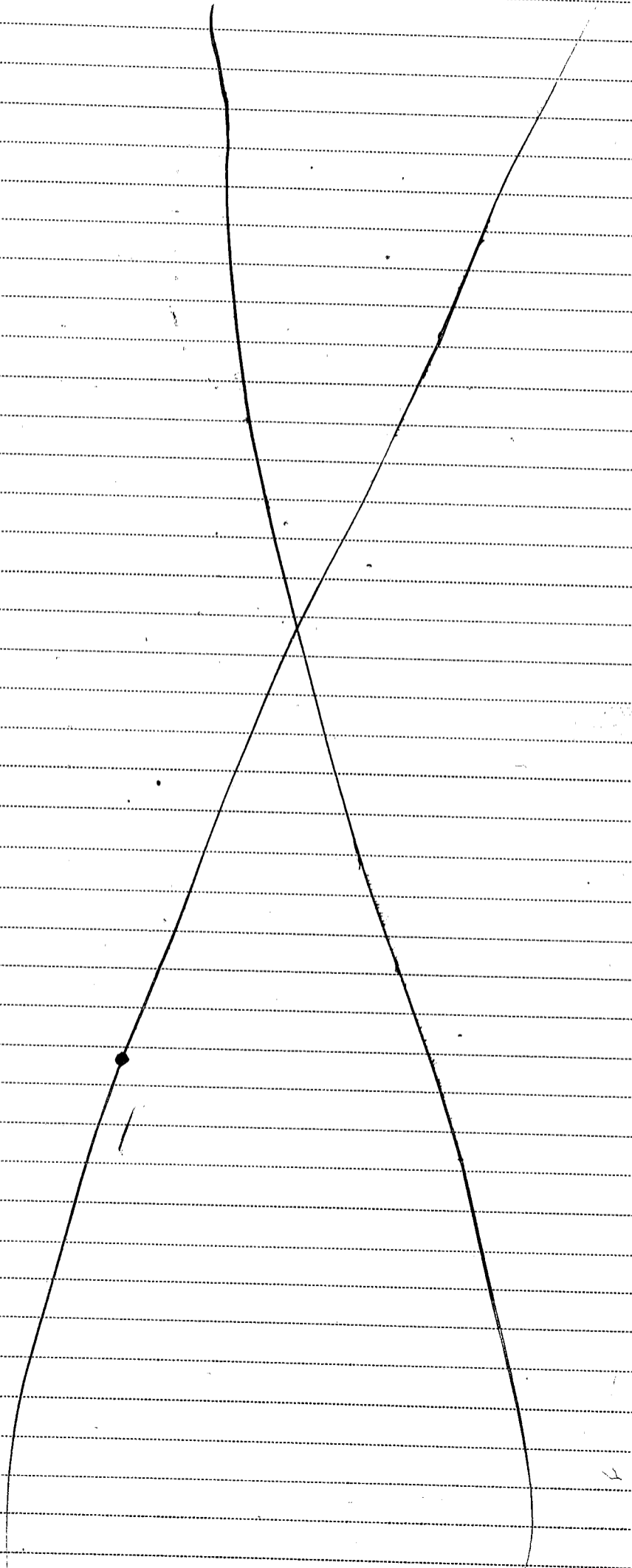
Cross Int. #2, I am sure.

Cross Int. #3, I can't say anything against him.

Cross Int. #4, He did not.

Nick T. Leverett







EX-PARTE

John Blake

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propounded to

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Witnesses.

EX PARTE

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John Blake

Under Act March 26, 1909, pending

in Smith

Applicant for Confederate Pension.

County, Texas, before the Honorable County Judge of said County.

Answers and depositions of (1) Wm. Sears

to the accompanying interrogations (2) and cross-interrogatories propounded to him in the above entitled cause taken before (3) the undersigned in accordance with the accompanying (7) agreement

To the first interrogatory the said Wm. Sears

Witness, answers Wm. H. Sears, 74, Cleburbe Co. Ala. P.O. heflin,

To the 2nd Int., he answers: I do know John Blake,

To the 3rd Int., he answers: I have known him since 61 I Randolph Co Ala. 1861.

To the 4th Int., he answers: I do know that the said John Blake enlisted in the service of the Confederacy, & performed the duties Soldier.

To the 5th Int., he answers: I do personally know the company and Regiment that John Blake served in, Co. F. 22 Ala. Regiment, 62, in Ala. Miss. Tenn. & Ga.

To the 6th Int., he answers: No From 1862 to 1865,

To the 7th Int., he answers: Served as a private Soldier from 1862 to 1865.

To the 1st Cross-Int., he answers: I was with the said John Blake, in said service till he was captured, 1863, I never did know any other by name of John Blake.

To the 2nd Cross-Int., he answers: I know that the said John Blake served and did not desert the service of the Confederacy, till he was Captured.

To the 3rd Cross-Int., he answers: I am positively certain that this John Blake is the one that served in the War, with me.

To the 4th Cross-Int., he answers: I know that the said John Blake did not desert his command or abandon his post during the war.

W H Sears

Sworn to before me this June 13, 1914 (TX)

A Glasgow Judge of Probate Cleburbe Ala

[Lined area for deposition text]

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- (1) Here give the name and residence of each witness.
- (2) Here state "and cross interrogatories," if any.
- (3) Here give the name and official character of the person taking the deposition.
- (4) Here state "respectively," if more than one witness.
- (5) Here state whether "Commission, or agreement," if Commission was waived.

*W. H. Sears*

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 13th day of June, 1914

*I. A. H. Glasgow*  
Judge of Probate Cleburne Co. Ala

THE STATE OF Alabama.  
County of Cleburne

I. A. H. Glasgow, Judge of Probate  
(Here give name and official character of officer before whom taken.)

do hereby certify that Wm. Sears  
and he is ~~are~~ personally known to me to be credible citizens of said  
County and State, and that the foregoing answers of Wm. Sears  
the witness before named, and  
whose name appears signed to the foregoing deposition, were made before  
me and were sworn to and subscribed before me, by said witness (4) Wm. Sears

Given under my hand and official seal, this the 13th day of June, 1914

(L. S.)

*I. A. H. Glasgow*  
Judge of Probate

NOTE.—In Texas, any Clerk of the District Court, any Judge and Clerk of the County Court, or any Notary Public or Justice of the Peace within their respective Counties, are authorized to take depositions. Out of the State and within the United States—any Clerk of a Court of Record having a seal, any Notary Public, or any Commissioner of Deeds of Texas.

*Use this for answers -*

File No. \_\_\_\_\_  
In Smith County, Texas.  
Before the Honorable County Judge of  
said County.

**EX PARTE**

*John Blake*  
Applicant for Confederate Pension

**DEPOSITION**

of Wm. Sears

Witness for Applicant.

Filed \_\_\_\_\_ day  
of \_\_\_\_\_, 1914

By \_\_\_\_\_, Clerk.  
\_\_\_\_\_, Deputy.

Fee for Taking Deposition, \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 11th day of June, 1914  
Geo. M. Denton  
County Judge

THE STATE OF Texas  
County of McCombs

I, Geo. M. Denton  
(Here give name and official character of officer before whom taken.)

County Judge do hereby certify that Nick T. Leveritt  
and \_\_\_\_\_ are personally known to me to be credible citizens of said  
County and State, and that the foregoing answers of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ the witness \_\_\_\_\_ before named, and  
N. T. Leveritt, whose name appears signed to the foregoing deposition, were made before  
me and were sworn to and subscribed before me, by said witness (4)

Given under my hand and official seal, this the 11 day of June, 1914  
(L. S.) Geo. M. Denton  
County Judge

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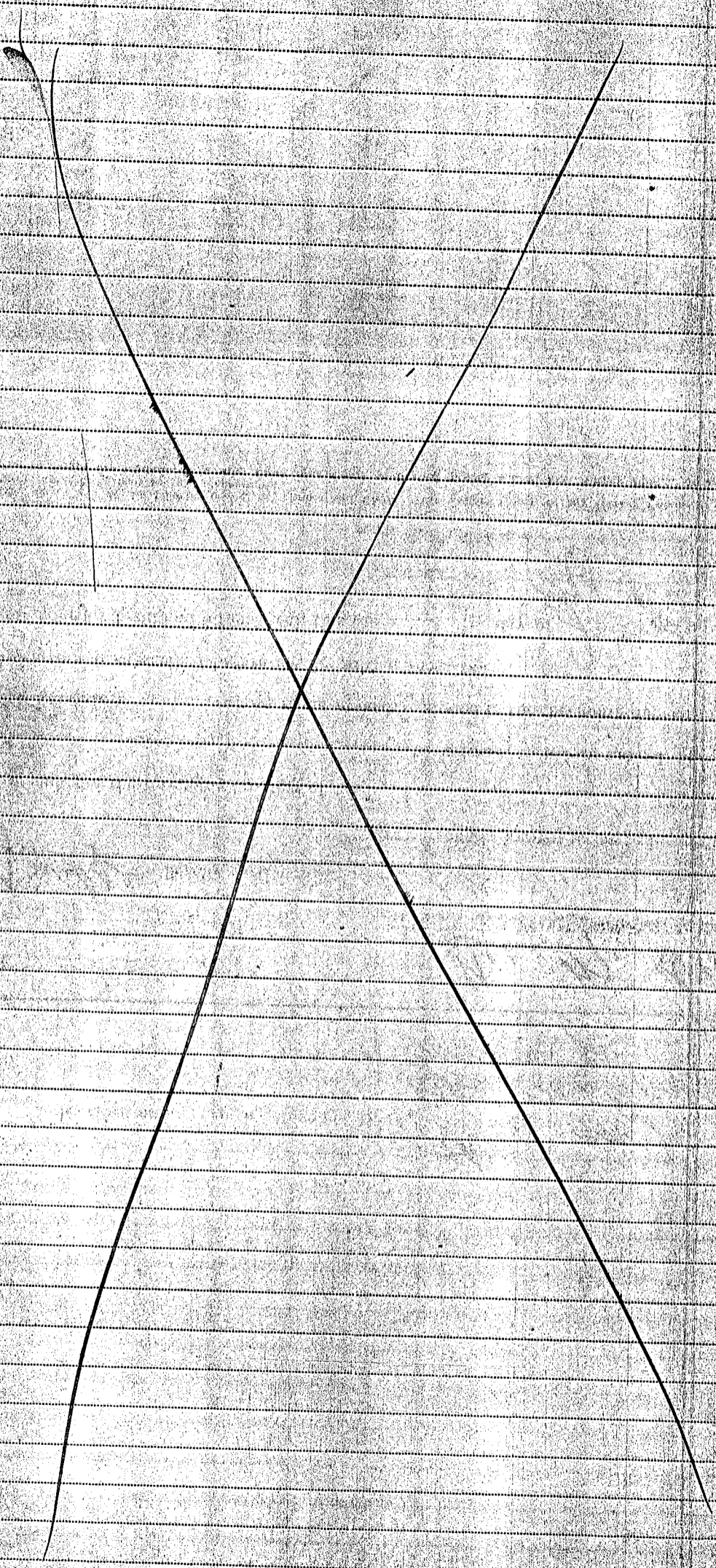
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In Comal County, Texas.  
Before the Honorable County Judge of  
said County.

EX PARTE  
John Block  
Applicant for Confederate Pension

DEPOSITION  
of  
Nick T. Leveritt

Witness \_\_\_\_\_ for Applicant.  
Filed \_\_\_\_\_ day  
of \_\_\_\_\_, 191  
By \_\_\_\_\_, Clerk.  
Deputy.

Fee for Taking Deposition, \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
E. L. STECK, PRINTING, BOOKBINDING, AUSTIN



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MORTUARY WARRANT ACCOUNT

STATE OF TEXAS

Filed Texas, Dec 24 1920

To Mrs. John Blake Dr. Conch.

WRITE ADDRESS PLAINLY Annetta Taylor, Frank 57

Account of Death of Pensioner No. 28082, County Smith

Pensioner's Name in full Mr. John Blake

Account must be itemized, but Mortuary Warrant will not be issued for more than Thirty Dollars.

Collier \$65.00  
Kedzie 20.00  
Shroud 25.00

COMPTROLLER RECEIVED  
JAN 8 1921  
Referred to No.

The above account for Funeral Expenses \$110.00 Dollars is just, due and unpaid.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 24 day of December 1920

Notary Public, Smith, David F. Smith, Texas

28082



Smith  
28082 ✓


Flint, Texas

Dec 21, 1920

Mrs. M. L. Wington

Austin Texas

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed you will find the blank affidavit for Mr. John Blake application no 28082. He died Dec 17, 1920, I rec'd from the state Comptroller some time ago that when Pa died to send for a blank form  & have a Physician fill it out & the state gave \$30.00 for

funeral expenses,  
He was 88 yrs  
old. Let me hear  
from you soon

Your Truly  
(miss) Lou Blake  
Flint, Texas

December  
23, 1920.

Miss Lou Blake,  
Flint, Texas.

Dear Madam:

Complying with your request of  
December 21, I am enclosing mortuary warrant  
application blanks on account of the death  
of Mr. John Blake a Confederate pensioner.

You will please have these  
blanks executed in proper form and return to  
this Department, when a warrant for \$30.00  
will be issued in favor of party filing claim.

Yours very truly,

Comptroller.



YR/mcc

Encl.

THE E. L. STECK CO., AUSTIN

RECEIVED  
JAN 3 1921  
Referred to  
No.

J130-720-1M

APPLICATION FOR MORTUARY WARRANT

STATE OF TEXAS,

County of Smith I, Miss Lou Blake

do hereby certify that I am the person to whom is entrusted the paying of the accounts and indebtedness of the late John Blake, who was a pensioner of the State of Texas, and whole file number is 28082 and whose original county is Smith

The said pensioner John Blake died on the 17 day of Dec, 1920, in the town of Flint County of Smith, Texas.

The pensioner died in the home of (Miss) Lou Blake 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 expenses incurred by the said pensioner.

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 and that my home is in the town of Flint, County of Smith State of Texas, that my postoffice address is Flint, Texas

Signed Miss Lou Blake

Before me, Edward F. Spivey in and for the County of Smith, State of Texas, personally appeared Miss Lou Blake, who being by me duly sworn did certify to, and sign the foregoing statement.

(Seal of Office)

Edward F. Spivey, Exp. Mortuary Public in and for Smith's State, Texas.

CERTIFICATE OF UNDERTAKER.

I, H. G. Blake, do certify that I am undertaker in the town of Whanda, County of Henderson, State of Texas that I had charge of the body of John Blake who died in the town of Flint, County of Smith, State of Texas on the 17 day of Dec, 1920. That said body was prepared for burial by me on the 18 day of Dec, 1920. That said body was buried in the Midway Cemetery, which is located in the County of Smith State of Texas, and that I am of the opinion that warrant herein applied for should be issued to the said Miss Lou Blake who makes the foregoing application.

Signed H. G. Blake Undertaker.

CERTIFICATE OF PHYSICIAN.

I, Joseph M. Dow, do certify that I am a practicing physician, and that I attended John Blake in his last illness, and am of the opinion that his ailments were Senile Decay

(IX)

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-fifth Legislature, and approved March 2, 1917.

Signed J. M. Dow Physician.

Physician's Address Flint Texas