

18382

FORM A

Soldier's Application for Pension

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

~~W. M. Beckwith~~
Name of Applicant.

W. M. Beckwith

Smith County

Postoffice Tyler Texas

Filed Aug. 29th 1909

Approved FEB 28 1910

Pension allowed from

Rejected

Commissioner of Pensions.

VON BOECKMANN-JONES CO., PRINTERS, AUSTIN

J. E. Beckwith

J. A. Beckwith

W. M. Beckwith

See

Springtown Co.

5-14/09

Compliments of
East Texas Genealogical Society
www.rootsweb.com/~txetgs

FORM A

For Use of Soldiers, Who are in Indigent Circumstances

THE STATE OF TEXAS }
 County of - *Smith* }

I, *C. M. Buscett*, do hereby make application to the Commissioner of Pensions for a pension to be granted me under the Act passed by the Thirty-first Legislature of the State of Texas, and approved March 26, A. D. 1909, 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; that I was honorably discharged or surrendered *Paroled in April 1865*

(Give date and cause.)

that I have been a bona fide citizen of this State since prior to January 1, A. D. 1880, 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 in salary or fees one hundred and fifty dollars per annum, nor have I any income from any other employment or other source whatever which amounts to one hundred and fifty dollars per annum, nor do I receive from any source whatever money or other means of support amounting in value to the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars 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; 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? *67 years*
2. Where were you born? *Pickensville South Carolina*
3. How long have you resided in Texas? *39 years*
4. In what county do you reside? *Smith* TX
5. How long have you resided in said county and what is your postoffice address? *37 years*
Lynch 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? *Farmer*
8. In what State was the command in which you served organized? *South Carolina*
9. How long did you serve? Give, if possible, the date of enlistment and discharge. *3 years*
10. What was the letter of your company, number or name of battalion, regiment or battery?
Co K - 2nd South Carolina Rifles
11. If transferred from one command to another, give time of transfer, name of command and time of service.
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?.....

14. If detailed for special service, under the law of conscription, what was the nature of your service and how long did you serve.....

15. Have you transferred to others any property of any kind for the purpose of becoming a beneficiary under this law? no

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

(Signature of Applicant) C. M. Burkett

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 17th day of Aug, A. D. 1909

J. A. Burwood
County Judge Smith County, Texas.

[SEAL.]

AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESSES

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

THE STATE OF TEXAS }
County of Smith

Before me J. A. Burwood, County Judge of Smith County, State of Texas, on this day personally appeared C. M. Burkett

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

C. M. Burkett the above named applicant for a pension, and that they personally know that the said.....

C. M. Burkett has been a bona fide resident citizen of the State of Texas since prior to January 1, A. D. 1880, and that they have no interest in this claim.

(Signature of Witness) F. A. Burkertory

(Signature of Witness) J. A. Phillips

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 24 day of Aug, A. D. 1909

J. A. Burwood
County Judge Smith County, Texas.

[SEAL.]

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 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 this claim, and said applicant's habits are good and free from dishonor. And..... further make oath to the following facts touching the applicant's service in the Confederate Army:

.....
.....
.....
.....
.....
.....
.....
.....
.....
.....
.....
.....
.....
.....
.....
.....
.....
.....
.....
.....
.....
.....

(Signature of Witness)

(Signature of Witness)

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

[SEAL.]



County Judge..... County, Texas.

CERTIFICATE OF THE STATE AND COUNTY ASSESSOR

I, *Mrs L J Jarvis*, State and County Assessor in the County of.....

State of Texas, do certify that *C M Burdett* 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-first Legislature, approved March 26, A. D. 1909, is charged on the land and personal property rolls of said county with estate, real, personal and mixed, at the assessed value of *\$480* dollars.

Given under my hand, this *28th* day of *Aug*, A. D. 19*09*

Mrs L J Jarvis
State and County Assessor.

By Wm H Day
Officer Deputy

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

EX PARTE

C M Burkett

Applicant for Confederate Pension.

The Honorable County Judge of J A Burkett County, Texas, will please take notice that, five days after the 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 J C Burkett and J A Burkett who reside in the County of Grayson in the State of Tex 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 her 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 can not be proven by any witness residing in the County of Smith and State of Texas, of which she is a bona fide resident.

C M Burkett

(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 C M Burkett who is an applicant for pension under Act of March 26, 1909?
- INT. 3. How long had you known the said C M Burkett and when and where did you first know him? TX
- INT. 4. Do you personally know that the said C M Burkett 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 C M Burkett 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 C M Burkett 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 further know if C M Burkett 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 J C Burkett J A Burkett

CROSS INTERROGATORY 1. If, in answer to the foregoing direct interrogatories, you have stated that you personally know or did know said C M Burkett 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 C M Burkett 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 you knew of any other soldier or sailor by the name of C M Burkett serving in the same company or regiment, or special service in which you say the said C M Burkett enlisted, if you have stated that said C M Burkett 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 C M Burkitt applicant serving in the same command, or the special service to which he was assigned?

If you say that you so know other soldiers or sailors of the same name of C M Burkitt 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 C M Burkitt is the identical person serving as testified by you?

Cross INT. 3. Do you know whether or not the said C M Burkitt 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 C M Burkitt deserted his command, or voluntarily abandoned his post of duty or the service during said war?

THE STATE OF TEXAS, }

County of Smith

I, J A Burr, 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 C M Burkitt may be attached hereto.

J A Burr
County Judge Smith County, Texas.
C M Burkitt
(Applicant) Attorney for Applicant.

Application for Confederate Pension.

In Re

FOR USE OF SOLDIERS OR WIDOWS.

Smith County, Texas.

Pending before the County Judge of said County.

EX PARTE

C M Burkitt
Applicant. I

INTERROGATORIES propounded to

Witnesses.

EX PARTE

IN RE APPLICANT FOR CONFEDERATE PENSION

C. M. Burkett

Under Act March 26, 1909, pending

J. M. [Signature]

Applicant for Confederate Pension.

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

Answers and depositions of (1) J. C. Burkett & F. A. Burkett

to the accompanying interrogations (2)

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

in accordance with the accompanying (7)

To the first interrogatory the said

J. C. Burkett & F. A. Burkett

Witness, answers

I am (J. C. Burkett) 67 years old & (F. A. Burkett) am 64 years old.

Post office address R. F. D. - No 2. Vanalstyne Texas.

29 Yes, was well acquainted with him.
30 we have known him all our lives
40 he being an Elder Brother.
41 Yes.

50 Company H. 2nd South Carolina
Rifles. Jenkins Brigade. Fuller
60 division. Longstreet Corps. in
Lee's Army. The latter part on
the year in 1861. in Jonesville in
Anderson County S.C. something
over three years

60 No, he held no office (TX)

7 He was not.

Answers to Cross Interrogatories

10 We served with him F. A. Burkett
15 must with him during the whole
time of service there was no
other soldier by the name of C. M.
Burkett in said Company & Regiment.

20 we know that he is the same
25 to M. Burkett

30 Yes he was discharge by a Parol
at the surrender of Lee's Army

4² A1 did not.

B. C. Burkett
L. A. Burkett

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 27 day of August, 1909

J. J. Devine
Notary Public

THE STATE OF Texas
County of Grayson
Public

I, J. J. Devine a Notary
(Here give name and official character of officer before whom taken.)

do hereby certify that

J. C. Burkett

and F. A. Burkett are personally known to me to be credible citizens of said County and State, and that the foregoing answers of Said J. C. Burkett &

F. A. Burkett the witness is 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)

Given under my hand and official seal, this the 27 day of August, 1909

(L. S.)

J. J. Devine
Notary Public

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.

File No.

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

EX PARTE

C. M. Burkett

Applicant for Confederate Pension

DEPOSITION
of

Witness _____ for Applicant

Filed _____ day

of _____ 190 _____

Clerk. _____

By _____ Deputy.

Fee for Taking Deposition, \$ _____

TX

- (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.



E. A. BOLMES, Commissioner

OFFICE OF
Commissioner of Pensions
 State of Texas
 Austin

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

Dear Sir:

I have the honor to request the military record
 of *C. M. Burkett* who is reported to have enlisted in
 Company *K*, Regiment *2^d South Carolina Rifles*
 in the service of the Confederate States Army.

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

Very respectfully,



E. A. Bolmes

Commissioner of Pensions.

18382

1624989 1910
WAR DEPARTMENT

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

WAR DEPARTMENT, ¹⁶²⁴⁹⁸⁹
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,
WASHINGTON, February 28, 1910.

Respectfully returned to the
Commissioner of Pensions,
State of Texas,
Austin.

The records show that one Charles M. Burkett, a private, Company K, 2d South Carolina Rifles, Confederate States Army, enlisted March 19, 1862. On the company roll for January and February, 1865, the last on file, he is reported absent on 21 days' furlough from February 12, 1865. His name also appears on an undated list of paroled Confederate prisoners of war, not to take up arms against the United States Government until regularly exchanged.

The Adjutant General.

(A.G.O.72-1)

Per *✓*

MORTUARY WARRANT ACCOUNT

STATE OF TEXAS

McWhorter, Texas, *1922*

To *Wm. Lester W*

Dr.

WRITE ADDRESS PLAINLY *McWhorter Dr*

Account of Death of Pensioner No. *18382*, County

Smith

Pensioner's Name in full *Charles M. Smith*

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

1 *Check*

\$85.20



The above account for *Eighty Five* is just, due and unpaid.

Eighty Five

Hill - Dents No

DOLLARS

Sworn to and subscribed before me this *4* day of *Dec*, 192 *2*

Notary Public,

Smith *As. Secy and*
County, *Dec*

18382

APPLICATION FOR MORTUARY WARRANT

STATE OF TEXAS

County of Smith I, Cora Mink

do hereby certify that I am the person to whom is entrusted the paying of the accounts and indebtedness of the late Charley M. Burkitt, who was a pensioner of the State of Texas, and whose file number is 18382 and whose original county is Smith

The said pensioner Charley M. Burkitt died on the 20 day of Sept, 1921, in the town of Whitthouse County of Smith, Texas

The pensioner died in the home of Joe R. Burkitt 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 expenses incurred by the said pensioner Charley M. Burkitt

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 Whitthouse, County of Smith State of Texas, that my postoffice address is Whitthouse Tex

Signed Cora Mink

Before me A Notary public in and for the County of Smith, State of Texas, personally appeared Cora Mink, who being by me duly sworn did certify to, and sign the foregoing statement.

(Seal of Office)

A. S. Langford, Notary public in and for Smith, Texas.

CERTIFICATE OF UNDERTAKER.

I, Notary, do certify that I am undertaker in the town of _____, County of _____, State of _____ that I had charge of the body of _____, who died in the town of _____, County of _____, State of _____ on the _____ day of _____, 192____. That said body was prepared for burial by me on the _____ day of _____, 192____. That said body was buried in the _____ Cemetery, which is located in the County of _____ State of _____, and that I am of the opinion that warrant herein applied for should be issued to the said _____, who makes the foregoing application.

Signed _____ Undertaker.



CERTIFICATE OF PHYSICIAN.

I, Dr. C. H. Willingham, do certify that I am a practicing physician, and that I attended Charley M. Burkitt in his last illness, and am of the opinion that his ailments were jaundice with liver complication

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 C. H. Willingham Physician.

Physician's Address Whitthouse Tex

warrant