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SOLDIER'S APPLICATION FOR A PENSION

The Comptroller of Public Accounts reserves the right to call for additional testimony if he deems it necessary.

Name of Applicant.

J. B. Fletcher Smith County.

R. F. D. or Street No. 236 N. Bond

Postoffice Taylor Texas

Filed March 9 - 1926

Approved May 22 - 1926

Pension allowed from Mar 1 - 1926

Rejected

S. H. Arrick Comptroller of Public Accounts.

THE E. L. STEAK CO., AUSTIN

3-9-26

(If bearing the two affixes above, the applicant in this case is not in receipt of a pension.)

State of Texas

THE STATE OF TEXAS

County of Smith

Also

**Soldier's Application for Confederate Pension**

**THE STATE OF TEXAS**

County of Smith

I, J.B. Fletcher 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 the war I was loyal and true to my duty, and never at any time 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 April 18, 1865 at the close of the war when I was paroled.

(Give date and cause.)

that I have been a bona fide citizen of this State 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 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 \$2000.00; nor do I receive any aid or pension from any other State, or from the United States, or from any other source, and I do further state that the answers given to the following questions are true:

- 1. What is your age? 81
- 2. Where were you born? Princeton, Kentucky
- 3. How long have you resided in Texas? 29 years.
- 4. In what county do you reside? Smith County *and continuously*
- 5. How long have you resided in said county? 10 years / *recently. Have lived here before.* What is your postoffice address?  
Tyler, Texas at 236 West Bow Street.

6. Have you applied for a pension under the Confederate pension law and been rejected? No

If rejected, state when and where

- 7. What is your occupation, if able to engage in one? None What is your physical condition? Poor.
- 8. In what State was the command in which you served organized? Kentucky.
- 9. How long did you serve? 3 years. Give if possible, the date of enlistment and discharge.  
Enlisted April 1862 Paroled at close of war April 18, 1865.

10. What was the letter of your company, number of battalion, regiment or battery? Company "C" of the 8th Kentucky Regiment of Cavalry (13th)

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? Cavalry.

13. What is the assessed value of your home, if you own a home? \$1800.00

14. What is the assessed value of your other property? None.

15. Have you transferred to others any property of any kind for the purpose of becoming 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) J B Fletcher (TX)

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 2nd day of February A. D. 192 6.

Wesley D. Pace  
County Judge Smith County, Texas.

[Seal]

**AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESSES**

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

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

County of Smith

Before me, W. D. Pace County Judge of Smith County,

State of Texas, on this day personally appeared D. R. Pendleton and

S. L. Watts, who are personally known to me to be creditable citi-

zens, who, being by me duly sworn, on oath state that they personally know J. B. Fletcher, the

above named applicant for pension, and that they personally know that the said J. B. Fletcher

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) D. R. Pendleton

(Signature of Witness) S. L. Watts

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 3rd day of February, A. D. 1926.

W. D. Pace

[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 of them, state 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 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 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; (State fully your source of knowledge).....

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(Signature of Witness).....

(Signature of Witness).....

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this..... day of....., A. D. 192.....

[Seal.] County Judge..... County, Texas.


CERTIFICATE OF STATE AND COUNTY ASSESSOR

I, J. L. W. Keel, State and County Assessor in the County of Smith State of Texas, do certify that J. B. Fletcher, 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, and amended by Regular Session Thirty-eighth Legislature, is charged on the tax rolls of said county with a homestead of the value of One thousand Six Hundred Dollars, and of other property, real or personal, or both, of the value of none Dollars.

Given under my hand, this 3rd day of February A. D. 1926.

J. L. W. Keel  
State and County Assessor.



 Social, Literary, Historical and Benevolent  
 United, Confederate, Veterans,  
 (First Flag, Battle Flag, Last flag)

To All who shall see these Presents Greeting  
 Know ye That, reposing special trust and confidence  
 in the patriotism, honor, fidelity and abilities  
 of "Comrade Rev J. B. Fletcher," I hereby in the  
 Name, of the Social, Literary, Historical and Benevolent  
 organization, of United, Confederate Veterans,  
 and by the Authority, vested in me, by the  
 Constitution of said organization, Commission  
 Linn, "Lieut. Col. and Assistant Chaplain,"  
Genl. on the Staff, of Genl. V. Y. Cook, Compt  
of the Trans. Miss. Dept., Of United Confederate  
 Veterans, to rank, as such, from the 15<sup>th</sup> day  
 of Nov, 1920, He is therefore, Carefully, and  
 Diligently, to discharge, the duty of "Assistant Chaplain  
General," by doing and performing, all manner  
 of things pertaining there to, and thereto belonging,  
 and I do strictly charge and require all Officers  
 and all members, of the United Confederate Veterans  
 Camps, under his command, to be obedient  
 to his orders as "Assistant Chaplain, General,"  
 and he is to observe, and follow, such orders,  
 and dictations, from time to time, as he shall  
 receive from me or the future General Commanding

or other Superior officers set over him. According to the rules and articles, laid down in the Constitution and By Laws, governing the United Confederate Veterans, this Commission, to continue in force during the pleasure of the General, Commanding, or until his Successor, shall have been duly elected, appointed or commissioned.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto signed my name, and caused the Seal, of the United Confederate Veterans Association, to be affixed at the City of New Orleans, La, this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and twenty first, and independence of the United States of America, the one hundred and 44<sup>th</sup>.

By the General and Commander in Chief,

Andrew B. Booth, - R. M. Van Zandt,  
Adjutant Gen and chief of staff. - (X) General Commanding

(Seal)

The State of Texas

County of Smith

Before me, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared J.J. Pierce, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to this instrument of writing, and who being by me duly sworn, deposes, and states upon oath as follows, to-wit:

My name is J.J. Pierce and I live at Tyler in Smith County Texas. I am County Commissioner in Smith County Texas. I know Brother J.B. Fletcher, a Baptist Minister and a Confederate Veteran and who is making application for a Confederate Soldier's Pension. I know Brother Fletcher for years and years has been considered a Confederate Soldier. He has constantly attended the reunions of the soldiers and has occupied places of honor and trust in the Confederate Soldier's organizations.

Mr. Fletcher now has certificates which he has framed and hanging in his home as follows, and which I have this day seen: (1) A certificate signed by J.B. Gordon, General Commander and by Geo Moorman, Adjutant and Chief of Staff, showing that the said J.B. Fletcher has been appointed and confirmed as Treasurer of Stonewall Jackson Camp of United Confederate Veterans Camp No. 42; also I have this day seen a certificate, framed, signed by K.M. Van-Zandt, Commander showing that J.B. Fletcher has been duly appointed as Lt Colonel and assistant Chaplain of the Trans-Mississippi Division of said organization. The first mentioned exhibit was signed and dated February 25, 1892, and the second mentioned was signed and dated January 3, 1921. For years and years Mr. Fletcher has taken a very active part in Confederate Veteran's activities.

I know that Mr. Fletcher has been an actual bona-fide resident and inhabitant since before January 1, 1910, and before. For years his friends have insisted that he make application for his pension, but he has derred it until the time that he actually needed it.

J.J. Pierce (TX)

Sworn to and subscribed before me this the 2nd day of February 1926.

Wm D. Pace  
County Judge Smith County Texas.

Mr J. B. Flecher  
Tyler Tex -

Dear Sir

I enclose you herewith  
a letter from my old  
time friend Walter  
W.C. He is getting  
very feeble is about my  
age 85. Write to him  
when you can. I think  
he appreciates it

I pass through your  
town every winter  
going down to see my  
daughter Mrs Ernest  
Kerth at Kellys - Tex  
will try to see you the  
next time I come.




I come that way  
Walter seems to think  
a great deal of you  
and I promised him  
to hunt you up the  
next time I passed  
Tyler

Yours truly

W. B. Kinsolving

Mar 24 28

Dear Carrie  
 Your letter of recent  
 date to hand but  
 have not been able  
 to write have to  
 a point have to  
 out ~~Am - Fiddle~~ can  
 room which have not  
 been out since Christmas  
 I want you after  
 reading to forward  
 to Jim Belle Fletcher  
 Tyler Texas so he can  
 learn fate of three of  
 his near relatives of  
 Asher side Sid Asher  
 Cousin died 8 days ago  
 2 days later his Cousin  
 Mary Asher died  
 This a.m. at 5 o'clock  
 his Cousin Kelly Asher  
 of much detective fame  
 arrived at Princeton fame

a corpse her funeral  
 will be preached this  
 P.M. at that rock  
 church. Her last  
 rest in the Asher cemetery.  
 Am glad to hear  
 of your good health  
 & we have much  
 sickness. Think the  
 deaths to one of both  
 If remember or forget  
 I enclosed you a short  
 clipping of a reminiscence  
 of confederate veteran  
 I read at Jim Pearce Camp  
 with request to return  
 I hope when weather  
 clears up to gain strength  
 to write to write more  
 The Hearse with  
 Nellie Corpse is   
 passing my door for  
 funeral services  
 Walter McChesney

I A I make  
 request to forward  
 this not to save  
 postage only labor

Since taking a  
 rest conclude to say  
 The J B Fletcher I  
 allude to was born  
 and reared in Caldwell  
 county his mother was  
 sister to ~~John~~ Jeff and  
 Alney ~~and~~ ~~and~~ to  
~~brother of~~ ~~her~~ ~~in~~ ~~same~~  
 as I did Asher Fletcher  
 Jim B. also served  
 till end of our war  
 as as I did in to  
 to 1972 by ear and  
 made good soldier  
 over

The Nellie Asher  
alluded to made  
National fame  
as detective

I meant to say  
Fletcher's mother was  
sister to Jeff & Alvin  
Asher but got it mixed  
I do not know in  
what state Nellie  
Asher died she has  
traveled much

(TX)

Later  
 Dearest of Dear friends  
 While after nights  
 rest Will add that  
 Nellie Asher died in  
 Denver Colorado left  
 life policy \$1000.00  
 payable to her mother  
 who had her residence  
 She had her home  
 at Princeton had Casket  
 and dressing changed  
 for new clean ones  
 a large congregation  
 attended. The funeral  
 ceremonies  
 I expect a write  
 up in tomorrow's  
 paper

If so will send  
you clipping which  
after reading request  
you to forward to  
my dear old friend  
and comrade

J B Fletcher

Tyler Tex



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My old friend  
 But solving them  
 me was very anxious  
 for you to learn  
 of fate of your  
 kin folks

I had letter from  
 Carie same date  
 as yours

A short time  
 after Nellie was  
 to rest ward Carie her  
 murderer had been  
 arrested but nothing  
 more heard of the  
 case Walter M.

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March 8, 1925.

Reverend J. B. Fletcher,  
236 West Bow Street,  
Tyler, Texas.

Dear sir:

I am in receipt of your application for a confederate pension, but can not approve same until you have submitted better proof of service than the affidavit of Mr. J. J. Pierce, testifying to those certificates you have framed. These certificates recognize your service but does not render the character of proof necessary to warrant approval of application.

Please have executed and filed with your application the affidavit of witnesses personally knowing of the service rendered by you. On receipt of such an affidavit your application will be given further consideration.

Yours very truly,

COMPTROLLER.

KR:ML



Judge Case will send  
you my letters and would  
be glad if you will send  
all back to me.

Respect yours.

At. Col. J. B. Fletcher  
Adjut Chaplain and

U. S. A.

Tyler Texas,  
Mar 8. H. Tomell. 3-10-1926.

Dear Sir. I am writing  
you a few lines in answer  
to yours of 3-8-1926. in which  
you informed me that you could  
not approve of my application.  
Let me first explain a little,  
you say that my certificate  
is satisfactory as to service  
rendered. As stated I fought  
through the civil war. My  
name is Tom. became a  
Rebel preacher. My the reason  
I was till now. asked for a  
Yamson, which I know was done

me. I haven't been able to work, the last 3 years, <sup>and</sup> make an honest living. Then I had an accident, happen to me, which rendered me totally unable to make a living. The last one with possible one exception, is dead, he did not answer my last letter, so I fear he is dead, but I have several letters from him written some time ago which will prove, that I was in the war with him (Mr Ben Jett & Mr Walter McChesney) I am sending you his letters and, also other letters that I think should be satisfactory, to you or any one else. Mr Jett, lives or did live, and was postmaster at Lovelaceville Ky, there for years, but I can't hear from him. I believe you will do right by me, I was in hopes, that you would, fix it so I could get it the 1st quarter

March 12, 1926.

Rev. J.B.Fletcher.  
236 West Bow Street,  
Tyler, Texas.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your favor of March 10,  
~~inasmuch~~ you state that you are mailing me some  
private correspondence which you failed to enclose  
in your letter.

If you will mail these letters to me they  
will be returned to you after examination and  
they will be given full credit in connection with  
your application for confederate pension.

Yours very truly,

KR/wpm.

COMPTROLLER.





Comptroller's Department  
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 J. B. Fletcher, who is  
reported to have enlisted in Company C  
Regiment 8th  
Kentucky Cavalry

in service in the Confederate States Army.

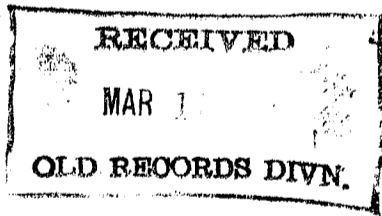
Very respectfully,

*A. H. Purcell*



Comptroller of State of Texas.

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Received A. G. O. MAR 12 1926

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**WAR DEPARTMENT,**  
**THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE.**  
O.R.D. WASHINGTON, March 15, 1926.

Respectfully returned to \_\_\_\_\_  
The Comptroller's Department,  
State of Texas,  
Austin, Texas,

with the information that the name men-  
only roll  
tioned within has not been found on the rolls,  
on file in this Department, of the organization  
to which reference is made, which rolls partly  
covers the period from Sept. 10  
1862, to Dec. 31, 1862,  
and that nothing has been found in the official  
records concerning the service, capture or pa-  
role of a man of that name and organization.  
J.B. Fletcher, Co. C, 8 Ky. Cav., C.S.A.

*Robert C. Davis,*  
*Major General*  
The Adjutant General.  
Per *Ry J. K.*

March 18, 1926.

Rev. J.B.Fletcher,  
236 West Bow Street,  
Tyler, Texas.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of a letter from Judge Pace enclosing correspondence and copy of a Confederate Veteran in support of your application for confederate pension.

I note that while your application claims service in Co. C. 8th. Kentucky Cav, the Confederate Veteran records show that you were in Co. D. 8th Kentucky Cav, but letters from Mr. B.F.Jett state that you were in Co. C. 13th Kentucky, Cav..

Please explain this confusion with reference to company inwhhh you served and if possible return for filing with your application one of Mr. B.F.Jett's letters enclosed in envelope marked with red "X", since you have failed to furnish the affidavit of any witness personally knowing of service rendered by you.

I am returning Confederate Veteran and Jett letters under separate cover today.

Yours very truly,



KR/wpm.

COMPTROLLER.

March 19, 1926.

Rev. J.B.Fletcher.  
236 W. Bow Street.  
Tyler, Texas.

Dear Sir:

I am today in receipt of a report from the office of Adjutant General, War Department, Washington, D.C. on your military record, which report reads as follows:

" The name, J.B.Fletcher has not been found on the only roll on file in this department of Co. C. 8th Ken. Cav. C.S.A which roll covers the period from Sept. 10, 1862 to Dec. 31, 1862 and nothing has been found on the official records concerning the service, capture or parole of a man of that name and organization."

Since this report fails to show your presence with the company in which you claim service from April 1862 to Apr. 1865, during the time covered by report Sept. 10, 1862 to Dec. 31, 1862, I cannot approve your application unless it may be shown by competent and credible witnesses that this report is in error and that you did perform the service claimed by you.

On receipt of affidavits and other proof of your service, your application will be given further consideration.

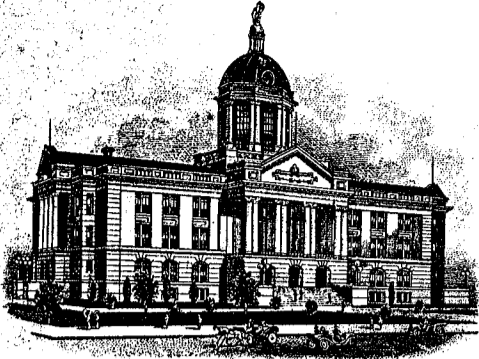
Yours very truly,

KR/wpm.

COMPTROLLER.







J. R. WARREN, DISTRICT JUDGE

C. G. CALHOUN, DISTRICT ATTORNEY

A. M. RAMSOUR, DISTRICT CLERK

WILL D. PACE, COUNTY JUDGE  
E. S. GOENS, COUNTY ATTORNEY  
W. R. HUDNALL, COUNTY CLERK

W. A. STRANGE, SHERIFF  
S. L. WATTS, TAX COLLECTOR  
J. L. W. KEELE, TAX ASSESSOR

MRS. EDNA SHAW, COUNTY TREASURER  
A. P. PRESTWOOD, COUNTY AUDITOR  
D. M. EDWARDS, COUNTY SURVEYOR  
R. S. BOULTER, COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

H. L. CARTER, PRECINCT No. 1  
J. J. MILL, PRECINCT No. 2

A. A. BEAL, PRECINCT No. 3  
JNO. J. PIERCE, PRECINCT No. 4

TYLER, TEXAS,

March 17, 1926.

Hon. S.H. Terrell, Comptroller,

Austin, Texas.

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing herewith some letters which are sent you in support of the claim of Rev J.B. Fletcher, applicant for a Confederate Pension. This case is being held up by you pending additional information and evidence for your department.

I believe that this old gentleman, Rev Fletcher, should have a pension. I know of my own knowledge that he has been considered a Confederate Soldier for years and years. I used to hear him and my grand father talk of the times in the war and when they were in the army.

It seems that all the old comrades are now dead.

yours truly,

*Will D. Pace*



P.S.: Please return the letters etc to  
Mr. Fletcher. *W.D.P.*

I appreciate what you  
have done for me.  
This is the only excuse.  
If the sewing discrepancy  
in the former letter. Q  
was in the confederate  
Army. Your friend

J. B. Shelton

Tracy Texas,  
March 19-1926

Mr. J. B. Trimmell

Dear Sir: I am first  
in receipt of your letter also  
and the the letter you returned  
you asked me to explain. What  
the two companies were  
in the 1st place. When I  
returned, I returned via Tex.  
and went south. to the confederate  
Army. went into camp at  
Davis Texas. we were organized  
under General Lyons. and sent  
on a raid through Tex. stopped  
at Hopkinsville Tex. and captured  
Hartford Tex

We went around through Ky had  
 several battles, passed on through  
 Elizabeth<sup>town</sup> Ky, then went south to the  
 Tennessee river and Swann, the river.  
 Near Bridgeport Alabama, went  
 into camp at Red Hills Ala.  
 and were surrounded by the Federals,  
 all captured except me and a  
 few others. We few swam our  
 horses across the Tennessee river.  
 and made across the country  
 to Tuscaloosa Ala, from there  
 to the end of the war, having  
 no command of my own, temporarily  
 I attached myself to the 8<sup>th</sup><sup>regt</sup>  
 Ky. regt under General  
 Forest. I heard him make  
 his closing address.  
 Mr Tamm this letter explains  
 exactly why my name appeared  
 in the two places, trust this  
 will be satisfactory. (TX)

May 20, 1926

Rev. J. B. Fletcher  
236 Bow St.  
Tyler, Texas

Dear Sir:

Replying to your favor of May 17th:

Again I must express my regrets that you have taken offense at my attitude in considering your application for Confederate pension. I earnestly endeavored to give you every possible consideration and, as previously explained, it is my desire to be just as liberal as the law will permit in considering all applications for Confederate pensions.

My failure to approve your application is due entirely to the fact that your claims of service and the statements of your sole witness are at variance, and neither of these is supported by the original records in Washington. While I might be personally inclined to accept your statements and claims of honorable service, I am not justified in approving application until the contradictory evidence submitted and filed has been corrected. I was not elated over failure to find your name and the name of your Lieutenant with the records of either the 8th or 13th Regiment Kentucky Cavalry, but to the contrary, I regret that neither name is on record, since I sincerely desire to approve your application, if you will submit anything like proof required by law. Contrary to your expressions, my sympathies are with the veterans of the Lost Cause and the principals they so bitterly and stubbornly fought to uphold. I am of Southern birth and parentage.



Rev. Fletcher #2

Judge Pace is very much interested in you behalf and he earnestly insisted upon favorable consideration in your case, lending testimony to your splendid citizenship and the noble work in which you have spent the greater portion of your life.

Believing that you should make further effort to correct existing differences between your statements, the evidence of your witness, Mr. Jett, and the records in Washington, I shall hold correspondence until I hear from you further. Should you insist, personal correspondence submitted will be returned, but your application cannot be withdrawn from the files of this office. Your photograph and other papers have been previously returned, as directed.

Yours very truly,

COMPTROLLER



KR:JHR



Comptroller's Department  
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 J. B. Fletcher, who is  
reported to have enlisted in Company C  
Regiment 13th.

*Kentucky Cavalry*

in service in the Confederate States Army.

Very respectfully,

*S. H. Gurrell*



Comptroller of State of Texas.

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O. R. D. **WAR DEPARTMENT,**  
*W B*  
**THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE.**

WASHINGTON, March 23, 1926.

Respectfully returned to .....  
**The Comptroller's Department,**.....  
State of Texas,.....  
Austin, Texas.....

with the information that the name mentioned within has not been found on the rolls, on file in this Department, of the organization to which reference is made, which rolls partly cover the period from Oct. 1, 1862, to Dec. 31, 1863, and that nothing has been found in the official records concerning the service, capture or parole of a man of that name and organization. **J. B. Fletcher, Co. C, 13 Ky. Cav., C. S. A.**

*Robert C. Davis,*  
*Major General,*  
The Adjutant General.

*W. J. R. H.*

*Vertical text, possibly bleed-through from the reverse side of the page, including the words "RECEIVED" and "OFFICE".*

March 22, 1926.

Rev. J.B.Fletcher.  
236 W. Bow Street.  
Tyler, Texas.

Dear Sir :

Replying to your favor of March 19.

You are advised that since the records in Washington fail to show your service as a confederate soldier, it will be necessary for you to submit some proof other than the affidavit of J J Pearce. This proof should be in the form of affidavits of witnesses personally knowing of the services rendered by you.

On receipt of such affidavit, your application will be given further consideration.

Yours very truly,

KR, wpm

COMPTROLLER.





May 22, 1926

Hon. Will D. Pace  
Attorney at Law  
Tyler, Texas

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your favor of May 20th, enclosing lengthy affidavit of Rev. J. B. Fletcher on his service record as a Confederate soldier, and I take pleasure in advising you that I have today approved the application of Rev. Fletcher, with pension payments to begin for the present quarter.

I will formally notify Rev. Fletcher of approval of his application and, hope that you have made my position clear to him, since he seems to have been offended because his application was not approved earlier.

Yours very truly,



COMPTROLLER

KR:JHR

Levelaceville Ky.  
March, 25th, 1926.

To all whome it may concern.  
I hereby certify that I knew James Bell Fletcher.  
And knew that he was a soldier in the war between the  
States, From 1861 to 1865. and that he was a member of  
Company C. commanded by Capt, John L. Webster. And Lst,  
Lieutenant Walter R. McChesney. And was attached to the  
13th Kentucky Cavalry, Commanded by Colonel Lee Sybert.  
The same all being soldiers in the service of The Confeder-  
ate States of America. From 1861 to 1865.

*Ben F. Jett*  
1st Sergt., Co., C. 13<sup>th</sup> Ky. Cav., C.S.A.



*State of Kentucky,  
County of Gallard*

*I, E.M. Wymann, Notary Public, in and  
for the County and State aforesaid, do  
hereby certify that the foregoing  
statements were sworn to before me  
by Ben F. Jett, personally known to me,  
this the 25th day of March 1926*

*E.M. Wymann  
Notary Public Gallard Co. Ky.  
my term expires Jan 11-1930*

J. B. Fletcher

Tyler Texas,  
March 27-1926

Dear Sir, I have your letter of recent date, saying I had to have the signature of those who saw me in actual service, now as you know Mr. Keel is dead, but we have his letter written to Mr. Kinsolin, asking him to come to see me before he passed through Tyler, he also told who was telling him that I was in 13th Reg. Calvary you can read it your self, you can see by his letter he was very kind at the time he wrote.

I am enclosing Mr Kinsolving  
 letter also Mr McCasney's. I have  
 just recd a letter from Ben F -  
 Jett. I would have written him  
 before but thought he was dead  
 as he did not answer my  
 last letter. I sent you my  
 picture ~~with~~ <sup>taking</sup> while I was a  
 Soldier. I sent you one of  
 Ben Jett's letters you marked with  
 a red cross. I am sending you  
 Mr Jett's letters explaining all  
 I think to your satisfaction.  
 please return all that you dont  
 have to keep. Mr Jett made a  
 little mistake about me serving.  
 all during the war. but after  
 I joined I served to the close  
 of the war. I trust this will  
 all be satisfactory. and I will  
 receive the pension which I should  
 have been getting all along.

respt

J. B. Fletcher

March 27, 1926.

Rev. J.B.Fletcher,  
236 West Bow Street,  
Tyler, Texas.

Dear Sir:

I am today in receipt of a report from the office of the Adjutant General's office, War Department, Washington, D.C., stating that your name has not been found on the rolls of Company C. 15th, Kentucky Cavalry, which rolls cover period from Oct. 1, 1862 to Dec. 31, 1863. A previous report states that your name has not been found on the rolls of Company C. 8th, Kentucky Cavalry, rolls covering period from Sept. 10, 1862 to Dec. 31, 1862.

Since the records fail to disclose your name in the service of either company or regiment in which you claim to have served, it will be necessary now for you to submit the affidavits of witnesses to your service, which affidavits must be made by persons personally knowing of services rendered by you.

On receipt of such affidavits, your application will be given further consideration.

Yours very truly,

KR/wpm.

COMPTROLLER.



March 29, 1926.

Rev. J.B.Fletcher,  
236 W. Bow Street,  
Tyler, Texas.

I am in receipt of your favor of March 27, enclosing affidavit of B.F.Jett and letters in support of your application for confederate pension.

You claim to have served in Company C. 8th, Kentucky Cavalry from April 1862 until April 1865, but the records of that company covering period September 10, 1862 to December 31, 1862, fail to show your name. Mr. Jett makes affidavit to the fact that you served from 1861 to 1865 in the 13th Kentucky Cavalry, but the records on file covering period from October 1st, 1862 to December 31, 1863, fail to show your name in Company C. 13th Regiment.

On account of the records failing to show any service on your part, it will be necessary for you to file additional affidavits of proof of service, and such affidavits must state that if the records fail to disclose your name as a member of Company C. 8th Regiment or Company C. 13th Regiment, Ken. Cav, such records are in error and that you really did serve during the time claimed by you.

On receipt of such affidavits, your application will be given further consideration.

Yours very truly,



KR/wpm.

COMPTROLLER.

Tyler Texas  
 March 31st

Mr T. Small, Dear Sir  
 your letter read this  
 morning, and I must say  
 I was surprised at the  
 contents, for your last let-  
 ter stated that I had to send  
 Messrs who were with me  
 and saw you here in  
 actual service, I did  
 that so please send me  
 every thing I have sent  
 you my application (if it  
 has to be sent back) my  
 picture and all the  
 things I sent you and  
 I will have it fixed  
 and send back to you  
 and send your letters  
 and your letters  
 Mr. Clemons letter back,  
 and J. B. Fletcher

what you last want  
 where the did I send  
 in the war, of 61 to 65-  
 he went & send in  
 that way, my applica-  
 tion how long & applica-  
 tion send

J. B. Fletcher

(TX)

April 1st, 1926.

Rev. J. B. Fletcher,  
236 W. Bow St.,  
Tyler, Texas.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your favor of March 31st.

As you have been advised by my letters of March 27th and March 29th your application for confederate pension has not been approved since the records of Company C, 8th Regiment, Kentucky Cavalry, and Company C, 13th Regiment, Kentucky Cavalry fail to show your name as a member of the company during any part of the time you claim to have served.

The record referred to is a series of original muster roll kept by the First Sergeant of your company covering a good portion of the time you claim to have served. If you were a member of the company or with the company during the time these muster rolls were made up, your name should appear on same, and since your name does not appear on these muster rolls you must show by competent and credible witnesses that these muster rolls are in error and that you were with the company during the time claimed by you.

I am returning the correspondence requested and hope that you will be able to secure the affidavits necessary to warrant me in approving your application.

Yours very truly,

KR/ms

COMPTROLLER.



Tyler Texas.


Mr S. H. Terrell,

April 13<sup>th</sup> 1926.

My dear Sir, I do not know how I am to prove to your satisfaction any further that I did ~~not~~ serve in the Confederate Army. you say that my name could not be found on the roll in Washington of the war department. I am under the impression that several names were not sent there but you can see by Mr Jett's Affidavit and my Lieutenant Mr McCreary that I served to the end of the war you said as my name could not be found there that I would <sup>have to</sup> send you two names who saw me in actual service I sent <sup>to you</sup> Mr Jett's Affidavit and a letter written <sup>to your satisfaction</sup> to Mr Kinsolvin telling him to come to see me as he came through Tyler, going to visit his children at Sulphur and other places in East Texas. he told him I was in the war with him and served to the close. he was 87 years old when he died this letter was written without my knowledge and a year before Mr McCreary died Mr Jett told you that I, he and Mr McCreary all served in the same Company (over)

I sent you my picture taken during the time I was in the war. please return it, as I do not want to part with it, if there is any expense I will send it to you. I am also sending a copy of a chart that hangs in my library which shows you, the rank I hold in the Confederate Veterans. I want to ask you if you believe if such men as these would appoint me to the office I hold if I was not a Confederate Soldier as long as I was able I attended every reunion. my churches would always give me permission to go Mr B F Jett lives at Lovelaceville Ky would be glad if you would write him, he is the one that sent me the Affidavit. I hope this will prove satisfactory. I want nothing but what is right.

very respt

J. B. Fletcher. 

April 16, 1926

Rev. J. B. Fletcher  
236 W. Bow St.  
Tyler, Texas

Dear Sir:

Replying to your favor of April 13th:

As you were advised by my letters of March 29th and April 1st, 1926, your application for Confederate Pension has not been approved on account of the records in Washington (original muster roll of your Co.) failing to show your connection with the Company during the time you claimed to have served. If you were connected with Co. C. 13th Reg. Kentucky Cavalry when these muster rolls were made up, your name should appear on same even though you may have been on ~~some~~ detached duty.

Your witness, Mr. Jett, states that you served from 1861 to 1865 in the 13th Kentucky Cavalry but his affidavit is not sustained by the records in Washington. The fact that you have been recognized by the United Confederate Veteran organization as a Confederate soldier cannot be taken as proof of your service and it must be shown by you that the records are in error and that you did perform the service claimed by you, before your application may be approved.

The letter written by Mr. McChesney to Mr. Kinsolvin was not retained with the records filed by you. Please return this letter, in order that same may be filed with your application.

Yours very truly,

COMPTROLLER

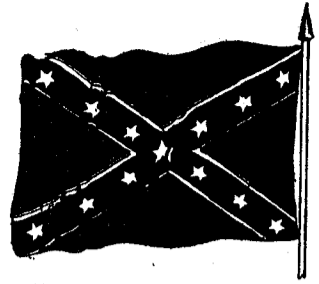
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S. H. TERRELL, COMPTROLLER  
J. M. EDWARDS, CHIEF CLERK

Comptroller's Department  
State of Texas  
Austin



April 16, 1926

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

Dear Sir:

I have your report on the service record of J. B. Fletcher dated March 15th and March 23rd, 1926 and desire further information concerning the records affected.

Please advise the name of Sgt. making out muster rolls of Co. C. 8th Kentucky Cavalry from September 10, 1862, to December 31, 1862.

Also name of Sgt. making out muster rolls of Co. C. 13th Kentucky Cavalry from October 1, 1863 to December 31, 1863.

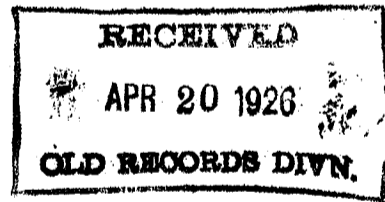
Yours very truly,

8 Received A. G. O. APR 19 1926

*S. H. Terrell* (TX)

COMPTROLLER

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C. R. D.

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

**WAR DEPARTMENT.  
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE.  
WASHINGTON, Apr. 21, 1926.**

*Respectfully returned to*

**Comptroller, State of Texas,  
Austin, Texas.**

The records show that the 1st. Sgt. of Co. C, 8th. Regt. Ky. Cav., C.S.A. present for duty, during the period, Sept. 10, to Dec. 31, 1862, was J.D. Hannah. The records also show that the 1st. sgt. of Co. C, 13th. Regt. Ky. Cav., C.S.A. present for duty during the period, Oct. 1, to Dec. 31, 1863, was John Grigsby. The records on file in this office furnish no information showing by whom the above mentioned rolls may have been been made out.

*Robert C. Davis*

Major General,  
The Adjutant General,

By *Blue*

*1862-1863*

*Received from the Adjutant General's Office, Washington, D. C., on April 21, 1926, for the purpose of making out the rolls of the 8th and 13th Regts. Ky. Cav., C.S.A. for the period Sept. 10, 1862, to Dec. 31, 1863, and Oct. 1, 1863, to Dec. 31, 1863, respectively.*

April 16, 1926

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

Dear Sir:

I have your report on the service record of J. B. Fletcher dated March 15th and March 23rd, 1926 and desire further information concerning the records affected.

Please advise the name of Sgt. making out master rolls of Co. C. 8th Kentucky Cavalry from September 10, 1862, to December 31, 1862.

Also name of Sgt. making out master rolls of Co. C. 13th Kentucky Cavalry from October 1, 1863 to December 31, 1863.

Yours very truly,

(TX)

COMPTROLLER

KR:JHR

Tyler Texas,  
April 17<sup>th</sup> 1926

Mr. S. H. Terrell,

My dear Sir yours of recent date read and I must tell you I am at a loss how to prove to you any father that I was in the war, you said as my name was not found in the War Dept in Washington that I would have to send you names of those who saw me in actual service, now I sent you Mr Jett's letter and Affidavit and a letter of my Lieutenant Mr McChesney written to Mr Kinsolvin, two years ago, and without my knowing he was writing it to him telling I served in the Confederate Army. Mr Jett did not say I served all through the war, he meant the war of 1861, to, 1865; he may not know just how long I did serve my application shows that Mr Jett is a good Christian man is postmaster at Lovelaceville Ky and teacher of the Bible class in the Methodist Sunday school, as you know Mr McChesney died a year ago the 20<sup>th</sup> of May, but his letter tells that I was his comrade in the war. please keep all the letters and things I have sent you as I don't want (over)

them destroyed, you certainly dont  
think we would tell matters about  
me being in the war.

I am in your hands and it  
is up to you to treat me right.  
Very respt

J. B. Fletcher.

I and my wife voted for  
you to be comptroller.

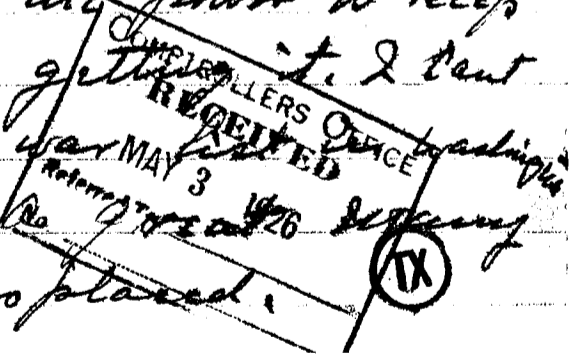




Tyler Texas,

April 30<sup>th</sup>

Mr Terrell, I wrote you two weeks ago and sent you Mr Mc Chesney's letter, as you requested me to, did you get it? I also asked you to return my ~~photo~~ picture. I understand all that is required of a person applying for a pension is to get two who knew I was in the war, I sent you an affidavit from Mr B. F. Jett, and a letter or letters from Mr Walter Mc Chesney Man I was in the war with. I also sent you a copy of a chart showing what I am as a Confederate veteran, it just looks to me like you are not a true Southern Man, and don't want me to have a pension, for I know you know I was in the war, with the proof I have sent you, please keep all of the letters I have written you, and especially, the ones from Mr Jett and Mc Chesney, you can, or have the power to keep me, a man that needs it, from getting it. I don't help my name not being on the war if mine is not there I expect the ~~names~~ names were in some way misplaced.



but I was surely there, slept  
 out in the snow many a night on  
 the frozen ground, with nothing but  
 my war blanket around me. if I  
 was with you I could tell you of  
 many hardships I had to undergo,  
 but I was glad to fight for a  
 cause I loved, but it hurts  
 me to be treated the way you  
 are treating me, an old worn out  
 Soldier

Respt

J. B. Fletcher



236, W. Bow, St Tyler  
 Tex

May 5, 1926

Rev. J. B. Fletcher  
236 W. Bow St.  
Tyler, Texas

Dear Sir:

Replying to your favor of April 30th:

The pension laws of this State require that applicant for Confederate Pension show honorable service and that the claims of service be established by affidavits of at least two credible witnesses personally knowing of the service rendered.

Your application shows that you claim service in Co. C. 8th, Kentucky Cavalry and that you claim service from April 1862 until April 1865. Your only witness makes affidavit to the fact that you were in Co. C. 13th Kentucky Cavalry and that you served from 1861 until 1865. The muster rolls of Co. C. 13th Kentucky Cavalry covering period from October 1, 1862 to December 31, 1863, fail to show your presence with Company. Muster rolls of Company C. 8th, Kentucky Cavalry covering period from September 10, 1862 to December 31, 1862, also fail to show your presence with Company. These muster rolls are the original rolls and if you were connected with some Company at the time the rolls were made up, your name should be shown even though you were on detached duty of some character.

The records you have filed show that you served in one Company and your only witness claims that you served in another Company and the records of the Companies fail to show service in either. Such evidence, you must admit, is not conclusive proof of your service, and the fact that you are considered by other Confederate Veterans as a Confederate Soldier cannot be accepted as proof of your service.

While you have no doubt of your service, I prefer that the records filed with your application show more clearly the fact that you did serve and that your evidence in support of your service record be less conflicting, and until this has been done, I fear I cannot approve your application.



Rev. J. B. Fletcher #2

It is my desire to be just as liberal as possible in these matters and I regret that you have been offended by my failure to approve your application on records submitted. If you will make further effort to clear the records of conflict and show service, I assure you that I will do everything possible toward perfecting application that I may approve same. Therefore, you will please furnish me at your convenience with a detailed statement of your movements from the date of your enlistment until the close of the War, giving dates, when possible, at least approximate dates of each movement made by you. Let this statement show where you were located and your various movements during the period covered from October 1, 1862 to December 31, 1863.

For the purpose of clearing up conflicting statements in the matter of number of Regiment in which you served, I am today requesting further report from the office of the Adjutant General, War Dept., Washington, D. C., showing Company commanded by John L. Webster in which Mr. W. R. McCheeney was Lieutenant.

Upon receipt of this report, you will be promptly notified.

Yours very truly,

COMPTROLLER

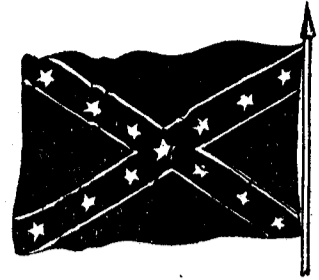
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S. H. TERRELL, COMPTROLLER  
J. M. EDWARDS, CHIEF CLERK

Comptroller's Department  
State of Texas  
Austin



May 5, 1926

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

Sir:

Will you please furnish me at your  
convenience with the following information?

Names of Captains and Lieutenants, Co.  
C. 13th, Kentucky Cavalry, C.S.A.

Names of Colonel commanding 13th,  
Kentucky Cavalry.

Names of Captains and Lieutenants, Co.  
C. 8th, Kentucky Cavalry.

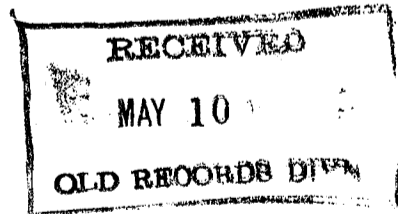
Names of Colonels commanding 8th,  
Kentucky Cavalry.

Yours very truly,

COMPTROLLER

5 Received A. G. O. MAY 8 1926

J. B. Fletcher



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O.R.D.

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

WAR DEPARTMENT.  
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE.  
WASHINGTON, May 11, 1926.

Respectfully returned to

Comptroller, State of Texas,  
Austin, Texas.

The records show that Anderson Hays served as Capt., Lewis Grigsby and John H. Craft as 1st. Lts. and Edward Grigsby and Austin Richey as 2nd. Lts. of Co. C, 13th. Regt. Ky. Cav., C.S.A. of which Regt. Benjamin E. Caudill is shown to have served as Colonel, David J. Caudill as Lt. Col. and John T. Chenoweth as Major.

The records also show that William C. Stevens served as Capt., W.A. Shuck as 1st. Lt., and John A. Middleton and T.C. Ireland as 2nd. Lts. of Co. C, 8th. Regt. Ky. Cav., C.S.A. of which Regt. Roy S. Cluke is shown to have served as Col. Cicero Coleman as Lt. Col. and Robert S. Bullock as Major.

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*Robert C. Davis*  
Major General,  
The Adjutant General,

By *[Signature]*

May 5, 1926.

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

Dir:

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convenience with the following information?

Names of Captains and Lieutenants, Co.  
C. 13th, Kentucky Cavalry, C.S.A.

Names of Colonel commanding 13th,  
Kentucky Cavalry.

Names of Captains and Lieutenants, Co.  
C. 8th, Kentucky Cavalry.

Names of Colonels commanding 8th,  
Kentucky Cavalry.

Yours very truly,

COMPTROLLER

J. B. Fletcher



May 15, 1926

Rev. J. B. Fletcher  
236 Bow St.  
Tyler, Texas

Dear Sir:

Agreeable to my letter of May 5th, I am advising you that I have today received the following report from the office of the Adjutant General, War Dept., Washington, D. C., upon my request of names of officers commanding Company C, 8th, Regiment Kentucky Cav. and Company C, 13th Regiment Kentucky Cav. Also Regimental officers for both of these Regiments.

The records show that Anderson Hays served as Capt., Lewis Grisby and John H. Craft as 1st. Lts, and Edward Grigsby and Austin Richey as 2nd. Lts. of Co. C, 13th. Regt. Ky. Cav., C.S.A. of which Regt. Benjamin B. Caudill is shown to have served as Colonel, David J. Caudill as Lt. Col. and John T. Chenoweth as Major.

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Since this report fails to show the names of any officers you claimed to have served with, or under, while you were enlisted in the service, I have concluded that you must have made error in showing Company and Regiment in which you performed service.

In view of this further conflict between your claims and the records, I cannot approve your application until you have submitted more conclusive proof of your service.

Yours very truly,



KJ:JHR

COMPTROLLER



Tyler Texas.

May 17<sup>th</sup>

Mr. S. H. Terrell. Dear Sir,

your letter read this morning, and as you seemed so elated, over not finding my name or my Aunt's name in Washington, I see that you seem to think me. Mr. Jett. Mr. McChesney, all. Not being truthful men. Mr. McChesney was a true Christian gentleman. So is Mr. Jett. As for myself, I am a Baptist preacher. have held pastorates at Stephenville, Hamilton, Jackboro, and other places, have been pastor here in Tyler of the North Baptist Church, two different times, 24 years ago I was pastor here 3 years, I was then appointed general. Missionary, under the state board, lived at Texarkana, 2 years, Corsicana two years held meetings all over the state, I had a nervous breakdown and had to give that work up, but was pastor of Hamilton Jackboro and Clifton afterwards, I was then called back to Tyler, and was pastor till I had to give up the work not able to preach, <sup>the</sup> beautiful North Church was built, while I was pastor, ask D. J. Latimore, about me, his mother and I was great friends, she living at Dublin, he can tell you of the work I did at Stephenville.

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Tyler Texas.

May 17<sup>th</sup>

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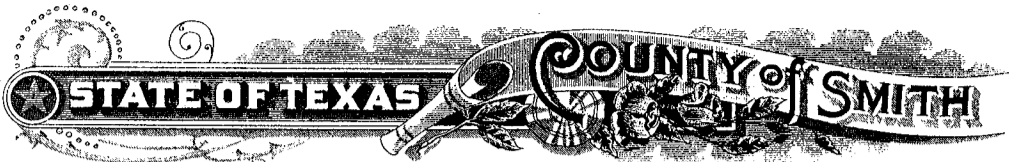
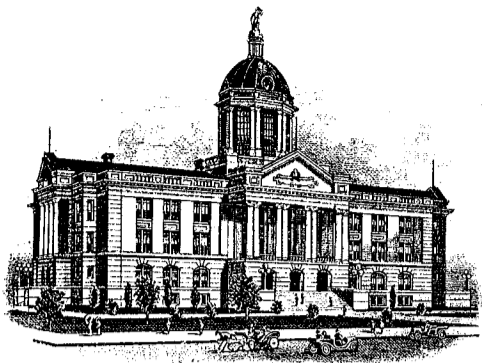
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after I had to quit; preaching My friends  
 persuaded me to run for County Treasurer, I was  
 elected over my opponents over ~~one~~ <sup>one</sup> thousand votes  
 and served Smith County as treasure two years,  
 and could have held it again but my  
 health would not permit me to hold the office  
 again. I am a Knight Templar, have  
 been an Odd fellow. Over since 1869,  
 how you seem to think I am not even a Truthful  
 Man, I understand all that is required of a  
 person apply for a pension, is to get the signa-  
 tures of two who knew you was in the war, I  
 sent you the names, as you requested, it is  
 true my application did not have their names  
 to it as Mr Mc Chesney, was dead, and as Mr  
 Jett had not answered my last letter, I thought  
 perhaps he was dead, so Judge Pace, and Mr  
 Pierce came here <sup>to</sup> my house, I was sick  
 and fixed it up as <sup>they</sup> thought all that was  
 necessary, and sent it to you, but it seems that you  
 have done every thing you can to keep me from  
 getting it. Now I ask you kindly to send me  
 every thing I have sent you, my application Mr  
 Jett's letters, Mr Mc Chesney's letters Mr Jett's  
 Affidavits, my picture, and all letters I have  
 written you, if you have them, you promised me  
 you would do this. Respectfully

J. B. Fletcher

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		R. S. BOULTER, COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT
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J. J. MILL, PRECINCT No. 2	JNO. J. PIERCE, PRECINCT No. 4	

TYLER, TEXAS,  
May 20, 1926.

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

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing herewith a detailed sworn statement of J.B. Fletcher, applicant for Confederate soldier's pension. This is the statement that I talked with you about when I was in Austin some ten days ago.

Mr. Fletcher is over 80 years of age, and has given many details, and I feel certain that if you will get a report on all the leads, or angles that he give from his statement that it will be easily shown that he actually served in the Confederate army.

I personally feel that he is highly deserving, that he did serve, and I recommend that his application be approved if at all possible.

yours truly,

*W. A. Pace*



The State of Texas

County of Smith Before me, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared J.B. Fletcher, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the following article, and who being by me duly sworn, deposes, and states upon his oath as follows, to-wit:

My name is J.B. Fletcher. I am 61 years of age. I now reside at 236 West Bow Street, Tyler Smith County Texas. I have lived in Texas since 1867. I am a Confederate soldier. I am making this statement in connection with my application for a Confederate Soldier's pension, and this is to be made a part of said application.

I entered into the Confederate service, the army, Cavalry, at Princeton Kentucky in Caldwell County in April of 1862 as best I remember. Colonel Lee Cypert was raising the regiment, and I entered as a part of that regiment. It was known as the 13th Kentucky Mounted Infantry. My Captain was John L. Webster of Texas. As soon as we were fully organized we crossed the Tennessee River and went into camp at Spring Hill, Tennessee. At Spring Hill, Tennessee we elected our officers. John L. Webster was my Captain, and W.R. McChesney was first Lieutenant, and T.M. Brown was a lieutenant, as a man by the name of Gist was also a lieutenant. Ben Franklin Jett was a member of our regiment.

At this time General Buell was coming south with his troops, and our command got orders from General ~~Harriam~~ N.B. Forrest to cross the Tennessee river and the Cumberland River and to cut the railroad between Louisville and Nashville. (When our regiment had been completed another regiment was formed and the two were placed together under General H.B. Lyon and it was then known as Lyon's Brigade. We did what we were ordered to do. We had a fight at Cumberland City on the Cumberland River and captured three steamboats. One of these boats was named the "Thomas E Tatt". We had a small fight or skirmish at Eddyville, Kentucky on the Cumberland River. Again we had a fight at Madisonville, Kentucky. Also we had a fight at Litchfield, Kentucky. At Litchfield, Kentucky we captured a bunch of what I call home guards. These home guards had as prisoners a bunch of Yankee soldiers who had deserted the army. We captured all of them. We then had a fight at Elisabethtown, Kentucky. We returned to the Tennessee River and crossed at Bridgeport. At this time I was orderly for Colonel Lee Cypert. At this point I was ordered by my Colonel to go on a foraging expedition, or detached service for him. I was sent for something to eat for me and my Colonel. I went. The Tennessee River was before



us and the Yankee troops were behind us. Our troops were then in the process of crossing the river. I went back on the foraging expedition as I was ordered.

The troops, our troops, crossed and went into camp at a place called Red Hills, Alabama. I returned and was not able to cross the river, as I was late and the means of crossing was not at hand. In the meantime my command was captured at Red Hills and made prisoners/ for the most part. I was not able to cross and I then met up with a band of Confederate souldiers mounted and called "Black Gairrillas" under the command of Captain Bennett Childs. I joined in with them. I learned at once that this was a band of unorganized men, as they executed several Yankees that day. We engaged in a fight at Cannimore Cove that next day, and we killed and captured that bunch of men, which was headquarters for some of the Yankees there in the mountain. I was with this bunch for a short time, and I finally decided that this was an organized gang of men out for killing outright all Yankees that came along, and in a few days I was sent on a detail by the captain and I never returned to the gang. I went to the Tennessee River and with the help of a negro got a small raft and crossed over at night. I mady inquiry on the other side of the river and learned that the closest Confederate Command was at Tuscaloosa Alabama about a hundred miles away. I set out at once for Tuscaloosa and I attached myself to that bunch of men there. I found that that bunch of men was composed of the remnants of several regiments, or commands. I attached myself to the 8th Kentucky regiment which was there at Tuscaloosa. That was near the close of the war about three years after I had entered. The 8th Kentucky was Cavalry. As I remember there was a remnant of the 4th Alabama there at Tuscaloosa also. There was also a bunch of the 9th Missouri under Colonel McClough. My bunch, the 8th Kentucky, went into Mississippi on a raiding or foraging expedition, collecting guns etc, and we went into camp atba place called Artesia, Mississippi. There we got word of the surrender. We remained there for a short while and General Forrest came to us in a few days and read the order of surrender. We went as a bunch of men into West Tennessee and from there to Paducah, Kentucky where we were paroled.

I never at anyntime deserted the Confederate service and ~~was~~ honorably discharged or paroled and I rendered the service the Confederacy as outlined.

Dated at Tyler, Smith County Texas this the 20th day of May 1926.

J. B. Fletcher (TX)

Swern to and subscribed before me this the 20th day of May 1926.

W. D. Pace  
County Judge of Smith County Texas.

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APPLICATION FOR MORTUARY WARRANT

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

County of Smith

I, Mrs. James B. (J.B.) Fletcher

do hereby certify that I am the person to whom is entrusted the paying of the accounts and indebtedness of the late J.B. Fletcher, who was a pensioner of the State of Texas, and whose file number was 42101 and whose original county was Smith

The said pensioner J.B. Fletcher, died on the 7th day of October, 1927, in the town of Tyler

County of Smith, Texas.

The pensioner died in the home of himself and mine who was related to the pensioner as wife

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 J.B. Fletcher

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) wife that my postoffice address is West Bow

Tyler

Street or R. F. D.

Texas.

City

Signed Mrs. J. B. Fletcher

Sworn to before me this 22nd day of October A D, 1927.

W. D. Pace

County Judge of Smith County Texas.

Notary Public in and for

State of Texas

CERTIFICATE OF UNDERTAKER

I, J. J. Daniel, do certify that I am undertaker in the town of Tyler, County of Smith, State of Texas, that I had charge of the body of James B. Fletcher, who died in the town of Tyler, County of Smith, State of Texas on the 7th day of Oct 1927. That said body was prepared for burial by me on the 7th day of Oct 1927, and that I am of the opinion that warrant herein applied for should be issued to the said Mrs. J. B. Fletcher (Wife) who makes the foregoing application.

Signed J. J. Daniel

Undertaker.

CERTIFICATE OF PHYSICIAN

I, E. D. Rice M.D. do certify that I am a practicing physician, and that I attended James B. Fletcher in his last illness, and am of the opinion that his ailments were Paralysis.



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. D. Rice

Physician's Address Tyler Texas

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

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APPLICATION FOR MORTUARY WARRANT

THE STATE OF TEXAS

County of *Smith*

I, *James H. (J.H.) Fletcher*

do hereby certify that I am the person to whom is entrusted the paying of the accounts and indebtedness of the late *J.H. Fletcher* and whose original county was *Smith* and who died on the *10th* day of *October* 192*7* in the town of *Taylor*, Texas.

The pensioner died in the home of *James H. Fletcher* in the town of *Taylor*, Texas. The pensioner was related to the pensioner as *brother*.

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. 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 *brother*. My postoffice address is *Taylor, Texas*.

Signed before me this *10th* day of *October* 192*7*.  
Notary Public in and for the State of Texas.  
*James H. Fletcher*  
County of *Smith*, State of *Texas*.

CERTIFICATE OF UNDERTAKER

I do certify that I am undertaker in the town of *Taylor*, County of *Smith*, State of *Texas*, and that I had charge of the body of *James H. Fletcher* who died in the town of *Taylor*, County of *Smith*, State of *Texas*, on the *10th* day of *October* 192*7*. That said body was prepared for burial by me on the *10th* day of *October* 192*7*, and that I am of the opinion that warrant herein applied for should be issued to the said *James H. Fletcher* who makes the foregoing application.  
Signed *James H. Fletcher*  
Undertaker

CERTIFICATE OF PHYSICIAN

I do certify that I am a practicing physician, and that I attended *James H. Fletcher* in his last illness, and am of the opinion that his ailments were *terminal*.

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 *James H. Fletcher*  
Physician's Address *Taylor, Texas*

