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UNIVERSITY MICROFILMS INTERNATIONAL

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FORM A.

**SOLDIER'S APPLICATION FOR PENSION**

*1-7-39-22nd*

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

Name of Applicant:

*H. A. Lanier*

*Smith* County.

Postoffice

*Flinth*

Filed

*April 2-1925*

Approved

*July 1-1920*

Pension allowed from

*June 1-1920*

Rejected

*J. H. Perrell*

Commissioner of Pensions.

THE U. S. STEEL CO., AUSTIN

*4-8-25*

County Judge of Smith County Texas.  
*Handwritten signature*  
... at Tyler in Smith County  
... be so considered and is so consider  
... state and county.  
... are entitled to be  
... resident citizens of  
... more than six months,  
... county Texas, do here-

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East Texas Genealogical Society  
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## For Use of Soldiers Who are in Indigent Circumstances

### THE STATE OF TEXAS

County of Smith }

I, W.D. Lanier do hereby make application to the Commissioner of Pensions for a pension to be granted me under the Act passed by the Thirty-third Legislature of the State of Texas, and approved April 7, 1913, on the following grounds:

I enlisted and served in the military service of the Confederate States during the war between the States of the United States and that I did not desert the Confederate service, but during said war I was loyal and true to my duty, and never at any time voluntarily abandoned my post of duty in the said service; or (that I was in the service of the State of Texas during the war, to protect said State against the Indians and Mexicans for more than 6 months). That I was honorably discharged or surrendered

~~At the surrender I was discharged from the 37th Tennessee Regiment, Company~~

~~"E". This company was an Alabama Company, but was attached to Tennessee Company because Alabama was not able to equip it etc.~~

that I have been a bona fide citizen of this State since prior to January 1, A. D. 1900, and have been continuously since a citizen of the State of Texas. I do further state that I do not hold any National, State, city or county office which pays me a salary or fees of \$300.00 per annum, nor have I an income from any other employment or other source which amounts to \$300.00 per annum, nor do I receive from any source whatever money or other means of support amounting in value to the sum of \$300.00 per annum, nor do I own in my own right, nor does any one hold in trust for my benefit or use, nor does my wife own, nor does any one hold in trust for my wife, estate or property, either real, personal or mixed, either in fee or for life, of the assessed value of over one thousand dollars, exclusive of a home of the value of not more than \$1,000.00; nor do I receive any aid or pension from any other State, or from the United States, or from any other source, and that I am not an inmate of the Confederate Home, and I do further state that the answers given to the following questions are true:

1. What is your age? 85 years
2. Where were you born? Madison County Alabama.
3. How long have you resided in Texas? twenty-six years.
4. In what county do you reside? Smith County Texas.
5. How long have you resided in said county, and what is your postoffice address? Twenty-six Years in Smith County Texas. My post office address is now at Flint, Texas.

6. Have you applied for a pension under the Confederate pension law and been rejected? If rejected, state when and where. Yes. I applied about eight or ten years ago. Also about two

years ago, and was rejected because I had not been here long enough. poor

7. What is your occupation, if able to engage in one? None What is your physical condition? above

8. In what State was the command in which you served organized? In Alabama, but see

9. How long did you serve? Give, if possible, the date of enlistment and discharge. four years

10. What was the letter of your company, number of battalion, regiment or battery? See above

Company E 37th Tennessee Regiment.

11. If transferred from one command to another, give time of transfer, name of command and time of service Never was transferred at all. See above.

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

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13. If commissioned direct by the President, what was your rank and line of duty?.....  
 ..... Was not commissioned. Was a private.
14. If detailed for special service, under the law of conscription, what was the nature of your service and how long did you serve? Not detailed.
15. What is the assessed value of your home, if you own a home? \$300.00
16. What is the assessed value of your other property? None
17. Have you transferred to others any property of any kind for the purpose of becoming a beneficiary under this law? No

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

(Signature of Applicant) W. D. Lamer

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 6th day of April A. D. 1925.

H. C. Carter Notary Public

[Seal.] County Judge Smith County, Texas.

**AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESSES**

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

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

County of Smith

Before me H. C. Carter Notary Public, County Judge of Smith County,

State of Texas, on this day personally appeared W. D. Lamer & S. P. Lamer

known to me to be creditable citizens, who, being, by me duly sworn, on oath state that they personally know W. D. Lamer, the above named applicant for a pension, and that they personally know that the said W. D. Lamer 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. N. Baker

(Signature of Witness) S. P. Lamer

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 7 day of April A. D. 1925

H. C. Carter Notary Public

[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 \_\_\_\_\_

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  
in his application are correct  
interest in his claim, and said                      final  
make oath to the following facts touching the                      er  
your source of knowledge.)                      lly

The State of Texas  
County of Smith                      W.D. Lanier being sworn states upon oath that all the  
facts outlined herein are true and correct; that the attached paper was sent  
him by his captain; that the paper shows that Richard Lanier is now living in  
Texas and that Clem Lanier, brother of applicant is dead; that Clem Lanier is  
brother of applicant and that Richard Lanier is the Cousin of applicant; that  
the statement is error in that it should show Richard Lanier dead and that  
your applicant is living.

W.D. Lanier

Sworn to and subscribed before me this the 8th day of April 1925.

W.D. Pace

~~Notary Public~~ County Judge Smith  
County Texas.

(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. Keele, State and County Assessor in the County of Smith  
State of Texas, do certify that W. D. Lanier, 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 Five Hundred Seventy & no/100 Dollars,  
and of other property, real or personal, or both, of the value of None  
Dollars.

Given under my hand, this 8th day of April, A. D. 1925

J. L. W. Keele  
State and County Assessor.  
by Edw May 20 Dep.



STATE OF ALABAMA,  
MADISON COUNTY.

Woodville, Ala., RI#-76a.  
June 24, 1925.

Before me, J. S. Milliner, Notary Public in and for said  
Madison, Co. State of Ala., Came A. J. Cooper of New-Hope, Ala. who being  
duly sworn repositeth and sayeth, " That Heoknew W. D. (Dick) Lanier as being  
a Confederate Soldier.

"I served in the Army with him in the 57th. Tenn. Reg.

Under Capt. Thomas Owen, also Capt. Jno. B. Grason and Capt. Jno. Drake. "

"I served thru the whole War and knew Dick Lanier-

before the War and still know him, (W. D. (Dick) Lanier.

Seal

Given under my hand this 24th day-  
June, One thousand, Nine hundred and-  
Twenty-five.

\* J. S. Cooper

William

J. S. Milliner

Notary Public

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Tyler, Texas.

June 22, 1925.

I hereby certify that I was borned January 17th, 1852 at Owens Cross Roads, Alabama, and moved to Texas during 1895. My home is now at Rainbow, Somervell County, Texas.

I have known W.D. Lanier ever since I can remember, and I know he was in the Confederate Army. It was common knowledge around in Alabama with all the older folks. He joined the Company that was under Capt. Owens, and I understood that later the Company was under the command of Capt. Grayson. My Father and two Uncles were in the same Company with him. One of my Uncles Harvey M. Layne was Lieutenant of the Company.

I recall seeing W.D. Lanier drill with the Company at Owens Cross Roads. This was at a barbacue given to the soldiers just before they went away.

I knew several of the men that were in the Company with him and have heard them speak of him a lot of times, about their service in the Confederate Army.

He is now living at Flint, Smith County, Texas.

R. C. Layne

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of June 1925

G. L. Walburn

Notary Public in and for Smith  
County, Texas.



Tyler, Texas.  
June 22, 1925.

I hereby certify that I was borned Nov. 4th, 1849 near Owens Cross Roads, Alabama, and moved to Texas during 1901.

I remember seeing W.D. Lanier drilling with the Confederate soldiers at Owens Cross Roads just a few days before they left. They were under the command of Captain Owens. I have been knowing W.D. Lanier all my life and I know he was in the Confederate Army. My father was also in the same Company with him. It was common knowledge that he was in the army and I knew a lot of the men that were in the same Company with him.

J. P. Lanier

Subscribe and sworn to befor me this the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of June 1925.

G. L. Walburn  
Notary Public in and for Smith  
County, Texas.



May 1, 1925

Hon. Will D. Pace,  
County Judge,  
Tyler, Texas.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your favor of recent date.

You are advised that I am accepting the statement of W. D. Lanier, that he is not the person reported to be dead on printed muster roll of his Company, submitted with his application for a pension. His application, however, cannot be approved until he has submitted some further proof of his service.

The printed muster roll of his Company carries names of a number of his comrades who are still living. He should be able to secure evidence of at least one of these witnesses, showing his service as claimed by him. He should at least make an effort to obtain the evidence of some of these parties.

Awaiting submission of further proof of service before approving application, I am,

Yours very truly,



KR:MJB

COMPTROLLER.



April 13, 1925

Mr. W. D. Lanier,  
Flint, Smith County, Texas.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your application for a Confederate pension, but cannot approve same on account of insufficient proof of service. The printed muster roll of your Company is not sufficient proof that you rendered honorable service to the Confederacy.

Since you have a brother located in Texas, who was in the same Company with you, you should procure his affidavit setting out in detail service rendered by you, and clearing up the confusion over your reported death.

On receipt of your brother's affidavit setting out in detail his knowledge of your service, and such other additional proof of service as you may desire to offer, your application will be taken up for further consideration.

Yours very truly,

KR:MJB

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SPECIAL ATTENTION TO CREDIT TRADE

FLINT, TEXAS

June 26, 1925.

Application for Confederate  
Pension, by W.D. Lanier.

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

Dear Sir:

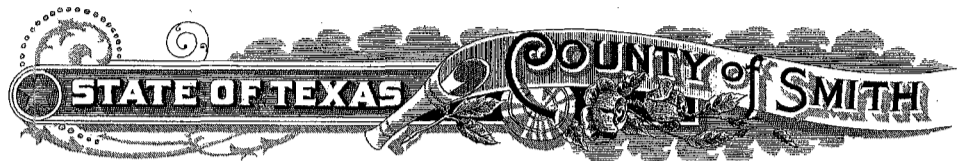
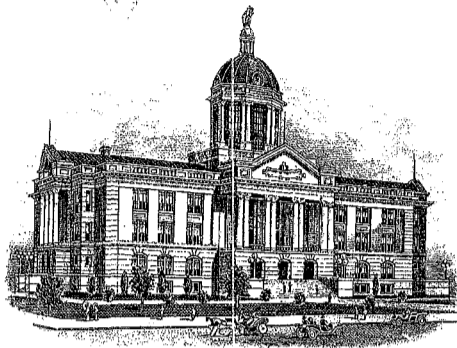
Herewith some additional information about the service of  
W.D. Lanier in the Confederate Army, as per your letter of April 13th.  
to W.D. Lanier. This in line as per my personal conversation with Mr.  
Robinson a few days ago.

Hoping that you will give the application further consideration  
and advise if any thing more that we should do to get the pension. *through.*

Yours truly,

L. P. Craft





J. R. WARREN, DISTRICT JUDGE	C. G. CALHOUN, DISTRICT ATTORNEY	A. M. RAMSOUR, DISTRICT CLERK
WILL D. PACE, COUNTY JUDGE	W. A. STRANGE, SHERIFF	MRS. EDNA TERRY, COUNTY TREASURER
E. S. GOENS, COUNTY ATTORNEY	S. L. WATTS, TAX COLLECTOR	A. P. PRESTWOOD, COUNTY AUDITOR
W. R. HUDNALL, COUNTY CLERK	J. L. W. KEELE, TAX ASSESSOR	D. M. EDWARDS, COUNTY SURVEYOR
		R. S. BOULTER, COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS		
H. L. CARTER, PRECINCT No. 1	A. A. BEAL, PRECINCT No. 3	
J. J. MILL, PRECINCT No. 2	JNO. J. PIERCE, PRECINCT No. 4	

TYLER, TEXAS,  
April 17, 1925.

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

Dear Sir:

I am writing you in the interest of the application made by W.D. Lanier a few days since for a confederate pension. I have before me, in the presence of this old gentleman, your letter of April 13th. In this letter you have called attention some inaccuracies, supposedly, in his application.

Mr. W.D. Lanier, applicant, stated that he was very much alive, and you will recall that the printed roster issued by his former captain showed that he was dead. The printed roster should have shown that his brother, Clem Lanier was dead. I am informed that Clem Lanier was killed in the battle of Murfreesboro, Tennessee. Richard Lanier was captured and die at Ft. Delaware in prison. The captain's report is inaccurate in that it shows applicant to be dead and applicant's brother living in Texas. Applicant really is the party living in Texas. According to his idea he is the only living member of his company, letter and designation of which is made in his application.

Can you suggest some way that he will be able to satisfactorily show, by competent proof, that he is the living man and that he is in fact a confederate veteran?

I personally feel that he is making a correct statement of his case. None of the Lanier's who were in the company with him are now living, as explained. He has been living here in Smith County for a long time.

yours truly,

*Will D. Pace*



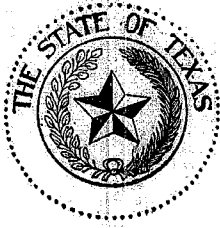
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Woodville Alabama Jackson County  
To whom it may concern this is to certify  
that M. D. (Dick) Fowler served in the  
Confederate Army of A. & S. served with Lewis  
McGowan and subscribed to before Henry M. Bell  
me this June 23-1925

R. H. Jones  
Notary Public  
(TX)



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Comptroller's Department  
State of Texas  
Austin

S. H. TERRELL, Comptroller  
J. M. EDWARDS, Chief Clerk

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

Dear Sir:

I have the honor to request the military record of W. A. Lanier  
who is reported to have enlisted in Company E Regiment 37th

Tennessee Infantry

in service in the Confederate States Army.

Very respectfully,

*S. H. Terrell*

Comptroller of State of Texas.

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S. H. FERRILL, Comptroller  
I. M. EDWARDS, Chief Clerk

Comptroller's Department  
State of Texas  
Austin

To the Adjutant General,

War Department,

Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

*W. D. Lewis*

ORD

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

WAR DEPARTMENT,  
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,  
WASHINGTON, APRIL 16, 1925.

Respectfully returned to

Comptroller,  
State of Texas,  
Austin, Texas.

The records show  
William D. Lenier,  
Co. E, 37th Tennessee Inf., C.S.A.  
Enl. Oct. 8, 1861, at Paint Rock,  
Ala.  
Master roll July & Aug., 1862, dated  
Nov. 19, 1862; shows - Was discharged  
by reason of Conscript Law, Nov. 1st,  
1862, a Private.

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

By *STC*

Form No. 072-A.G.O.

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APR 16 1925

May 15, 1939

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W. D. Lanier, Deceased  
Confederate Soldier.  
Pension File No. 41000  
Smith County.

Mr. R. E. Sparkman  
Italy, Texas.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your card of May 13 the records show that W. D. Lanier drew a Confederate Pension from the State of Texas under file number 41000.

The records show that William D. Lanier was a private in Company E, 37th Tennessee Infantry, Confederate States Army. He enlisted October 8, 1861 at Paint Rock Alabama. He served until November, 1862 and was discharged on account of Conscript Law.

The application for pension of W. D. Lanier was approved on affidavits of witnesses and report from Washington.

Yours very truly,

Geo. H. Sheppard  
Comptroller of Public Accounts.

JHT:EE





STATEMENT

JACKSONVILLE, TEXAS, January 26 1939

M. Funeral Expenses for  
Wm. D. Lanier

IN ACCOUNT WITH

**Williamson Funeral Church**

EXCLUSIVE FUNERAL SERVICE

PHONE 13

P. S. HOLMES

F. D. HOLMES

Casket -----	\$125.00
Hearse Service -----	15.00
Lining Grave -----	5.00
Clothing -----	25.00
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Total -----	\$170.00

This is a true and correct statement of the funeral expenses of pensioner Wm. D. Lanier.

*F. D. Holmes*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 26th. day of January, 1939.

*Mieie Manfield* (TX)

Notary Public, Cherokee Co., Tex.

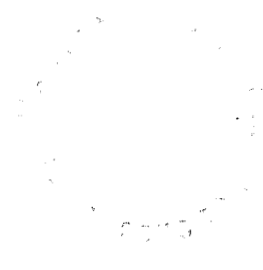
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**COMPTROLLERS OFFICE**



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS



The State Comptroller, Div. 17,  
Austin, Texas.

41000  
Smith

Italy, Texas, May 13, 1939.

Dear Sir:

The name Larair should have been Lanier, W. D. of Smith County and his widow though living is not on the rolls.

The name was spelled wrong in the request. W. D. Lanier, Flint, Smith County, Texas. I will thank you for this record,

R. E. Sparkman.



APPLICATION FOR MORTUARY WARRANT

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

County of Cherokee } I, Mrs. Wm D. Lanier do hereby certify that I am the person to whom is entrusted the paying of the accounts and indebtedness of the late Wm D. Lanier, who was a pensioner of the State of Texas, and whose file number was 41000 and whose original county was Smith

The said pensioner Wm D. Lanier, died on the 5th day of January, 1939, in the town of Jacksonville County of Cherokee, Texas.

The pensioner died in the home of New Grace Hospital who was related to the pensioner as

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 Yes

I further certify that the warrant for the current month has not been cashed by the pensioner, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

I am related to the pensioner as wife that my postoffice address is

Flint Street or R. F. D. Texas

Sworn to before me this 23rd day of January, 1939, Signed X Mrs. Wm D. Lanier X Franklin D. Holmes

Notary Public in and for Cherokee Co., State of Texas.

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

CERTIFICATE OF UNDERTAKER

I, Franklin D. Holmes, do certify that I am undertaker in the town of Jacksonville, County of Cherokee, State of Texas, that I had charge of the body of Wm D. Lanier, who died in the town of Jacksonville, County of Cherokee, State of Texas, on the 5th day of January, 1939. That said body was prepared for burial by me on the 5th day of January, 1939, and that I am of the opinion that warrant herein applied for should be issued to the said Mrs. Wm D. Lanier, who makes the foregoing application.

Signed Franklin D. Holmes Undertaker.

CERTIFICATE OF PHYSICIAN

I, J M Davis, do certify that I am a practicing physician, and that I attended Wm D. Lanier in his last illness, and am of the opinion that his ailments were Uremia

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, 1929

Signed J M Davis, Physician's Address Jacksonville, Texas TX

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APPLICATION FOR MORTUARY WARRANT

THE STATE OF TEXAS

County of \_\_\_\_\_ State of Texas  
I hereby certify that the person whose name is written on the above-mentioned mortuary certificate was a resident of the State of Texas and whose death occurred within the State of Texas and whose death was caused by \_\_\_\_\_  
The said person died on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 19\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_  
County of \_\_\_\_\_ State of Texas  
The person died in his \_\_\_\_\_  
who was required to the residence at \_\_\_\_\_  
That the warrant which application is hereby made for the \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ was issued by the said person \_\_\_\_\_  
I further certify that the warrant for the said person was issued by the \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ of my knowledge and belief.  
I am related to the person as \_\_\_\_\_  
that my positive address is \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
19\_\_\_\_

Notary Public and for \_\_\_\_\_  
State of Texas

*[Handwritten signature]*

I do certify that I am undertaker in the \_\_\_\_\_  
County of \_\_\_\_\_ State of \_\_\_\_\_  
who died in the \_\_\_\_\_  
County of \_\_\_\_\_ State of \_\_\_\_\_  
on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 19\_\_\_\_  
at \_\_\_\_\_  
on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 19\_\_\_\_  
at \_\_\_\_\_  
warrant herein applied for should be issued to the \_\_\_\_\_  
who makes the foregoing application.

CERTIFICATE OF PHYSICIAN

I \_\_\_\_\_  
physician, and that I attended \_\_\_\_\_  
in his last illness, and  
am of the opinion that his ailments were \_\_\_\_\_

I further certify that I am of the opinion that \_\_\_\_\_  
the name of the deceased applicant in accordance with the \_\_\_\_\_  
and a copy of \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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