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FORM A.

Soldier's Application

for a Pension

W.D.
The Commissioner of Pensions reserves the

right to call for additional testimony if he
deems it necessary.

Name of Applicant:

W. D. Langston

County:

Anderson

Postoffice: *Stanton Texas*

Filed

Aug 30 1913

Approved

Sept 1 1913

Pension allowed from *Dec 1 1913*

Rejected

W. D. Langston

Commissioner of Pensions

E. L. Steck, Printing, Bookbinding, Austin

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FORM A

For Use of Soldiers Who Are In Indigent Circumstances

THE STATE OF TEXAS

County of Anderson

I, Willis B. Langston do hereby make application to the Commissioner of Pensions for a pension to be granted me under the Act passed by the 53rd Legislature of the State of Texas, and approved April 7, 1913, on the following grounds:

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

See attached sheet
Was in civil war between states

(Give date and cause.)

that I have been a bona fide citizen of this State since prior to January 1, A. D. 1900, and have been continuously since a citizen of the State of Texas. I do further state that I do not hold any National, State, city or county office which pays me a salary or fees of \$300.00 per annum, nor have I an income from any other employment or other source whatever which amounts to \$300.00 per annum, nor do I receive from any source whatever money or other means of support amounting in value to the sum of \$300.00 per annum, nor do I own in my own right, nor does any one hold in trust for my benefit or use, nor does my wife own, nor does any one hold in trust for my wife, estate or property, either real, personal or mixed, either in fee or for life, of the assessed value of over one thousand dollars, exclusive of a home of the value of not more than \$1000.00; nor do I receive any aid or pension from any other State, or from the United States, or from any other source, and that I am not an inmate of the Confederate Home, and I do further state that the answers given to the following questions are true:

1. What is your age? 80 years of age
2. Where were you born? Coles County, Illinois
3. How long have you resided in Texas? Since 1852 - continuously
4. In what county do you reside? Anderson
5. How long have you resided in said county, and what is your postoffice address? Since 1852 - continuously - P.O. address: W. B. Langston, Anderson, Tex.
6. Have you applied for a pension under the Confederate pension law and been rejected? If rejected, state when and where. Never applied before
7. What is your occupation, if able to engage in one? None What is your physical condition? Very feeble. Can't work, can hardly walk.
8. In what State was the command in which you served organized? Texas
9. How long did you serve? Give, if possible, the date of enlistment and discharge. See attached sheet.
10. What was the letter of your company, number of battalion, regiment or battery? See attached sheet.
11. If transferred from one command to another, give time of transfer, name of command and time of service. See attached sheet.
12. What branch of the service did you enlist in—infantry, cavalry, artillery or navy? Cavalry



13. If commissioned direct by the President, what was your rank and line of duty?

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?

A Volunteer -

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

don't own any land - nor home -

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

none - have nothing at all

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. B. Langston

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this *24* day of *Sept* - A. D. *1913*

E. V. Swift

[Seal.]

County Judge *Anderson* County, Texas.

AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESSES

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

THE STATE OF TEXAS }

County of *Anderson* }

Before me *E. V. Swift*, County Judge of *Anderson* - County,

State of Texas, on this day personally appeared *H. C. Williams & J. A. Worley*, who are personally

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

W. B. Langston, the above named applicant for a pension, and that they personally know that the

said *W. B. Langston* 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)

H. C. Williams

(Signature of Witness)

J. A. Worley

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this *29* day of *September*, A. D. *1913*

E. V. Swift

[Seal.]

County Judge *Anderson* 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 *Anderson* }

Before me *E. V. Swift*, County Judge of *Anderson* County,

State of Texas, on this day personally appeared *T. H. Moore and Mrs. F. Watts*

who are personally known to me to be credible citizens, who being by me sworn, on oath state that they are per-

sonally acquainted with the foregoing applicant, and that the facts set forth and statements made in his application are correct and true, to the best of their knowledge and belief, and that they have no interest in his claim, and said applicant's habits are good and free from dishonor. And *He* further make oath to the following facts touching the applicant's service in the Confederate Army: (State fully your source of knowledge.)

And we, the undersigned know that W. B. Langston enlisted in our company, being Company E 34th Texas Cavalry - He served with us and in our Company for about 5 months, and was a Confederate soldier with us for 5 months. We saw him every day, and our knowledge is personal. He was our comrade. However after he was transferred to the shoe department of the Confederacy we never knew any more of him, except that we know from hearsay that he served in the shoe departments as he states in his application.

(Signature of Witness)

G. W. Moore

(Signature of Witness)

Geo. F. Watts

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this *29* day of *September*, A. D. 19*13*

E. V. Swift

[Seal.]

County Judge *Anderson* County, Texas.

CERTIFICATE OF STATE AND COUNTY ASSESSOR

I, *O. B. Rogers*, State and County Assessor in the County of *Anderson*

State of Texas, do certify that *W. B. Langston*, 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 *none* Dollars,

and of other property, real or personal, or both of the value of *none* Dollars. *Has no property at all.*

Given under my hand, this *29* day of *Sept*, A. D. 19*13*

O. B. Rogers
State and County Assessor.



I, W. B. Langston, do further swear that I enlisted ~~in~~ *in Spring of 1863* in Anderson County, Texas, where I now reside, and where I have continuously resided since 1852.

I enlisted in Company E, 34th Texas Cavalry; Reuben Reeves was my Captain, and *A. H. Terrell* was our Colonel.

I served with the Cavalry in actual service between four and five months. I was then detailed to Tyler, Texas, and put to work there for the Confederate States making shoes for the Confederate Soldiers, and for the Confederate Government. I worked in the shoe factory at Tyler about four months; I was then transferred to Marshall, Texas, to make shoes there also for the Confederate Government; and stayed there six months; and I was then transferred to Shreveport, La, to make shoes there for the Confederate Government. While I was at Shreveport, they petitioned Genl. Kirby Smith to transfer me to Palestine to make shoes for the people here, who at that time had no way of getting shoes, and their petition was granted, and I was ordered to Palestine to make shoes, and did come to Palestine, and made shoes in Palestine and Anderson County from that time on until the close of the Civil War.

The reason we were transferred from ~~Anderson~~ Tyler to Marshall, and then to Shreveport, was because we would make shoes in a certain place so long, and would then go where we could get more leather, and where the shoes were needed more for the soldiers.

When I enlisted I was a shoe maker, and they found it out in the war, and needed shoe makers so badly, that I was taken out of the actual service when I had been there some five ~~to~~ months, and put to making shoes.

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August 5, 1941.

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Mr. V. S. Langston
Route 7
Palestine, Texas.

Dear Mr. Langston:

I acknowledge receipt of your letter of August 2 in which you request the military service record of your father as a Confederate Soldier. I note you failed to give the name of your father.

I have several men on the Confederate Pension roll by the name of Langston, but I only have one that filed his application for Confederate Pension from Anderson County. I find one W. B. Langston, also borne as Willis B. Langston, drew a Confederate Pension under file number 23887. He was a resident of Slocum, Texas at the time he filed the application in 1913.

The application states that W. B. Langston was a private in Company E, 34th Texas Cavalry, Confederate States Army and was later transferred to the shoe department to make shoes for the Federal Government. The dates of enlistment and discharge are not shown but it is claimed he served in the organization about five months before being transferred to the shoe department where he served until the close of the war in 1865. No serial number given.

The application for pension of Mr. Langston was approved on the affidavits of witnesses.

If this is not the record of your father then please furnish me his full name as it appears on the pension roll.

Yours very truly,

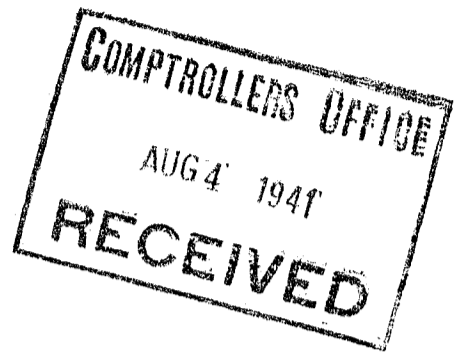
Geo. H. Sheppard
Comptroller of Public Accounts.



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JIM M. MOORE
COUNTY JUDGE ANDERSON COUNTY
PALESTINE, TEXAS

August 2, 1941



Hon. Geo. H. Sheppard
Comptroller
Austin, Texas

Gentleman:

I am making application for a marker to be placed at my fathers' grave. My father drew a pension and I would like for you to furnish me, (if you can) with the following information.

Enlistment date
Discharge
Pension Number
Serial Number
Rank
Company Number
Regiment Number

I have no record of these questions. Thanking you in advance.

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Anderson

Yours truly,

V. S. Langston

V. S. Langston
Rt. # 7
Palestine, Texas

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E. V. SWIFT

Attorney-at-Law
COUNTY JUDGE
 Anderson County

Palentine, Texas, Sept 29-1913.

Hon. Geo. W. Kyser.
 Austin, Texas

Dear Sir.

I enclose application of W. B. Langston for
 a non federal

I have known Mr. Langston for some
 time and know him to be trustworthy
 and worthy - His habits are good, and
 he is one of our best citizens.

I join in asking that his application
 be put on

Yours truly,

E. V. Swift



to Judge

Dec. 30, 1919.

Mr. H. C. Langston,
Slocum, Texas.
Route # 1.

Dear Sir:-

Replying to your favor of December 22nd.,
I am enclosing Mortuary Warrant application blanks
on account of the death of W. B. Langston, a Con-
federate Pensioner. Please have these blanks fil-
led out and return to this Department, when a warrant
for \$30.00 will be issued in favor of the party fil-
ing claim.

I am enclosing a copy of the Mortuary War-
rant Law of this State which directs the return of
pension warrant issued for quarter in which pension-
er dies. Pension Warrant No. 74 was issued in favor
of Mr. Langston and mailed to his address November
30, 1919. Since his death occurred during the month
of October, it will be necessary that the pension
warrant be returned to this Department, before Mortu-



Very truly yours,

Comptroller.

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Encl.

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Jan. 12, 1920.

Mr. H. C. Langston,
Slocum, Texas,
Route # 1.

Dear Sir :-

Your application for Mortuary Warrant on account of the death of Mr. W. B. Langston cannot be approved on account of your failure to return to this Department Confederate Pension warrant No. 74, which was issued in favor of Mr. Langston for the quarter ending November 30th, 1919.

The Mortuary Warrant Law of this State requires the return of this warrant before a Mortuary Warrant will be issued on account of the death of Mr. Langston. For your information in this connection I am enclosing a copy of the Mortuary Warrant Law of this State.

On receipt of the pension warrant a Mortuary Warrant will at once be issued and mailed to your address.

Very truly yours,



Comptroller.

KRat.

Incl.

74 - Paid, Dec 8-19

W. B. Langston

By H. C. Langston -

E. L. Rose, Witness - (TX)

Anderson

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Slocum, Texas

Dec. 22, 1919.

Comptroller

I want to know how much the state is to pay on the old unattached soldiers burial expenses, my father [W. B. Langston] died Oct. 17, 1919.

please send me a statement of it as early as possible.

yours truly,

H. C. Langston

Slocum, TX

P. O. - Texas.

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MORTUARY WARRANT ACCOUNT

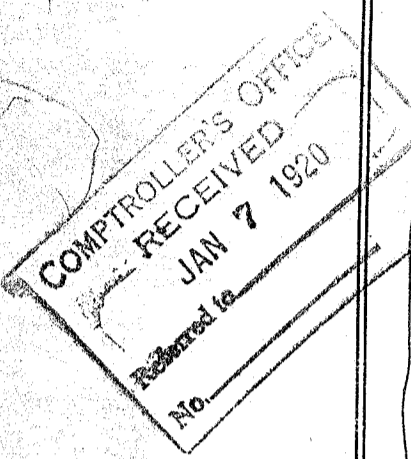
STATE OF TEXAS
To W. B. Langston Dr.
Stocum, Tex Texas, January 5th 1920

WRITE ADDRESS PLAINLY Stocum, Tex - R. F. G.!

Account of Death of Pensioner No. 23887, County Anderson

Pensioner's Name in full W. B. Langston

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



The above account for Thirty 20 Dollars
is just, due and unpaid.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 5th day of January 1920

Notary Public, Anderson TX County, Tex.

No.

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Fund

OFFICE OF
COMPTROLLER OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS
STATE OF TEXAS
AUSTIN

Correct for the sum of \$

CHARGE TO
CONFEDERATE PENSION FUND

Comptroller of Public Accounts.

APPLICATION FOR MORTUARY WARRANT

STATE OF TEXAS,

County of Anderson

I, H. C. Langston

do hereby certify that I am the person to whom is entrusted the paying of the accounts and indebtedness of the late W. B. Langston, who was a pensioner of the State of Texas, and whose file number is 23887 and whose original county is Haskell

The said pensioner W. B. Langston, died on the 25 day of October, 1919, in the town of Jarvis, County of Anderson, Texas.

The pensioner died in the home of Oscar Main who was related to the pensioner as grant nephew

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 W. B. Langston

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) Son and that my home is in the town of Slocum, County of Anderson, State of Tex, that my postoffice address is Slocum R.F.D. 1

Signed H. C. Langston

Before me Max Koepnick, a Notary Public in and for the County of Anderson, State of Texas, personally appeared H. C. Langston, who being by me duly sworn did certify to, and sign the foregoing statement.

(Seal of Office) Max Koepnick in and for Anderson County, Texas.

CERTIFICATE OF UNDERTAKER

I, W. Mitcheil, do certify that I am an undertaker in the town of Palestine, County of Anderson, State of Texas that I had charge of the body of W. B. Langston, who died in the town of Jarvis, County of Anderson, State of Texas on the 25 day of Oct 1919. That said body was prepared for burial by me on the 25 day of Oct 1919. That said body was buried in the Rheses Chapel Cemetery, which is located in the County of Anderson State of Texas, and that I am of the opinion that warrant herein applied for should be issued to the said H. C. Langston, who makes the foregoing application.

Signed W. Mitcheil Undertaker.

CERTIFICATE OF PHYSICIAN

I, E. A. Rose, do certify that I am a practicing physician and that I attended W. B. Langston in his last illness, and am of the opinion that his ailments were Bronchitis



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 1917.

Signed E. A. Rose M.D. Physician. Physician's Address Palestine Tex