

Application of Indigent Soldier or Sailor of the Confederacy for Pension under the Act of February 25th, 1915

THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA, }
County of Bryan

I, I, W. F. Blakney, third Corporal

do hereby make application to the Board of Pension Commissioners for a pension to be granted me under the Act passed by the Fifth Legislature of the State of Oklahoma, and approved February, 25, 1915, on the following grounds:

I enlisted and served in the military service of the Confederate States during the war between the States of the United States, and that I did not desert the Confederate service, but during said war I was loyal and true to my duty, and never at any time voluntarily abandoned my post of duty in the said service; that I was honorably discharged or surrendered Surrendered April 1865 Cause end of the War.

(Give date and cause)

and I have been a bona fide citizen of this State for over twelve months prior to the passage and approval of the Pension Act, approved February 25, 1915. I do further state that I do not hold any National, State, city or county office which pays me a salary or fees of \$180.00 per annum, nor have I an income from any other employment, nor do I receive from any source whatsoever, money or other means of support amounting in value to the sum of \$180.00 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, household goods and wearing apparel excluded, nor do I receive any aid or pension from any other State or from any other source, and that I am not an inmate of the Confederate Home, or any other benevolent or penal institution, and I do further state that the answers given to the following questions are true:

- 1. What is your age? 71 Jan . 6th 1915.
2. Where were you born? Tishomingo County, Miss.
3. How long have you resided in Oklahoma? 16 sixteen years.
4. In what county do you reside? Bryan
5. What is your postoffice address? Caddo, Okla.

6. Have you applied for a pension under the Confederate Pension Law and been rejected? If rejected, state when and where Never applied

7. What is your occupation, if able to engage in one? Farming

8. What is your physical condition? Poor health. bad

9. In what State was the command in which you served organized? Miss.

10. How long did you serve; give, if possible, the date of enlistment and discharge Enlisted August 1861 Surrendered April 1865

11. What was the letter of your Company, number of Regiment, Battalion or Battery Co. D. 26th Regiment, Miss. Infantry.

12. If transferred from one command to another, give time of transfer, name of command and time of service

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

14. If commissioned direct by the President, what was your rank and line of duty? 3d Corporal.

15. If detailed for special service, under the law of conscription, what was the nature of your service and how long did you serve? none

16. What is the assessed value of your home, if you own a home? Do not own one.

17. What is the assessed value of your other property? 200.00

18. Have you ever transferred your property to anyone with the understanding that you were to be cared for during your life time? No

19. Have you transferred to others any property of any kind for the purpose of becoming beneficiary under this law? No

W. F. Blakney

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 5th day of June 1915 AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESSES

NOTE—There must be at least two credible witnesses. Commission expires July 23d 1918.

A. E. Richey  
Notary Public

THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA,  
County of Bryan

Before me A. E. Richey, a Notary Public  
(County Judge, Notary Public, Justice of Peace)

of Bryan County, State of Oklahoma, on this day personally appeared J. W. Raines and G. W. Phillips

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

the above named applicant for a pension, and that they personally know that the said W. F. Blakney

has been a bona fide resident citizen of the State of Oklahoma, twelve months prior to

February 25, 1915, and that they have no interest in his claim.

(Signature of Witness)-----

(Signature of Witness)-----

*J. W. Raines*  
*G. W. Phillips*

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 5th day of June A. D. 1915

My commission expires July 23d 1918.

*A. E. Richey*  
(County Judge, Notary Public, or Justice of Peace)

(SEAL)

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THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA, }  
County of Bryan }

Before me, A. E. Richey, a Notary Public.

County Judge of Bryan County, State of Oklahoma, on this day personally appeared

J. W. Raines and G. W. Phillips

J. W. Raines, aged 71 G. W. Phillips, Aged 64

known to me to be credible citizens, who, being by me duly sworn, on oath state that they are personally acquainted with the said W. F. Blakney

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 J. W. Raines and G. W. Phillips

further make oath to the following facts touching the applicant's service in the Confederate Army (state fully your source of knowledge):

J. W. Raines, states upon oath that he was a comrade of W. F. Blakney, enlisted in same Co. D. 26th Miss. Reg. Infantry, and to his certain knowledge the said W. F. Blakney's statements set forth in this application touching his service in the Confederate Army are true and correct. G. W. Phillips states upon oath that he resided in the same County Tishomingo, Miss. and to his certain knowledge the said applicant enlisted in the Confederate service, and was present when said applicant W. F. Blakney returned from the service.

(Signature of Witness)-----

(Signature of Witness)-----

*J. W. Raines*  
*G. W. Phillips*

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 5th day of June A. D. 1915

My commission expires July 23d 1918.

*A. E. Richey*  
Notary Public County Judge

(SEAL)

Bryan County, Okla.

Form A No. **139**

The Commissioners of Pension reserve the right to call for additional testimony if they deem it necessary.

Name of Applicant

*R St Blumentrey*

*Byram* County

Postoffice *Coaldale*

Filed *7-7-15*

Approved \_\_\_\_\_

Amt. of Pension allowed \_\_\_\_\_

Pension allowed from \_\_\_\_\_

Rejected **OCT 7 1915**  
**OCT 2 1916**

*Reported deceased*  
*J. D. Matthews*

Chairman.

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**WAR DEPARTMENT,**

**THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,**

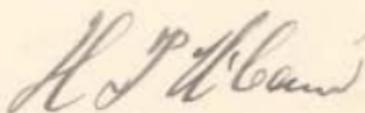
**WASHINGTON. July 15, 1915.**

Respectfully returned to the

Chairman,

Board of Pension Commissioners,  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

The records of this office show that W. F. Blakney was enlisted August 20, 1861, as a member of Company D, 26th Regiment Mississippi Infantry, Confederate States Army; that he deserted at camp near Petersburg, Virginia, February 6, 1865, and that he took the oath of allegiance to the United States at Knoxville, Tennessee, March 28, 1865.



The Adjutant General.

WM. D. MATTHEWS, *Chairman.*

W. L. CLARK, *Secretary.*

—OFFICE OF—

# Board of Pension Commissioners

Oklahoma City, \_\_\_\_\_, 191\_\_\_\_\_

H. P. McCAIN,  
ADJUTANT GENERAL,  
*Washington, D. C.*

DEAR SIR:

W F. Blakney,

who is an applicant for a Pension made to the Board of Pension Commissioners  
of the State of Oklahoma, claims to have been a member of Company D,  
Regiment 26th Miss Inft.  
Vol. C. S. A., and to have been \_\_\_\_\_  
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Please give us the record of this soldier.

Respectfully,

*Wm. D. Matthews*

*Chairman.*

ATTEST:

*W. L. Clark*

*Secretary.*

JUL 11 1915



A. E. RICHEY  
RESIDENT AGENT

SEP 13 Recd  
SEP 1 Recd

CASH CAPITAL \$3,000,000.00

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# PHOENIX INSURANCE COMPANY,

OF HARTFORD, CONN.

Caddo, Okla. Sept. 12th 1916.

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## AFFIDAVIT.

STATE OF OKLAHOMA  
BRYAN COUNTY.

In re W. F. Blakney, Co. 26th Miss. Reg. Infantry.  
Personally appeared before me, a Notary Public, within

aforesaid County and State, W. F. Blakney, known to me to be the person,  
and after being sworn states upon oath the following.

That, J. W. Raines, first witness is the only known comrade now living.  
W. F. Blakney states that he was taken prisoner near Camp Petersburg  
Va. in February 1865, and was carried as a prisoner of War to Knoxville,  
Tenn. and that he took the oath of allegiance to the United States upon  
the advice of the Federal authorities, for the reason that the Confederacy  
had fallen. That, he never at any time left his post of duty, and the charge  
of desertion is erroneous.

Deponent further sayeth not.

Signed.

W. F. Blakney

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 12th day of September 1916.

A. E. Richey  
Notary Public.

My commission expires July 23d 1918.



A. E. RICHEY  
RESIDENT AGENT

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State Board of Pension Commissioners,

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Gentlemen:-

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*Letter of Sept 7<sup>th</sup> 1916.*

I enclose herewith affidavit which is all the evidence I am able to submit. If my pension cannot be granted on this evidence it will have to go, as I can do nothing further.

Yours truly,

*W. J. Blumhney*

OFFICE OF  
JUDGE OF COUNTY COURT  
CADDO COUNTY  
ANADARKO, OKLAHOMA

December 11, 1925.

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Confederate Veteran's Bureau,  
State Capitol,  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

In Re: Wm. M. Blakely.

Gentlemen:

Confederate soldier has complained to me that he is unable to get information about his application for pension.

William M. Blakely made application for pension from Coalgate, Oklahoma, about a year ago, and he is now residing in Caddo County, and is in hard circumstances, and in need of assistance, and he thinks that he should have a pension from the state by reason of his service in the Civil War.

Please look up the records in his case and report to me at your earliest convenience, showing the reasons, if any, why the old soldier has not been allowed a pension.

Thanking you for past favors, I remain

Yours very truly,

*R. L. Lawrence*  
County Judge.

RIL: SAR.

October 21, 1926.

Hon. R. L. Lawrence,  
Judge of County Court,  
Anadarko, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:            In Re: Wm. M. Blakely.

We have gone through our records and do not find that the above named man ever made application for a Confederate Pension. We do, however, find an applicant, W. F. Blakeney, who made application from Caddo, Bryan County in July, 1915, and whose claim was disallowed by reason of a record from the War Department showing desertion.

If you find that the man to whom you refer has never made application we will be glad to send him a blank.

Thanking you, we are

Yours very truly,

CONFEDERATE PENSION DEPT.  
C. J. Stewart, Commissioner.

By

Secretary.

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