

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, A B Whisenhunt

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 Disbanded at the close of the war 1865

(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? 73 years old
2. Where were you born? Georgia
3. How long have you resided in Oklahoma? 185
4. In what county do you reside? Bryan
5. What is your postoffice address? Albany Okla

6. Have you applied for a pension under the Confederate Pension Law and been rejected? If rejected, state when and where No

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

8. What is your physical condition? Incapable & Bad Health

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

10. How long did you serve; give, if possible, the date of enlistment and discharge March 62... Disbanded at the Close of War

11. What was the letter of your Company, number of Regiment, Battalion or Battery Co A First Texas Sharp Shooter 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? Not Commissioned

15. 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  
Serve With Cannon

16. What is the assessed value of your home, if you own a home? Nothing

17. What is the assessed value of your other property? Nothing

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

#### AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESSES

NOTE—There must be at least two credible witnesses.

THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA, }

County of Bryan

Before me

L. P. Walker

(County Judge, Notary Public, Justice of Peace)

of Bryan County, State of Oklahoma, on this day personally appeared: Carrie Butler & S. C. Walker

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

the above named applicant for a pension, and that they personally know that the said

A. B. Whisenhunt

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) *Carrie Butler*

(Signature of Witness) *S. C. Walker*

Sworn to and subscribed before me this *22* day of *June* A. D. 1915

*S. C. Walker*  
(County Judge, Notary Public, or Justice of Peace)

(SEAL)

AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESSES

NOTE—There must be at least two credible witnesses.

THE STATE OF *Texas* OKLAHOMA,

County of *Fannin*

Before me, *J. C. Deupree* Notary Public

County Judge of *Fannin* County, State of *Texas* Oklahoma, on this day personally appeared *W. M. Whisenbunt*

known to me to be credible citizens, who, being by me duly sworn, on oath state that they are personally acquainted with the said *A. B. Whisenbunt*

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 *I* the said *W. M. Whisenbunt* do

further make oath to the following facts touching the applicant's service in the Confederate Army (state fully your source of knowledge): *I am a blood relative of the said A. B. Whisenbunt and was a near neighbor of his at the time of his enlistment in the Confederate Army, and I personally knew what company he belonged to, and when he left home, and when he returned, and I know from reports of his comrades that he made a good and faithful soldier.*

(Signature of Witness) *W. M. Whisenbunt*

(Signature of Witness) *S. A. Whisenbunt*

Sworn to and subscribed before me this *27* day of *July* A. D. 1915

*J. C. Deupree*  
Notary Public  
*Fannin* County, *Okl.* Texas

(SEAL)

Form A No. **2942**

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

Name of Applicant

A. B. Mendenhall

Bryan County

Postoffice

Albany

Filed

10-19-15

Approved

7-3-17

Amt. of Pension allowed

5.00

Pension allowed from

5-1-12

Rejected

JAN 3 - 1916

" " JUL 8 - 1916

Wm. S. Mendenhall

Chairman.

*Trace*  
*9-21-15*  
*W.S. Mendenhall*  
*W.S. Mendenhall*

RECEIVED  
OCT 21 1915  
OKLAHOMA CITY



OFFICE OF

Board of Pension Commissioners

H. P. McCAIN,  
Adjutant General,  
Washington, D. C.

Oklahoma City, 11/4/15 191  

DEAR SIR:

No. 2942

A. B. Whisenhunt

who is an applicant for a Pension to the Board of Pension Commissioners of the State of Oklahoma, claims to have been a member of Company A, 1st Tex Sharpshooters Inft Regiment \_\_\_\_\_  
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:

Secretary

Received A.G.O., NOV 21 1915

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, Adam B Whisenhunt  
(Christian Name, Middle Initial and Surname)

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 Disbarreled

Spring of 1865 I don't know State  
(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 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? 72
2. Where were you born? Garga
3. How long have you resided in Oklahoma? 25
4. In what county do you reside? Bryan
5. What is your postoffice address? Albany Okla

6. Have you applied for a pension under the Confederate Pension Law and been rejected? If rejected, state when and where Don't know

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

8. What is your physical condition? Very feeble

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

10. How long did you serve; give, if possible, the date of enlistment and discharge  
Two years About Feb-1862 Disbanded 1865

11. What was the letter of your Company, number of Regiment, Battalion or Battery  
A. First Texas Sharpshooters, Infantry

12. If transferred from one command to another, give time of transfer, name of command and time of service No transfer

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?  
None

15. If detailed for special service, under the law of conscription, what was the nature of your service and how long did you serve? Not at all

16. What is the assessed value of your home, if you own a home? None

17. What is the assessed value of your other property? None to amount to any thing

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

Adam B. Whisenant  
(Applicant should sign Christian Name, Middle Initial and Surname)

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 5 day of Jan A. D., 1914

H. P. Walker  
(By either County Judge, Notary Public, or Justice of the Peace.)

My Commission expires Dec 27 1914 Bryan County, Okla.

AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESSES

NOTE—There must be at least two credible witnesses.

THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA,

County of Bryan

Before me, H. P. Walker  
(County Judge, Notary Public, Justice of Peace)

of Bryan County, State of Oklahoma, on this day personally ap-

peared G. J. Summers & S. Walker

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

the above named applicant for a pension, and that they personally know that the said

Adam B. Whisenant

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) G. F. Simmons

(Signature of Witness) S. C. Walker

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 5 day of Jan A. D. 1914.

(SEAL)

W. P. Walker  
(County Judge, Notary Public, or Justice of Peace)

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THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA, }

County of \_\_\_\_\_ }

Before me, \_\_\_\_\_

County Judge of \_\_\_\_\_ County, State of Oklahoma, on this day personally appeared \_\_\_\_\_

known to me to be credible citizens, who, being by me duly sworn, on oath state that they are personally acquainted with the said \_\_\_\_\_

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

(Signature of Witness) \_\_\_\_\_

(Signature of Witness) \_\_\_\_\_

Sworn to and subscribed before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ A. D. 1914.

County Judge,

(SEAL)

County, Okla.

Form A No. 2942

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

Do Not Write Below This Line.

*Adam B. Thimberant*

*Bryan* County

Postoffice *Albany*

Filed **MAR 13 1916**

Approved .....

Amt. of Pension allowed .....

Pension allowed from .....

Rejected .....

Chairman.

State Prtg. and Pub. Co., Oklahoma City.

*Handwritten signatures and notes at the top of the page, including names like 'Bryan' and 'Albany'.*

May 20, 1920.

Miss Ina Whisenhunt,  
Albany, Oklahoma.

Dear Madam:

I am to-day in receipt of Post office money order No. 13779 in the sum of \$30.00 which you mailed to me under date of May 18, 1920 to cover return to the State of Oklahoma for Warrant No. 23753 issued to A. B. Whisenhunt, a pensioner of this state, after his death on claim signed in his name by you, the warrant having been indorsed and cashed by G. E. Whisenhunt.

I thank you very much for your action in having returned this money as promptly as you have, and have to advise that it has been this day deposited in the State Treasury to the credit of the General Revenue.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

Office of

Treasurer of State of Oklahoma

\$ 30<sup>00</sup>

No 3561

Oklahoma City, Okla.,

May 20<sup>th</sup>

1912

Received of

*R. A. Sneed, Pension Commissioner*

*Thirty & no/100*

Dollars

FOR

*warrant 23753 Return from*

*Eva Whisenhunt.*

Dep't Inst'n or Comm'n

Report No \_\_\_\_\_

If any

State Treasurer.

By

*[Red Stamp]*  
*Roy Clopton*  
*By B. Thompson*

Chief Deputy.

ORIGINAL  
MISCELLANEOUS

P. 2457. This receipt covers deposit with the State Treasurer of Post office money order No. 13779 on the Albany, Okla. post office, mailed from Ina Whisenhunt of Albany for \$30.00 returned to the Pension Commissioner to cover Warrant No. 23753 issued to A. B. Whisenhunt, Confederate pensioner (deceased) on claim signed up for him by Ina Whisenhunt, his daughter, after his death.

# RETURN RECEIPT.

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*Received from the Postmaster the Registered or Insured Article, the original number of which appears on the face of this Card.*

*G. E. Whisenand*

(Signature or name of addressee.)

(Signature of addressee's agent.)

*Date of delivery, \_\_\_\_\_, 19*

Form 3811

Post Office Department  
OFFICIAL BUSINESS

REGISTERED ARTICLE

No. 16665

INSURED PARCEL

No. \_\_\_\_\_

Return to Pension Commissioner  
(NAME OF SENDER)

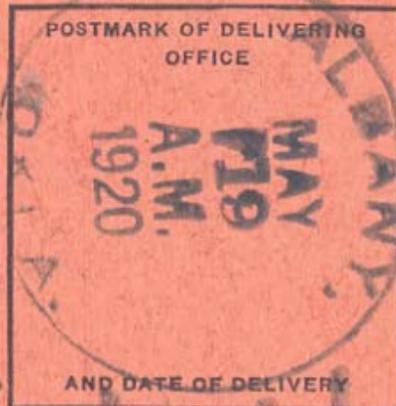
Street and Number, }  
or Post Office Box, }

State Capitol Station

OKLAHOMA,

OKLAHOMA.

PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE  
TO AVOID PAYMENT OF  
POSTAGE, \$300.



Albany Okla May 18 1896

Pension Commission

Okla city

Sir

found Enclon 30 dals  
to Reimbur Pension to  
A B Whisenhunt that was  
sent to me by Mistake  
Hoping this Will be  
all ok Please send  
me Receipt for same  
Resp

Ina Whisenhunt

P. 2457

Albany Okla Aug 27 1911  
Office Commissioner Pension  
Oklahoma City

Honorable Sir

Mr A B Whisenhunt is  
Dead he died Aug the 22 of  
he leaves a Daughter Al Most  
Blind she Request Me to  
Assure if under the Present  
Conditions if she could  
Draw her Fathers Pension  
For she Need it Very Badly  
she is in Most Distressing  
Circumstances

Respect  
C. P. Walker

A Notary Public

Commence Exp Dec 27 1920

Albany, Okla., August 27, 1919.

Office Commissioner Pension,  
Oklahoma City,

Honorable Sir:

Mr. A. B. Whisenhunt is ded. He died Aug. the 22 of. He leaves a daughter almost blind. She request me to asertane if under the present conditions if she could draw her Father's pension for shee need it very badly. She is in most distressing circumstances.

Respectfully,

(signed) C. P. WALKER.

A Notary Public.

Commission expires Dec. 27, 1920.

COPY.

2457

Aug. 30 " 1919

Mr C P Walker,  
Albany, Okla.

Dear Sir:

As the claim for the quarter ending September 30" 1919, is due Mr A B Whisenhunt, his daughter may sign and return the claim to this office and the amount, (\$30.00) will be sent her this time only.

No one but the widow of a confederate Veteran can draw a pension in his stead after his death, but it has been the practice of this office, if the legal claimant dies after the claim is due, to allow the family to draw the amount for that quarter to partilly cover funeral expenses.

Kindly see the daughter of Mr. Whisenhunt and advise her as we have advised you and see that she fills out the claim properly, signing her father's name to same, by herself, with it properly witnessed.

Very truly,

Pension No. 2457.

*America State Durant  
H. V. Neely - Cash  
signed by  
B. E. Whisenhunt  
issued Jan 6th  
P 23851*

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COMMISSIONER OF PENSIONS.

*23753 1/12/20*



# Pension Department

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

Oklahoma City

August 30, 1919.



R. A. SNEED,  
COMMISSIONER

UNA LEE ROBERTS,  
SECRETARY

COPY.

Mr. C. P. Walker,  
Albany, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

As the claim for the quarter ending September 30, 1919, is due Mr. A. B. Whisenhunt, his daughter may sign and return the claim to this office and the amount (\$30.00) will be sent to her this time only.

No one but the widow of a Confederate Veteran can draw a pension in his stead after his death, but it has been the practice of this office, if the legal claimant dies after the claim is due, to allow the family to draw the amount for that quarter to partially cover funeral expenses.

Kindly see the daughter of Mr. Whisenhunt and advise her as we have advised you and see that she fills out the claim properly, signing her father's name to same, by herself, with it properly witnessed.

Very truly,

(Signed) R. A. SNEED,

Commissioner of Pensions.

COPY.

May 11, 1920.

Mr. G. E. Whisenhunt,  
Albany, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

On April 7th, 1920, I addressed a letter to you relative to warrant No. 23753 which was made in the name of A. B. Whisenhunt, for \$30.00, and mailed to him on January 12, 1920, for quarter ended December 31, 1919.

I inclose copy of all communications covering this matter which were mailed to you under date of 7th ultimo, so that if you failed to receive them, you may be fully informed when you receive this letter, which I am sending by registered mail, with a return receipt demanded.

I hope you will not fail to promptly return to this office, for refund to the state, the amount which you obtained on this warrant, as per letter attached hereto of April 7th.

Your prompt attention to this matter will be appreciated.

Very truly yours,

Commissioner.

RECEIPT FOR REGISTERED ARTICLE  
Registered at the Post Office Indicated in Postmark

No. 16665  
Class postage

Complete record of registered mail is kept at the post office, but the sender should write the name of the addressee on back hereof as an identification. Preserve and submit this receipt in case of inquiry.

POSTMASTER,  
Per [Signature]

Postmark clearly, showing date and office.

MAY 11 1920  
REG. DIV.

05-6852

Form 3806.

April 7, 1920.

Mr. G. E. Whisenhunt,  
Albany, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

When sending out warrants to pensioners yesterday and entering them upon our rolls, I came to one for A. B. Whisenhunt issued for the quarter ended March 31, 1920. I noted on the roll that A. B. Whisenhunt had died August 22, 1919. I also noted that warrant had been issued to this pensioner for the quarter following, namely for quarter ended December 31, 1919, the warrant No. 23753 having been mailed to him on January 12, 1920.

Upon investigation of our files I find the inclosed letter (copy herewith) was mailed to Mr. C. P. Walker, a notary public of Albany, in response to one written to us from him under date of August 27, 1919, a copy of which is also inclosed herein.

I looked up Warrant No. 23753 in the Auditor's office, and find that it has been indorsed with the name of A. B. Whisenhunt, and that you signed the check with your own name below, cashing same in the American State Bank of Durant.

I have had the last warrant cancelled, and must advise you that you will have to return to this office the amount of the last warrant (No. 23753) which you had cashed in January, as neither you nor any member of the family of A. B. Whisenhunt is entitled to this warrant. You were allowed to cash the warrant issued to this pensioner during the quarter in which he died, namely quarter ended September 30, 1919, as it is the custom of this office to permit this under the law, but our letter of August 30, 1919 to Mr. Walker, in behalf of Mr. Whisenhunt's daughter, was very plain and could not have been misunderstood. The warrant which you cash-

ed was issued through mistake because of a change in the office force here, the new employees not having been informed of the death of this pensioner, and claim for the amount never should have been made on this office. The claim was returned here in both instances by "Ina Whisenhunt" (presumably the daughter in whose behalf Mr. Walker wrote his letter of August 27th.)

Your prompt attention should be given to the matter of the return of the \$30.00 which you received on the warrant which you cashed. You should make check or money order payable to the Pension Commissioner for the State of Oklahoma, and it should be mailed to this office.

Respectfully,

Secretary.