

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

THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA, }
County of Blaine }

I, (William Louis) W. L. Hartgraves

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) We returned to our respective homes (to Jefferson Texas) in company with our commanding officers, from Hemsted Tex. on or about 20th May 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? 70 years.
2. Where were you born? Mississippi.
3. How long have you resided in Oklahoma? 14 years.
4. In what county do you reside? Blaine County.
5. What is your postoffice address? Geary Okla. Route #2.

R "B" 13424

to the State of Oklahoma both in Snowport Pa. about August, 1865 and was then paroled.

There is no one present for us to surrender to.

6. Have you applied for a pension under the Confederate Pension Law and been rejected? If rejected, state when and where Have never made application for pension in any state.
7. What is your occupation, if able to engage in one? Farming.
8. What is your physical condition? very infirm.
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 April 18, 1864 until May 20, 1865.
11. What was the letter of your Company, number of Regiment, Battalion or Battery Company "A", 19th Texas Infantry.
12. If transferred from one command to another, give time of transfer, name of command and time of service never transferred.
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? Private.
15. If detailed for special service, under the law of conscription, what was the nature of your service and how long did you serve? No.
16. What is the assessed value of your home, if you own a home? Six hundred dollars (\$600).
17. What is the assessed value of your other property? Not more than exemption law.
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 Blaine

W. L. Hartgraves
Sworn and subscribed to
before me this 5 day of August,
1915
Ed Baker
County Judge,
Blaine County, Okla.

Before me L. E. Troxel, a Notary Public

(County Judge, Notary Public, Justice of Peace)

of Blaine County, State of Oklahoma, on this day personally appeared Oren V. Dillon and Robert C. Potter

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

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

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) _____

David V. Hillon

Robert G. Potter

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 22nd day of May A. D. 1915

L. E. Jones

(County Judge, Notary Public, or
Justice of Peace)

(SEAL)
My Commission expires April 28th, 1917,

AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESSES

NOTE—There must be at least two credible witnesses.

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. 191__

County Judge,

County, Okla.

(SEAL)

Form A No. **2191**

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

Name of Applicant

Mrs. M. Hartgroves

Blaine County

Postoffice

Mary P. B. 124

Filed

8-6-15

Approved

JUL 8 - 1916

Amt. of Pension allowed

2.50

Pension allowed from

July 1, 1916

Rejected

OCT 7 1916

JAN 3 - 1916 *K-5*

Chairman.

WARDEN COMPANY, OKLAHOMA CITY

PENSION 1324

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Sam Hartgroves
Blaine
8-6-15

WAR DEPARTMENT,

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

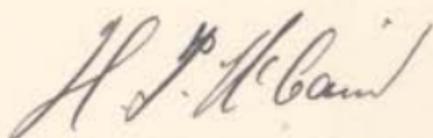
WASHINGTON, August 11, 1915.

Respectfully returned to the

Chairman, Oklahoma Board of
Pension Commissioners,
Oklahoma City.

The name William L. Hartgrave has not been found on the rolls, on file in this office (from March 31, 1862, to February 29, 1864), of Company A, 19th Texas Infantry, C. S. A.

A return of this regiment for April 1865, shows that W. L. Hartgrove, Co. A, was absent on furlough ending May 1, 1865. The Union records show that W. L. Hartgraves, private, said company and regiment, was surrendered May 26, 1865, at New Orleans, Louisiana, and that he was paroled in June, 1865.



The Adjutant General

WM. D. MATTHEWS, *Chairman.*

W. L. CLARK, *Secretary.*

—OFFICE OF—

Board of Pension Commissioners

Oklahoma City, AUG 7 - 1915, 1915

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

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DEAR SIR:

William L. Hartgrave,

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 A,
Regiment 19th Tex Inft.,
Vol. C. S. A., and to have been

Please give us the record of this soldier.

Respectfully,

Wm. D. Matthews

Chairman.

ATTEST:

W. L. Clark

Secretary.

RECORDED AUG 9

AUG 10 1915

Name Hartgraves, William L.

Deceased
2/1/18

NO. A

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Address Geary, Blaine Co.,

(Widow of)

Filed 8/6/15

Company A

Battery

Reg'm't 19th Tex.

Battalion

Infantry #

Cavalry

Artillery

Navy

REJECTED

GRANTED

JUL 8 - 1916

NO. P

1324

Remarks: 4/64 to 5/65

(over)

Note recd in June, 1917 change add.
from "Geary R B Bx 25" to "Geary"

AFFIDAVIT NO. 1. RESIDENCE AND CITIZENSHIP. BY TWO CITIZENS WHO KNOW THE APPLICANT HAS RESIDED IN THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA SINCE FEBRUARY 25, 1914.

STATE OF OKLAHOMA, COUNTY OF _____, ss:
 Before me _____ in and for said county and state, on this _____ day of _____ 191____, personally appeared _____ whose address is _____, and _____ whose address is _____, who are personally known to me to be credible citizens, who by me being duly sworn, each for himself deposes and saith:

That he is personally acquainted with the within named applicant for pension; that he has read the within and foregoing application and to the best of his knowledge and belief the statements therein contained are true; that to his knowledge said applicant is now and has been a bona fide resident and citizen of the State of Oklahoma for _____ years next preceding this date; that he personally knows that said applicant's habits are good and free from dishonor; and that he knows of no reason why said applicant should not be granted a pension under the laws of Oklahoma; and further, that he has no interest whatever in this claim for a pension.

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME THIS _____ DAY OF _____ A.D., 191____

_____ [SIGNATURES OF TWO WITNESSES]

In and for said County and State (SEAL) _____ My commission expires _____ 191____

AFFIDAVIT NO. 2. PROOF OF SERVICE IN THE CONFEDERATE ARMY OR NAVY—BY TWO COMRADES IF POSSIBLE

STATE OF _____, COUNTY OF _____, ss:
 Before me _____ a _____ in and for said county and state, on this _____ day of _____ 191____, personally appeared _____ whose address is _____, and _____ whose address is _____, both known to me to be credible citizens, and after being duly sworn by me, each for himself deposes and saith:

That he knows personally that _____, the within named applicant for a pension, served in the Confederate army (navy) from _____ 186____ until _____ 186____, in Company _____ of the _____ Regiment of _____ [Infantry, Cavalry or Artillery]; that his officers were _____; that he served honorably and did not desert at any time, but remained true to his colors; that he was released from service on the _____ day of _____, 186____, at _____ by reason of _____

[State fully why and by what method—honorable discharge, capture, parole, etc., and by what authority]

Affiants further state that they know these statements to be true because of having served themselves in the Confederate Army (Navy). _____, affiant first above named, states that he served in company _____ of _____ Regiment of _____, from _____ 186____ until _____ 186____. _____, affiant last above named, states that he served in Company _____ of _____ Regiment of _____, from _____ 186____ until _____ 186____.

Affiants declare that they have no interest in this claim for a pension, and further state: _____

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME THIS _____ DAY OF _____ A.D., 191____

_____ [SIGNATURES OF TWO WITNESSES]

In and for said County and State (SEAL) _____ My commission expires _____ 191____

NOTE: There must be two witnesses to each of the affidavits above. Both affidavits must be acknowledged before some officer authorized to administer oaths, which officer must express his title and affix his seal. Signatures by mark must be witnessed by two persons. If additional affidavits are needed, or it is necessary to send to distant points to secure proof of service, copies of Affidavit No. 2 may be made on separate sheets, and when executed, attached to the application proper. If applicant has a parole, discharge or other documentary evidence, it should be attached to the application, which when completed, SHOULD BE SENT TO THE COUNTY JUDGE of the county wherein the applicant lives.

Form A-1 No. A **5191**

Application for Pension for Confederate Soldier or Sailor

DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE

William D. Hartmann

P.O. *Henry*

St. R. Bx. No. *P.B. 214*

Filed in Pension Office **AUG 30 1916**

Disallowed

Allowed

Allowed from _____ per month.

Reconsidered _____ and _____ allowed

From _____ Amt. \$ _____ No. P. _____

Chairman

THIS SPACE BELOW FOR USE OF COUNTY JUDGE ONLY

State of Oklahoma, County of _____

Filed in the office of the County Judge of said county and state this *28* day of *Aug* 191*6*

It is hereby recommended that the within named applicant for pension be *granted* a pension. [initialed—refused]

(SEAL) *Alph* County Judge.

THIS APPLICATION MUST BE FILED WITH AND APPROVED BY THE COUNTY JUDGE OF THE COUNTY WHEREIN THE APPLICANT RESIDES.

Franklin Printing Co., Oklahoma City, Okla.

Application of Indigent Soldier or Sailor of the Confederacy for a Pension Under the Laws of the State of Oklahoma

EVERY QUESTION MUST BE FULLY ANSWERED. WRITE THE ANSWERS CAREFULLY, USING INK. APPLICATION MUST BE SWORN TO BEFORE SOME OFFICER AUTHORIZED TO ADMINISTER OATHS, AND FILED WITH AND DULY APPROVED BY THE COUNTY JUDGE OF THE COUNTY WHEREIN THE APPLICANT LIVES. READ THE ENTIRE APPLICATION BEFORE BEGINNING. OBSERVE THE INSTRUCTIONS IN FINE PRINT UNDER THE LINES. MAKE YOUR ANSWERS EXPLICIT.

STATE OF OKLAHOMA, COUNTY OF Blaine July 28, ss:

I, the undersigned, a Confederate Soldier (or sailor), do hereby make application for a pension, to be granted me according to the laws of the State of Oklahoma, and under oath I make answer to the following questions:

- 1 What is your FULL NAME? [Give your first name, your middle initial, and your surname.]
2 What is your post office address?
3 What is your street, route or box number?
4 Are you an actual resident of the State of Oklahoma? Of what county?
5 How long have you lived in the State of Oklahoma?
6 Where were you born? What is your age?
7 Have you ever applied for a pension anywhere? Where? When?
8 If so, were you granted a pension? If not, why not?
9 Do you receive any income, annuity, pension, salary, wages, fees, money or other means of support, from any source whatever? If so, state in detail the source and amount thereof.
10 Do you, your wife or both of you, own a home, or property of any kind, either real, personal or mixed (household goods and wearing apparel not included), either in fee simple, for life, or in your own right, or an interest therein, or does anyone hold in trust for your benefit or use, any such property? (Answer yes or no.)
11 If so, give an itemized statement of each piece, article or head, and the assessed value of each:

12 Have you or your wife transferred or sold property of any kind within the last two years? If so, state fully the amount, value and circumstances.

13 Have you a home of your own? If not, with whom do you live?
14 If related to the person you live with, state what relation.

15 Have you any relatives or connections whose natural duty it is to provide for you? (State fully)

16 What is your physical condition? Are you able to work?
17 What occupation are you engaged in?
18 Are you an inmate of any public home or institution, charitable or otherwise?

19 Do you apply for a pension because you are indigent and unable to earn a livelihood by manual labor?
20 Did you serve in infantry, cavalry, artillery or navy?

21 In what state was your command organized or from what state did you enlist?
22 When did you enlist? Where? You served how long?
23 What was the name or letter of your company, battery or ship?

24 State the name and number of your regiment or battalion.
25 To what other commands if any were you transferred?
26 State the names and rank of your officers.

27 How were you released from the Confederate service? (Captured, paroled or honorably discharged.) Why? When? Where?

28 Were you ever wounded in battle?
29 Were you a commissioned officer? State rank and date of commission.

30 Were you detailed for special service in any armory or shop for the maintenance of the army or navy? State fully.

I, the undersigned applicant, do solemnly swear that the foregoing answers are all true and complete, and I do further swear that I never deserted, or abandoned my post of duty while in the service of the Confederacy or any of the states thereof, but served honorably until released and that I know of no reason why I am not entitled to receive a pension.

IF APPLICANT SIGNS BY MARK HAVE TWO WITNESSES TO MARK SIGN HERE

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 28th day of August, 1916, [Signature and title of officer] Blaine County, Oklahoma

NOTE: It is unlawful for anyone to charge or receive a fee, either directly or indirectly, for the procuring of a pension, or for taking the acknowledgments or oaths required herein. See that all the questions are answered and that you have listed all of your property, whether taxable or not, except household goods and wearing apparel. If applicant cannot write he must sign by mark, show the mark between the words "his" and "mark," and have two witnesses thereto sign on the lines for that purpose.

State of Oklahoma }
County of Custer } SS.

P. H. Hester

of lawful age being first duly sworn upon his oath deposes and says That he has *been* personally acquainted with William Lewis Hartgraves for more than thirty years and during all of that time I have known him as an ex confederate soldier.

He has always affiliated with their organizations and attended their reunions. I have heard him and other confederate soldiers relate their experiences during the war.

Further affiant sayeth not.

P. H. Hester

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15 day of June 1915.

J. W. Anderson
Notary Public.

My Commission Expires.
Mar 2, 1916



ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

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WAR DEPARTMENT

WAR DEPARTMENT,

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

WASHINGTON, November 20, 1915.

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Respectfully transmitted to the

Chairman, Oklahoma Board of Pension Commissioners, Oklahoma City.

A search of the records based upon the additional data contained herein has resulted in finding the following information in addition to that furnished by this office to the Oklahoma Board of Pension Commissioners:

The name W. L. Hartgraves appears on an undated roll, the only one on file in this Department, of Captain James Hubbard's Company, 2d Battalion of Cavalry, Texas State Troops, C. S. A. which roll shows that the man of that name, aged 18 years, enlisted February 4, 1864, at Boston, Marion County.

The roll referred to is a roll of conscripts of said organization, enrolled under the provisions of G. O., No. 14, Headquarters District of Texas, New Mexico and Arizona, dated January 20, 1864.

Mr. Hartgraves has been informed of this transmission of the inclosed papers, and has been advised that all correspondence relative to his pension claim should be conducted with the Oklahoma Board of Pension Commissioners.

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W. J. Wilson
The Adjutant General

Form No. 74-A, G. O. Ed. Mar. 17-15-75,000

Received A. G. O. NOV 18 1915

due.

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OFFICE OF

Commissioner of Pensions

State of Texas

Austin

11/13/1915

J. C. JONES
COMMISSIONER
PHILIP D. LISSNER
CHIEF CLERK
MISS ELLA BASSIST
ASST CLERK

NOV 23 1915

Mr. W. L. Hartgraves,
Geary, Okla.

Dear Sir:-

Your letter to the Atty. General has been referred to this department, and I beg to state that we have no records or Muster Rolls of any of the Regiments of the C. S. A., all such records are now in the hands of the Adjutant General, Washington, D. C., and will ask that you seek any information desired from him.

Yours truly,

Department of Pensions.

Geary Okla. R#2 / 11/14, 1915.
Office of Adjutant General
Washington D. C.

Dear Sir; I infer the within notes will explain the object of my request. Suffice to say my application for Pension under recent Law of Oklahoma. in which state I am now a citizen has been rejected for insufficient proof of service in the confederate army. Any aid you can render just now will be appreciated by William Louisor W^m L. or W. L. Hartgraves which is one and the same person.

Geary, Blaine Co, Okla. R. F. D #2. Bx 86

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23 NOV 1915

Enclosed find Mr S W. Mowley's letter to me which will perhaps enable you the better to understand the nature of my troubles
yours W L Hartgroves
Geary Okla, R-2

(Cir. K-4)

State Board of Pension Commissioners
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Oct. 21, 1915

W L Hartgroves
Dear Sir (or Madam):--

Your application for a pension under the recent Pension Act, was duly acted on by the Board of Pension Commissioners in their regular session held October 4 to 7, 1915, and after a fair and impartial examination the same was rejected for the following reason:--

Insufficient proof of your (or your husband's) service in the Confederate Army.

Very respectfully,

State Board of Pension Commissioners,

Wm. D. Matthews, Chairman.

Geary Okla

11/22/1915

M/C

The Blank furnished suggested that the above testimony be taken by Geo. Judge of this Co. In that event (in my case) would be impossible. Can you send Blank applicable to the testimony required or kindly make suggestion that be Lawfully
Make yours W L Hartgroves Geary Okla R-2

S.E. Jones,
~~XXXXXX~~ PRESIDENT

A No 2191

S.W. Moseley,
~~XXXXXXXX~~ SEC'Y AND TREAS.

MARION COUNTY ABSTRACT CO.
INCORPORATED

NOV 23 1915

JEFFERSON, TEXAS November 17th 1915.

Mr. W.L. Hartgraves,
Geary, Okla.

My dear friend;-

Replying to your letter of the 2nd., inst., not answered owing to press of business, I state that I do not know anything of the laws of Oklahoma, consequently am unable to prepare any papers for you, or to assist you in any way, in making proof necessary for obtaining a pension in Oklahoma. Each State makes its own laws in regard to pensions.

Please learn from the pension authorities of your State, the necessary proof required and whether or not affidavits will be accepted or in other words, the form of testimony as well as the character thereof, that is required in Oklahoma.

It might be that you could obtain from the pension board, or pension authorities of Oklahoma, blanks for making the necessary proof. Of course, I understand and know the necessary steps to be taken to comply with Texas Laws, but do not know what is required in Oklahoma.

If you can obtain this information from proper authorities of Oklahoma and then forward said information to me so that I can then know what the pension board or laws of Oklahoma require, then I can help you, but until I know the kind of testimony and the character thereof, I am powerless to do anything.

I will help you all I can, but it is useless to do something which would amount to nothing in Oklahoma.

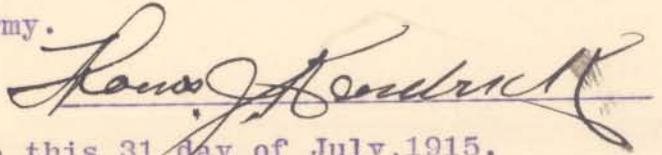
With regards, I remain,

Yours very sincerely,

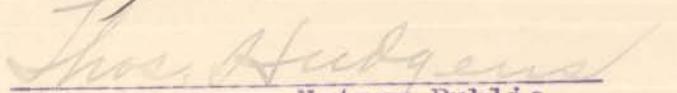
S. W. Moseley

State of Oklahoma)
Washita County) ss. A F F I D A V I T .

I, T. J. Kendrick, of Colony, Oklahoma, being of lawful age and sound mind, on oath depose and state; That I am acquainted with W. L. Hartgrave of Greenfield, Oklahoma; That I have known him since 1874; That I have often heard him tell of being a soldier in the Confederate Army during the late Civil War; That it has been a matter of common knowledge and understanding in the various communities where he has resided, that he was a soldier in the said army; That I have heard him talk over his war experience with men who claimed to have been his comrades in the said war; That I make this affidavit for the purpose of assisting the said W. L. Hartgrave in getting a pension under the statute of Oklahoma which grants pensions to her citizens who served in the said Confederate Army.



Sworn and subscribed to before me this 31 day of July, 1915.


Notary Public.

My Com. expires Mar. 13, 1918.

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WAR DEPARTMENT,
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,
WASHINGTON.

November 20, 1915.

Mr. William Louis Hartgraves,
Route No. 2, Box 86, Geary,
Oklahoma.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 14th instant, in which you state that your claim for pension on account of service in Company A, 19th Texas Infantry, Confederate States Army, has been rejected because of insufficient proof, and referring to your request for a statement of your service in the organization mentioned and in Hubbard's Company, Veal's Battalion, Texas Militia, C. S. A., I have the honor to advise you that upon a reexamination of the records in connection with the additional data furnished, some further information relative to your service has been found and that the same has this day been furnished to the Chairman of the Oklahoma Board of Pension Commissioners at Oklahoma City, with whom all correspondence relative to your claim should be conducted.

Very respectfully,

H. J. Ham
The Adjutant General.

A. B. See other side

Blaine Co
Seary Okla 12/14/1910

To - Commissioners Confederate Pensions
Oklahoma City

Honored Sir - I hope this and the enclosed
authentic testimony of two comrades of same
Company 'A', 19th Regt, Texas Infantry, will
serve at least to dispell the shadow of an
imposter which at this time seems to surround
my statement, as set forth in my application
for Pension etc. There may be discrepancy in dates
and places - suffice to say I have no records
to refer to save a Teacher's Memory
Yours truly

Wm L Karlgraves
Company "A", 19th Texas Inf
Waterhouse's Brig'd
Walker or Forney's Div

The State of Texas,)

County of Marion.)

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Before me, L. E. Purssell, Clerk of the County Court, of Marion County Texas, on this day personally appeared S.W. Moseley, who resides at Jefferson, in Marion County Texas, to me well and personally known, and after being ~~by~~ me sworn in due form of law deposes and upon his oath says:

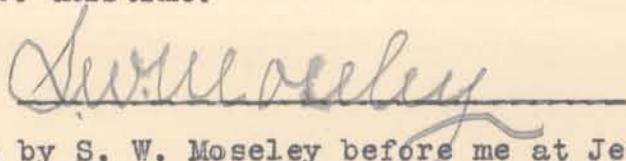
I am past Sixty Two years of age, and have lived in this County all my life. I think it was about the year 1861 that I first met William L. Hartgraves. Hartgraves was an orphanboy and came from Bowie County Texas, I think, from either Old Boston or ^{DeKalb}~~DeKalb~~ to Jefferson in Marion County Texas, and was a waiter in a hotel in Jefferson Texas. About the year 1861 Hartgraves was taken sick at the hottle in Jefferson, where my Father, Sam. F. Moseley took his dinner every day. At Father's solicitation Hartgraves came to the farm eight miles East of Jefferson which belonged to my Father and which was our home. Instead of returning to Jefferson when he got well Hartgraves continued to live withus at our home eight miles from Jefferson. Hartgraves was then a youth and for two or three years went to school in the neighborhood along with myself and my sisters and brother. I think it was about the year 1864 that Hartgraves joined the Confederate Army and went to the War. I remember very distinctly his going to the War. I think he belonged to either Walker's or Forney's division, and perhaps to Waterhouse's Regiment, though, I am not certain now. I do not remember what company he was a member of, nor do I remember who was in the War with him. After he went to the War my Father as well as other members of our family received letters occasionally from Hartgraves. I remember the receipt of one letter from him which contained several small greenback bills; They were either fifty cent bills or twenty five cent bills. But I know that it was the first Yankee Money ever seen in our neighborhood. About the close of the War Hartgraves came back home toour house, and brought with him what was then known as an Endfield Rifle , and he and I secreted the gun in the loft or attic of my Father's residence in order to keep the Yankee soldiers from getting the gun. Thegun had a bayonet on it. When Hartgraves came home he told about one of the Confederate soldiers who was in the War with him stealing his Confederate Money and apart of a pocket comb

After the War Hartgraves lived at our house and went to school again with me and my sisters and brother. Later he farmed on the home place and later farmed on two other plantations owned by my Father. Afterwards he went to Hopkins County Texas, and I think married a Miss Gafford or someone related to Gafford. Afterwards he went to Wise County Texas, and lived near Bridgeport and perhaps near Chico, later I received a letter from him from Colony Oklahoma and now I have received the attached postal card from him dated at Geary Oklahoma. I am positive that said postal card was written by the same William L. Hartgraves that lived with us on my Father's place in the Sixties. I am perfectly familiar with his hand writing and signature, and would recognize it any time and any where.

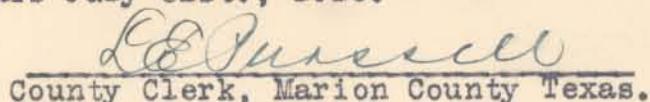
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I think I have not seen Hartgraves for about forty years; when I last saw him, he had quit using tobacco and had fleshened up considerably; He is of light complexion and blue eyes, and has a small foot and hand, for one of his size. In the middle of his forehead is a scar or knot very small; I think the knot or scar was caused by coming in contact with a part of a percussion cap at the discharge of Hartgrave's gun. Said knot or scar is about the size of a small mole or wart, and is immediately above the nose, about the center of the forehead. A short while after the War Hartgraves was interested together with John C. Hutchinson in a small store at Linden in Cass County Texas. Hutchinson is now a manufacturer and dealer in patent medicines at Texarkana Texas.

I am in no way neither by consanguinity or affinity related to W. L. Hartgraves, but make this affidavit solely that justice may be done, and that I may be ~~an~~ instrumental in aiding an old soldier in getting a pension. William L. Hartgraves I think is about seventy years of age at this time.



Subscribed and sworn to by S. W. Moseley before me at Jefferson Marion County, Texas, this July 31st., 1915.


County Clerk, Marion County Texas.

(Recd - 12-16-15 m. N)

The State of Texas & Before me & personally
County of Marion & a citizen of the Republic in
and for Marion County Texas on this
day personally appeared Marshall
D. Kelly who resides at Kelleyville
in Marion County Texas known to me
to be a credible person and after
being by me duly sworn in due
form of Law deposes and on his
oath says: I have resided in Marion
County Texas nearly Fifty-Four (54)
years and am now just Seventy
Two (72) years of age. I got acquainted
with William L. Buntgraves who
now resides near Gary Blain
County, Arkansas, about April
A.D. 1864 a few days before the
"Gunters Ferry" Battle when
Buntgraves and Frank Taylor
enlisted in the Confederate Army.
W. L. Buntgraves enlisted in Company
"A" 19th Texas Infantry about 25
or 30 miles from Camden in
the State of Arkansas and remained
in said company until he was
discharged from the Confederate
Army at Hempstead Texas
in May 1865. I belonged to said
Company "A" 19th Texas Regiment
and W. L. Buntgraves was in
the same "regt" as myself.

W. L. Hartgraves was a gallant
Soldier of the Confederate States
of America. After he was
discharged at Hempstead Texas
in 18 May 1865. W. L. Hartgraves
A. W. Belati Mack Morgan
Frank Matthews, Jim and John
Hutchinson, Will and G. Matthews
Tom Parham Hugh Freeman
myself and some Irishmen all
came back to home to Marion
County Texas together. I am
in no way related to William
L. Hartgraves and am not
interested in this Russian
matter further than to state
facts that justice may be
done to an old Confederate
Soldier

old Dracy
Subscribed and sworn to before
me by Marshall D. Kelly at his
Residence in Kellyville in Marion
County Texas this 30th day of
November A.D. 1915

*Dr. W. A. Kelley, Notary Public
Marion County Texas*

My Commission Expires May 31-1917

The State of Texas } Be bene me Surnamely
County of Marion } a rating Public in
and for Marion County Texas ^{on this place} first.
- solemnly appeared A. W. Belote
who resides in Marion County
Texas to me well known to be a
credible person and after being
by me duly sworn in due
form of Law before me and
on his oath says: That Affiant
has known William L. Huntman
who now resides near Geary
in Blain County Oklahoma
since the year 1860. During
the war between the states
I was a private in Company
"A" 19th Texas Regiment of
the Confederate States of
America. ~~He~~ William L. Hunt-
-man was a private in the
aforesaid company and
Regiment (Infantry). William
L. Huntman ^{was killed} April
A.D. 1864 and was honorably
discharged about May 1865
and he and I came home
together from ~~the~~ United
Texas as soon as we were
discharged. He was a good
soldier and I served side
by side with him from

the time he enlisted in April
1864 until ~~he~~ he and I were
promerably discharged at
Hempstead Texas in May
1865 - A. W. Belate

Subscribed and sworn to by
A. W. Belate at Jefferson
Marin County Texas this
24th day of November
A. D. 1915

S. W. Massey Notary Public
Marin County Texas

My Commission Expires May 31-1917

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

THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA, }
County of Blaine }

I, William Louis Hartgrove

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 while in Camp near Hempstead Tex on
about 20th May '65 we were led by our officers the
* war was ended we returned home in company
with our Regimental officers (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? 70 years
2. Where were you born? in State of Mississippi
3. How long have you resided in Oklahoma? Fifteen years
4. In what county do you reside? Blaine
5. What is your postoffice address? Geary Okla R # 2

* Took the Amnesty Oath in Shreveport La, I think in summer or fall 1865

6. Have you applied for a pension under the Confederate Pension Law and been rejected? If rejected, state when and where ^{at} Oklahoma city Okla
Oct. 1915 under recent act
7. What is your occupation, if able to engage in one? Farmer
8. What is your physical condition? 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 Reported for duty about 18th April '64, Surrendered May 18 (65)
11. What was the letter of your Company, number of Regiment, Battalion or Battery Co. "A" 19th Texas Vol. Infantry
12. If transferred from one command to another, give time of transfer, name of command and time of service No, however I served 6 Mos. in Texas militia as Cavalry in James Hubbards Co. - J. J. Deal's Battalion
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? Private
15. If detailed for special service, under the law of conscription, what was the nature of your service and how long did you serve? No. was not detailed under said Law
16. What is the assessed value of your home, if you own a home? \$600.00
Which consists of 11 lots & residence in City of Seary Okla
17. What is the assessed value of your other property? Nothing more than the exemption of this State (Okla)
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.

(See number 63704)

(Signature of Applicant) William Louis Hartgroves

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 28 day of August A. D. 1916

(SEAL) _____ County Judge.

(Must be executed before the County Judge of _____ County, Okla. County wherein Applicant Resides)

Before me _____ (County Judge, Notary Public, Justice of Peace) of Blaine County, State of Oklahoma, on this day personally appeared James Dillon & Jesse Shelby

known to me to be credible citizens, who, being by me duly sworn, on oath state that they personally know William Louis Hartgroves the above named applicant for a pension, and that they personally know that the said William Louis Hartgroves 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) *John T. Tillman*

(Signature of Witness) *Jesse Shelby*

Sworn to and subscribed before me this *16th* day of *Feb* A. D. 191*6*

(SEAL) *My Comm Exp April 28 1917* *J. B. Hutchison* (County Judge, Notary Public, or Justice of Peace)

AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESSES

NOTE—There must be at least two credible witnesses.

THE STATE OF ~~OKLAHOMA~~ *Texas* }
County of *Bowie*

Before me, *C. C. Bounds* Notary Public *Bowie County Texas*
~~County Judge of~~ *J. B. Hutchison* County, State of ~~Oklahoma~~ *Texas*, on this day personally appeared *J. B. Hutchison*

known to me to be credible citizens, who, being by me duly sworn, on oath state that ~~they are~~ *That he is* personally acquainted with the said *William Lewis Hartgraves*

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. B. Hutchison*

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

*I I was in the same Co the same being Co A 19
J. V. Infantry, Texas division,
Hartgraves & I come home once on a furlow
together, returned to our Com together,
Our Regiment, was disbanded at or near
Amonstead Texas some time in May 1865
and the said William S. Hartgraves returned in
Company with me and other members of Co A,
to Jefferson Marion Co Texas, we were school mates
before & after the Confederate War*

(Signature of Witness) *John B. Hutchison*

(Signature of Witness)

Sworn to and subscribed before me this *6* day of *Jan* A. D. 191*6*

Notary Public in and for ~~County Judge,~~ *Bowie County, Texas.*
C. C. Bounds County, ~~Oklahoma~~

(SEAL) My commission expires *Jan 12 1917*



Form A No. -----

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

Name of Applicant

County

Postoffice

Filed

Approved

Amt. of Pension allowed

Pension allowed from

Rejected

Chairman.



WARDEN COMPANY, OKLAHOMA CITY



a-2191

Nov. 23, 1915.

A-2191

Mr. William L. Hartgraves,
Geary, Okla., R. 2.

Dear Sir:--

We are in receipt of correspondence between yourself and this office, and the Commissioner of Pensions of Texas, and the Adjutant General at Washington, D. C., and the reply of the Adjutant General setting forth your war record, which information we had on file, and beg to say that we have filed these papers with your application and same will be reconsidered at the next meeting of the Board, according to the advice of the Chairman. This meeting will be held in January.

Yours truly,

Secretary

C

Claima No 1324

Route B

Geary Okla, Oct 19th 1916

Wm D. Matthews

Honored Sir

I have heard nothing
from "Claim No 1324"
As it has been more than
Two Weeks since the Pension
Board met I thought proper
to advise you of that fact
yours with respect
William L Hartgraves

Please change my
address from Seary area
Route B. Box 25. to Seary
area.

P 1324

Rec'd June - 1917

THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS



Honorable Wm S. Matthews

Office

Oklahoma City

Confederate Pensions

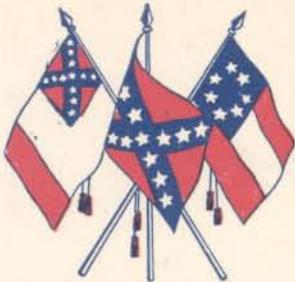
Okla

Geary Okla, 12/21/1916
Wm D. Matthews
Oklahoma city

Honored Sir
Claim Blank No
1324 (Confederat
Pension) has not yet
reached me - yours
truly William L. Hargrave
Geary Okla, Rout "B"
Box 25 (Formaly Box 24)
The line has recently been
renumbered

P1324

R 6



Board of
Pension Commissioners
Of Oklahoma

COMMISSIONERS
WM. D. MATTHEWS
GENL. D. M. HALEY
DR. JOHN THREADGILL
DR. J. G. STREET
HON. W. L. ALEXANDER

Oklahoma City _____ August 26, 1916.191 _____

A. 2191

Mr. Wm. L. Hartgraves,
Geary, Oklahoma, R. "B".

Dear Sir:--

Replying to yours of August 24th I will state that your application was rejected because it was not signed and approved by the County Judge. That is positively required under the law, and also by a ruling of the Attorney General of the State.

I am enclosing you herewith a blank application. Fill it out the best you can, answering all the questions; take it before the County Judge of your County and have him to approve and sign same; forward to this office and I will take the responsibility of placing you on the pension roll for the quarter ending September 30, 1916, but none of this money can be paid out until after the meeting of the Board the first Monday in October.

Very truly yours,

Wm. D. Matthews

CHAIRMAN.

WDM-S
Enc.

~~0219~~ P-1324
Seary Okla, 9-1-1916

Hon. Mr. S. Matthews

Oklahoma City Okla

Dear Sir Accept My thanks for the Blanks
and suggestions etc. which I carried before
Judge Baker who thought would be sufficient
evidence. However if there is anything
lacking on my part kindly advise
me at your earliest convenience
and very much oblige you truly

Wm L Hargrave

A. B. We were Released from Duty By Gen.
Walker in an address (Tara well address)
Before the Army. on or about 18th May '65
Near Hempstead Tex as we had no
written discharge - We Marion Co "Boys"
made our way to Jefferson in company
with our officers. G W Taylor (col) Lucie col
W L Crawford. Capt W J Clark etc
I took the amunition out in Shreveport La
the following I think
my reference is an unfaithful memory.

August 26, 1916.

A. 2191

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Geary, Oklahoma, R. "B".

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Very truly yours,

WDM-S
Enc.

C H A I R M A N.

A. 2191

Route B-

Geary Okla, 8/24/1916

Wm B. Matthews

Oklahoma City Okla-

Honored Sir

At the instigation of some of the best Citizens of this Town (or community) I make this statement, First

I own a residence & 4 lots in the Town of Geary Okla which is valued at \$600⁰⁰ much more than I can get for it \$300⁰⁰ is the Bid offer I've had for it I had to Borrow \$27⁵⁰

from First Natl Bank of
 Leary to pay the Taxes for
 last ^{year} which sum is as yet un-
 paid. Personal property one
 milk cow & calf. I am an in-
 valid & almost Blind
 My means of support is
 Two Daughters age respectively
 20. & 23 yrs - who teach rural
 schools 6 mos in the year
 and attend the State Normal
 Weatherford Okla the remain-
 der of the time. One of those
 girls underwent a very serious
 operation at the El Reno

— by the way of
Thanking you in advance

3rd

Sanitarium El Reno Okla
3 wks ago which leaves us
badly in debt, The above
statement can be proven
by an Creditable Citizen as
there are in this Town
if necessary - I must Con-
fess I feel Stultified in
making this statement
in conclusion I hope you
will not think that ^{you} charge
with unfairness or dishonor
in the distribution of these
funds - yours W. L. Hartgraves
Geary Okla, Rout B

Seary Okla, 9/9/1915/R # 2
To The Honorable Board of
Confederate Pensions
Oklahoma City Okla

Honored Sir - Sometime
ago I made application
for Pension before the Co.
Judge of this Co. (Blaine)
furnishing such evidence
of service as I could get
at that time herewith en-
close additional testimony
If the evidence is not con-
clusive, you will do me a
great kindness by notifying
me at once, that I may try
to get the evidence required
as my health is failing fast
yours with respects

W. L. Hartgroves
Co. A 19th Texas Infantry

NOV 23 Recd

A. 2191

R # 2

Gary Okla, 11/10/1915
To Atty Genl
Austin Texas
Honored Sir

Please examine
The war record of Con-
federate Army - Company
"A" 19th Tex Vol Infantry
Dick Waterhouse's old
Regt Col E W Taylor
Commanding at Close
of War on said record
My name should appear
from April '64 to May
'65 as private. The Regt
was Raised at Jefferson
Texas, A. C. Allen was

271

of Co, A when it
was - Jefferson Bill Clark
Capt at Close of war

NOV 23 Recd

This information will be used in evidence in securing Pension under recent Law of Okla granting Pensions to Confederate Soldiers. I also served 6 Mos Texas militia 1st Hubbard Co, J J Veals Batalion Winter '63 & '64 (As substitute for Wash, Johnson) you will please attach expense bill to evidence and I will be very much obliged & pay same yours W L Hargrave

3 Men Louis Hartgraves
or W. L. Hartgraves

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

NOV 18 1915

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WAR DEPARTMENT

Henry Blaine Co Okla

R # 2

\$ I have ^{been} referred to you
for this information
Accept my thanks in
advance for this favor

h.c. 1

Geary Okla, 3/1/1916 (R#2)

Wm D. Matthews

A. 2191

Oklahoma City

Honored Sir—

Enclosed you will find self addressed Postal Card, whereon you can state whether or not my proof is sufficient of service in Confederate Army as set forth in my application which was rejected last Oct. The reason I am so anxious about this matter I am living wholly on the Bounty of my children who are unable to stand the burden. If any other Proof is necessary kindly help me out in this, by telling me where in my list money is short—yours truly

Wm D. Matthews

Geary Okla R#2

N.B. Excuse incoherency—

Oklahoma City March 11, 1916

A-2191

Mr. W. L. Hartgraves,
Geary, Okla. R. 2

Dear Sir:-- Replying to yours of recent date will say your proof seems to be all right now, as far as I looked, but you will see that on reconsideration the Board found that you state you have \$600.00 worth of property and as there was not money enough to pension all who proved their service, it was given first to those who had no property or less than \$400.

Yours truly,

Sec.

June 14, 1937

P. 1324

Mrs. H. G. Summers
1604 West 9th Street
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Dear Mrs. Summers:

Several days ago you called this Department
in regard to a tombstone for Wm. L. Hartgrave's. You write to
the
QUARTERMASTER GENERAL,
MEMORIAL BRANCH,
WASHINGTON, D. C.,
for an application blank for a Headstone for a Soldier and
one will be sent you with instructions as how to fill in,
then send the copy of the War Record, which I am enclosing,
with your application and it will be accepted.

Yours very truly,

JOHN W. HARRIS, COMMISSIONER.
BY:

CLERK.

118 East Castro
Norman, Okla.
June 21, 1937

P. 13 24

Pension Dept. for Confederate
Soldiers. Okla. City. Capitol
Sirs:

My father, W. L. Hartgroves
who died in 1918 was a civil war
pensioner. I understand there
is a fund to place markers
at the graves of Confederate
Veterans. If so will you please
write me the particulars and
how to proceed to get the same.
His war record is in the pension
files.

Thanking you in advance.
Very sincerely
Mrs. P. H. Hester

July 2, 1937

Mrs. P. H. Hester
118 East Castro
Norman, Oklahoma

Dear Mrs. Hester:

Your letter of June 21, received and am sorry I have not answered sooner, but a Mrs. Summers of Oklahoma City, called this office some time ago and asked for the same information. I sent her a copy of Mr. Hartgraves war record, and told her to write to the Quartermaster General, Memorial Branch, Washington D. C., for an application blank, then fill out the blank and send the war record with it, and she would receive the tombstone.

I presume that Mrs. Summers is your sister, so if you will get in touch with her, she has all the information necessary.

Yours very truly,

JOHN W. HARRIS, COMMISSIONER
BY:

CLERK.