Civil War Union pension application of Abraham B. Rainwater

dated 27 Apr 1896-11 Apr 1929

#609748, Texas

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ABRAHAM B. RAINWATER,  
HICO, TEXAS.  
609748  
JULY 26

3-1081  
DROP REPORT—PENSIONER

Cert. No.  
Pensioner  
Soldier  
Service  
Class  

RECORD DIVISION

, 192  
In the above-described case a declaration filed 
in this Division indicates that said pensioner died  
, 19....

Chief, Record Division.


FINANCE DIVISION  
APR 1 1 1929  
, 192  
The name of the above-described pensioner who  
was last paid at the rate of $ per month  
to , 19...., has this day  
been dropped from the roll because of Death  

O. J. RANDALL  
Chief, Finance Division
APPLICATION FOR REIMBURSEMENT

This form not to be used if the deceased pensioner left a widow or minor children under sixteen years of age

STATE OF: Indiana
COUNTY OF: Hamilton

On this 9th day of May, A.D. 1929, before me, the undersigned, personally appeared

J. F. Rainwater, aged 61 years, a resident of Indiana,

County of Hamilton, State of Indiana, who makes the following declaration as an application for, and claim is hereby made for, reimbursement from the accrued pension for expenses paid (or obligation incurred) in the last sickness and burial of Abraham B. Rainwater, who was a pensioner of the United States by certificate No. 609748, and who died April 1, 1929, at Thompston, Texas, and was buried at Memphis, Texas.

That the answers to questions propounded below are full, complete, and truthful to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief, and that no evidence necessary to a proper adjustment of all claims against the accrued pension is suppressed or withheld.

1. What was the full name of the deceased pensioner? Abraham B. Rainwater

2. In what capacity was decedent pensioned? (As soldier or sailor, or as a widow, minor child, dependent relative, etc.) Soldier

3. If decedent was pensioned as a soldier or sailor—
   (a) Was he ever married? (Answer yes or no.) Yes
   (b) How many times, and to whom? Once only, to Hattie Godbold
   (c) If married, did his wife survive him? (Answer yes or no.) No
   (d) If so, is she still living? (Answer yes or no.) She died June 2, 1928
   (e) If not living, give full names and dates of death of all wives.

4. Did pensioner leave a child under 16 years of age? (Answer yes or no.) No

5. Is any such child still living? (Answer yes or no.) No

6. Were any sick or death benefits paid on pensioner's account? If so, give name of society and amount paid. No

7. Was there insurance (life, accident, or health) in force on life of pensioner at time of death? (Answer yes or no.) No

8. If so, give the name of each company in which a policy was carried and the amount in which each policy was written.


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9. Who was the beneficiary named in each policy?

10. What was the relation of each beneficiary to the pensioner?

11. Were the premiums paid by the deceased pensioner?

12. If not paid by the deceased pensioner, state the amount of premiums paid by each person who made payment on that account.

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13. Is there an executor or administrator, or will application be made for appointment of any person as administrator?  
No

14. Did the deceased pensioner leave any money, real estate, or personal property?  
Small home

15. If so, state the character and value of all such property.  
A small home in Tex.

16. What was the assessed value (last assessment) of the real estate?  
About $3000.00

17. How was the pensioner's property disposed of?  
Not paid

18. Did pensioner leave an undated pension check?  
No

19. What was your relation to the deceased pensioner?  
Daughter

20. Are you married?  
No

21. What was the cause of pensioner's death?  
Appen  

22. When did the pensioner's last sickness begin?  
Two weeks before his death

23. From what date did the pensioner become so ill as to require the regular and daily attendance of another person constantly until death?  
Two weeks before his death

24. Give the name and post office address of each physician who attended the pensioner during last sickness  
Dr. C.G. Lawrence, 4th Avenue, Tex.

25. State the names of the persons by whom the pensioner was nursed during the last sickness.  
His daughter, Mrs. Miller, with whom he was residing at time of his death

26. Where did the pensioner live during last sickness?  
Texas, but residing elsewhere

27. Has there been paid, or will application be made for payment to you or any other person, any part of the expenses of the pensioner's last sickness and burial by any State, county, or municipal corporation?  
No

The following is a complete statement of all the expenses of the last sickness and burial of said deceased pensioner:

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Total: 180 $

That of the above-mentioned expenses this claimant has paid, or guaranteed the payment of, the following items:  

P. F. Rainwater

Claimant's signature in full

(If O. address)

(When the claimant for reimbursement is a married woman, she is required to sign the application with her own full name, not using the Christian name or the initials of her husband, and all bills should be receipted to her in her own name.)

4-1872
IMPORTANT NOTICE.—Testimony is much better when the affidavit is wholly in hand writing of the affiant, in which event the affidavit must conclude with an averment that “This statement is in my own hand writing, and in the making of the same I used no written or printed statement, nor was I aided or prompted by any recital, prepared or dictated by any other person, and not attached as an exhibit to this affidavit. If the affidavit is not in hand writing of the affiant, then the following averment must be added: And I further swear that the foregoing testimony was all written in my presence, and only from my oral statements then made. That I dictated said affidavit on the ________________ day of ________________ 1896 in the town of ________________ and that the same was then and there reduced to writing by him from said oral statements, and that in making the same, I did not use and was not aided nor prompted by any written or printed statement or recital, prepared or dictated by any other person.

GENERAL AFFIDAVIT.

In the Matter of pension claim No. ________________

Abraham G. Paauwater

On this ________________ day of ________________ 1896 personally appeared before me an officer in, and for the hereinafter named County and State, duly authorized to administer oaths, aged ________________ years, whose Post office address is ________________ and who being duly sworn declares in relation to aforesaid case as follows:

That the said Abraham G. Paauwater was shot by a gun fired by the Right Ankle and Thigh, and required him from walking and doing duty. And was treated by the regimental Surgeon Dr. Maynard, and at times he refused to be finally received from pain and trouble with his Ankle and that I further swear that the foregoing testimony was all written in my presence, and only from my oral statements then made. That I dictated said affidavit on the ________________ day of ________________ 1896 to ________________ at the office of ________________ in the town of ________________ and that the same was then and there reduced to writing by him from said oral statements.

And I further swear that the same was not added nor prompted by any written or printed statement or recital, prepared or dictated by any person.
SIR:

In forwarding to the pension agent the executed voucher for your next quarterly payment please favor me by returning this circular to him with replies to the questions enumerated below.

Very respectfully,

May 1st, 1898

R. B. Randall
Commissioner.

First. Are you married? If so, please state your wife's full name and her maiden name.

Answer. 1851.

Second. When, where, and by whom were you married?


Third. What record of marriage exists?

Answer. C. Children.

Fourth. Were you previously married? If so, please state the name of your former wife and the date and place of her death or divorce.

Answer.

Fifth. Have you any children living? If so, please state their names and the dates of their birth.

Answer. C. P. Rainwater, Aug. 11, 1867.


Jas. Rainwater, Jan. 12, 1880.

Date of reply, May 1, 1898.
Sr: Please answer, at your earliest convenience, the questions enumerated below. The information is requested for future use, and it may be of great value to your widow or children. Use the enclosed envelope, which requires no stamp.

Very respectfully,

[Signature]

ABRAHAM B. RAINWATER, 
HICO, TEXAS.

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The name of organizations in which you served? Answer. Second Art. Calif.

No. 2. What was your post office at enlistment? Answer. Camer, Ark.

No. 3. State your wife's full name and her maiden name. Answer. Harriet Watson, born March 17, 1856, in Franklin Co., Ark.

No. 4. When, where, and by whom were you married? Answer. In 1866, at Tampico, Texas, Ark.

By J. W. Hunter, Justice of the Peace.

No. 5. Is there any official or church record of your marriage?

If so, where? Answer.

No. 6. Were you previously married? If so, state the name of your former wife, the date of the marriage, and the date and place of her death or divorce. If there was more than one previous marriage, let your answer include all former wives. Answer. No.

No. 7. If your present wife was married before her marriage to you, state the name of her former husband, the date of such marriage, and the date and place of his death or divorce, and state whether he ever rendered any military or naval service, and, if so, give name of the organization in which he served. If she was married more than once before her marriage to you, let your answer include all former husbands. Answer. No.
No. 8. Are you now living with your wife, or has there been a separation?  Answer: Yes, I am living with my wife.  There has not been any separation.

No. 9. State the names and dates of birth of all your children, living or dead.  Answer: Benjamin Franklin Rainwater, was born in 1867, Aug. 11th.

   Joseph Richard Rainwater, was born 1869, Oct. 12th.

   Carrie Emely Rainwater, was born 1872, May 30th.

   Lenoir Elizabeth Rainwater, was born 1874, Sept. 12th.

   Foster Bell Rainwater, was born 1879, August 5th.

   Robert Houston Rainwater, was born 1880, January 12th.

Carrie Emely Rainwater, died 1912, Aug. 4th.

Date Apr. 10, 1915

(Signature) Abraham B. Rainwater
This Texas Jan. 8-1914

Known by all men present:

This is to certify that I have examined the old family Bible record and I find that
that Abraham Rainwater was born June 13th
1846. Witness my hand at this time June 8-1914.

J. W. Land

Sworn and subscribed before me this the 8th day
of Jan. 1914.

W. E. McNulty
Notary Public Hamilton Co. Texas
This is to certify that the above recording
dwin date of my birth June 13, 1846
is from the two old family bible printed
in 1830 for the American Bible Society.
Witness my hands at this file to this the 8th day of Jan.
W. E. Manley

Abraham B. Ranisater

Sworn to and subscribed before me this the 8th day
of Jan. 1914.
W.E. McAnelly

Notary Public, Hamilton Co.

I certify to the above facts being true and
correct.

W. E. McAnelly
DECLARATION FOR PENSION

ACT OF MAY 1, 1920

The Pension Certificate Should Not Be Forwarded With the Application

State of: Texas
County of: Hamilton

On this 5th day of May, 1922, personally appeared before me, a Notary Public
within and for the county and State aforesaid, Abraham B. Rainwater, who, being duly
sworn according to law, declares that he is 75 years of age, and a resident of Hico
county of: Hamilton; State of: Texas; and that he is the
identical person who was ENROLLED at: Cassville, Missouri,
under the name of Abraham Rainwater, on the 15th day of January, 1863
as a private in Co. A, 2nd Regiment Cavalry Arkansas
(Civil War)

in the service of the United States, in the
war, and was HONORABLY DISCHARGED at: Memphis, Tenn., on the 20th day of August, 1865.
That he also served: None.
(Here give a complete statement of all other services, if any.)

That his personal description at enlistment was as follows: Height 5 feet 8 inches; complexion Fair

Blue color of eyes; color of hair Light; that his occupation was Farmer

that he was born June 14th, 1847 at: Jackson County, Tennessee

That he requires the regular personal aid and attendance of another person on account of the following disabilities:

Rheumatism, a serious hernia, and general feebleness and weakness
(State in this space the nature of any and all disabilities.)

by reason of old age.
That since leaving the service he has resided at Frarie Grove, Ark. Temple, Bartlett and Hico, Texas, nothing for 15 years. That he has applied for pension under original No. 609,748. That he is a pensioner under Certificate No. 609,748.

That he makes this declaration for the purpose of being placed on the pension roll of the United States under the provisions of the Act of May 1, 1920. Witnesses to mark:

(1) T. L. Wolfe

(Signature of first witness.)

Hico, Texas.

(Address of first witness.)

(2) L. O. Beinheaver

(Signature of second witness.)

Hico, Texas.

(Address of second witness.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 5th day of May, A.D. 1922, and I hereby certify that the contents of the above declaration were fully made known and explained to the applicant before swearing, including the words —— erased, and the words —— added; and that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim.

Notary Public, Hamilton County, Texas. Hico, Texas.

(Signature.)

Post Office address of officer.)

Declaration accepted as a case under No. 2, on June 1, 1924.
IMPORTANT NOTICE.—Testimony is much better when the affidavit is wholly in hand writing of the affiant, in which event the affidavit must conclude with an averment that "This statement is in my own hand writing, and in the making of the same I used no written or printed statement, nor was I aided or prompted by any recital, prepared or dictated by any other person, and not attached as an exhibit to this affidavit. If the affidavit is not in hand writing of the affiant, then the following averment must be added: And I further swear that the foregoing testimony was all written in my presence, and only from my oral statements then made. That I dictated said affidavit on the __________ day of _______ 189__ to____________ at the office of_________________ in the town of________________ and that the same was then and there reduced to writing by him from said oral statements, and that in making the same, I did not use and was not aided nor prompted by any written or printed statement or recital, prepared or dictated by any other person.

GENERAL AFFIDAVIT.

In the Matter of pension claim No. 609748 ________________________________

Abraham B. Rainwater

On This __________ day of January A. D. 189__ personally appeared before me an officer in and for the hereinafter named County and State, duly authorized to administer oaths, Abraham B. Rainwater aged __________ years, whose Post office address is _______ and who being duly sworn declares in relation to aforesaid case as follows:

by being the one afflicted is the way follow:

I have been afflicted with affection of eyes since the age of __________ and is growing worse as of advance.

Some time in January 1875 there being a

lack of fire through brush and a little tree

back and something in my right eye and

cast on to loose the right.

And I certify further that any disability is not caused to physicians habit.

And I further swear that the foregoing testimony was all written in my presence.

Abraham B. Rainwater

[Signature]
And, I further declare that the testimony was all written in my presence and only from my oral statements. This affidavit was dictated and signed by me on the 5th day of February, 1897, at the office of H.J. Green, notary public in the State of Texas, and the same was then and there reduced to writing by him from said oral statements, and in making the same, I did not add or insert any facts not previously prepared or dictated by any other person.

I further declare that I have no interest in said case and am not concerned in its prosecution.

Witnesses to Signature:

J. H. Ramsey

W. J. Moore

Alvah J. B. Ramsey

[Signature of Affiant.]
GENERAL AFFIDAVIT.

In the Matter of pension claim No. 692748

of

Abraham B. Rainwater

On this 13th day of December, A.D. 1895, personally appeared before me an officer in and for the hereinafter named County and State, duly authorized to administer oaths, Dr. A. R. Bannard, aged 30 years, whose Post office address is Bottom Bill C. D., and who being duly sworn declares in relation to aforesaid case as follows:

My information is derived by being a close

neighbour to the said pensioner and from him every day whom I saw both at home and away. Many times the pensioner is not able to put on his clothes without the assistance of some of his family or attendants, and further certify he is unfit for manual labor. Also sometime in January 1895 Dr. Rainwater got his right eye hurt by a brush striking it, his right eye is destroyed entirely in said right eye.

The forgoing affidavit was written in my presence and copied hereon, and all statements therein made, I did and did not and did not purport to any writer or printed statement or exhibit or dictated by any other person.
I further declare that I have no interest in said case and am not concerned in the prosecution.

Witnesses to Signature:

W. A. Moore  
W. H. Williams

[If Affiant signs by mark, two persons who can write sign here.]  
[Signature of Affiant.]
GENERAL AFFIDAVIT.

In the Matter of pension claim No. 609748
of
Abraham B. Rainwater

On this 2 day of December A.D. 1895 personally appeared before me an officer in and for the hereinafter named County and State, duly authorized to administer oaths, Doctor A. J. Taylor, aged years, whose Post office address is Troy, Bull Co., Va. and who being duly sworn declares in relation to aforesaid case as follows:

[Note.—The Affiant should state how he gains a knowledge of the facts to which he testifies.]

This is to certify that I this day have examined Mr. Abraham Rainwater and have suffered from lung and of Rheumatism, also the loss of right eye caused by a blow in the eye of puncturing. Constant pain of pulmonary consumption with gout, also blindness, also suffering from catarrh of left eye caused from some blood. He was totally disabled from work for four months. The time I was treating him for eye and is now disabled from labor on account of Rheumatism, all of which occurred without any negligence on his part or any irregular habit (Ophthalmia and in examining eye).

This is an eye smear taken

[Signature]
I further declare that I have no interest in said case and am not concerned in its prosecution.

Witnesses to Signature:

[Signature of Affiant.]

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and further declare that I have no interest in said case and am not concerned in its prosecution.

(Signature of Affiant.)

NOTE.—The witnesses, if not themselves equal to the task of drawing the affidavit, should go to some Notary Public, Justice of the Peace, or other officer or competent person, and have the blank filled out and properly executed.

STATE OF TEXAS, COUNTY OF [Blank]

Sworn to and subscribed before me this day by the above-named affiant, and I certify that I read said affidavit to said affiant, including the words [Blank] erased, and the words [Blank] added, and acquainted [Blank] with its contents before [Blank] executed the same. I further certify that I am nowise interested in said case, nor am I concerned in its prosecution; and that said affiant [Blank] personally known to me and that [Blank] is a credible person.

[Official Signature.]
Notary Public

[Official Character.]

I, [Blank] Clerk of the County Court in and for aforesaid County and State, do certify that [Blank] Esq., who has signed his name to the foregoing declaration and affidavit was at the time of so doing in and for said County and State, duly commissioned and sworn; that all his official acts are entitled to full faith and credit, and that his signature thereunto is genuine.

Witness my hand and seal of office, this [Blank] day of [Blank], 188 [Blank].

[Official Signature.]

Clerk of the

NOTE.—This should be sworn to before a CLERK OF COURT, NOTARY PUBLIC or JUSTICE OF THE PEACE. If before a JUSTICE or NOTARY, then CLERK OF COUNTY COURT must add his certificate of character hereon, and not on a separate slip of paper.
GENERAL AFFIDAVIT

For the testimony of employers or near neighbors of soldier, (other than relatives) who have known him before his enlistment, or since his discharge and return from the army.

State of __________, County of __________, 18__

In the matter of the application for pension of ______________.

ON THIS 28th day of __________, A.D. 18__, personally appeared before me, a Notary Public in and for the aforesaid County, duly authorized to administer oaths.

______________________
A. C. Hail

aged 32 years, a resident of __________.

in the County of __________ and State of __________

whose Post Office address is __________.

aged 32 years, a resident of __________.

in the County of __________ and State of __________

whose Post Office address is __________.

well known to me to be respectable and entitled to credit, and who being duly sworn, declare in relation to the aforesaid case as follows: That I have been well and personally acquainted with ______________ for 18 years, and 18 years respectively, and that I don't know anything about his injury since although I think that he was shot in the war, 18__, that he is cripple in his foot or ankle. I was too young to know much about the war; I hope I don't come close to a conclusion in the story of how he was Long time and not come back in '93 and before I had to close him since that time.

I am a growing man, I think on the time, and at times he went partly 70 or all back to the front after that wound in the army.
STATE OF Texas

COUNTY OF Bell

On this 1st day of July, A. D. one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight before me, an officer duly authorized to administer oaths for general purposes within and for the county and state aforesaid, personally appeared

Abraham Rainwater

aged 35 years, a resident of the county of Bell, state of Texas, who being duly sworn according to law, declares that he is the identical person who was enrolled on the 15th day of Jan., 1863, in Co. A, 2nd Reg’t Vols., in the war of the rebellion, and served at least ninety days, and was honorably discharged at

on the 20th day of Aug., 1865. That he is unable to earn a support by manual labor, by reason of

SW fracture ankle.

(Here state all diseases or injuries from which disabled at this time.)
That said disabilities are not due to his vicious habits, and are to the best of his knowledge and belief permanent. That he has applied for pension under application No. 669777.

That he is a pensioner under Certificate No. (If a pensioner, the Certificate number only need be given. If not, give the number of the former application if one was made.)

That he makes this declaration for the purpose of being placed on the pension roll of the United States under the provisions of the Act of June 27, 1890.

He hereby appoints C. D. PENNEBAKER, of WASHINGTON, D. C., his true and lawful attorney to prosecute his claim, and he hereby promises and agrees to pay his said attorney the sum of ten ($10) dollars for his services herein, which sum he authorizes and requests the Commissioner of Pensions to pay out of the pension which may be granted him under this application.

That his POST-OFFICE ADDRESS is

... That his POST-OFFICE ADDRESS is...

county of... state of...

Abraham B. Rainwater (Claimant's signature.)

Attest:...
War Department,

Adjutant General's Office,

Washington, Oct. 25, 1888

Respectfully referred to the Commissioner of Pensions.

Abraham Fanning, a 1st enlisted of Company A 2nd Regiment Ark. Natl. Volunteers, was enrolled on the 13th day of June, 1864, at Little Rock, AR, and is reported on roll to January 1, 1865, present.

Same to June 30, 1865. Muster Out Roll of Co. D, dated Aug. 20, 1865. Memphis, Tenn., reports him. "Not mustered out with Co. at that date or since. Returns for Sept. 65, does not report him as absent."

The Regt. was stationed at Springfield, Mo. Sept. 25 till on or about Oct. 10, 1865. Between the 10th day of Oct. 65, all available men in the command with which Regt. served during said month, took the field in pursuit of the Rebel Genl. Price. The records of their service since were destroyed by accident alleged, neither do they afford every additioal Tax information that could.

R. C. Drum,

Adjutant General.
THE STATE OF TEXAS,

County of Hamilton, Before me, J. C. Rodgers,

a Notary Public,

in and for said County, State of Texas, this day personally came and appeared Abraham B. Rainwater

to me well known, and who, after being by me duly sworn, did depose and say

According to the Family record which I now have before me, I was

born June 13, 1846. We have no Family Bible which have the record in

it but have the record of my Family which show the above, same is on

a very old sheet of paper which we have kept for quite a number of years


Sworn to and subscribed before me. Witness my hand and seal of office, in Hico, Texas.

this the 15th day of January, A.D. 1913.

J. C. Rodgers,

Notary Public, Hamilton County, Texas.

By ......................................... Deputy.