Civil War (Union/Arkansas) pension application of John Rainwater (son of Matthew & Mahala) pension #620880, dated 11 Dec 1897-8 Apr 1915

#1233
RESTORATION
DECLARATION FOR INVALID PENSION.
Act of June 27, 1890.

State of Texas

On the date hereinafter mentioned, personally appeared before me a Notary Public within and for the County and State aforesaid, John Rainwater, aged 51 1/2, years, a resident of Cory, County of Bell, State of Texas, who, being duly sworn according to law, declares that he is the identical John Rainwater who served not less than NINETY DAYS in the war of the Rebellion, and was HONORABLY DISCHARGED.

That he was a pensioner under the Act of June 27, 1890, at the rate of $8.00 per month, by certificate No. 620880 on account of Rheumatism, disease of heart and limbs.

That his name was dropped from the pension roll on or about the 13th day of October, 1896, on the ground that his disability did not exist in a pensionable degree; that he has not since drawn any pension under said act of June 27, 1890, although clearly entitled to a pension thereunder, as he believes, because of his physical condition, as above.

That he is to a material extent disqualified from earning a support by manual labor, by reason of the following disabilities for which he has not heretofore been pensioned:

Rheumatism, Diseases of heart and limbs, no other disease.

That said disabilities are not due to his vicious habits, and are to the best of his knowledge and belief permanent. That he has never served in the Army, Navy or Marine Corps of the United States otherwise than as above stated, except.

That his original pension certificate is No. 620880 and is in possession of claimant.

That he is not a pensioner under the general law.

That this declaration is made for the purpose of securing the restoration of his name to the Pension Roll under the Act of June 27, 1890; and he claims the restoration of his said pension from the date of the last payment thereof. He hereby appoints, with full power of substitution, MILO B. STEVENS & CO., of Washington, D.C., their successors or legal representatives, his true and lawful attorneys to prosecute his claim under said law, and agrees that they shall be allowed and paid, upon the issuance of a certificate, a fee of ten dollars in accordance with the law. That his postoffice address is.

Signature of claimant.

Two witnesses who can write, sign here.
S. E. Division
K. N.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
BUREAU OF PENSIONS,
WASHINGTON, D. C., August 14, 1896.

Sir:

With the return of the enclosed report from your office relative to claim, certificate No. 620,880, of John Rainwater, late of Co. "A", 2nd Ark. Vol. Cav., you are requested to furnish a full military and medical history of said soldier, who, it is now alleged, had a prior service in Co. "A", Col. Brook's Regt., Confederate Army. (Probably Arkansas Infantry).

It is further alleged that his captain's name was Walker who got killed.

No other data.

Very respectfully,

[Signature]

Commissioner.
GENERAL AFFIDAVIT

State of Texas
County of Bee

In the matter of claim for

John Ramsway A. T. Co.

(Personal name and relationship of claimant and name and service of soldier.)

Personally came before me, a Justice of the Peace, in and for
(aforesaid County and State), aged 45 years,
residing at Temple, County of Bee, State of Texas, aged years,
residing at , County of , State of ,

who, being duly sworn, declare in relation to the aforesaid case
as follows: I have known John Ramsway A. T. Co.
continuously from his childhood to the present time, and know that he was forced to join the Confederate Army during the late war between the States.

He did serve Compulsion and Against his Will, and against the

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

If either affiant sign by X mark, two persons who write their names MUST sign here as witnesses to the act.

1. J. Robinson
   (Name of one witness to X mark)

2. S. L. Catherw
   (Name of other witness to X mark)

Signature of Affiant, or of each Affiant: [Signature]

#1233
GENERAL AFFIDAVIT

State of Texas
County of Bell

In the matter of claim for

Character and number of claim.

Full name and relationship of claimant, and name and service of soldier.

Personally came before me, a...in and for

Justice, Notary, Judge, Clerk or Deputy Clerk.

aforesaid County and State, M. A. LeValle, aged 62 years,
residing at Temple, County of Bell, State of Texas, and

aged years, State of

who, being duly sworn, declare $ in relation to the aforesaid case as follows:

I know John Raminwater Contine, I know his childhood and know that he was forced to go into the Confederate Army during the latter years of the Rebellion. And that he did against this wish and will as he often expressed it to me during the War and whilst we were both in the Army. We often discuss the subject of the Confederate Army. It would not take a minute longer than he could produce.

And I have answered and have not been an

General and other persons and attached a

I am authorized and that this deposition

was signed by a deponent in his office and

Signed this 4th day of November 186...
I further declare that I have no interest in said case, and am not concerned in its prosecution.

If either affiant sign by X mark, two persons who write their names MUST sign here as witnesses therefor.

W. Taylor
(Name of one witness to X mark.)

S. Hardnock
(Name of other witness to X mark.)
GENERAL AFFIDAVIT.

State of: 
County of: 

In the matter of claim for Pension of: John Rainwater, C. 2 - Ark. Ser.

(Personal name and relationship of claimant, and name and service of soldier.)

Personally came before me, a: James Gibson, in and for

(Justice, Notary, Judge, Clerk or Deputy Clerk.)

aforesaid County and State, aged 54 years.

residing at: Dealerwin, County of Lee, State of: Texas, and,

aged: years.

residing at: , County of: , State of: , who, being duly sworn, declare in relation to the aforesaid case as follows: I was first sent to: An Ark. Ser.

and that I was well acquainted with: John Rainwater and that about the first of Jan. 1861, with others was sent on a desert and was well when he left. And when he returned was shot in hip and it was reported that his horse had fallen with him. I was acting as adjutant of the Battalion on the march. I only knew from what was reported when the Desert returned. I know that said Rainwater was one of the best soldiers we had ever had and impressed ancid are various stories. He was always ready for duty and cheerfully obeyed orders.

GEORGE E. LEMON, of Washington, D. C., and is Exclusively for His use.
I further declare that I have no interest in said case, and I am not concerned in its prosecution.

If either affiant sign by X mark, two persons who write their names MUST sign here as witnesses thereto.

1 (Name of one witness to X mark.)

2 (Name of other witness to X mark.)

Signature of Affiant, or of each Affiant.

James Gibson

#1233
ACT OF JUNE 27, 1890.
As Amended by Act of May 9, 1900.

DECLARATION FOR INVALID PENSION.

NOTICE.—This can be executed before a Notary Public, Justice of the Peace, or a Court of Record, or any officer duly qualified to administer oaths.

State of __________, County of __________, 55:

ON THIS 16th day of November, A. D. one thousand nine hundred and 

personally appeared before me a __________, official title of officer executing this application.

within and for the county and State aforesaid John Rainwaters aged 55 years, Name of claimant.

a resident of __________, County of __________, State of __________, Name under which he was served.

who, being duly sworn according to law, declares that he is the identical John Rainwaters

who was ENROLLED as a Private on the 15th day of January, 1864 in Company __________ of the 2nd Regiment of __________ Vols., Company and Regiment, or vessel, if in the navy.

in the war of the Rebellion and served at least ninety days, and was honorably DISCHARGED at __________, Tennessee, on the 20th day of August, 1865.

That he is __________ unable to earn a support by manual labor by reason of __________ Partially or wholly.

Disorders of the heart and __________.

Your disability need not have been contracted in the U.S. service.

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. __________ That he is a pensioner under Certificate No. 62880.

That he has __________ been employed in the military or naval service otherwise than as stated above.

Here state what the service was, whether prior or subsequent to that stated above, and the dates at which it began and ended.

and when ordered for examination desires to be ordered before the Board of Surgeons at __________, County of __________, State of __________.

That he makes this declaration for the purpose of being placed on the pension roll of the United States, of Congress approved June 27, 1890, as amended by Act of Congress approved May 9, 1900. He hereby appoints

JOSEPH H. HUNTER, of Washington, D. C.,

his true and lawful attorney to prosecute his claim. That he hereby agrees to allow his said attorney a fee of $10 when the claim is allowed. That his Post Office address is __________, County of __________, State of __________.

W. S. Brown

J. J. Barrett

If claimant signs by mark, two witnesses must sign here.

John Rainwaters

Signature of claimant.

#1233
State of TEXAS

County of JONES

On this 22nd day of May, A.D. one thousand nine hundred and Twelve, personally appeared before me, a Notary Public within and for the county and State aforesaid, John Rainwater, who, being duly sworn according to law, declares that he is 70 years of age, and a resident of SINCLAIR county of Jones, State of Texas; and that he is the identical person who was enrolled at Springfield, M.O., under the name of John Rainwater on the 15th day of January, 1864, as a Private, in Company (A) 2nd Reg. Cavalry Arkansas Volunteers.

(Here state rank, and company and regiment in the Army; or vessels, if in the Navy.)

in the service of the United States, in the Civil war, and was honorably discharged at Memphis, Tennessee, on the 20th day of August, 1865.

The entire time as above stated

(Here give a complete statement of all other services, if any.)

No other service. That he was not employed in the military or naval service of the United States otherwise than as stated above. That his personal description at enlistment was as follows: Height, 5 feet 8 inches; complexion, Fair; color of eyes, Blue; color of hair, Light; that his occupation was Farmer; that he was born April 9th, 1842.
That his several places of residence since leaving the service have been as follows:

McGuire, Ark., Troy, Texas.

and Sinclair, Texas.

(State date of each change as nearly as possible.)

620.880

That he is a pensioner under certificate No. 620.880.

That he has not applied for pension under original No. 620.880.

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 11, 1912.

That his post-office address is Sinclair, Texas, county of Jones.

State of Texas.

John T. Rainwater

Claimant's signature in full.

Attest: (1)

[Signature]

M. A. Westmoreland

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 22nd day of May, A.D. 1912, and I hereby certify that the contents of the above declaration, etc., were fully made known and explained to the applicant before swearing, including the words ____________, erased, and the words ____________, and that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this case.

L. S.

[Signature]

M. J. Smith

(Signature.)

Chief, Law Division

Notary Public

(Official character.)

Commission expires June 1913.

#1233
Address:
John Rainwater,
Rt. #1.
Noodie, Texas.

Civil War Division. Inv. Ctf. 620,880, John Rainwater, Co. A,
2nd Arkansas Cav.

The State of Texas,

County of Jones.

Before me, S. J. T. Smith, a Notary Public in and for Jones county, Texas, on this day personally appeared John Rainwater, who after being by me first duly sworn on his oath deposes and says: That he can neither read nor write; that when he made claim for pension stating that he was born on April 9th, 1842 and a previous statement that he was born on April 9, 1844, on neither occasions the officer before whom he made statement had any record of his birth and in each instance he was relying solely on his memory; that he has since had the family bible containing the date of his birth examined and it shows that he was born April 9th, 1842, as per certified copy of record hereto attached.

[Signature]

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 14th day of March, A.D. 1913.

[Signature]

Notary Public Jones Co. Texas.
The State of Texas, 
County of Jones. 

I, S. J. T. Smith, a Notary Public in and for Jones county, Texas, do hereby certify that I have examined the family record of births and deaths contained in the family bible, which book is bound in leather and is in good condition, the only words on the cover being "Holy Bible"; the inside front page contains "--this book cost 56--this the 16 of April, 1831". "Benjamin Rainwater was born June 18, 1840", "John Rainwater was born April 9", 1842", "Charity An Rainwater was born April 20" and died 1844". The first printed page of said bible shows: "The Holy Bible" "Containing the Old and New Testaments": "Translated out of the original tongues and with the former translations diligently compared and revised". "Sterotype edition" "New-York", "Sterotyped by A. Chandler, for the American Bible Society". "1830".

I further certify that there are no erasures or alterations that I can detect in what I have copied above.

Witness my hand and seal of office this the 14", day of March, A. D. 1913.

Notary Public Jones county, Texas.
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
BUREAU OF PENSIONS  

WASHINGTON, D. C., January 2, 1915.

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 inclosed envelope, which requires no stamp.

Very respectfully,

[Signature]
Commissioner.

JOHN RAINWATER,  
NOODLE TEX  
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No. 1. Date and place of birth? Answer. 
April 7, 1842, in Tennessee, but don't remember the exact county.

No. 2. What was your post office at enlistment? Answer. Fayetteville, Arkansas.

No. 3. State your wife's full name and her maiden name. Answer. Josie Bell, McRee.

No. 4. When, where, and by whom were you married? Answer. Feb. 3, 1865, in Washington, Co., Arkansas, by Parson Bell, a Presbyterian minister.

No. 5. Is there any official or church record of your marriage? Answer. Recorded at clerk's office, Fayetteville, Arkansas.

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. I have never married but the one time.
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. She never was married to in [other name].

No. 8. Are you now living with your wife, or has there been a separation? Answer. I am still living with my wife.

No. 9. State the names and dates of birth of all your children, living or dead. Answer. James L. Rainwater, was born Dec. 1st, 1868, and died April 2nd, 1871.

George W. Rainwater, was born Sep. 14th, 1870.

Joseph M. Rainwater, was born Jan. 2nd, 1872.

Hilton Rainwater, was born June 3rd, 1874.

and died Sept. 17th, 1875.

Walter T. Rainwater, was born Oct. 4th, 1875.

Willie Rainwater, was born Jan. 29th, 1878.

and died November 2nd, 1893.

Lelan Rainwater, was born Nov. 18th, 1882.

Date April 8th, 1915.

(Signature) John X. Rainwater.

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