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Sulphur Springs Texas
Oct. 12 1932.

To Confederate Pension Bureau,
Austin, Tex.

Dear Sirs;

I hereby make application for a pension for Mr. Wm. B. Reynolds of Sul. Spgs. Tex. R.F.D. 1 who saw service in Confederate Army, Regiment 27 Arkansas Infantry, Company G. from ~~July~~ ^{or August} Sept. '63, to Spring of '65. Jas. R. Shaler Colonel, of said regiment, Joseph W. Rector 2nd Lieut, of Company G., Mr. Reynolds was conscripted by Lieut. Rector in late summer or early fall of '63, exposed to small pox in November following, was sent home where he was recovering ^{from small pox} Christmas '63. His father, mother, two sisters & brother also took them from him. They lived near Wild Hawk Post Office, later changed to Lacrosse, Ark. Iggard ^{Ark.} He returned to his command Feb. or early March '64 which was a few miles N. West of Batesville, Independence Co. Ark. His command was ordered to join Gen. Price for his raid into Missouri, but was prevented from doing so by Federal troops coming between and turning them back or cutting them off from Gen. Price's army.

Mr. Reynolds was young, but large for his age.

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He was born in 1849 - July 15. in Tennessee, moved to Ark. when W^m. B. was a child.

He acted as guide and scout considerable, and was detailed to help provide meat, food and provisions for men and their animals.

He was injured by a horse falling on him near Batesville Independence Co. Ark. in March 1865, was given sick leave ^{home} and was there when peace was declared.

He did not enlist in regular way neither was he regularly discharged, but was impressed into service, a conscript, I believe is the proper term for other than voluntary service in any army.

Mr. Reynolds spent from 1881 to 1886 in Texas, returning to Harrison, Boone Co. Ark. - 1886. He returned to Collin Co. Tex. Near Farmersville, 1901. Moved to Hopkins Co. Tex. 1911 and has lived near Sulphur Springs, 6 mi. N. East. on R-1 - for most of the time since.

He is 83 yrs. of age, needs a pension very much, can't write, hence, I W. Riley Kirkpatrick, his son-in-law am writing out this brief sketch of his Army record.

I got the information relative the Regiment Number and company in which he served from Old Records Division of Adj. Genl. Office at Washington D. C. Mr. Reynolds having forgotten them.

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I am referring you to several of our leading citizens as to the reliability and honesty of Mr. William ~~Blackstone~~ Reynolds. He is well known for ^{his} sterling honesty and we've known him for from 10 to 15 years. Never heard or known of his being other than an honest trustworthy man in every respect, whose word has always been his bond at his Bankers or any Merchant or Ginneris whom he patronize. We deem him worthy of a pension on this his record so stated by himself.

Signed W. R. Kirkpatrick - Rural Letter Carrier #7
Eugene Wellcross, Merchant Sulphur Springs, Tex.
J. C. McDonald Cashier City Nat. Bank
Alex Brice, State Representative

P. S. My father, Franklin Patton Kirkpatrick, an ex-Confederate soldier, who drew a pension the last few years of his life, died Nov. 1925, met Mr. W. B. Reynolds, when he (said F. P. Kirkpatrick) and other Confederate soldiers were at Des Arc, Ark., to embark on White river on some expedition, details of which I don't have, when Mr. W. B. Reynolds who had been impressed into service as a boy, delivered a load of Eggs, dressed turkeys and hogs to said soldiers, one of whom was my father, to be. I heard him tell this anecdote of their (our)

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personal war experiences, here in Sulphur Springs, Texas, about 1920 or later, before my father died in 1925.

Mr. Reynolds said to my father, "Little did we think then, that I'd, raise a daughter for one of your sons to marry": "I was that boy driving the wagon that delivered that Meat to you when you first Camped at Des Arc."

Father said "I got the 2nd piece, a part of one of the shoulders of the hog".

Most of the old Company of G. Arkansas 27th Regiment are crossed over the tide, so it would be difficult, next to impossible to locate any old comrades to certify to above facts, so if in the judgement of your Department you can grant this aged feeble old ex-soldier a pension for the remaining few months he may live, it will be a well deserved honor justly placed.

Sincerely and fraternally yours
W. R. Kirkpatrick

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P. 5 (2). Mr. Reynolds' wife died in July 1924.

He is still unmarried and lives with a daughter & son-in-law.

I Enclose Dr. Lang's Statement. (his doctor) W. R. K.