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REAL ARCHIVAL FILE — HISTORIAN REGISTER. This is the technical source-memo edition of the same genuine Texas pension file published above as a family report: the J. M. Clendennen application (1899), a free public record of the Texas State Library and Archives Commission. Same file, same evidence — the register written for a research audience: tiered citations, claimed-vs-verified tables, and conflicts adjudicated on stated reasoning.

CONFEDERATE STATE PENSION SOURCE MEMO

J. M. Clendennen

Private · Company B · 20th Texas Cavalry

Confederate indigent soldier's pension (Texas Act of May 12, 1899)

Technical Source Memo · Researcher-Reviewed

Prepared September 2, 2026

Every fact in this report is traced to the page that states it.

Source: Application for J. M. Clendennen, Confederate pension applications, Confederate pension application records, Texas Comptroller's Office claims records. Archives and Information Services Division, Texas State Library and Archives Commission.

J. M. Clendennen

Private, Company B, 20th Texas Cavalry

Technical Abstract

Single-claim veteran's application file under the Texas Act of May 12, 1899 (26th Legislature; carrying the 1898 constitutional amendment for disabled and dependent Confederate soldiers, sailors, and widows). Applicant J. M. Clendennen, Anderson County (P.O. Alder Branch), sworn 22 July 1899; county chain complete — applicant oath before County Judge G. W. Hudson, two-witness affidavit, physician's affidavit (R. A. McQueen), county judge certificate (10 Aug 1899), Commissioners Court approval (15 Aug 1899), pension clerk recommendation and Comptroller approval (21 Aug 1899). Service proof rests on county-level witness testimony plus a deposition-by-commission from two Navarro County comrades (Dan/D. M. Story and James D. Hamilton, one of whom swore he kept the company rolls). Verification loop: Commissioner of Pensions to War Department AGO (Oct 1910); AGO reply No. 1704571 confirms enlistment 22 March 1862 in Co. B, 20th Texas Cavalry, present on the last surviving roll (to 1 May 1862) and a \$50 bounty receipt of 22 July 1862, with 'nothing further concerning him has been found' — a records-loss statement, not an adverse finding. Headline conflict: enlistment year (application 'about three years' / deposition 'in 1863' vs. AGO and witness '22 March 1862'). Surname spelling drifts (Clendennen/Clendennon/Clendenen). File heavily silked with tissue-repair loss on pp.2-5. Evidentiary posture: county approval Tier-2 complete; federal record-report Tier-2 corroborates unit, company, and rank while leaving late-war service documented only by Tier-1 comrade memory.

Quick Reference

- **Applicant:** J. M. Clendennen, Private, Co. B, 20th Texas Cavalry [T1/T2].
- **Governing act (per file):** "the act passed by the Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Texas, and approved May 12, A. D. 1899" — indigent Confederate soldier's pension (Form No. 1) [T1, p.3].
- **County:** Anderson County, Texas; P.O. Alder Branch [T1, pp.2-3].
- **Age at application:** 62 (implied birth ~1837) [T1, p.3].
- **Comptroller's File No.:** reads as "355" struck to "1" — UNRESOLVED reading [T3, p.2].
- **AGO file:** No. 1704571 [T2, p.14].
- **Disposition:** Approved at every level — Commissioners Court 15 Aug 1899; Comptroller 21 Aug 1899 [T2/T3, pp.2,5].
- **Death evidence:** N/A in this file by design — a veteran's own application is an application event; death lives in the Comptroller's payment/mortuary records and, if she filed, a widow's application.

Claim Chain

Complete county-to-capital chain, in order of execution:

1. **Applicant oath (Form No. 1).** J. M. Clendennen swore the printed application before County Judge **G. W. Hudson**, Anderson County, on the 22nd day of July, A.D. 189[9] (final digit obscured) [T1, pp.3-4].
2. **Affidavit of witnesses.** **W. L. Noland** and **J. B. Bennett** swore they personally know the applicant and that he is unable to support himself; sworn before Judge Hudson 8 August 1899 [T1, p.4]. (The printed clause tying witnesses to personal knowledge of his enlistment/service is struck

through on the form [T1, p.4].) 3. **Physician's affidavit.** **R. A. McQueen, M.D.**, examined the applicant and certified disability (partly lost to tissue-repair damage; legible content: hemiplegia and dislocation of the femur) [T2, p.5]. Sworn before Judge Hudson 10 August 1899. 4. **Certificate of County Judge.** G. W. Hudson certified the proceedings, that the applicant is not an inmate of the Texas Confederate Home nor disqualified under Section 12, and approved the application at Palestine, 10 August 1899 [T2, p.5]. 5. **Certificate of County Commissioners.** The Commissioners Court of Anderson County — signatures **Wm. Broyles, R. C. Parks** (reading uncertain), **Geo. C. Simmons, J. E. Fitzgerald** — approved at a regular term at Palestine on the 15th day of August 1899 [T2, p.5]. 6. **Pension clerk recommendation / Comptroller approval.** Pension Clerk **Wm. J. Swain** recommended approval and Comptroller **R. W. Finley** approved 'the within application' on the 21st day of August 1899 (Comptroller's jacket, Form No. 1) [T3, p.2]. 7. **Deposition by commission (parallel service proof).** A commission to take depositions of **Isaac Story and Dan Story** of Navarro County was issued at Palestine 22 July 1899 over Hudson's hand as clerk/judge [T3, p.6]; direct interrogatories were propounded for the applicant and cross-interrogatories by the county judge [T1, pp.11-12]; answers were returned under notarial seal by H. E. Traylor, Navarro County [T1, pp.8-10]. 8. **State verification loop (1910).** Commissioner of Pensions **E. A. Bolmes** wrote the War Department AGO 12 Oct 1910 to verify service; AGO returned its record-report 18 Oct 1910 [T2, pp.13-14].

No rejection at any level; the file is a complete approval packet.

Identification & Service — Claimed vs. Verified

| Element | Claimed (Tier 1) | Verified (Tier 2, AGO) | Status | |---|---|---|---| | Name | J. M. Clendennen [p.3] | J. M. Clendennen [p.14] | Spelling drifts across file (Clendennen/Clendennon/Clendenen) | | Rank | (not stated on Form 1) | Private [p.14] | Corroborated by federal report | | Company / Regiment | Co. B, 20th Texas Cavalry [pp.3,8] | Co. B, 20th Texas Cavalry [p.14] | CORROBORATED | | Enlistment date | 'in 1863' (deposition) [p.8]; 'about three years' service (application) [p.3] | Enlisted 22 March 1862 [p.14]; witness knew him 'since March 22nd 1862' [p.8] | [SOURCE CONFLICT] on year | | Physical description | ~6 ft, light complexion, blue eyes, 'near 6 feet tall' [p.8] | (not given by AGO) | Tier-1 comrade description only | | Age / birth | 62 in 1899 → b. ~1837 [p.3]; '60 or more years old' [p.8] | (not given) | Internally consistent | | Residence | Anderson Co., resident 1½ years; bona fide TX resident since 1 Jan 1880 [pp.3-4] | (not given) | Tier-1 sworn |

Designation-drift chain (report as the file gives it, not harmonized): enlisted 'Co. B, 20th Texas Cavalry'; upon dismounting became 'Company B, 20th Texas Dismounted Cavalry'; upon consolidation 'known as Co. D, 20th T. D. C.' [T1, p.8]. The regiment of record is given as the enlistment-era designation (20th Texas Cavalry); the drift is the witness's own account.

Service Verification

County-level service proof rests on comrade testimony taken by commission from Navarro County. **Dan Story** (subscribed 'D. M. Story') deposed he had known the applicant since 22 March 1862 and through the war, gave his description and age, and stated an explicit basis of knowledge: 'I knew all about his age and description during the war because I kept the records and had to make out his description, age and c. about once a month for about three years' [T1, pp.8-9] — a strong stated basis, weighed accordingly. He recounted enlistment in Co. B 20th Texas Cavalry, the dismounting and consolidation chain, detail to shop duty at Ft. Washita, Indian Territory, and separation about two months before the surrender; he was 'satisfied he was honorably discharged' but did not know the

discharge personally [T1, pp.8-9]. **James D. Hamilton** adopted Story's answers and swore he 'helped to keep the rolls during the war' [T1, p.9]. Answers taken before Notary **H. E. Traylor**, Navarro County, sworn [day partly illegible] August 1899 [T2, p.10].

Federal record-report (verification loop). AGO reply No. 1704571, 18 Oct 1910, over the Adjutant General's signature [T2, p.14]: 'The records show that J. M. Clendennen, private, Company B, 20th Texas Cavalry, Confederate States Army, enlisted March 22, 1862. On the company roll to May 1, 1862, last on file, he is reported present. The records also show that on July 22, 1862, he certified before a notary public that he had received \$50 bounty for enlistment in the Confederate States Army, but nothing further concerning him has been found.'

Records-loss labeling (mandatory): the AGO's 'nothing further concerning him has been found' reflects the fragmentary state of captured Confederate rolls — the last surviving company roll ends 1 May 1862 — and is NOT evidence against later service. The positive federal content (rank, company, regiment, enlistment date, presence on the last roll, 22 July 1862 bounty receipt) CORROBORATES the county record. The later-war service (dismounting, consolidation, Ft. Washita detail, discharge) is documented only by Tier-1 comrade memory and stands as PERMANENT EVIDENTIARY CEILING absent surviving rolls — records loss, not conflict.

Cross-Declaration Consistency

- **Enlistment year:** application implies service beginning ~1862 ('about three years' to a spring-1865 close) but the deposition states 'enlisted... in 1863' [p.8], while the same deponent dates his acquaintance to 22 March 1862 [p.8] and the AGO fixes enlistment at 22 March 1862 [p.14]. The deposition's '1863' is internally inconsistent with its own '22 March 1862' acquaintance date and with the federal roll — [SOURCE CONFLICT], displayed not harmonized.
- **Age:** 62 on Form 1 (b. ~1837) [p.3] vs. deponent's '60 or more years old' [p.8] — consistent within estimation.
- **Service length:** 'about three years' (application) [p.3] vs. deposition's cumulative ~1 yr (mounted) + ~1.5 yr (dismounted) + consolidated service [p.8] — broadly consistent (~2.5–3 yrs).
- **Cross-interrogatory limitation (must be reported with the direct):** to Cross Int. 3, Story answered 'I am now looking at him. As to his residence in Anderson County, I only know by his own statement' [T1, p.9] — his knowledge of the applicant's current Anderson County residence is derivative, by the applicant's own report, not independent. This limits the residency testimony and is part of the evidence.
- **Surname spelling:** Clendennen (folder, p.1; AGO, p.14), Clendennon and Clendenen variants across the handwritten forms — orthographic drift, one man.

Claim Timeline

- **22 March 1862** — enlistment date per AGO record and witness acquaintance date [T2/T1, pp.14,8].
- **1 May 1862** — date of last surviving company roll, applicant present [T2, p.14].
- **22 July 1862** — bounty receipt (\$50) certified before a notary [T2, p.14].
- **22 July 1899** — applicant sworn before County Judge Hudson; deposition commission issued [T1/T3, pp.3-4,6].
- **8 August 1899** — witnesses Noland and Bennett sworn [T1, p.4].
- **10 August 1899** — physician affidavit and County Judge certificate [T2, p.5].

- **[day illegible] August 1899** — Story/Hamilton deposition sworn before Notary Traylor [T2, p.10].
- **15 August 1899** — Commissioners Court approval, Palestine [T2, p.5].
- **21 August 1899** — pension clerk recommendation and Comptroller approval [T3, p.2].
- **12 October 1910** — Commissioner of Pensions requests AGO verification [T2, p.13].
- **18 October 1910** — AGO record-report returned (No. 1704571) [T2, p.14].

Named Social Network

- **G. W. Hudson** — County Judge, Anderson County (oath officer, witness affidavit, physician affidavit, county judge certificate, deposition commission) [T1/T2/T3, pp.3-6,11-12].
- **W. L. Noland** and **J. B. Bennett** — witnesses to the pension affidavit [T1, p.4].
- **R. A. McQueen, M.D.** — examining physician [T2, p.5].
- **Wm. Broyles, R. C. Parks (reading uncertain), Geo. C. Simmons, J. E. Fitzgerald** — Anderson County Commissioners [T2, p.5].
- **Wm. J. Swain** — Pension Clerk; **R. W. Finley** — Comptroller [T3, p.2].
- **Dan Story / D. M. Story** and **James D. Hamilton** — Navarro County comrade-deponents; both stated they kept/helped keep the company rolls [T1, pp.8-9]. (The commission names 'Isaac Story and Dan Story' [p.6]; the returned deposition is of 'Dan Story and James D. Hamilton' [p.8] — see conflicts.)
- **H. E. Traylor** — Notary Public, Navarro County (took the deposition) [T2, pp.9-10].
- **E. A. Bolmes** — Commissioner of Pensions, State of Texas [T2, p.13].
- No spouse, children, or other kin named anywhere in the file.

Documented Negative Results

- **No prior/rejected pension:** applicant swore he had not before applied and been rejected [T1, p.3]; received no prior pension or veteran donation land certificate ('None') [T1, p.3].
- **No desertion:** sworn answer 'No' to 'Did you ever desert the Confederacy?' [T1, p.4].
- **No navy service** [T1, p.3].
- **No income** ('None') [T1, p.4]; property sold within two years — answer partly illegible, reads 'None conv for \$20' (UNRESOLVED) [T1, p.4].
- **AGO found no post-May-1862 service record** — records loss (see Service Verification), NOT a negative finding on service [T2, p.14].
- **No death, marriage, widow, or dependent records** — N/A: a veteran's own 1899 application file is not built to hold them; the death record lives in the Comptroller's payment ledger / mortuary warrant series under this file number and, if applicable, in a widow's application indexed under her name.

Source Conflicts & Research Gaps

Conflicts: 1. **Enlistment year** — deposition '1863' vs. AGO/witness-acquaintance '22 March 1862' [pp.8,14]. Resolve toward 1862 on the strength of the federal roll and the same witness's own acquaintance date; displayed as [SOURCE CONFLICT]. 2. **Deposition witness identity** — commission names Isaac Story and Dan Story [p.6]; the executed deposition is of Dan Story (signed D. M. Story) and James D. Hamilton [p.8]. Unexplained substitution/addition of Hamilton for Isaac Story; UNRESOLVED on the face of the file. 3. **Surname spelling** — multiple variants (see Consistency).

Research gaps / where to go next: - Death, and end of pension: search the Texas Comptroller's Confederate pension payment records and (from 1917/1923) mortuary warrants under this file number; and the pension index under a widow's name for any widow's application, which would carry his death date/place by nature. - **Comptroller's File No.** should be confirmed against the Comptroller's register (the jacket reading is ambiguous, '355'/'1'; see flags). - **Standard references for the unit** (historian finding-aid rule — cite the originals, not this memo): Crute, *Units of the Confederate States Army*, and the Texas adjutant general's rosters for the 20th Texas Cavalry / 20th Texas Dismounted Cavalry and its consolidation; the *Official Records* and the Compiled Service Records (M323, Texas) for the surviving company rolls the AGO cites.

Identification boundary (mandatory): This file establishes what the J. M. Clendennen of Co. B, 20th Texas Cavalry did — anchors it provides are the unit and company, enlistment date (22 March 1862), implied birth year (~1837, age 62 in 1899), Anderson County residence with P.O. Alder Branch and prior residence in Limestone County (deposition), and a physical description (~6 ft, light complexion, blue eyes). It cannot, by itself, prove this man is any particular family's ancestor: tying him to a specific line requires correlation with records OUTSIDE this file (census, county, church, land, probate), and same-named soldiers of the same era are common. The report reads the file; the family connection is a correlation task the report cannot perform.

Unit Identification & Standard References

Unit as the file gives it: 20th Texas Cavalry. Per house standard, this memo carries no narrative unit history: the evidentiary sections above are built solely from the file, and unit context belongs to the standard works. Consult Crute's *Units of the Confederate States Army*, the unit's own state's rosters and adjutant-general reports, the *Official Records*, and the Compiled Service Records (the M-series for the unit's state) for the surviving rolls.

Citing this material: cite the original pages this memo points to, not the memo itself — it is a finding aid to the file, in the manner of a calendar of papers.

Plates — Artifacts Filed with the Claim

Artifact pages are reproduced exactly as they sit in the file — the page as filed, not a cropped detail. Captions state only what the record itself states.

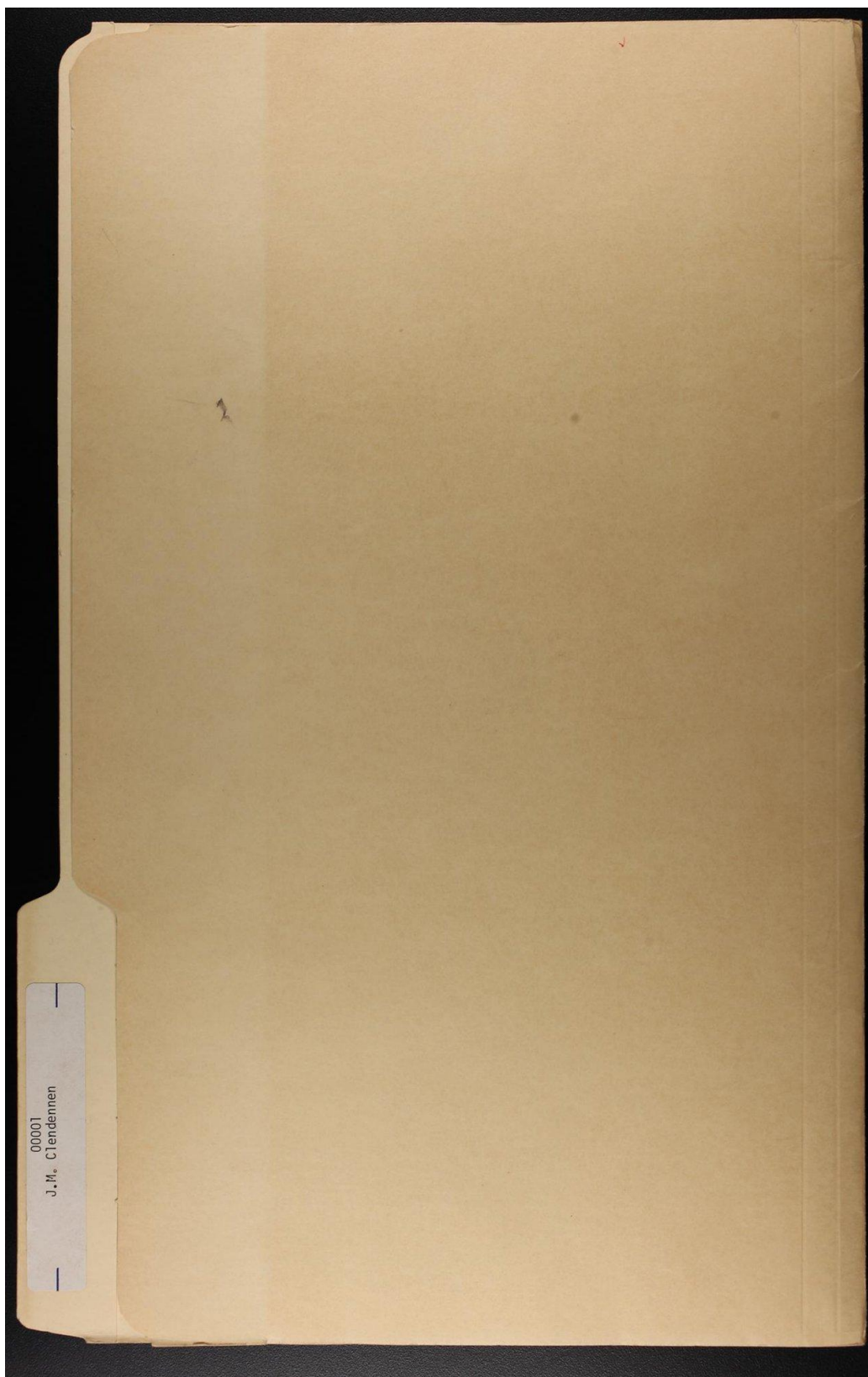


Plate 1 — Archival folder cover (page 1). inscribed/captioned: "00001 J.M. Clendennen". Manila file folder with a typed white archival tab label at lower left; body otherwise blank with faint pencil marks. Housing supplied by the archive, not part of the original claim.

TEXAS STATE LIBRARY
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J. M. Clendenen
Anderson County
Alder Branch, Texas.



Plate 2 — Archival envelope (page 15). inscribed/captioned: "TEXAS STATE LIBRARY / ARCHIVES DIVISION / CAMP HUBBARD / AUSTIN 3, TEXAS — J. M. Clendennen / Anderson County / Alder Branch, Texas. CONFEDERATE PENSION---- 1". Printed archival envelope (shown inverted) endorsing the file's identity; red circular 'TX' control stamp. Archival housing, not a claim document.

Document Inventory

Page	Document Type	Summary
1	Archival folder cover	File folder with typed archival tab label '00001 / J.M. Clendennen'; otherwise blank. Housing, not a claim document.
2	Comptroller's jacket (Form No. 1 endorsement)	'Confederate Pension Application' jacket, heavily silked with tissue-repair loss. Name of Applicant J. M. Clendennen, Anderson County, P.O. Alder Branch; Comptroller's File No. (reading uncertain). Pension Clerk Wm. J. Swain recommends approval and Comptroller R. W. Finley approves, 21 August 1899.
3	Application (Form No. 1), page 1	Sworn application under the Act of May 12, 1899. Age 62; Anderson County; resident 1½ years; occupation farming; disability age, dislocated hip, hemorrhage from lungs; Co. B 20th Texas Cavalry about three years; no navy; no prior pension; property schedule (30 acres, encumbered; 2 pony horses; 1 sow & pigs & 1 barrow).
4	Application (Form No. 1), page 2 + Affidavit of Witnesses	Continuation: property sold within two years (partly illegible), income None, indigent 'I am', unable to labor 'I am', no fraudulent transfer, never deserted 'No', TX resident since 1 Jan 1880 'Yes'; signed and sworn before Judge G. W. Hudson 22 July 189[9]. Witnesses W. L. Noland and J. B. Bennett, sworn 8 August 1899.
5	Physician affidavit + County Judge certificate + Commissioners certificate	R. A. McQueen, M.D. certifies disability (hemiplegia, dislocation of femur; partly lost to damage), 10 Aug 1899. County Judge Hudson certifies proceedings and Section 12 compliance, 10 Aug 1899.

		Commissioners Court (Broyles, Parks, Simmons, Fitzgerald) approves at Palestine 15 Aug 1899.
6	Commission to take deposition (Class 4 form)	Texas commission to summon Isaac Story and Dan Story of Navarro County to answer direct and cross interrogatories in J. M. Clendennen's pension application under act of May 12, 1899; issued Palestine 22 July 1899, G. W. Hudson.
7	Blank commission form (cover/endorsement)	Printed 'Commission to Take Deposition' cover sheet (E 577), entirely blank fields. Housing/form stock.
8	Deposition answers (direct interrogatories), page 1	Answers of Dan Story and James D. Hamilton before Notary H. E. Traylor, Navarro Co. Story: residence Corsicana; known applicant since 22 March 1862; description ~6 ft, light complexion, blue eyes, 60+ yrs; kept records monthly ~3 yrs; enlistment and dismounting/consolidation chain (Co. B 20th TX Cav → 20th TX Dismounted Cav → Co. D 20th T.D.C.).
9	Deposition answers (continued) + cross answers + notary jurat	Discharge belief (honorable; detailed to shop duty Ft. Washita I.T., left ~2 months before surrender). Cross answers: 1x Yes; 2x No; 3x 'I am now looking at him... as to his residence in Anderson County, I only know by his own statement,' signed D. M. Story. Hamilton adopts answers, kept rolls. Notary Traylor jurat.
10	Notary jurat (deposition), continuation	'Sworn to and subscribed before me this the [day illegible] day of August, 1899,' H. E. Traylor, Notary Public, Navarro Co., Texas; balance of page blank; notary seal and damage.
11	Notice and direct interrogatories	Notice of intent to apply for commission to depose Isaac Story and Dan Story of Navarro County; direct interrogatories 1-4 propounded for applicant (residence; acquaintance; residence/age/description; service).

12	Direct interrogatories (continued) + cross interrogatories	Continuation of direct Int. 4 (enlistment/service/discharge). Cross interrogatories by County Judge: (1) same command? (2) present at discharge? (3) when/where last seen and how known he resides in Anderson County. Signed G. W. Hudson, Co. Judge.
13	Commissioner of Pensions letter to AGO	Office of Commissioner of Pensions, Austin (E. A. Bolmes), stamped OCT 12 1910, requesting military record of J. M. Clendennen, Co. B, 20th Texas Cavalry, to verify proof of service for a Confederate pension.
14	War Department AGO record-report	AGO reply No. 1704571, 18 Oct 1910: J. M. Clendennen, private, Co. B, 20th Texas Cavalry, enlisted 22 March 1862, present on company roll to 1 May 1862 (last on file); 22 July 1862 certified \$50 bounty receipt; 'nothing further concerning him has been found.'
15	Archival envelope	Texas State Library, Archives Division, Camp Hubbard, Austin 3, Texas envelope endorsed 'Confederate Pension' for J. M. Clendennen, Anderson County, Alder Branch, Texas. Archival housing.

Every Fact and Its Source

Each substantive fact in this report, with the document that states it. Tier 1 = sworn or own-hand documents; Tier 2 = official contemporaneous records; Tier 3 = claim-process paperwork; Tier 4 = administrative material. Notes mark facts a witness learned second-hand, values worked out by calculation, and uncertain readings.

Fact	Source document (page)	Tier	Notes
Applicant named J. M. Clendennen, Anderson County, Texas; post office Alder Branch.	Application (Form No. 1) and Comptroller's jacket (p. 3)	1	—
Age 62 at application (1899), implying birth ca. 1837.	Application (Form No. 1) (p. 3)	1	calculated/derived
Described as near 6 feet tall, light complexion, blue	Deposition of Dan Story (p. 8)	1	—

eyes; estimated 60+ years old.			
Enlisted in Company B, 20th Texas Cavalry; served about three years (per application).	Application (Form No. 1) (p. 3)	1	—
Enlistment 22 March 1862, private, Co. B, 20th Texas Cavalry; present on company roll to 1 May 1862 (last on file); 22 July 1862 certified receipt of \$50 bounty.	War Department AGO record-report No. 1704571 (p. 14)	2	corroborated by second source
AGO found 'nothing further concerning him has been found' after the last surviving roll — records loss of fragmentary captured rolls, not evidence against service.	War Department AGO record-report (p. 14)	2	—
Unit designation chain per comrade: Co. B 20th Texas Cavalry → dismounted as Co. B 20th Texas Dismounted Cavalry → consolidated as Co. D, 20th T.D.C.	Deposition of Dan Story (p. 8)	1	—
Deposition states enlistment 'in 1863,' conflicting with the AGO date of 22 March 1862 and the deponent's own acquaintance date of 22 March 1862.	Deposition of Dan Story (p. 8)	1	source conflict
Detailed to shop duty at Ft. Washita, Indian Territory; left there about two months before the surrender; deponent believed him honorably	Deposition of Dan Story (p. 9)	1	—

discharged but did not witness discharge.			
Deponent's stated basis of knowledge: 'I kept the records and had to make out his description, age and c. about once a month for about three years'; James D. Hamilton adopted the answers and swore he 'helped to keep the rolls.'	Deposition of Dan Story and James D. Hamilton (p. 8)	1	—
Occupation farming; physical condition feeble from age, dislocated hip, and hemorrhage from lungs (applicant's statement).	Application (Form No. 1) (p. 3)	1	—
Physician R. A. McQueen certified disabling condition (hemiplegia; dislocation of the femur; text partly lost to damage).	Physician affidavit (p. 5)	2	reading uncertain
Property: 30 acres of land on which he has paid fifty dollars and yet owes one hundred and fifteen dollars; 2 pony horses valued \$20 each; 1 sow & pigs & 1 barrow valued in all twelve dollars.	Application (Form No. 1) (p. 3)	1	—
Income 'None'; sold within two years answer partly illegible ('None conv for \$20'); swore he is in indigent circumstances ('I am') and unable to earn support by labor ('I am').	Application (Form No. 1) (p. 4)	1	reading uncertain
Swore he never	Application (Form No.	1	—

deserted the Confederacy ('No') and had continuously resided in Texas since 1 January 1880 ('Yes').	1) (p. 4)		
Application sworn before County Judge G. W. Hudson, Anderson County, 22 July 189[9] (final digit obscured).	Application (Form No. 1) (p. 4)	2	reading uncertain
Witnesses W. L. Noland and J. B. Bennett swore to the applicant's identity and inability to support himself, 8 August 1899.	Affidavit of Witnesses (p. 4)	1	—
County Judge Hudson certified the proceedings and Section 12 compliance (not an inmate of the Texas Confederate Home) and approved, 10 August 1899, at Palestine.	Certificate of County Judge (p. 5)	2	—
Commissioners Court of Anderson County (Broyles, Parks [reading uncertain], Simmons, Fitzgerald) approved at a regular term at Palestine, 15 August 1899.	Certificate of County Commissioners (p. 5)	2	—
Pension Clerk Wm. J. Swain recommended approval and Comptroller R. W. Finley approved the application, 21 August 1899.	Comptroller's jacket (Form No. 1) (p. 2)	3	—
Commission issued to depose Navarro County witnesses;	Commission to take deposition / notice / interrogatories (p. 6)	3	—

answers taken before Notary H. E. Traylor under direct and cross interrogatories.			
Cross-interrogatory limitation: deponent's knowledge of applicant's present Anderson County residence is derivative — 'I only know by his own statement.'	Deposition cross answers (D. M. Story) (p. 9)	1	—
State verification loop: Commissioner of Pensions E. A. Bolmes requested the AGO military record 12 Oct 1910; AGO returned record-report No. 1704571 on 18 Oct 1910.	Commissioner of Pensions letter / AGO reply (p. 13)	2	corroborated by second source
No prior pension application, rejection, or veteran donation land certificate ('None').	Application (Form No. 1) (p. 3)	1	—
File archived by the Texas State Library, Archives Division, Camp Hubbard, Austin 3, Texas (envelope endorsed 'Confederate Pension').	Archival envelope (p. 15)	4	—

Illegibility Register

Per Guardrail 2 (the Illegibility Rule), every reading that could not be confirmed from the source images is registered below. No uncertain reading has been resolved into a confident transcription anywhere in this memo. Entries marked resolved were confirmed against the source images during review.

- **Page 2** - flagged as hard to read (Number is overwritten/struck on a silked, damaged jacket; cannot determine the operative file number with confidence). A researcher re-checked it against the original scan; it remains genuinely unclear, which we note honestly.
- **Page 10** - flagged as hard to read (Day of the month in the notary jurat is smudged/uncertain). A researcher re-checked it against the original scan; it remains genuinely unclear, which we note honestly.

- **Page 4** - flagged as hard to read (Answer is partly obscured by damage; wording ('None' vs a conveyance value) is ambiguous). A researcher re-checked it against the original scan; it remains genuinely unclear, which we note honestly.

Source-Conflict Register

Here two or more perfectly legible documents say different things. That is a finding about the record, not a reading problem - both versions are shown, and neither was silently preferred. Where the evidence clearly favored one reading, the story above follows it, and the note here says why - a visible weighing, never a silent one.

- **Page 14** - the documents disagree here (The deposition states enlistment 'in 1863' while the same deponent dates acquaintance to 22 March 1862 and the AGO record fixes enlistment at 22 March 1862). Both readings appear in the report; review confirmed the disagreement is in the record itself. Our read: Weight the federal roll date (22 March 1862); display the deposition's 1863 as an internal inconsistency, not a resolved fact.
- **Page 6** - the documents disagree here (The commission and notice name Isaac Story and Dan Story; the executed deposition is of Dan Story and James D. Hamilton, an unexplained substitution). Both readings appear in the report; review confirmed the disagreement is in the record itself. Our read: Note the discrepancy; both returned deponents claimed to have kept the rolls, but the substitution is unresolved on the file's face.

Other Flags

Noted plainly for your attention.

- **Page 5** - Tissue-repair/silking damage has removed portions of the physician's affidavit; legible fragments indicate hemiplegia and dislocation of the femur, but full wording is lost.
- **Page 2** - Multiple forms show mounting/silking damage with text loss along edges and folds; flagged once as a condition affecting readings across the county packet.

About this report: it was produced from the file provided, read page by page. It does not search records beyond that file - the Research Gaps section points to the outside records that could carry the story further.