

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
OFFICE OF THE AUDITOR OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

, Dec. 18, 1918.

Mr. John A. Council,
Ivor, Virginia.

My dear Sir:

We have under consideration, your claim for a pension, which claim was certified to this office some days ago, but in making a request of the War Department for a record of your service as a Confederate soldier, such being required by the pension law, we failed to find any record of you as of Company L, under Captain T. G. Barham. We, therefore, would like to have, if obtainable, a sworn statement from one or more comrades who have personal knowledge of your service as a Confederate soldier, showing that you were regularly enlisted in the army, and also how and when you finally left the army. A similar statement made by you, giving as full account as you can recall of your service from beginning to end would also help your claim.

We would also like to know why you were discharged in January 1865, as stated in your application. The sooner you let us hear from you, complying with our request, the sooner we will be able to finally act upon your claim.

Yours very truly,

JHJ/GW.

Pension Clerk.