

# THE AZTEC CLUB OF 1847

MILITARY SOCIETY OF THE MEXICAN WAR

November 6, 1989

Mr. Lloyd DeWitt Bockstruck  
Supervisor, Genealogy Section  
Dallas Public Library  
1515 Young Street  
Dallas, Texas 75201

Dear Mr. Bockstruck:

I have your letter of October 31, 1989, regarding membership in The Aztec Club of 1847 based upon your collateral descent from Captain James C. McAdams of the Third Illinois.

We accept collateral descent from an eligible officer and Captain McAdams is an eligible officer.

Enclosed is an application form and a roster. If you would like to apply for membership, please complete the form, attach additional charts to prove your collateral descent and return the form(s) to me along with copies of your proofs and your check for \$50.00 life membership, which also covers a rosette and membership certificate. You need not furnish additional proof of your propositus' service, although I would be interested in seeing the authority for Captain McAdams assignment to Company C.

You need not obtain signatures of two members of the Club on the application form if you do not know any other members as you are known to me, but you are certainly encouraged to submit the form bearing such signatures and supporting letters, if convenient.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Very truly yours,

THE AZTEC CLUB OF 1847

By \_\_\_\_\_

Nicholas D. Ward

Secretary

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16th November 1989

Nicholas D. Ward, Esq.  
Secretary, The Aztec Club of 1847  
1616 H Street, N. W., Suite 902  
Washington, D.C. 2006-4995

Dear Mr. Ward:

I certainly am most appreciative of your letter anent the Aztec Club and the applications for membership.

As I began to prepare my papers, I realized that my zeal had obscured my genealogical perspective. I should not have been so hasty.

The Historical Encyclopedia of Illinois and History of Montgomery County, Illinois, volume II, was the basis of my interest in the Aztec Club. On page 637 is the statement that "James McAdams, another son of Joseph, Sr., was a captain in the Mexican War." Certainly this seemed to be a reasonable statement in the light of the fact that James McAdams, son of Joseph, Sr., was born 14 Nov. 1806. When I began to assemble the documents for the pedigree, I noted that at the death of my ancestor, Jesse McAdams, in 1847 his brother James was the administrator. Jesse died 22 Sept. 1847; the James McAdams who was the captain in the Mexican War died 3 January 1847. Clearly there was an error.

I have studied thoroughly the Revolutionary War patriarch, Joseph McAdams, Sr. (1755-1840) and his grandchildren. It is quite clear that I am the first cousin of Capt. James C. McAdams rather than his nephew. Since I do not know what degree of collateral ancestry the Aztec Club requires, I have hesitated proceeding.

Having already assembled the documents, I am submitting them to you. If the Aztec Club does accept a first cousin as a collateral ancestor, all is well. If not, I certainly understand. You can simply discard the application and supporting evidence. Collateral descent is treated differently in various state societies of the Society of the Cincinnati. If such a propositus were the situation in New Hampshire, it would be acceptable. In Virginia, it would not.

I have drawn a chart to show my connection to the Mexican War veteran, Capt. James C. McAdams. One of the men in his unit was my

great-great-grandfather, Daniel Graf(f), who remained at the level of private. My other Mexican War veteran was also a private, and my other two uncles died in Mexico were also privates.

From time to time I assist genealogical researchers here in the library who have a descent from a Mexican War officer. The gentleman who will probably be the next president of the Dallas Chapter of the Sons of the Republic of Texas has an ancestor who was a physician and officer in the Mexican War. Would you like for me to recommend that he contact you?

I am enclosing the payment as requested in the event this descent is acceptable. If not, simply destroy it.

Thank you so very much for your assistance.

If the lineage is accepted, I should point out that the dates, names, and places are correctly given even though there will be documents which will have conflicting data.

Yours very truly,

Lloyd DeWitt Bockstruck  
Supervisor, Genealogy Section

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MILITARY SOCIETY OF THE MEXICAN WAR

1616 H Street, N. W.  
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September 6, 1990

Mr. Lloyd DeWitt Bockstruck  
3955-C Buena Vista Street  
Dallas, Texas, 75204-1602

Dear Mr. Bockstruck:

I have examined your papers which arrived after our last annual meeting and find them in order. We do accept 1st cousin collaterals. I will present your papers at our October annual meeting with a favorable recommendation. In the meanwhile, I am submitting your check for deposit.

Very truly yours,

THE AZTEC CLUB OF 1847

By \_\_\_\_\_

Nicholas Donnell Ward  
Secretary



Membership Number.....

Primary Member's Number.....

# THE AZTEC CLUB OF 1847

THE MILITARY AND HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF THE MEXICAN WAR 1846-1848

## APPLICATION FOR HEREDITARY MEMBERSHIP

FOR

Print full name Lloyd DeWitt Bockstruck

Rank, Title or Degree A.B. (cum laude), M.A., M.S.

Permanent address 3955-C Buena Vista Street, Dallas, Texas 75204-1602

AS

DESCENDANT OF

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Name (primary member) James C. McAdams

Rank in Mexico or Mexican Waters 1846-1848 Captain, Brevet Rank.....

Unit, Staff or Ship Co. C, Third Illinois Regiment

Known by later rank, title, position or academic degree of.....

and whose relationship to the applicant is shown on the reverse side hereof.

### ENDORSEMENTS:

The undersigned have investigated and approved the applicant and the application:

Date:.....  
Member, The Aztec Club of 1847

Date:.....  
Member, The Aztec Club of 1847

Approved/Disapproved:

Date:.....  
Secretary General, The Aztec Club of 1847

Life Membership fee received: (\$25.00)

Date:.....  
Treasurer General, The Aztec Club of 1847

### PERSONAL HISTORY OF THE APPLICANT

- Military service of the applicant (in brief):
- Occupation of the applicant:
- Maiden name of wife and date and place of her birth and marriage:
- Names and dates of birth of children (and grandchildren):
- Full names and dates of birth of brothers and sisters of applicant:  
Alice Fay Bockstruck, 12 June 1948

(Please complete two copies of this form.)

LINEAGE

I, the undersigned do hereby apply for hereditary membership in the Aztec Club of 1847 by right of lineal/collateral (circle which) representative descent in the following line from James C. McAdams Rank Captain, Unit, Staff or Ship 3rd Ill. Regt., who was born on at Montgomery Co., Ill. and died on 3 Jan. 1847 at Matamoras, Mexico

I was born in Vandalia, Fayette County County or City, State of Illinois on 26 May 1945

Please give all dates in numerals, day first, and all names in full, including wives' maiden names.

Table with columns: Relationship, Name, DATE (born/died), PLACE AND STATE. Includes entries for Harry Earl Bockstruck, Olive Elsie Blankenship, Frederick Henry Bockstruck, Nellie Briggs, Edward Wells Briggs, Mary Elizabeth Graff, Daniel Graf (f), Nancy J. McAdams, Jesse McAdams, Elizabeth Williamson.

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and he, the said (line number, above) is my ancestor who served honorably in Mexico or Mexican waters during the war 1846-1848 as a commissioned officer of the Armed Forces of the United States.

Authority or references or cross references as proof: Record of the Services of Illinois Soldiers in the Black Hawk War, 1831-32, and in the Mexican War, 1846-8, page 270. (In case of collateral representative descent, attach separate page with "Family Tree" diagram)

I hereby certify that the foregoing information is true to the best of my knowledge and belief. I further agree, if admitted to membership, that I will endeavor to promote the purposes of the Aztec Club of 1847, and observe its Constitution and By-Laws.

Signature

Joseph McAdams = (2) Sarah Bradford

Joseph McAdams = (1) Nancy Carlisle  
7 Nov. 1796                      10 Mar. 1799  
9 Apr. 1845                      7 Apr. 1842  
    Capt. James C. McAdams  
    b.  
    d. 3 Jan. 1847

Jesse McAdams = Elizabeth Williamson

Nancy McAdams = Daniel Graf (f)  
5 Nov. 1831                      6 Jun. 1821  
18 May 1913                      18 Dec. 1892

Mary Elizabeth Graff = Edward Wells Briggs  
13 Dec. 1858                      8 Feb. 1860  
2 July 1947                      7 Mar. 1935

Nellie Briggs = Frederick H. Bockstruck  
9 Oct. 1889                      3 Nov. 1890  
27 Apr. 1982                      10 Jan. 1960

Hary Earl Bockstruck = Olive Elsie Blankenship  
13 Feb. 1911                      2 Dec. 1916  
19 Sep. 1969

Lloyd DeWitt Bockstruck  
26 May 1945

The applicant, Lloyd DeWitt Bockstruck, is the first cousin four times removed from the propositus, Capt. James C. McAdams.

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MILITARY SOCIETY OF THE MEXICAN WAR

1616 H Street, N. W.  
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October 30, 1990

Mr. Lloyd DeWitt Bockstruck  
3955-C Buena Vista Street  
Dallas, Texas, 75204-1602

Dear Mr. Bockstruck:

I am pleased to advise you of your election on October 13, 1990, to membership in The Aztec Club of 1847 based upon your collateral (1st cousin) descent from Captain James C. McAdams, d. 3 Jan. 1847, of the Third Illinois Regiment.

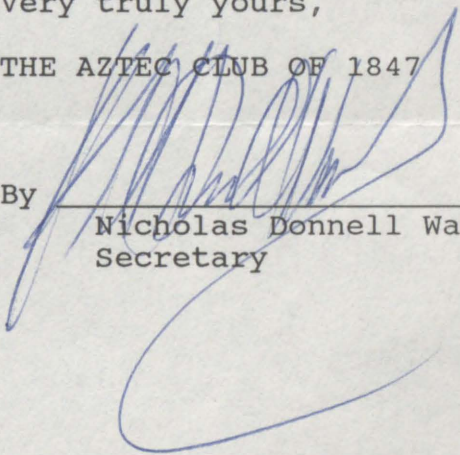
A membership certificate has been ordered and a rosette will be sent to you. A miniature insignia may soon be available again. Please let me know of your interest. A current roster and older roster are enclosed.

Welcome to membership.

Very truly yours,

THE AZTEC CLUB OF 1847

By

  
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Nicholas Donnell Ward  
Secretary

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