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June 6, 1989

Lloyd Bockstruck  
Genealogy Department  
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Dallas Public Library  
1515 Young Street  
Dallas, Texas 75201

Dear Lloyd,

Thank you for your interest in The Descendants of Mexican War Veterans. Enclosed is an application for membership. Please mail it to the above address when completed. As I explained on the telephone, the organization is still relatively new so we have not yet established any dues. However, it is intended that we will have dues payable at some future date. I expect the price of membership will probably run from \$10 to \$20 annually to take care of expenses such as a newsletter, postage, and so on.

I have a question that I think you might be able to answer for me. One of the goals I have in mind for this society is to compile and publish in book form an index of all the Mexican War veterans as listed on the microfilmed service record and pension indexes. I would like the book to have both an alphabetical listing by name and by regiment, ship, or whatever. My question is this: Does such a book already exist? If it does, I have never seen one. The thing is, I would not want us to go to all that effort only to duplicate something already done. I have a feeling though that no such volume already exists. Am I right?

In late June there will be a meeting of the Board of Directors of the organization, at which time we will be discussing our proposed by-laws. Probably sometime in September we will have our first meeting which all members will be invited to attend. I hope to see you then if I don't see you sooner at the library. I may be up there to do some more research between now and then. I'll introduce myself if I do.

Yours Sincerely,

*Steve Butler*

Steve Butler,  
President Pro-Tem



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION



PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT

The following information is about yourself:

Name(First, middle, last) Lloyd DeWitt Bockstruck

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Your Occupation(optional) \_\_\_\_\_

Please list any other hereditary, genealogical, or historical societies or organizations to which you belong:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

The following section is for information about your qualifying ancestor, through whom you claim eligibility for membership. If you have more than one qualifying ancestor, please attach a separate sheet for each one. If you do not know the information asked for in any particular space, leave it blank.

Veteran's Name(First, middle, last) James Blankenship

Date of Birth 20 October 1823 Place of Birth Russell Co., Kentucky

Date of Death 1 March 1897 Place of Death Bond County, Illinois

Wife's Name Cassandra, nee Walker, Blankenship

Branch of Service(Army or Navy) Army Rank Private

Volunteer or Regular? Volunteer If Volunteer, from which state did veteran serve? Illinois

Unit in which he served Co. E, 3rd Regt., Ill. Volunteers  
(Name of regiment or number, company, etc., or name of ship)

Dates of Active Service 21 June 1846 through 25 August 1846  
(Mustering-in date to discharge date if known; otherwise, give approximate dates)

Where was veteran mustered-in to service? Alton, Illinois

Where was veteran discharged from service? Camp Paterson, Mexico



List places where veteran served during The Mexican War; names of skirmishes, battles, encampments, etc..

Alton, Illinois to New Orleans, La., thence to Brazos Santiago, then up the  
Rio Grande River to Camp Paterson

Places where veteran lived BEFORE the war Bond County, Illinois

Places where veteran lived AFTER the war Bond County, Illinois

Veteran's Bounty Land Warrant Number \_\_\_\_\_

Veteran's Pension Certificate Number WC 6687

Who received pension, Veteran or Widow? Both

I, the undersigned applicant for membership in The Descendants of Mexican War Veterans, an hereditary society chartered as a non-profit corporation in the State of Texas, do hereby affirm that to the best of my knowledge and belief the foregoing information provided by me on this form is true and correct. I further declare that I am over the age of eighteen years and of good moral character. I promise to abide by the by-laws of the society and to faithfully discharge any administrative duties I may accept for the purpose of carrying out the objectives and purpose of the society.

Lloyd DeWitt Bockstruck  
Applicant's Signature

14 June 1989  
Date

I, the undersigned officer of the society do hereby declare that I have examined this application and that the applicant has been accepted as a member of The Descendants of Mexican War Veterans.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Official Signature and Title

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



List places where veteran served during The Mexican War; names of skirmishes, battles, encampments, etc..

31 Aug. 1846 near Burita; 31 Oct. 1846 Camargo; 31 Dec. 1846 near Nantander; 28  
Feb. 1846 Tampico; 30 Apr. 1847 near Jalapa

Places where veteran lived BEFORE the war Bond County, Illinois

Places where veteran lived AFTER the war Bond County, Illinois

Veteran's Bounty Land Warrant Number \_\_\_\_\_

Veteran's Pension Certificate Number WC 8990

Who received pension, Veteran or Widow? Both

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PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT

The following information is about yourself:

Name(First, middle, last) Lloyd DeWitt Bockstruck

Street Address 3955-C Buena Vista

City Dallas State Texas Zip Code 75204-1639

Home Phone (214 ) 522-1302 Work Phone (214 ) 670-1406

Your Occupation(optional) Librarian

Please list any other hereditary, genealogical, or historical societies or organizations to which you belong: Society of Loyalist Descendants; Piscataqua Pioneers; Colonial Wars; 1812; SAR; SR; Union Veterans; Founders & Patriots; Indian Wars; Ancient & Honorable Artillery Company; First Families of New Jersey; Old Plymouth Colony Descendants; Flagon & Trencher: Descendants of Early Tavern Keepers; Descendants of Loyalists & Patriots; Welcome Society of Pa.; Colonial Soc. of Pa.; Sons of American Colonists; Descendants of Colonial Physicians & Chirurgiens; Americans of Amorial Ancestry  
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Veteran's Name(First, middle, last) Daniel Graf (later known as Graff)

Date of Birth 6 June 1821 Place of Birth Rockenhausen, Rheinland-Pfalz

Date of Death 18 December 1892 Place of Death Bond County, Illinois

Widow's Name Nancy Jane, nee McAdams, Graff

Branch of Service(Army or Navy) Army Rank Private

Volunteer or Regular? Volunteer If Volunteer, from which state did veteran serve? Illinois

Unit in which he served Co. C, 3rd Regt. Ill. Volunteers  
(Name of regiment or number, company, etc., or name of ship)

Dates of Active Service 26 June 1846--21 May 1847  
(Mustering-in date to discharge date if known; otherwise, give approximate dates)

Where was veteran mustered-in to service? Alton, Illinois

Where was veteran discharged from service? New Orleans, Louisiana





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June 15, 1989

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Dear Lloyd,

I am in receipt of your application for membership and it has been reviewed and approved. Welcome to The Descendants of Mexican War Veterans!

You are correct in your assumption that the reason we are not being sticklers for documentation is because we don't want to discourage would-be members. Personally, I would prefer more stringent requirements but in founding this group, I have encountered circumstances I hadn't expected. First of all, there are probably thousands, perhaps millions of Americans who can tell you that they had an ancestor in the Revolution or that fought in the Civil War but ask them if an ancestor was in The Mexican War and more often than not, you'll get a blank stare. If they have even heard of the Mexican War, it's unusual. If they know they had an ancestor who served during that war, it's rarer still. My feelings at this point are, and this is in the proposed bylaws, that if an applicant can at least tell us his ancestor's name, the unit he served with, and the approximate dates of service, then that will be sufficient and we will take it on faith. However, it is my hope and my intention that as we progress and add to our membership, we might become more concerned with documentation.

My idea is that this would be done in stages. First, we encourage members to document their ancestry for the reason that we want to publish a book similar to that of an organization like The Daughters of The Republic of Texas, showing lines of descent with birth, death, and marriage dates. I think this is important from a genealogical standpoint and it would also add to the credibility of our association. Later, when the majority of the membership has done this, we could amend the bylaws to require it.

So for now, we will be lenient, but I see it as a temporary



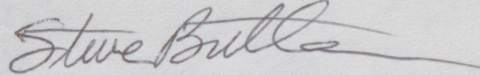
necessity only. It is for this same reason that the proposed bylaws also allow for collateral descent.

In publicizing our existence, we plan to see about inclusion in The Hereditary Register and of course, make ourselves known to other genealogical and historical groups. I have already attended a Sons of Confederate Veterans meeting for that purpose. I have noted that they, even after several decades of existence, do not require documentation of ancestry so we are not alone. However, as I've already explained, I'de like to see that change eventually.

Our first annual membership meeting will probably be sometime this coming September. At that time, we will probably begin collecting dues and will issue membership certificates, etc..

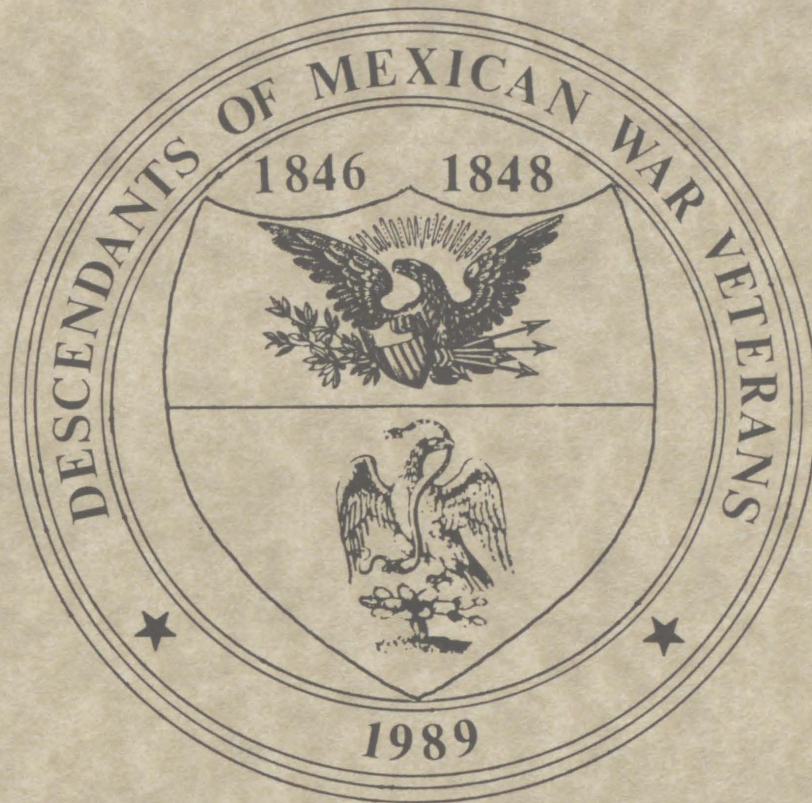
In the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions, comments, or suggestions.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Steve Butler". The signature is written in dark ink and has a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

Steven Butler





**This certifies that**

Lloyd DeWitt Bockstruck

**by virtue of**

descent from

Pvt. Daniel Graf

Co. C., 3rd Illinois Volunteers

**is a**

Full Member

**of**

**THE DESCENDANTS OF  
MEXICAN WAR VETERANS**

Signed this 14th day of October 19, 89

*Steven R. Butts*

**President**

*Dennis R. ...*

**Secretary**

**No. 000011**