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FORM A.

Soldier's Application for a Pension

The Commissioner of Pensions reserves the right to call for additional testimony if he deems it necessary.

Name of Applicant.

J. S. Gordon
Anderson

County.

Postoffice

Rt 1 -
Bushy Creek, Tex.

APR 13 1915

Filed

Approved

MAY 8 1915

Pension allowed from

SEP 1 1915

Rejected

J. C. Jones

Commissioner of Pensions.

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East Texas Genealogical Society

For Use of Soldiers Who Are in Indigent Circumstances

THE STATE OF TEXAS

County of Anderson

I, James Sheppard Gordon do hereby make application to the Commissioner of Pensions for a pension to be granted me under the Act passed by the 33rd Legislature of the State of Texas, and approved April 7, 1913, on the following grounds:

I enlisted and served in the military service of the Confederate States during the war between the States of the United States, and that I did not desert the Confederate service, but during said war I was loyal and true to my duty, and never at any time voluntarily abandoned my post of duty in the said service; or (that I was in the service of the State of Texas during the war, to protect said State against the Indians and Mexicans for more than 6 months). That I was honorably discharged or surrendered.

Disbanded with my Company at close of war in 1865 - at Brownsville, Tenn.

(Give date and cause.)

that I have been a bona fide citizen of this State since prior to January 1, A. D. 1900, and have been continuously since a citizen of the State of Texas. I do further state that I do not hold any National, State, city or county office which pays me a salary or fees of \$300.00 per annum, nor have I an income from any other employment or other source whatsoever which amounts to \$300.00 per annum, nor do I receive from any source whatever money or other means of support amounting in value to the sum of \$300.00 per annum, nor do I own in my own right, nor does any one hold in trust for my benefit or use, nor does my wife own, nor does any one hold in trust for my wife, estate or property, either real, personal or mixed, either in fee or for life, of the assessed value of over one thousand dollars, exclusive of a home of the value of not more than \$1000.00; nor do I receive any aid or pension from any other State, or from the United States, or from any other source, and that I am not an inmate of the Confederate Home, and I do further state that the answers given to the following questions are true:

1. What is your age? 73 years of age.
2. Where were you born? Brownsville, Tennessee.
3. How long have you resided in Texas? Since 1881 continuously
4. In what county do you reside? Anderson County, Texas
5. How long have you resided in said county, and what is your postoffice address? Past 17 years; P.O. R.F. 10, #1 - Brushy Creek, Texas.
6. Have you applied for a pension under the Confederate pension law and been rejected? If rejected, state when and where. No
7. What is your occupation, if able to engage in one? Farm What is your physical condition? Poor.
8. In what State was the command in which you served organized? Tennessee.
9. How long did you serve? Give, if possible, the date of enlistment and discharge. Enlisted in 1861 - and served until close of war in 1865.
10. What was the letter of your company, number of battalion, regiment or battery? First in Company A - 38th Tenn Regiment, where I served about 2 1/2 years, then joined James Bonner Co. of auburn's regiment, with General Forrest.

11. If transferred from one command to another, give time of transfer, name of command and time of service. See above



12. What branch of the service did you enlist in—infantry, cavalry, artillery or navy? Infantry first then Cavalry.

13. If commissioned direct by the President, what was your rank and line of duty?.....

A & Corporal.

14. If detailed for special service, under the law of conscription, what was the nature of your service and how long did you serve?.....

Never detailed - a Volunteer

15. What is the assessed value of your home, if you own a home?.....

\$ 390.00

16. What is the assessed value of your other property?.....

\$ 780.00

17. Have you transferred to others any property of any kind for the purpose of becoming a beneficiary under this law?.....

No

Wherefore your petitioner prays that his application for a pension be approved and such other proceedings be had in the premises as are required by law.

(Signature of Applicant.)

J. S. Gordon

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this..... day of..... A. D. 191.....

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April

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E. V. Swift

[Seal.]

County Judge *Anderson* County, Texas.

AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESSES

[Note.]—There must be at least two credible witnesses.

THE STATE OF TEXAS

County of *Anderson* }
Before me *E. V. Swift* County Judge of *Anderson* County,
State of Texas, on this day personally appeared *R. R. Sadler + R. J. Wallace*

known to me to be credible citizens, who, being by me duly sworn, on oath state that they personally know.....
J. S. Gordon, the above named applicant for a pension, and that they personally know that the
said *J. S. Gordon* has been a bona fide resident citizen of the State of Texas since prior
to January 1, A. D. 1900, and that they have no interest in his claim.

(Signature of Witness)

R. R. Sadler

(Signature of Witness)

R. J. Wallace

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this..... day of..... A. D. 191.....

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April

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E. V. Swift

[Seal.]

County Judge *Anderson* County, Texas.

AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESSES

(If possible the two witnesses should have served with the applicant in the army, and if so, let them, or either, state it in their oath, their source of knowledge; also any information regarding applicant's army service.)

THE STATE OF TEXAS

County of..... }
Before me,..... County Judge of..... County,
State of Texas, on this day personally appeared.....
who are personally known to me to be credible citizens, who being by me sworn, on oath state that they are per-

sonally acquainted with the foregoing applicant, and that the facts set forth and statements made in his application are correct and true, to the best of their knowledge and belief, and that they have no interest in his claim, and said applicant's habits are good and free from dishonor. And further make oath to the following facts touching the applicant's service in the Confederate Army: (State fully your source of knowledge.)

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(Signature of Witness)

(Signature of Witness)

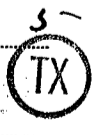
Sworn to and subscribed before me, this day of, A. D. 191

[Seal.] County Judge County, Texas.

CERTIFICATE OF STATE AND COUNTY ASSESSOR

I, R. R. Sadler, State and County Assessor in the County of Anderson State of Texas, do certify that J. S. Gordon, or his wife, or his trustee, or trustee for his wife, whose name is signed to the foregoing application for a pension, under the Act of the Thirty-third Legislature, approved April 7, 1913, is charged on the tax rolls of said county with a homestead of the value of \$ 390.00 Dollars, and of other property, real or personal, or both, of the value of \$ 780.00 Dollars.

Given under my hand, this 12 day of April, A. D. 191.....
R. R. Sadler
State and County Assessor.



This Certifies that J. S. Gordon
 was a member of the 38th
 Tennessee Regiment Commanded
 first, by Col Robt. Looney of
 Memphis; afterwards by Col
 John C. Carter of Franklin
 Tennessee. He was a member
 of Capt. Harry Cotters Co.

Brownsville
 Tex.

W. S. Richardson

L. V. Talbot

Subscribed and
 sworn to before
 me, this Sept 8, 1914
 R. N. Whitehead
 Notary Public



Brownsville

Feb. 1st. 1915 Texas.

Judge. E. V. Swift.

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Dear Sir:

I knew J. D. Gordon
from Oct. till July 22, went
out with him, and we
were in the same
company, Company A,
commanded by Capt. Bob
Lornie, 38th Texas infantry,
I was discharged from
that company in July
22. don't know any
thing about Gordon
after that, during the war.

He was a good and faithful
 soldier during that time,
 was Corporal.

I recruited in the 7th Texas
 Regiment in Oct. 62,
 and was parrolled with
 them at Gainsville Ala. at
 the close of the war.

Borden's cousin brought the
 petition to me to sign, I
 didn't know any thing a
 bout the laws of Texas,
 thinking they were like
 it is here. I can refer
 Borden to Lieutenant ~~Mr.~~
 McDuffy, near Denton, ~~Tex.~~
 J. A. Walters of Denton,

can give you his address. He went out with us, and stayed with that company till the war closed. I am sure he can give you. I never served as a soldier. I can only vouch for him the time I was with him, and will gladly do so, if it will do him any good. He was certainly a true and faithful soldier.

Yours truly,

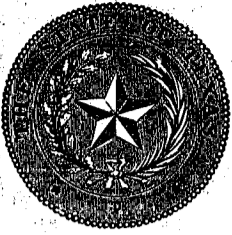
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L. J. Salazar

Brownsville

P. O. B. 12,

Texas



OFFICE OF
COMMISSIONER OF PENSIONS
STATE OF TEXAS
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J. C. JONES, COMMISSIONER

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To the Adjutant General,

War Department,

Washington, D. C.

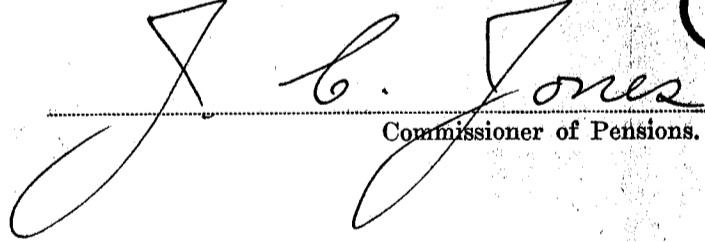
Dear Sir:

I have the honor to request the military record of James Sheppard Gordon who is
reported to have enlisted in Company A, Regiment 38 Tenn. Infantry
later James Barner Company, Faulkers Reg. With Gen. Forrest.

in service of the Confederate States Army.

Purpose: The person above named is an applicant for a Confederate pension granted by the State, and I desire to verify his proof of service.

Very Respectfully,



Commissioner of Pensions.



WAR DEPARTMENT,

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

WASHINGTON, April 19, 1915.

Respectfully returned to the
Commissioner of Pensions,
State of Texas,
Austin.

The records show that J. S. Gordon (name not found as James Sheppard Gordon), corporal and private, Company A, 38th Tennessee Infantry, C.S. A., enlisted September 4, 1861. On the company roll for July and August, 1863, the last on which his name is borne, he was reported as absent without leave. No later record of him has been found.

H. J. Cain

The Adjutant General.

Form No. 74--A. G. O.
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APR 16 1915

The State of Tennessee, #
 Haywood County. #

Before me, the undersigned authority,
 on this day personally appeared W. L. Richardson, and E. V. Taliaferro,
 both of whom ^{is} are well known to me, and who ^{is a} are trustworthy citizens
 and credible and worthy of belief, who being by me duly sworn on
^{his} their oath state as follows, viz:

^I We, the affiants both knew J. S. Gordon, who now resides in Anderson
 County, Texas; ^I we have known him for many years; ^I we knew him during
 the Civil war; ^I we served with J. S. Gordon in the Civil war;
^{both} we all belonged to Company A, 38th. Tennessee Regiment; commanded
 by Col. Robt. Looney of Memphis, Tenn; our Captain was H. W. Cotter;
 the said Gordon made a good and faithful soldier; Gordon enlisted
 in 1861, at the same time ^I we did; Gordon served in this command with ^{me} us
^{something less than} about two years, during which time he was faithful and did his full
 duty; after he served ^{something less than} two years with ^{me} us he was granted a furlough
 to go home to take a sick brother; during this time he was cut off
 from our command and could not reach it to get back on account of the
 Northern army, and the said Gordon then joined ^{a Cavalry} Baynes Company, and
 fought ~~the~~ Regiment, which was under command of General Forrest,
^{closed his war record.} where he ^I served until 1865; ^I we were not with him under his last command
 but from heresay and otherwise ^I we know he made a good soldier in his
 new command; but he was with ^{me} us some two years, ^{or less} and never deserted
 and made a good soldier; ^I we saw him most every day during this time
 and hence ^{my} ~~our~~ knowledge is personal; ^I we knew no other J. S. Gordon
 in this company or Regiment; the said Gordon was a ~~private~~ Corporal.

W. L. Richardson

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 3 day of March 1915

J. M. Simpson
 Probate Judge Haywood County, Tenn.
Chairman Haywood County Court

