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FORM A

### Soldier's Application for Pension

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

Name of Applicant.

*J. P. Arthur*

*Smith*

County.

Postoffice.

*Quilaca Texas*

Filed

**APR 14 1911**

Approved

~~JUN 1 - 1911~~

*Oct 10 1911*

Pension allowed from

~~JUN 1 - 1911~~

*Dec 12 1911*

Rejected

*R. H. Buford*

Commissioner of Pensions.

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*o/b*

For Use of Soldiers, Who are in Indigent Circumstances

THE STATE OF TEXAS }  
County of Smith

I, J. P. Arthur, do hereby make application to the Commissioner of Pensions for a pension to be granted me under the Act passed by the Thirty-first Legislature of the State of Texas, and approved March 26, A. D. 1909, 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; that I was honorably ~~discharged~~ or surrendered in June 1865

(Give date and cause.)

that I have been a bona fide citizen of this State since prior to January 1, A. D. 1880, 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 in salary or fees one hundred and fifty dollars per annum, nor have I an income from any other employment or other source whatever which amounts to one hundred and fifty dollars per annum, nor do I receive from any source whatever money or other means of support amounting in value to the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars 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; 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? 70 years
2. Where were you born? Dalzell County Alabama
3. How long have you resided in Texas? since 1865
4. In what county do you reside? Smith County
5. How long have you resided in said county and what is your postoffice address? I have resided in Smith County since 1865. Lindale, 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? Not able to engage in one
8. In what State was the command in which you served organized? Louisiana
9. How long did you serve? Give, if possible, the date of enlistment and discharge. Sept. 1861 June 1865
10. What was the letter of your company, number or name of battalion, regiment or battery? Co. H. 17. La Regiment TX
11. If transferred from one command to another, give time of transfer, name of command and time of service. Never transferred, except from Texas Army to Texas Militia Sept.
12. What branch of the service did you enlist in—infantry, cavalry, artillery or navy? Infantry

13. If commissioned direct by the President, what was your rank and line of duty?  
*Never Commissioned*

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*

15. 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 pension be approved and such other proceedings be had in the premises as are required by law.

(Signature of Applicant) *J.P. Arthur*

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this *9th* day of *March*, A. D. 19*11*

[SEAL.]

*James F. Olson*  
County Judge *Smith* County, Texas.

### AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESSES

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

THE STATE OF TEXAS }

County of *Smith* }

Before me *James F. Olson*, County Judge of *Smith* County,

State of Texas, on this day personally appeared *H.C. Huggins & L. Fowler*, who are personally known to me to be credible citizens, who, being by me duly sworn, on oath state that they personally know *J.P. Arthur*

*Arthur* the above named applicant for a pension, and that they personally know that the said *J.P. Arthur*

*Arthur* has been a bona fide resident citizen of the State of Texas since prior to January 1, A. D. 1880, and that they have no interest in this claim.

(Signature of Witness) *H.C. Huggins*

(Signature of Witness) *L. Fowler*

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this *9th* day of *March*, A. D. 19*11*

[SEAL.]

*James F. Olson*  
County Judge *Smith* 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 personally 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 this 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. 19.....

[SEAL.] County Judge..... County, Texas.

CERTIFICATE OF THE STATE AND COUNTY ASSESSOR

I, H. B. Matthews, State and County Assessor in the County of Smith State of Texas, do certify that J. P. Carter 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-first Legislature, approved March 26, A. D. 1909, is charged on the land and personal property rolls of said county with estate, real, personal and mixed, at the assessed value of 270 dollars.

Given under my hand, this 13 day of April, A. D. 1911

H B Matthews  
State and County Assessor.





ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

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WAR DEPARTMENT

Address: "The Adjutant General,  
War Department, Washington, D. C."

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**WAR DEPARTMENT,**

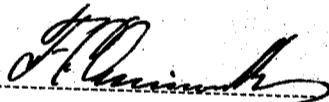
**THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,**

WASHINGTON, April 20, 1911.

*Respectfully returned to the*

Commissioner of Pensions,  
State of Texas, Austin.

The records show that J. P. Arthur,  
private, Company H, 17th Louisiana  
Infantry, Confederate States Army,  
enlisted October 12, 1861. On the  
company roll for January and Febru-  
ary, 1863, last on file, he is re-  
ported present. No later record of  
him has been found.



*The Adjutant General.*

(A.G.O.72-1)

Per

All witnesses sign here:

B. B. McCasland  
J. F. Heard  
J. M. Taylor

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 30 day of March, 1911

E. J. Fortson  
Clerk Dist Court

THE STATE OF Louisiana.

Parish  
County of Claiborne.

I, E. J. Fortson Clerk of Dist  
(Here give name and official character of officer before whom taken.)

do hereby certify that B. B. McCasland, J. M. Taylor

and J. F. Heard

are personally known to me to be credible citizens of said  
Parish  
County and State, and that the foregoing answers of B. B. McCasland, J. M. Taylor and J. F. Heard

the witness es before named, and

whose name appear es signed to the foregoing deposition, were made before me  
and were sworn to and subscribed before me, by said witness (4) respectively

Given under my hand and official seal, this the 30 day of March, 1911

(L. S.)

E. J. Fortson  
Clerk Dist Court Claiborne  
Parish Louisiana

NOTE.—In Texas, any Clerk of the District Court, any Judge and Clerk of the County Court, or any Notary Public or Justice of the Peace, within their  
respective Counties, are authorized to take depositions.  
Out of the State and within the United States—any Clerk of a Court of Record having a seal, any Notary Public, or any Commissioner of Deeds of Texas.

Use this for answers

File No. \_\_\_\_\_  
In \_\_\_\_\_ County, Texas.  
Before the Honorable County Judge of said County.

EX PARTE

J. P. Arthur  
Applicant for Confederate Pension

DEPOSITION  
OF

B. B. McCasland, J. M.

Taylor & J. F. Heard  
Witness es for Applicant

Filed \_\_\_\_\_ day  
of \_\_\_\_\_ 19\_\_\_\_  
By \_\_\_\_\_ Clerk.  
Deputy.

Fee for Taking Deposition, \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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- (1) Here give the name and residence of each witness.
- (2) Here state "and cross interrogatories," if any.
- (3) Here give the name and official character of the person taking the deposition.
- (4) Here state "respectively," if more than one witness.
- (5) Here state whether "Commission, or agreement," if Commission was waived.



EX PARTE

IN RE APPLICANT FOR CONFEDERATE PENSION

Under Act March 26, 1909, pending in Smith

J.P. Arthur

Applicant for Confederate Pension.

County, Texas, before the Honorable County Judge of said County.

Answers and depositions of (1) B.B. McCasland, J.M. Taylor and J.F. Heard, all of whom reside in Blaiborne Parish, State of Louisiana,

to the accompanying interrogations (2) and cross-interrogatories propounded to them in the above entitled cause taken before (3) in accordance with the accompanying (7) agreement

To the first interrogatory the said B.B. McCasland

Witness, answers

B B McCasland, age 66 yrs. PO Homer La

To the second interrogatory, the witness answers:

yes

To the third interrogatory, the witness answers:

Since 1863, first in

Head Vicksburg Miss.

To the fourth interrogatory, the witness answers:

I do -

To the fifth interrogatory, the witness answers:

Yes, in Co. H. 17th La

Infantry, in 1867, served till '65 close of war

To the sixth interrogatory, the witness answers:

He was not. He was

To the seventh interrogatory, the witness answers:

He was not

To the first cross-interrogatory, the witness answers:

I served with him in same Company & Regiment - I know of no other

To the second cross-interrogatory, the witness answers:

I am

To the third cross-interrogatory, the witness answers:

He did

To the fourth cross-interrogatory, the witness answers:

He did not -

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To the first interrogatory, the said J.F. Heard, witness answers: name

J.F. Heard, age 48 yrs. - Resident of PO Homer La

To the second interrogatory, the witness answers:

yes

To the third interrogatory, the witness answers:

I first knew him in Sept 1861 & have known him since that date

To the fourth interrogatory, the witness answers:

yes

To the fifth interrogatory, the witness answers: *Yes - In Co. H 17th La Regt Infantry, in Sept 1862 at Home La. served till close of war*

To the sixth interrogatory, the witness answers:

*He was not*

To the seventh interrogatory, the witness answers:

*He was not*

To the first cross-interrogatory, the witness answers:

*I was with him myself, no other of his name & initials in Co. B.*

To the second cross-interrogatory, the witness answers:

*Yes -*

To the third cross-interrogatory, the witness answers:

*He did -*

To the fourth cross-interrogatory, the witness answers:

*He did not*

To the first interrogatory, the said *J. M. Taylor* witness, answers:

*C. Monroe Taylor, 75 yrs. PO Home La*

To the second interrogatory, the witness answers:

*Yes*

To the third interrogatory, the witness answers:

*June 1862 at Vicksburg Mississippi*

To the fourth interrogatory, the witness answers:

*Yes*

To the fifth interrogatory, the witness answers:

*I found him in Co. H 17th La Regt in 1862 at Vicksburg Miss. - served till close of war & I*

To the sixth interrogatory, the witness answers:

*He was not*

To the seventh interrogatory, the witness answers:

*He was not*

To the first cross-interrogatory, the witness answers:

*I was member of same Co. Regt & served with him <sup>at</sup> with him no other of his name in Co. B.*

To the second cross-interrogatory, the witness answers:

*Yes*

To the third cross-interrogatory, the witness answers:

*He did so far as I know*

To the fourth cross-interrogatory, the witness answers:

*He did not*

**EX PARTE**

Pending in Smith County,  
Texas, before the Honorable County Judge of said  
County.

J.P.Arthur

Applicant for Confederate Pension.

The Honorable County Judge of Smith County, Texas, will please take notice that, five days after the service hereof, applicant herein will apply to the Clerk of the County Court of said County and State, for a commission to take the depositions of B.B.McCasland, J.M.Taylor and J.F.Heard who reside in the Parish of Caliborne in the State of Louisiana in answer to the following interrogatories and such cross interrogatories as may be propounded by the County Judge of said County, which will be read in evidence upon the hearing of applicant's claim for pension in behalf of applicant; said testimony is material and indispensable to applicant in furnishing the required proof of his claim for a pension under the Act of March 26, 1909, the application for which is now pending before the Honorable County Judge, and the facts necessary and required to be proven under the provisions of said act, applicant believes can not be proven by any witness es residing in the County of Smith and State of Texas, of which he is a bona fide resident.

*J.P. Arthur*

(Applicant) Attorney for Applicant.

**Direct Interrogatories to be Propounded to the Witness**

- INT. 1. What is your name? Age? Present place of residence and postoffice address?
- INT. 2. Do you personally know, or did you at any time know J.P.Arthur who is an applicant for pension under Act of March 26, 1909?
- INT. 3. How long had you known the said J.P.Arthur and when and where did you first know him?
- INT. 4. Do you personally know that the said J.P.Arthur enlisted in the service of the Confederacy, and performed the duties of a soldier or a sailor?
- INT. 5. Do you personally know in what company and regiment the said J.P.Arthur enlisted and served in the Confederate army? When? Where? And the time of service? If you personally knew and so have stated that he enlisted and served in the Confederate navy, then state: When? Where? And how long he so served?
- INT. 6. Do you personally know that J.P.Arthur was commissioned as an officer directly by the President of the Confederate States? What was his rank and line of duty?
- INT. 7. Do you further know if J.P.Arthur was, under the provisions of the conscript law, detailed for any kind of special service in the field, shops, armories, etc., of the Confederacy? What was the nature of his service, and how long did he serve?

**CROSS INTERROGATORIES.**

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To be Propounded to B.B.McCasland, J.M.Taylor and J.F.Heard

CROSS INTERROGATORY 1. If, in answer to the foregoing direct interrogatories, you have stated that you personally know or did know said J.P.Arthur and that you know that he enlisted in the service of the Confederacy and performed the duties of a soldier or sailor, and having named the company and regiment, or special service in which J.P.Arthur so enlisted and served, then please state fully what is your source of such knowledge? And state whether or not you know or at any time you knew of any other soldier or sailor by the name of J.P.Arthur serving in the same company or regiment, or special service in which you say the said J.P.Arthur enlisted, if you have stated that said J.P.Arthur enlisted and served in the navy of the Confederacy, then state whether or

not you know any other soldier or sailor of the same name as said J.P.Arthur  
applicant serving in the same command, or the special service to which he was assigned?

If you say that you so know other soldiers or sailors of the same name of J.P.Arthur  
then can you and how do you identify and locate the one from the other or others?

Cross INT. 2. Are you positively certain that said J.P.Arthur  
is the identical person serving as testified by you?

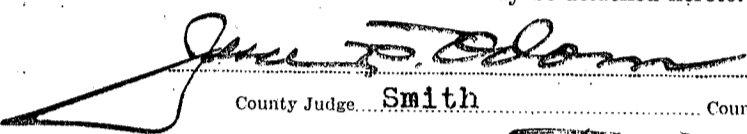
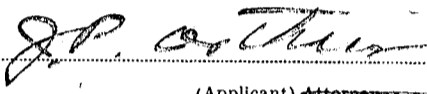
Cross INT. 3. Do you know whether or not the said J.P.Arthur  
served honorably from the date of his enlistment until the close of the late Civil War between the States, or until he was  
discharged from said company and regiment, or the special service to which he had been assigned?

Cross INT. 4. Do you know whether or not the said J.P.Arthur  
deserted his command, or voluntarily abandoned his post of duty or the service during said war?

THE STATE OF TEXAS, }

County of Smith  
I, Jesse F. Odum

County Judge of said County, in said State,  
do hereby waive copy of interrogatories, notice, time and issuance of commission, and it is hereby agreed that the answers  
to the hereinabove direct and cross interrogatories of the said herein named witness JB may be attached hereto.

  
County Judge Smith County, Texas.  
  
(Applicant) ~~Attorney~~ for Applicant.

In Re

Application for Confederate  
Pension.

FOR USE OF SOLDIERS OR WIDOWS

Smith County, Texas

Pending before the County Judge of said County

EX PARTE

J.P.Arthur  
Applicant.

INTERROGATORIES

propounded to

B.B. McCasland, J.M. Taylor

and J.F. Heard

Witnesses.