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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. R. Connel

County

Smith

Postoffice

Waller

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FORM A

For use of Soldiers, who are in indigent circumstances

THE STATE OF TEXAS }

County of Smith }

I, JR Asmell, 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 Paroled June 17th 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? 63
2. Where were you born? Jackson Parish Louisiana
3. How long have you resided in Texas? Since 1871
4. In what county do you reside? Smith
5. How long have you resided in said county and what is your postoffice address? 29 years
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? Butcher
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. 2 years - about enlisted June 1863 - Discharged June 17th 1865
10. What was the letter of your company, number or name of battalion, regiment or battery? Co - 15th 5th La Reg.



11. If transferred from one command to another, give time of transfer, name of command and time of service. not transferred
12. What branch of the service did you enlist in—infantry, cavalry, artillery or navy? Cavalry

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

14. If detailed for special service, under the law of conscription, what was the nature of your service and how long did you serve? *no*

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) *W. B. Aswell*

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this *26* day of *June*, A. D. 19*09*

[SEAL.]

J. A. Bullock
County Judge *Smuck* County, Texas.

AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESSES

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

THE STATE OF TEXAS }

County of *Smuck*

Before me *J. A. Bullock*, County Judge of *Smuck* County,

State of Texas, on this day personally appeared *W. B. Aswell and P. G. Taylor*, who are personally

known to me to be credible citizens, who, being by me duly sworn, on oath state that they personally know

W. B. Aswell the above named applicant for a pension, and that they personally know that the said

W. B. Aswell 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.

W. B. Aswell
(Signature of Witness)

P. G. Taylor
(Signature of Witness)

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this *26* day of *June*, A. D. 19*09*

[SEAL.]

J. A. Bullock
County Judge *Smuck* 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 *Smuck*

Before me *J. A. Bullock*, County Judge of *Smuck* County,

State of Texas, on this day personally appeared *W. B. Aswell, and P. G. Taylor*

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 then further make oath to the following facts touching the applicant's service in the Confederate Army:

Neither of us know the exact date of the enlistment nor were we in same company - but each of us saw him frequently while he was in the service and while he was doing service with the company - We saw him frequently and know personally that he enlisted and served in the army about 2 years

(Signature of Witness) J. S. Aswell

(Signature of Witness) P. G. Taylor

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 26 day of June, A. D. 1909.

J. A. Burch
County Judge Smith County, Texas.

[SEAL.]

CERTIFICATE OF THE STATE AND COUNTY ASSESSOR

I, Mrs L J Jarvis, State and County Assessor in the County of Smith State of Texas, do certify that J. A. Aswell 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 \$800 dollars.

Given under my hand, this 26th day of June, A. D. 1909 (TX)

Mrs L Jarvis
State and County Assessor.

By Wm H Day
officer deputy

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E. A. BOLMES, Commissioner

OFFICE OF
Commissioner of Pensions

State of Texas

Austin AUG 9 1909

To the Adjutant General,

War Department,

Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I have the honor to request the military record
of *J. R. Aswell* who is reported to have enlisted in
Company *D*, *5th* Regiment *Louisiana Cavalry*
in the service of the Confederate States Army.

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

Very respectfully,

*E. A. Bolmes*

Commissioner of Pensions.

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE
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Address: "The Adjutant General,
War Department, Washington, D. C."
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WAR DEPARTMENT,

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE.

WASHINGTON, August 13, 1909.

Respectfully returned to the

Commissioner of Pensions,
State of Texas, Austin.

There are not rolls on file in this Department of Company D, 5th Louisiana Cavalry, Confederate States Army.

The Union records of prisoners of war show that J. R. Aswell, private, said company and regiment, was surrendered at New Orleans, Louisiana, May 26, 1865, and was paroled at Monroe, Louisiana, June 17, 1865.

[A. G. O. 75-1]

[Signature]
The Adjutant General.

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