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FORM B.

Widow's Application
for a Pension

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

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11-7-24
Name of Applicant

Mrs. E. J. Baskett
Smith County

Postoffice Trapp, Texas

Filed Aug. 30, 1913

Approved Sept. 1, 1913

Pension allowed from Dec. 1, 1913

Rejected

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Commissioner of Pensions
Commissioner of Pensions

E. L. Steck, Printing, Bookbinding, Austin

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FORM B

For Use of Widows of Soldiers Who Are In Indigent Circumstances

THE STATE OF TEXAS

County of Smith

I, Mrs. E. J. Baskett, do hereby make application to the Commissioner of Pensions for a pension, to be granted me under the Act passed by the ~~Thirty-first~~ Thirty-first Legislature of the State of Texas, and approved April 7, A. D. 1913, on the following grounds:

I am the widow of J. L. Baskett, deceased, who departed this life on the 8 day of June, A. D. 1913, in the county of Smith, in the State of Texas

I have not remarried since the death of my said husband, and I do solemnly swear that I was never divorced from my said husband, and that I never voluntarily abandoned him during his life, but remained his true, faithful and lawful wife up to the date of his death. I was married to him on the 23-day Jan, A. D. 1866, in the county of Smith, in the State of Texas

My husband, the said J. L. Baskett, enlisted and served in the military service of the Confederate States during the war between the States of the United States, and that he did not desert the Confederate Service. I have been a resident of the State of Texas 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 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 anyone hold in trust for my benefit or use, estate or property, either real, personal or mixed, either in fee or for life, of the value of one thousand dollars, exclusive of the home of the value of not over \$1,000.00; nor do I receive any aid or pension from any other State, or from the United States, or from any other source, and I do further state that the answers given to the following questions are true:

1. What is your age? Sixty-four years
2. Where were you born? Smith Co. Texas
3. How long have you resided in the State of Texas? Sixty-four years
4. How long have you resided in the county of your present residence? And what is your postoffice address? Sixty-four years Troup Texas
5. What was your husband's full name? John Lewis Baskett
6. What was the date of his death? June 8 1913
7. In what State was your husband's command originally organized? Missouri
8. How long did your husband serve? If known to you, give date of enlistment and discharge. Served from Mar. 7, 1862 till close of war.
9. What was the name or letter of the company, or name or number of the battalion, regiment or battery of artillery in which your husband served? If he was transferred from one branch of service to another, give time of transfer, description of command and time of service. Co. "A", 1st Mo. Cavalry under Col. Elijah Gates. Capt. Wm. Moppin
10. Name branch of service in which your husband served, whether infantry, cavalry, artillery or the navy, or if commissioned as an officer by the President, his rank and line of duty, or if detailed for special service, under the law of conscription, the nature of such service, and time of service. With Cavalry till after 2nd Corinth Battle. With Infantry remainder of time.
11. Have you transferred to other any property of any kind for the purpose of becoming a beneficiary under this law? I have not.



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

(Signature of Applicant) *E. J. Baskett*

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this *5th* day of *Sept*, A. D. 191*2*

[Seal.]

Jesse G. Odum
County Judge *Smith* County, Texas.

AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESSES

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

THE STATE OF TEXAS }

County of *Smith*

Before me, *Jesse G. Odum*, County Judge of *Smith* County, State of Texas, on this day personally appeared *N. O. Smith* & *J. P. Seale*, who are personally known to me to be credible citizens, who, being by me duly sworn, on oath state that they personally know that Mrs. *E. J. Baskett* applicant for a pension as the widow of deceased, is in truth and fact the widow of *E. J. Baskett* deceased; that they personally know that she has not remarried since the death of her husband, for whose service in the army she claims a pension, and that they have no interest in this claim.

(Signature of Witness) *N. O. Smith*

(Signature of Witness) *J. P. Seale*

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this *5th* day of *Sept*, A. D. 191*2*

[Seal.]

Jesse G. Odum
County Judge *Smith* County, Texas.

AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESSES

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

THE STATE OF TEXAS }

County of *Smith*

Before me, *Jesse G. Odum*, County Judge of *Smith* County, State of Texas, on this day personally appeared *N. O. Smith* & *J. P. Seale*, who are personally known to me to be credible citizens, who, being by me duly sworn, on oath state that they personally know the above-named applicant for pension, and that they personally know that the said _____ 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 this claim.

(Signature of Witness) *N. O. Smith*

(Signature of Witness) *J. P. Seale*

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this *5th* day of *Sept*, A. D. 191*2*

[Seal.]

Jesse G. Odum
County Judge *Smith* County, Texas.

AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESSES

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

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 her application are correct and true,
to the best of their knowledge and belief, and that they have no interest in this claim. And further make oath to the
following facts touching the service of the applicant's husband 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,, State and County Assessor in the County of
....., State of Texas, do hereby certify that Mrs.....
whose name is signed to the foregoing application for a pension, under the Act of the 33rd Legislature, approved
April 7, A. D. 1913, is charged on the land and personal property rolls of the said county, in her name, or the name
of a trustee, with estate, real, personal and mixed, at the assessed value of.....dollars.

Given under my hand, this.....day of....., A. D. 191.....



State and County Assessor.

DEPOSITION IN PENSION CLAIMS, WITH CAPTION AND CERTIFICATES.

EX PARTE

John L. Baskett

IN RE APPLICANT FOR CONFEDERATE PENSION
Under Act May 12, 1899, pending in County Commis-
sioners Court of *Smith*

Applicant for Confederate Pension *William L. James*

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

Answers and depositions of (1) *William L. James*

*Heuple Post Office
County, Missouri*

to the accompanying interrogations (2)

propounded to _____ in the above entitled cause taken before (3) *County Court in Heuple*

in accordance with the accompanying (5)

To the first interrogatory the said

William L. James

Witness, answers

*My name is William L. James age 66 reside near
Heuple. P.O. address is Heuple Christian County Missouri*

Interrogatory 2

yes

Interrogatory 3

*I first knew said John L. Baskett about the
year 1860 till about the year 1865*

Answer to Interrogatory 4

I do

Answer to Interrogatory 5

*I do he entered in the
first mo. Conf. in the year
1862 at Elkhorn and he served
from that time till close of
the war.*

Answer to Interrogatory 6

*I do not have not
known him since the 1860's*

(TX)

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 12 day of Jan'y, 1909

William L. James

THE STATE OF ~~TEXAS~~ }
 COUNTY OF Clinton

I, Antonie a Notary Public
(Here give name and official character of officer before whom taken.)

do hereby certify that William L. James
 and is personally known to me to be credible citizen, of said
 County and State, and that the foregoing answers of

William L. James

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

Given under my hand and official seal, this the 12 day of Jan'y, 1909
 (L. S.)

Antonie
 Notary Public
 My Commission expires Dec 3 1912

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.

File No. _____

In the Commissioners Court
 OF
 _____ County, Texas.
 Before the Honorable County Judge of said County.

EX PARTE

Applicant for Confederate Pension

DEPOSITION
 OF

Witness for Applicant

Filed _____ day
 of _____ 190____
 Clerk.
 By _____ 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

Pending in the Honorable Commissioners Court

of Brush County, Texas,

before the Honorable County Judge of said County.

John L. Baskett
Applicant for Confederate Pension.

The Honorable County Judge of Brush 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 Sam J. Ray and Ray who reside? in the County of Belton in the State of Missouri 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 to his claim for a pension under the Act of May 12, 1899, 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 residing in the County of Brush and State of Texas, of which he is a bona fide resident.

W. A. Paper

(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 John L. Baskett who is an applicant for pension under Act of May 12, 1899?
- INT. 3. How long have you known the said John L. Baskett applicant for pension and when and where did you first know him?
- INT. 4. Do you personally know that the said John L. Baskett applicant for pension enlisted in the service of the Confederacy, and performed the duties of a soldier or sailor?
- INT. 5. Do you personally know in what company and regiment the said John L. Baskett applicant, 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 further know that John L. Baskett the said applicant for pension, is unable to support himself by labor of any sort?

CROSS INTERROGATORIES.



To be Propounded to.....

CROSS INTERROGATORY 1. If, in answer to the foregoing direct interrogatories, you have stated that you personally know or did know said applicant, 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 in which applicant 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..... serving in the same company or regiment in which you say the said applicant..... enlisted, or if you have stated that said applicant enlisted and served in the navy of the Confederacy, then state whether or not you know

any other sailor of the same name as said applicant
serving in the same command?

If you say that you so knew other soldiers or sailors of the same name of applicant's, 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 applicant
for pension, is the identical person serving as testified by you?

CROSS. INT. 3. If you have answered Direct Interrogatory No. 6 in the affirmative, then please state
your source of knowledge or information? Is not this your answer simply based on conjecture?

CROSS INT. 4. Do you know whether or not the said applicant
for pension, ever deserted the service in the Confederate army or navy?

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THE STATE OF TEXAS, }
County of.....

I,....., 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..... may be
attached hereto.

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

Application for Confederate Pension.
In Re
IN COMMISSIONERS COURT,
..... County, Texas,
Pending before the County Judge of said County.
Ex Parte
Applicant.
INTERROGATORIES.
PROPOUNDED TO
Witnesses.

EX PARTE

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

John L. Baskett 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 Pleasant in the State of Missouri 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 to his claim for a pension under the Act of May 12, 1899, 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 residing in the County of Baskett and State of Texas, of which he is a bona fide resident.

M. A. Pope (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 John L. Baskett who is an applicant for pension under Act of May 12, 1899?
INT. 3. How long have you known the said John L. Baskett applicant for pension and when and where did you first know him?
INT. 4. Do you personally know that the said John L. Baskett applicant for pension enlisted in the service of the Confederacy, and performed the duties of a soldier or sailor?
INT. 5. Do you personally know in what company and regiment the said John L. Baskett applicant, 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 further know that John L. Baskett the said applicant for pension, is unable to support himself by labor of any sort?

CROSS INTERROGATORIES.



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any other sailor of the same name as said applicant
serving in the same command?

If you say that you so knew other soldiers or sailors of the same name of applicant's, then can you and
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for pension, ever deserted the service in the Confederate army or navy?

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THE STATE OF TEXAS, }
County of..... }

I,, 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..... may be
attached hereto.

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

In Re
**Application for Confederate
Pension.**

IN COMMISSIONERS COURT,

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

Ex Parte

Applicant.

INTERROGATORIES.
PROPOUNDED TO

Witnesses.

DEPOSITION IN PENSION CLAIMS, WITH CAPTION AND CERTIFICATES.

EX PARTE

John L. Baskett

IN RE APPLICANT FOR CONFEDERATE PENSION
Under Act May 12, 1899, pending in County Commis-
sioners Court of Smith

Applicant for Confederate Pension.

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

Clinton

Answers and depositions of (1) Hiram J. Ray
Clinton County, Missouri

Ray Gower Clinton County, Missouri

to the accompanying interrogations (2) _____
propounded to him in the above entitled cause taken before (3) Curtis P. Fox a Notary Public
in accordance with the accompanying (5) _____

To the first interrogatory the said Hiram J. Ray
Witness, answers my name is Hiram J. Ray age 69 reside near Lewis
my P.O. address is Lewis Clinton County Missouri

Answer to Interrogatory # 2. I know him at all times

Answer to Interrogatory # 3. I first knew John L. Baskett
about the year 1860 and from
that time till the year 1865

Answer to Interrogatory # 4. I do


Answer to Interrogatory # 5. I do John L. Baskett entered
in the Confederate army as
1st Mo. Cav. the year 1862 at Elk Horn
and he served from that time
till close of the war

Answer to Interrogatory # 6. I do not as I have
not known him since
close of war

(TX)

Certificate of State and County Assessor.

I, **H.B. Matthews**, State and County Assessor in the County of **Smith** State of Texas, do certify that **Mrs. E. J. Basket**, 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 6000⁰⁰ Dollars, and of other property, real or personal, or both of the value of 420⁰⁰ Dollars.

Given under my hand, this 6 day of September, A. D. 1913 

H.B. Matthews
State and County Assessor.

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Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 12 day of Jan'y, 1909

Hamm J Ray

THE STATE OF ^{Missouri} ~~TEXAS~~
COUNTY OF Christal

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(Here give name and official character of officer before whom taken.)

do hereby certify that, Hamm J. Ray
and no ~~are~~ personally known to me to be credible citizens of said
County and State, and that the foregoing answers of Hamm J. Ray
the witness before named, and

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

Given under my hand and official seal, this the 12 day of Jan'y, 1909

(L. S.)

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Notary Public

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.

File No. _____

In the Commissioners Court
OF _____ County, Texas.
Before the Honorable County Judge of said County.

EX PARTE

Applicant for Confederate Pension

DEPOSITION
OF _____

Witness for Applicant _____

Filed _____ day _____
of _____ 190 _____

By _____ Clerk _____
Deputy _____

Fee for taking Deposition, \$ _____

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Lined area for deposition text.



- (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.

APPLICATION FOR MORTUARY WARRANT

STATE OF TEXAS,

County of Smith

I, Mrs. Lessie Hocutt

do hereby certify that I am the person to whom is entrusted the paying of the accounts and indebtedness of the late Mrs. E. J. Baskett, who was a pensioner of the

State of Texas, and whose file number was 23278, and whose original county was Smith

The said pensioner Mrs. E. J. Baskett, died on the 3rd day of November, 1924, in the town of Troup, County of Smith, Texas.

The pensioner died in the home of herself and Mrs. Lessie Hocutt, who was related to the pensioner as daughter

That the warrant, which application is hereby made for, shall be applied to paying all or part of the expenses incurred by the said pensioner Mrs. E. J. Baskett

I further certify that the warrant for the current quarter has not been cashed by the pensioner, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

I am related to the pensioner as ~~(Friend)~~ daughter that my postoffice address is _____

Troup, Smith County, Texas.
City State

Signed Mrs. Lessie Hocutt

Sworn to before me this 13th day of November, 1924.

Notary Public in and for Smith State of Texas.

CERTIFICATE OF UNDERTAKER

I, S. H. Johnson, do certify that I am undertaker in the town of Troup County of Smith, State of Texas that I had charge of the body of Mrs. E. J. Baskett, who died in the town of Troup, County of Smith, State of Texas on the 3rd day of November, 1924. That said body was prepared for burial ~~by me~~ on the 4th day of November, 1924, and that I am of the opinion that warrant herein applied for should be issued to the said Mrs. Lessie Hocutt who makes the foregoing application.

Signed S. H. Johnson Undertaker.

CERTIFICATE OF PHYSICIAN

I, A. S. Jarvis, M. D., do certify that I am a practicing physician, and that I attended Mrs. E. J. Baskett in his last illness, and am of the opinion that his ailments were suffering of Brain



I further certify that I am of the opinion that the Mortuary Warrant above requested should be issued in the name of the aforementioned applicant, in accordance with Act passed by the Thirty-eighth Legislature, and approved March 2, 1923.

Signed A. S. Jarvis, M. D. Physician's Address Troup, Smith County, Texas

COMPTROLLER OF THE RECEIVED NOV 14 1924 Entered to NO.

Must return before 40 days expires from date of Pensioners' death

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