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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.

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Name of Applicant.

Robert Becker

Smith

County

Postoffice

Syler 24

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FORM A

For use of Soldiers, who are in indigent circumstances

THE STATE OF TEXAS }
 County of *Smith*

I, *Robert Belcher*, 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 *May 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 Years*
2. Where were you born? *Smith County Tex*
3. How long have you resided in Texas? *63 years*
4. In what county do you reside? *Smith*
5. How long have you resided in said county and what is your postoffice address? *63 years
Tyler Tex*
6. Have you applied for a pension under the Confederate pension law and been rejected? If rejected, state when and where. *When the pension law was first passed I was rejected*
7. What is your occupation, if able to engage in one? *Farmer*
8. In what State was the command in which you served organized? *Texas*
9. How long did you serve? Give, if possible, the date of enlistment and discharge. *3 years*
10. What was the letter of your company, number or name of battalion, regiment or battery? *Co E. 14th Texas Infantry*
11. If transferred from one command to another, give time of transfer, name of command and time of service.
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?

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

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) Robert B. Leach

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 7 day of July, A. D. 1909

[SEAL.]

J. A. Bullock
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 J. A. Bullock, County Judge of Smith County, State of Texas, on this day personally appeared James Perryman, 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 a 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. 1880, and that they have no interest in this claim.

(Signature of Witness) James Perryman

(Signature of Witness) J. H. Perry

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 6 day of July, A. D. 1909

[SEAL.]

J. A. Bullock
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 Smith

Before me J. A. Bullock, County Judge of Smith County, State of Texas, on this day personally appeared R. W. Smith & James Perryman, 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

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

James Perryman says he applicant and was in some Co - "E" 14th Reg Infantry - know he made good soldier I was orderly sergeant of the Co - I knew applicant personally know he did not desert army

R N Hammit says he knows personally that applicant enlisted and served as stated was in some Co with applicant

(Signature of Witness) *R N Hammit*

(Signature of Witness) *James Perryman*

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 7 day of July, A. D. 1909

J H Russell
County Judge Smith County, Texas.

[SEAL.]

CERTIFICATE OF THE STATE AND COUNTY ASSESSOR

I, *Mrs L P Jarvis*, State and County Assessor in the County of *Tarrant* State of Texas, do certify that *Rob Belcher* 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 \$70⁰⁰ dollars.

Given under my hand, this 6th day of July, A. D. 1909

Mrs L P Jarvis
State and County Assessor.

By Wm H Day
Office Deputy

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Endorsements Hereon for Comptroller's Use Exclusively.

FORM No. 1.

CONFEDERATE PENSION APPLICATION.

Name of Applicant

Robert Beecher

Smith County.

Post Office *Tyler*

Comptroller's File No. *3733*

I have carefully examined the within application for pension, together with the proof in support thereof, and

I recommend that the application be

Disapproved

this *11* day of *Oct*

A. D. *1899*

Wm. J. Swan
Pension Clerk.

I hereby *disapprove* the within application

for pension, this *11* day of

Oct A. D. *1899*

Wm. Stanley
Comptroller.

No Application Rejected by County Judge or County Commissioners
Should be Forwarded to Comptroller.

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APPLICATION of Indigent Soldier or Sailor of the late Confederacy for pension under the Act of May 12, 1899.

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

COUNTY OF Smith

To the Honorable County Judge of Smith County, Texas.

Your petitioner, Robert Belcher respectfully represents that he is a resident citizen of Smith County, in the State of Texas, and that he makes this application for the purpose of obtaining a pension under the act passed by the Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Texas, and approved May 12, A. D. 1899, the same being an act entitled "An act to carry into effect the amendment to the Constitution of the State of Texas, providing that aid may be granted to disabled and dependent Confederate soldiers, sailors, and their widows under certain conditions, and to make an appropriation therefor," and I do solemnly swear that the answers I have given to the following questions are true.

NOTE—Applicant must make answer to all of the following questions, and such answers must be written out plainly in ink.

Q. What is your name? Answer Robert Belcher

Q. What is your age? Answer 54 years old

Q. In what County do you reside? Answer Smith

Q. How long have you resided in said County and what is your post office address? Answer 54 years

Q. Have you applied for a pension under the Confederate Pension Law heretofore, and been rejected? If so state when and where. Answer No

Q. What is your occupation if able to engage in one? Answer Farming

Q. What is your physical condition? Answer I am unable to work much

Q. If your physical condition is such that you are unable by your own labor to earn a support, state what caused such disability. Answer an account of a wound received in the battle of Mansfield.

Q. State in what company and regiment you enlisted in the Confederate army, and the time of your service? Answer I was wounded in the left arm by a bullet passing through my left shoulder, in the battle of Mansfield.

Q. If you served in the Confederate navy state when and where, and the time of your service. Answer Company E - 14th Texas Regt. - 3 years.

Q. State whether or not you have received any pension or veteran donation land certificate under any previous law, and if you answer in the affirmative state what pension or veteran donation land certificate you have received.

Answer I received a veteran donation land certificate for 1280 acres of land, and now said certificate for \$75.

Q. What real and personal property do you now own, and what is the present value of such property? Give list of such property and value. Answer I own 67 acres of land which I would sell for \$300.00; two mules worth \$80.00; one cow & calf, and one sow and pig.



- Q. What property, and what was the value thereof have you sold or conveyed within two years prior to the date of this application? Answer *None, except a portion of my little home which I sold to pay balance due on the same*
- Q. What income, if any, do you receive? Answer *None, except what I make on 6 or 8 cent of land & Cultivation*
- Q. Are you in indigent circumstances; that is, are you in actual want, and destitute of property and means of subsistence? Answer *Yes - except as above stated.*
- Q. Are you unable by your labor to earn a support? Answer *Yes - I can't work much.*
- Q. Have you transferred to others any property of value of any kind for the purpose of becoming a beneficiary under this law? Answer *No*
- Q. Did you ever desert the Confederacy? Answer *No*
- Q. Have you been continuously since the first day of January, 1880, a bona fide resident citizen of this State? Answer *Yes*

None

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

(Signature of Applicant)

Sworn to and subscribed before me this *23rd* day of *June*, A.D. *1899*

(SEAL)

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, *Geo. W. Cross*
County Judge of *Smith* County, State of Texas, on this day personally appeared

John P. Smith & J. M. Jussup

who are personally known to me to be credible citizens, who being by me duly sworn on oath, state that they personally know *Robert Belcher* the above named applicant for a pension, and that they personally know that the said *Robert Belcher* enlisted in the service of the Confederacy, and performed the duties of a soldier (or sailor) as claimed by him in the above and foregoing application, and that they further know that he, the said applicant, is unable to support himself by labor of any sort.

(Signature of Witness)

Geo. W. Cross

(Signature of Witness)

J. M. Jussup

(Signature of Witness)

(Signature of Witness)

Sworn to and subscribed before me this *first* day of *July*, A.D. *1899*

(SEAL)

County Judge *Smith* County, Texas.

AFFIDAVIT OF PHYSICIAN.

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

COUNTY OF Smith } Before me Geo. W. Cross
County Judge of Smith County, State of Texas, on this day personally appeared

Allen Jones, who is a reputable practicing physician of this County, who being by me duly sworn on oath, states that he has carefully and thoroughly examined Mr. Robt Belcher applicant for a pension, and finds him laboring under the following disabilities which render him unable to labor at any work or calling sufficient to earn a support for himself: gun shot wound of left shoulder
coming fracture of clavicle and scapula

(Signature of Physician) Allen Jones, M.D.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 29 day of June A. D. 1899
Geo. W. Cross
County Judge Smith County, State of Texas.

(SEAL)

CERTIFICATE OF COUNTY JUDGE.

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

COUNTY OF Smith } I, Geo. W. Cross
County Judge of Smith County, State of Texas, do hereby certify that on the 29
day of July A. D. 1899, before me came on to be heard the application of

Robert Belcher for a pension under the Confederate Pension Law of this State, approved May 12, A. D. 1899; that the answers of said applicant to the questions propounded were made under oath as the same appear in writing in the foregoing application; that the affidavits of the witnesses who are credible citizens were made before me as the same hereinbefore appear, and that the foregoing affidavit of Doctor Allen Jones who is a reputable practicing physician of this County, was made before me. I also certify that the said applicant Robert Belcher is not an inmate of the Texas Confederate Home, nor otherwise disqualified under the provision of Section 12, of the Confederate Pension Law. I further certify that after considering all the proceedings had before me relative to the said application for a pension by the said Robt Belcher I find the said applicant is lawfully entitled to the pension provided by the Confederate Pension Law of this State, and I hereby approve said application.

Witness my hand and seal of office at Tyler this 29
day of July A. D. 1899
Geo. W. Cross
County Judge Smith County, State of Texas.

(SEAL)

CERTIFICATE OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

COUNTY OF Smith } We, the undersigned members of the Commissioners Court of
Smith County, Texas, hereby certify that the foregoing application of Mr. Robert
Belcher for a pension, together with the proof in support thereof, was duly submitted
by Hon. Geo. W. Cross County Judge of this Smith
County, to the Commissioners Court of this Smith County, at a regular term thereof on the 16
day of Aug A. D. 1899, and after a careful consideration of the same we find the said applicant is
lawfully entitled to the pension provided for by the Confederate Pension Law of this State, and we hereby approve said application.

Witness our hands and seal of office at Tyler Tex this 16
day of Aug A. D. 1899
R. G. Hairgrove
G. A. Brown
D. J. Epperson
M. H. Cross

(Signatures of Commissioners.)

(SEAL)





E. A. BOLMES, Commissioner

OFFICE OF
Commissioner of Pensions

State of Texas

Austin AUG 12 1909

To the Adjutant General,
 War Department,
 Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I have the honor to request the military record
 of Robert Belcher who is reported to have enlisted in
 Company E., 14th Regiment Texas Infantry
 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.

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

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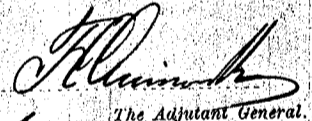
WAR DEPARTMENT,

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

WASHINGTON, August 18, 1909.

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

The records show that R. Belcher
(name not found as Robert Belcher),
private, Company E, 14th Texas In-
fantry, Confederate States Army,
enlisted March 26, 1862. On the
roll of the company for July and
August, 1863 (last on file), he is
reported present. No later record
of him has been found.


The Adjutant General.

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APPLICATION FOR MORTUARY WARRANT

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

County of Smith

I, Robt Belcher Jr

do hereby certify that I am the person to whom is entrusted the paying of the accounts and indebtedness of the late Robt Belcher sr., who was a pensioner of the State of Texas, and whose file number was 166.00 and whose original county was Smith.

The said pensioner Robt. Belcher., died on the 18 day of Feb., 1934, in the town of Tyler County of Smith, Texas.

The pensioner died in the home of his home who was related to the pensioner as X

That the warrant, which application is hereby made for, shall be applied to paying all or part of the funeral expenses incurred by the said pensioner Robt Belcher

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) Son that my postoffice address is RFD # 3

Tyler City Texas State

Signed Robert Belcher

Sworn to before me this 21 day of Feb. 1934

J. F. Daniel
Notary Public in and for Smith County State of Texas.

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

CERTIFICATE OF UNDERTAKER

I, J. F. Daniel, do certify that I am undertaker in the town of Tyler, County of Smith, State of Texas that I had charge of the body of Robt. B. Belcher, who died in the town of Tyler, County of Smith, State of Texas on the 18th day of Feb. 1934. That said body was prepared for burial by me on the 18th day of Feb. 1934, and that I am of the opinion that warrant herein applied for should be issued to the said Robt Belcher Jr who makes the foregoing application.

Signed J. F. Daniel Undertaker.

CERTIFICATE OF PHYSICIAN

I, J. M. Grissitts, do certify that I am a practicing physician, and that I attended Robert Belcher in his last illness, and am of the opinion that his ailments were Chronic Nephritis, Complicated with Arteriosclerosis & Senility

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 J. M. Grissitts MD
Physician's Address Tyler Texas

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ADJUTANT GENERAL

THE STATE OF TEXAS
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