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FORM NO. 1—AMENDED
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CONFEDERATE PENSION APPLICATION

Name of Applicant,

J. W. Christian

County,

Post Office *Arivale*

Comptroller's File No. **13510**

I have carefully examined the within application for pension, together with the proof in support thereof, and I recommend that the application be **Approved**

this **MAR 21 1908** day of

A. D.

E. A. Oelmeid
Chief Pension Clerk

I hereby **Approve** the within application for pension, this **MAR 21 1908** day of

J. M. Stephens
A. D.
Comptroller

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

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NOTE—The law provides that pensions can begin only on the first day of April and October of each year.

FORM No. 1. Amended October 1, 1902.

APPLICATION of Indigent Soldier or Sailor of the late Confederacy for pension under the Act of May 12, 1899. Hereafter use no other blank but this.

THE STATE OF TEXAS }

County of Smith }

To the Honorable County Judge of Smith County, Texas:

Your petitioner, James H. Christian 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 James H. Christian

Q. What is your age? Answer 74 years old May 17th 1907

Q. In what County do you reside? Answer Smith

Q. How long have you resided in said County and what is your postoffice address? Answer 20 years, Lindale Texas, P. O. # 1

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 None, not able

Q. What is your physical condition? Answer Bad, not in good health & not able to work

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 not able to work, caused by old age

Q. In what State was your command originally organized? Answer Georgia

Q. How long did you serve? Give date of enlistment and discharge. Answer enlisted about July 1st 1862, dis. charged in 1865, about Apr. or May, surrendered with Gen. Joseph C. Johnston's army in N. C. about the last of Apr. or May, 1st 1865

Q. What was the name or letter of your company and name or number of your regiment? Answer Company H, Phillips Legion, Hampton's Brigade

Q. State whether you served in the infantry, artillery, cavalry, or the navy. Answer Cavalry

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 Have received none

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 Don't own any property, either personal or real



- 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
- Q. What estate has your wife in her own right, real and personal, and what is its value? Answer: None
- Q. What income, if any, do you receive? Answer: None
- 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 my children adults help me
- Q. Are you unable by your labor to earn a support? Answer: Yes
- 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, since 1869
- Q. If you originally enlisted in the Confederate service from the State of Texas, were you at the date of the passage of this act, a bona fide resident citizen of the State of Texas? Answer: Did not Enlist from Texas

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) J H Chestnut

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 9th day of September A. D. 1907

(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 J H

Jarvis and J M Rucker

who are personally known to me to be credible citizens, who being by me duly sworn on oath, state that they personally know J H Chestnut the above named applicant for a pension, and that they personally know that the said J H Chestnut is unable to support himself by labor of any sort.

(Signature of Witness) J W Jarvis

(Signature of Witness) J M Rucker

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 18 day of Sept A. D. 1907

(SEAL.)

J A Bullock
County Judge Smith County, Texas.

AFFIDAVIT OF PHYSICIAN.

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

J D Phelps, 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 J H Christian 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:

Very Weak, everlastingly nearly gone
Worms and final decay

(Signature of Physician) J D Phelps M.D.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 12th day of Sept A. D. 1907

(SEAL.)

J A Bullock
Smith County Judge Smith County, Texas.

CERTIFICATE OF COUNTY JUDGE.

THE STATE OF TEXAS }

COUNTY OF Smith }

I, J A Bullock

County Judge of Smith County, State of Texas, do hereby certify that on the 12th

day of Nov A. D. 1907, before me came on to be heard the application of

J H Christian 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 J D Phelps who is a reputable practicing physician of this county, was made before me. I also certify that the said applicant J H Christian 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 J H Christian 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 Fyler this 12th

day of Nov A. D. 1907

(SEAL.)

J A Bullock
Smith County Judge Smith County, Texas.

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

J H Christian for a pension, together with the proof in support thereof, was duly submitted by Hon.

Smith County Judge of this Smith

County, to the Commissioners of this Smith County, at a regular term thereof on the 13th

day of Nov A. D. 1907, 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 Fyler this 13th

day of November A. D. 1907

(Signature of Commissioners)

W. A. Strang
J B Bonner
J Epperson
T G Lake



(SEAL.)



Comptroller's Department

State of Texas

Austin MAR 10 1908

J. W. STEPHENS, COMPTROLLER
JOHN T. SMITH, CHIEF CLERK

To the Military Secretary,

War Department,

Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I have the honor to request the military record of

James H. Christian who is reported to have enlisted in
Company *F*, *Phillips* Regiment *Georgia Legion, Cavalry*
in the service of the Confederate States army.

Purpose: 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,

J. W. Stephens
Comptroller



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Austin, Texas,
March 10, 1908.

James H. Christian,
Co. F, Phillip's Ga. Legion Cav.
C. S. A.

J. W. Stephens, Comptr.,

Record of above named for State
pension purposes.

Received A.G.O., MAR 13 1908

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

WAR DEPARTMENT,
1353404

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,


WASHINGTON, March 14, 1908.

Respectfully returned to the

Comptroller,
State of Texas,
Austin.

The records of this office show that J. H. Christian, private, Company F, Cavalry Battalion, Phillip's Legion, Georgia Volunteers, Confederate States Army, enlisted December 17, 1863. He is reported on the roll for September and October, 1864 (last on file), as present. No later record of him has been found.

(A. G. O. 72-1)


The Adjutant General.

J H R Christman

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 28 day of Oct, 1907

A J Hendrick
Co Judge Russett Co Tex

THE STATE OF TEXAS }

COUNTY OF Russett

I, *A J Hendrick Co Judge*
(Here give name and official character of officer before whom taken)

Russett Co

do hereby certify that

J H R Christman

and *J H R Christman* are personally known to me to be credible citizens of said County and State, and that the foregoing answers of *J H R Christman*

the witness *J H R Christman* 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 28 day of Oct, 1907

(L. S.)

A J Hendrick Co Judge
Russett Co Tex

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

Smith

County, Texas

Before the Honorable County Judge of Said County.

EX PARTE

J. H. Christman
Applicant for Confederate Pension

DEPOSITION
OF

J. H. R. Christman

Witness for Applicant.

Filed _____ day

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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.

DEPOSITION IN PENSION CLAIMS, WITH CAPTION AND CERTIFICATES.

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EX PARTE

J.H. Christian

IN RE APPLICANT FOR CONFEDERATE PENSION

Under Act May 12, 1899, pending in County Commissioners Court of *Smith*

Applicant for Confederate Pension

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

Answers and depositions of (1) *F.H.P. Christian*

to the accompanying interrogations (2)

propounded to *him* in the above entitled cause taken before (3) *S.J. Hudrick Co Judge*

in accordance with the accompanying (5) *agreement*

To the first interrogatory the said *F.H.P. Christian*

Witness, answers

F.H.P. Christian - Ross County Texas

Post Office Craig Texas

Q. Int. - He answers? *yes - I personally know J.H. Christian*

Q. Int. - He answers? - *All my life in Co. when we were children*

4th Int. - He answers? *yes - I personally know that the said J.H. Christian - enlisted in the Confederate Service & performed the duties of a soldier* (TX)

5th Int. - He answers - *In Company F. Phillip Legion - in 1862. Newton County Ga & served until close of war*

6th Det. The Airmen?

Yes I personally know that J. H. Christian. The applicant is unable to support himself by labor of any sort.

Cross Interrogatories

1st of Det. - I am his Brother. & joined the the army. at the same time & served in the same Company & Legion. with him during the war -

I did not know any other Soldier. by the name of J. H. Christian serving in the Confederate Army in the same Company or Regiment.

2nd of Det. -

Yes I am certain that the J. H. Christian applicant is the identical person.

3rd of Det. - No it is not based on conjecture. I am intimately acquainted with him & know from his age & physical condition.

4th of Det. - I know the said J. H. Christian did not desert the Confederate Service.

EX PARTE

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

J. H. Chestman
Applicant for Confederate Pension

The Honorable County Judge of Smitt 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 J. H. P. Chestman who reside in in the County of Reef in the State of Texas 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 Smitt and State of Texas, of which he is a bona fide resident.

J. H. Chestman
(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. H. Chestman who is an applicant for pension under Act of May 12, 1899?
- INT. 3. How long have you known the said J. H. Chestman applicant for pension and when and where did you first know him?
- INT. 4. Do you personally know that the said J. H. Chestman applicant for pension 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. H. Chestman 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 J. H. Chestman the said applicant for pension, is unable to support himself by labor of any sort?

CROSS INTERROGATORIES.



To be Propounded to J. H. P. Chestman

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 you knew of any other soldier or sailor by the name of J. H. Chestman serving in the same company or regiment in which you say the said applicant J. H. Chestman 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 J. H. Chestnut 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 J. H. Chestnut 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 J. H. Chestnut applicant for pension, ever deserted the service in the Confederate army or navy?

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THE STATE OF TEXAS,)

County of Smith

I, J. M. Bueloch, 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.

J. M. Bueloch
County Judge..... County, Texas.

J. H. Chestnut
(Applicant) Attorney.....for Applicant.

In Re
Application for Confederate
Pension.

IN COMMISSIONERS COURT,
Smith
County, Texas,

Pending before County Judge of said County.

Ex Parte
J. H. Chestnut
Applicant.

INTERROGATORIES
PROPOUNDED TO

J. H. Chestnut

Witnesses.

The State of Texas }
 County of Smith } This day personally appeared
 J. N. King - who by me being
 duly sworn says that he resides in Smith
 County, Texas - and is 67 years old - and
 knows personally J. N. Christian applicant
 for Confederate pension - and knows personally
 that said applicant, enlisted in the Confederate
 Army and served in Co "F" "Phillip Lyon Company"
 and Youngs Brigade, in the State of Virginia
 that applicant and applicant served together
 in said Army - and applicant personally knows
 that applicant served for about 3 years
 that he made good soldier and did not
 desert the service -

J. N. King
 Sworn to the 8th day Oct 1907
 J. A. Brewster
 County Judge Smith Co Texas

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