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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

10-2-15

Name of Applicant

Mrs. M. E. Edwards,

Smith

County

Postoffice Tyler, East Erwin St.

MAY 27 1915

Filed

Approved

Pension allowed from

Rejected

J. C. Edwards
Commissioner of Pensions

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For Use of Widows of Soldiers who are in Indigent Circumstances

THE STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF Smith.

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

I am the widow of E.G. Edwards, deceased, who departed this life on the 25th day of April, A. D. 1890, 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 31st day of October, A. D. 1879, in the county of Smith, in the State of Texas

My husband, the said E.G. Edwards, 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? 55 years of age in March 1915.
2. Where were you born? Texas.
3. How long have you resided in the State of Texas? 55 years.
4. How long have you resided in the county of your present residence? And what is your postoffice address? 55 years. Tyler, Texas, East Erwin Street
5. Did your husband draw a pension? If so, give his file number. No
6. What was your husband's full name? Edwin Gray Edwards.
7. What was the date of his death? April 25th 1890.
8. In what State was your husband's command originally organized? Texas
9. How long did your husband serve? If known to you give date of enlistment and discharge. Two or three years.
10. What was the name or letter of the company, 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. Enlisted in Harrison's Company, Bates Regiment in October 1861, and served with it for about 7 months; then in Browns Regiment or Browns Battalion to the close of war;
11. 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. Infantry.

12. 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 her application for a pension may be approved and such other proceedings be had in the premises as are required by law.

(Signature of Applicant)

M. E. Edwards

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 26th day of May, A. D. 1915

John P. Brown

[Seal.]

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 F. Odom, County Judge of Smith County, State of Texas, on this day personally appeared D.M. Edwards and W.H. Day, who are personally known to me to be creditable citizens, who, being by me duly sworn, on oath state that they personally know that Mrs. M.E. Edwards, applicant for a pension as the widow of E.G. Edwards deceased, is in truth and fact the widow of E.G. Edwards 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)

D M Edwards

(Signature of Witness)

W H Day

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 26 day of May, A. D. 1915

Jesse F. Odom

[Seal.]

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 F. Odom, County Judge of Smith County, State of Texas, on this day personally appeared D.M. Edwards and W.H. Day, who are personally known to me to be creditable 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 Mrs. M.E. Edwards 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)

D M Edwards

(Signature of Witness)

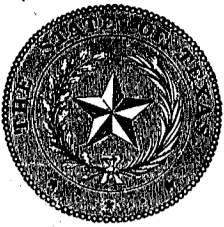
W H Day

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 26 day of May, A. D. 1915

Jesse F. Odom

[Seal.]

County Judge Smith County, Texas.



OFFICE OF
COMMISSIONER OF PENSIONS
STATE OF TEXAS
AUSTIN

J. C. JONES, COMMISSIONER

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To the Adjutant General,

War Department,

Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I have the honor to request the military record of E. G. Edwards who is
reported to have enlisted in Company _____, Regiment Harrisons Company
Bates Regiment, Texas Infantry, later Browns Reg, or Batt.

in service of the Confederate States Army.

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

Very Respectfully,

J. C. Jones

Commissioner of Pensions.



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WAR DEPARTMENT,
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,
WASHINGTON. June 3, 1915.

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

The records show that Edwin G. Edwards, private, 2d Co. C, (Harrison's Co.), 13th Texas Volunteers (Bates Regiment), C.S.A., enlisted October 24, 1861; that on April 12, 1862, he was transferred to Co. D, Brown's Battalion Texas Cavalry (later 35th Texas Cavalry), C.S.A. On the roll dated February 29, 1864, last on file, he was reported present sick. No later record found.

H. S. H. Baird
The Adjutant General.

Witness sign here:

J. J. [Signature]

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 27 day of May ad, 1915.

L. E. Shelby
Notary Public Travis Co Texas

THE STATE OF Texas,
COUNTY OF Travis.

I, L. E. Shelby Notary Public
(Here give name and official character of officer before whom taken.)

Travis Co Texas do hereby certify that ~~XXXXXX~~ James T. Cone

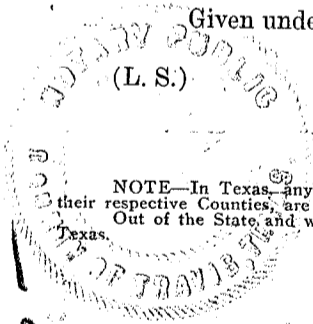
and is ~~is~~ personally known to me to be creditable citizens of said County and State, and that the foregoing answers of ~~XXXXXX~~ James T. Cone

the witness before named, and

whose name appear^s signed to the foregoing deposition, were made before me and were sworn to and subscribed before me, by said witness (4) ~~XXXXXX~~ Jas. T. Cone.

Given under my hand and official seal, this the 27th day of May ad, 1915.

L. E. Shelby
Notary Public Travis Co Texas



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. _____

County Texas.

Before the Honorable County Judge of said County.

EX-PARTE

M. M. E. Edwards
R. J. [Signature]

Applicant for Confederate Pension

DEPOSITION

of

Witness for Applicant.

Filed _____ day

of _____, 191

By _____, Clerk.

Deputy.

Fee for Taking Deposition, \$ _____



- (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.



Witness sign here:

J.M. Wadsworth

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 7th day of May, 1915.

ex-officio

John Galloway J. P. and
Notary Public, Bee County, Texas.

THE STATE OF Texas,
COUNTY OF Bee.

I, *John Galloway Justice of the Peace*
(Here give name and official character of officer before whom taken.)
J.M. Wadsworth is

and *ex-officio, Notary Public* do hereby certify that

and ~~is~~ personally known to me to be creditable citizens of said County and State, and that the foregoing answers of **J.M. Wadsworth**

the witness before named, and

whose name appear^s signed to the foregoing deposition, were made before me and were sworn to and subscribed before me, by said witness (4) **J.M. Wadsworth**

Given under my hand and official seal, this the 7th day of May, 1915.

(L. S.)

John Galloway J. P. and
ex-officio Notary Public, Bee County, Texas.

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we this for answers
File No.

In *Smith* County Texas.
Before the Honorable County Judge of said County.

EX-PARTE

Ann M. E. Eckhardt

Applicant for Confederate Pension

DEPOSITION

of

J.M. Wadsworth

Witness for Applicant.

Filed _____ day

of _____, 191

By _____, Clerk.

Deputy.

Fee for Taking Deposition, \$

- (1) Here give the name and residence of each witness.
- (2) Here state "and cross interrogatories," if any.
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EX-PARTE

Mrs. M. E. Edwards

Applicant for Confederate Pension.

IN RE APPLICANT FOR CONFEDERATE PENSION

Under Act March 26, 1909, pending

in Smith

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

Answers and depositions of (1) **J. M. Wadsworth of Bee County, Texas,**

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

To the first interrogatory the said **J. M. Wadsworth**

Witness, answers *J. M. Wadsworth 76 years, Skidmore, Texas,*

To the 2nd Int., he answers: *I knew E. G. Edwards personally*

To the 3rd Int., he answers: *In 1860 in Lavaca Co. Texas, I was well acquainted with E. G. Edwards from 1860 to 1866.*

To the 4th Int., he answers: *I know personally that he enlisted in the services of the Confederacy and performed the duties of a soldier he was not a sailor*

To the 5th Int., he answers: *in Harrisons Company, Bates regiment to in Oct 1861. Valasco, Texas, about 7 months in said Company then in Brown Battalion ^{and Browns regiment} to end of War*

To the 6th Int., he answers: *I know personally he was not an Officer and had no Commission*

To the 7th Int., he answers: *No he was not detailed for any special services*

To the 1st Cross-Int., he answers: *We were both in same Company and same Mess I never knew of any other soldier or sailor of the name of E. G. Edwards, he did not serve in Navy*

To the 2nd Cross-Int., he answers: *I am positively certain*

To the 3rd Cross-Int., he answers: *I know he served honorably until the close of the late Civil War between the States*

To the 4th Cross-Int., he answers: *I know he did not desert his Command or abandon his post of duty during said war*

Statement in regard to E. G. Edwards

I, J. M. Wadsworth and E. G. Edwards both enlisted in Oct 1861 in Harrisons Company, Bates regiment and after serving 7 months, then enlisted in Brown Battalion, ~~to end of War~~ about one year then the Battalion was formed into a regiment and known as Browns regiment to end of War

J. M. Wadsworth

(TX)

EX-PARTE

Mrs. M. E. Edwards

Applicant for Confederate Pension.

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

The Honorable County Judge of **Smith** County, Texas, will please take notice that, five days after 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. M. Wadsworth** and _____ who reside _____ in the County of **Bee** 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 of **her** 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 cannot be proven by any witness _____ residing in the County of **Smith** and State of Texas, which **she** is a bona fide resident.

M. M. Edwards
(Applicant) Attorney for Applicant.

Direct Interrogatories to be Propounded to Witness _____.

- INT. 1. What is your name? Age? Place of residence and postoffice address?

- INT. 2. Do you personally know, or did you at any time know **E. G. Edwards whose widow** _____ is an applicant for pension under Act of March 26, 1909?
- INT. 3. How long had you known the said **E. G. Edwards** and when and where did you first know him?
- INT. 4. Do you personally know that the said **E. G. Edwards** 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 **E. G. Edwards** 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 **E. G. Edwards** 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 know further if **E. G. Edwards** 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



To be propounded to **J. M. Wadsworth**

CROSS INTERROGATORY 1. If, in answer to the foregoing direct interrogatories, you have stated that you personally know or did know said **E. G. Edwards** 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 **E. G. Edwards** 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 knew of any other soldier or sailor by the name of **E. G. Edwards** serving in the same company or regiment, or special service in which you say the said **E. G. Edwards** enlisted, if you have stated that said **E. G. Edwards** 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 E. G. Edwards

applicant serving in the same command, or the special service to which he was assigned?

If you say that you know other soldiers or sailors of the same name of E. G. Edwards

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 E. G. Edwards

is the identical person serving as testified by you?

CROSS INT. 3. Do you know whether or not the said E. G. Edwards

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 E. G. Edwards

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. Odom, 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.

Jesse F. Odom

County Judge Smith County, Texas.

M. M. E. Edwards

(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

M. M. E. Edwards

Applicant.

INTERROGATORIES

propounded to

J. M. Hasbrouck

Witnesses.

EX-PARTE

Mrs. M. E. Edwards

Applicant for Confederate Pension.

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

The Honorable County Judge of Smith County, Texas, will please take notice that, five days after 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 James T. Cone and Bravis 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 of her claim for a pension under the Act of April 7, 1913, 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 cannot be proven by any witness residing in the County of Smith and State of Texas, which she is a bona fide resident.

Mrs. M. E. Edwards (Applicant) Attorney for Applicant.

Direct Interrogatories to be Propounded to Witness

- INT. 1. What is your name? Age? Place of residence and postoffice address?
INT. 2. Do you personally know, or did you at any time know E.G. Edwards, whose widow is an applicant for pension under Act of April 7, 1913?
INT. 3. How long had you known the said E.G. Edwards and when and where did you first know him?
INT. 4. Do you personally know that the said E.G. Edwards 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 E.G. Edwards 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 E.G. Edwards 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 know further if E.G. Edwards 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



To be propounded to James T. Cone

CROSS INTERROGATORY 1. If, in answer to the foregoing direct interrogatories, you have stated that you personally know or did know said E.G. Edwards 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 E.G. Edwards 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 knew of any other soldier or sailor by the name of E.G. Edwards serving in the same company or regiment, or special service in which you say the said E.G. Edwards enlisted, if you have stated that said E.G. Edwards 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 E. G. Edwards applicant serving in the same command, or the special service to which he was assigned?

If you say that you know other soldiers or sailors of the same name of E. G. Edwards 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 E. G. Edwards is the identical person serving as testified by you?

Cross INT. 3. Do you know whether or not the said E. G. Edwards 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 E. G. Edwards 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. Odom, 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.

Jesse F. Odom
County Judge Smith County, Texas.

Wm. M. E. Edwards
(Applicant) Attorney.....for Applicant.

Direct interrogatories to be followed by answer

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
Wm. M. E. Edwards
Applicant.

INTERROGATORIES propounded to

Jesse F. Odom

Witnesses.

EX-PARTE

IN RE APPLICANT FOR CONFEDERATE PENSION

Under Act March 26, 1909, pending

~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ Mrs. M. E. Edwards

in Smith

Applicant for Confederate Pension.

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

James T. Cone of Travis

Answers and depositions of (1) ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ Travis County, Texas,

to the accompanying interrogatories (2) and cross-interrogatories propounded to him in the above entitled cause taken before (3) the undersigned authority in accordance with the accompanying (7) agreement.

To the first interrogatory the said ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ James T. Cone

Witness, answers *James T. Cone - age 74 - Confederate Home Austin*

To the 2nd Int., he answers: *I knew Edwards but cannot recall his first name.*

To the 3rd Int., he answers: *The Edwards he knew was from about 1862 ^{3rd} about close war*

To the 4th Int., he answers: *Says he knew Edwards while he was a Confederate soldier don't know post his enlistment. He was in Regt. 1st*

To the 5th Int., he answers: *When he knew Edwards he was in Bates regiment. Edwards enlisted from Colorado Co. he was in Co. 1862 or 3rd*

To the 6th Int., he answers: *1st Int. answers no - second served as private.*

To the 7th Int., he answers: *1st Int. answers Don't know 2nd answer Don't know.*

To the 1st Cross-Int., he answers: *witness answers that he did not know any other Edwards in Bates regiment.*

To the 2nd Cross-Int., he answers: *no Except that I never knew any other Edwards in Bates regiment*

To the 3rd Cross-Int., he answers: *Answers Don't know what became of him.*

To the 4th Cross-Int., he answers: *Answers Don't know*

Bates answers to 5th Int. witness says they were at Velasco when first knew Edwards. witness cannot state how long Edwards served in army

(TX)

APPLICATION FOR MORTUARY WARRANT

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

County of Smith I, Mrs L L Kidd
do hereby certify that I am the person to whom is entrusted the paying of the accounts and indebtedness of
the late Mrs M E Edwards, who was a pensioner of the State of
Texas, and whose file number was 31435 and whose original county was Smith

The said pensioner Mrs M E Edwards, died on the
20 day of Oct, 1935 in the town of Tyler
County of Smith, Texas.

The pensioner died in the home of Self
who was related to the pensioner as _____

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 Mrs M E Edwards.

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

I am related to the pensioner as Daughter
that my postoffice address is 1410 E Erum St

Tyler City Texas State

Signed Mrs L L Kidd

Sworn to before me this 23 day of Oct, 1935

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 Mrs M E Edwards, who died in the
town of Tyler County of Smith, State of Texas
on the 20 day of Oct, 1935. That said body was prepared for burial by me
on the 20 day of Oct, 1935, and that I am of the opinion that
warrant herein applied for should be issued to the said Mrs L L Kidd
who makes the foregoing application.

Signed J F Daniel
Undertaker.

CERTIFICATE OF PHYSICIAN

I, L R Rhine, do certify that I am a practicing
physician, and that I attended Matthie E. Edwards in his last illness, and
am of the opinion that his ailments were Gangrene of rt. leg
resulting from endarteritis obliterans.

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 L R Rhine

Physician's Address 204 Peoples Bank Bldg,
Tyler, Texas

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Cancelled

