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FORM B

### Widow's Application for Pension

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

Name of Applicant

*Edwards*

*Mrs. Mattie E. Edwards*

*Smith*

County.

Postoffice

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Approved

Pension allowed from

Rejected

*not on rolls*

Commissioner of Pensions.

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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 Mattie K. Edwards, 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 am the widow of Edwin Gray Edwards deceased, who departed this life on the 27th 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 30th day of October, A. D. 1877 in the county of Smith, in the State of Texas

My husband, the said Edwin Gray 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 March 1, A. D. 1880, 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 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, 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 I do further state that the answers given to the following questions are true:

1. What is your age? 50 years
2. Where were you born? Smith County
3. How long have you resided in the State of Texas? 50 years
4. How long have you resided in the county of your present residence? And what is your postoffice address? 50 years - Tyler, Texas.
5. What was your husband's full name? Edwin Gray Edwards
6. When and where were you married? Tyler, Texas Oct 30th 1877
7. What was the date of his death? April 27th 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. I do not know.

10. 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. Company "D"



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. I don't know

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 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 *3<sup>d</sup>* day of *December*, A. D. 19*10*

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

[SEAL.]

AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESSES

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

THE STATE OF TEXAS }

County of *Smith*

Before me *J A Burch*, County Judge of *Smith* County,

State of Texas, on this day personally appeared *John F. Hadner, J M McDaniel*, 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.

*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)

*John F Hadner*

(Signature of Witness)

*J M McDaniel*

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this *24* day of *Feb*, A. D. 19*10*

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

[SEAL.]

AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESSES

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

THE STATE OF TEXAS }

County of *Smith*

Before me *J A Burch*, County Judge of *Smith* County,

State of Texas, on this day personally appeared *J F Hadner & J M McDaniel*, 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 *M E Edwards*

has been a bona fide resident citizen of the State of Texas since prior to March 1, A. D. 1880, and that they have no

interest in this claim.

(Signature of Witness)

*John F Hadner*

(Signature of Witness)

*J M McDaniel*

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this *24* day of *Feb*, A. D. 19*10*

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

[SEAL.]

(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:

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(Signature of Witness) .....

(Signature of Witness) .....

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this.....day of....., A. D. 19.....

County Judge.....County, Texas.

[SEAL.]

CERTIFICATE OF STATE AND COUNTY ASSESSOR

I, Mrs L P Jarvis, State and County Assessor in the County of Smith, State of Texas, do hereby certify that Mrs. Mrs M E Edwards,

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 the said county, in her name, or the name of a trustee, with estate, real, personal and mixed, at the assessed value of \$400 dollars.

Given under my hand, this 23rd day of Dec, A. D. 1909.

By Wm H Day  
Office Deputy.

Mrs L P Jarvis (TX)  
State and County Assessor.

I J R Beckwith County Judge Smith Co Tex hereby certify that the applicant Mrs M E Edwards has made the affidavit required by law that she has no other income or other property upon which a pension can be granted and that she has made diligent inquiry and search and caused to be made any other inquiry who should of the service of her husband in the army and I recommend her application to allay.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 8<sup>th</sup> day of Feby., 1910.  
J. M. Wadsworth

THE STATE OF Texas,  
County of Colorado. } I, W. C. Bouldin  
(Here give name and official character of officer before whom taken.)  
J. P. & Ex. of N.P. do hereby certify that J. M. Wadsworth  
and is J. M. Wadsworth are personally known to me to be credible citizens of said  
County and State, and that the foregoing answers of J. M. Wadsworth  
the witness before named, and

whose name appears 5 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 8 day of Feby., 1910  
(L. S.) W. C. Bouldin  
J. P. & Ex. of N.P. Colorado

NOTE.—In Texas, any Clerk of the District Court, any Judge and Clerk of the County Court, any Justice of the Peace, and their  
respective Clerks, 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 \_\_\_\_\_ County, Texas,  
Before the Honorable County Judge of said County.

**EX PARTE**

Mr. Wadsworth & Co.  
Applicant for Confederate Pension

**DEPOSITION**  
OF

Witness \_\_\_\_\_ for Applicant

Filed \_\_\_\_\_ day  
of \_\_\_\_\_ 19\_\_\_\_

By \_\_\_\_\_ Clerk.  
Deputy.

Fee for Taking Deposition, \$ \_\_\_\_\_

VON SOECKMANN-JONES COMPANY, PRINTERS, AUSTIN, TEX.



- (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

IN RE APPLICANT FOR CONFEDERATE PENSION

*Mrs Mattie E Edwards*

Under Act March 26, 1909, pending

*Smith*

Applicant for Confederate Pension.

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

Answers and depositions of (1) J. M. Wadsworth,

and cross interrogatories to the accompanying interrogations (2) propounded to him in the above entitled cause taken before (3) a J.P. & Ex Offic. Not. Pub. in accordance with the accompanying (7).

To the first interrogatory the said direct interrogatories

Witness, answers my name is J.M. Wadsworth. My age is 70 years. Present place of residence Shimek, Colorado Co., Texas.

(2) I knew him from Jan'y. A.D. 1860 up to the time of his death, and I first knew him as a resident of Lavaca County, Texas.

(3) I have known him since Jan'y. A.D. 1860 and he was a resident of Lavaca Co., Texas, when I first formed his acquaintance.

(4) I do.

(5) I do. He enlisted in the Confederate Army in Columbus, Colorado County, Texas, in the year of October 1861.

(6) I personally know that he was Not so commissioned.

(7) He was not so detailed.

Answer to cross interrogatories

(1) I have a personal knowledge of the above stated facts. We were infillow soldiers, belonging to the same company and mess and Edward S. Rugeley was our captain.

(2) I knew no other soldier, either in this company or any other, with the name of Edward Gray Edwards.

(2) I am certain.

(3) He served honorably tr the end.

(4) I know he did not desert or abandoned his post any time.



Direct interrogatories

Answer to 5 interrogatory, The said Edward Gray Edwards enlisted in Company B, Brown's Regiment in thn town of Columbus, Colorado Co., Texas, Oct. A.D. 1861.



E. A. BOLMES, Commissioner

OFFICE OF

## Commissioner of Pensions

State of Texas  
Austin

FEB 25 1910

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

Dear Sir:

I have the honor to request the military record  
of Edwin G. Edwards who is reported to have enlisted in  
Company D, Regiment 35th (Brown's) Texas 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.



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WAR DEPARTMENT

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT,

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

WASHINGTON, March 2, 1910.

*Respectfully returned to the*

Commissioner of Pensions,  
State of Texas,  
Austin.

No record has been found of the  
service, capture or parole of a man  
named Edwin G. Edwards as of Company  
B, 35th (Brown's) Texas Cavalry, Con-  
federate States Army.



The Adjutant General.

(A.G.O.72-1)

Per *H*

EX PARTE

Mrs. Mattie 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 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 M Madson  
and Leolando who reside in the County  
of Leolando in the State of Oxon 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 applica-  
tion 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  
Smith and State of Texas, of which is a bona fide resident.

(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 Edwin Gray Edwards who is  
widow is an applicant for pension under Act of March 26, 1909?
- INT. 3. How long had you known the said Edwin Gray Edwards  
and when and where did you first know him?
- INT. 4. Do you personally know that the said Edwin Gray 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 Edwin Gray Edwards  
enlisted and served in the Confederate army? When? Where? And the time of service? If you person-  
ally 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 Edwin Gray 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 further know if Edwin Gray 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.

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To be Propounded to J M Madson

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

If you say that you so know other soldiers or sailors of the same name of Edmond Gray Edmond  
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 Edmond Gray Edmond  
is the identical person serving as testified by you?

CROSS INT. 3. Do you know whether or not the said Edmond Gray Edmond  
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 Edmond Gray Edmond  
deserted his command, or voluntarily abandoned his post of duty or the service during said war?

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

County of Smith  
I, J. A. Burnett

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. A. Burnett  
County Judge Smith County, Texas.

Mrs. Mattie E. Edmond  
(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  
Mrs. Mattie E. Edmond  
Applicant.

INTERROGATORIES  
propounded to

Witnesses.