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FORM A.

Soldier's Application for a Pension

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

Deeds

Name of Applicant.

*Ja. Fields
Smith*

County.

Postoffice *Troup*

Filed *Apr. 1 1914*

Approved *J. W. Birch, Jr.*

Pension allowed from *June 1st 1914*

Rejected

George K. ...

Commissioner of Pensions.

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FORM A

For Use of Soldiers Who Are In Indigent Circumstances

THE STATE OF TEXAS

County of Smith.

I, J.A.Fields lo hereby make application to the Commissioner of Pensions for a pension to be granted me under the Act passed by the 53rd Legislature of the State of Texas, and approved April 7, 1913, 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; or (that I was in the service of the State of Texas during the war, to protect said State against the Indians and Mexicans for more than 6 months). That I was honorably discharged or surrendered Surrendered at close of war;

(Give date and cause.)

that I have been a bona fide citizen of this State 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 hold any National, State, city or county office which pays me a salary or fees of \$300.00 per annum, nor have I an income from any other employment or other source whatever which amounts to \$300.00 per annum, nor do I 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 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, exclusive of a home of the value of not more than \$1000.00; 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? 68 years old.
2. Where were you born? Mississippi.
3. How long have you resided in Texas? 13 years and one month, came here on December 1st 1899.
4. In what county do you reside? Smith.
5. How long have you resided in said county, and what is your postoffice address? 13 years and one month. P.O.address, Troup, Texas.
6. Have you applied for a pension under the Confederate pension law and been rejected? If rejected, state when and where. No.
7. What is your occupation, if able to engage in one? Farmer What is your physical condition? Fair
8. In what State was the command in which you served organized? Mississippi.
9. How long did you serve? Give, if possible, the date of enlistment and discharge. Enlisted on May 1st 1864 and served until close of war.
10. What was the letter of your company, number of battalion, regiment or battery?
Company I, 7th Miss. Regiment. Bill Donaldson Reg. Capt. Young
11. If transferred from one command to another, give time of transfer, name of command and time of service
Never transferred.
12. What branch of the service did you enlist in—infantry, cavalry, artillery or navy?
Cavalry.

13. If commissioned direct by the President, what was your rank and line of duty?.....

Was not.

14. If detailed for special service, under the law of conscription, what was the nature of your service and how long did you serve?..... Was not.

15. What is the assessed value of your home, if you own a home?..... \$770.00

16. What is the assessed value of your other property?..... \$80.00

17. 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 a pension be approved and such other proceedings be had in the premises as are required by law.

J. A. Fields

(Signature of Applicant)

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 1st day of May, A. D. 1914

Jesse F. Odom
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 Jesse F. Odom, County Judge of Smith County,

State of Texas, on this day personally appeared H.B. Matthews and G.A. Fields, who are personally known to me to be credible citizens, who, being by me duly sworn, on oath state that they personally know

J.A. Fields, the above named applicant for a pension, and that they personally know that the said J.A. Fields 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 his claim.

(Signature of Witness) *H. B. Matthews*

(Signature of Witness) *G. A. Fields*

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 1st day of May, A. D. 1914

Jesse F. Odom
County Judge Smith County, Texas.

[Seal.]

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.....

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 per-

sonally acquainted with the foregoing applicant, and that the facts set forth and statements made in his application are correct and true, to the best of their knowledge and belief, and that they have no interest in his claim, and said applicant's habits are good and free from dishonor. And further make oath to the following facts touching the applicant's service 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. 19.....

[Seal.] County Judge County, Texas.

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 **J.A. Fields**, 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 **770** Dollars, and of other property, real or personal, or both of the value of **\$80** Dollars.

Given under my hand, this **1** day of **May** A. D. 19**14** 
H.B. Matthews
State and County Assessor.

By Wm. F. Day
officer dep

EX-PARTE

J.A.Fields

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 _____ and _____ who reside^s in the County of _____ in the State of Miss 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 his 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 he is a bona fide resident.

J.A. Fields
(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.A.Fields who _____ is an applicant for pension under Act of March 26, 1909?
- INT. 3. How long had you known the said J.A.Fields and when and where did you first know him?
- INT. 4. Do you personally know that the said J.A.Fields 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.A.Fields 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 J.A.Fields 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 J.A.Fields 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 _____

CROSS INTERROGATORY 1. If, in answer to the foregoing direct interrogatories, you have stated that you personally know or did know said J.A.Fields 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 J.A.Fields 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 J.A.Fields serving in the same company or regiment, or special service in which you say the said J.A.Fields enlisted, if you have stated that said J.A.Fields enlisted and served in the navy of the Confederacy, then state whether or

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not you know any other soldier or sailor of the same name as said J.A.Fields
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 J.A.Fields
then can you and how do you identify and locate the one from the other or others?

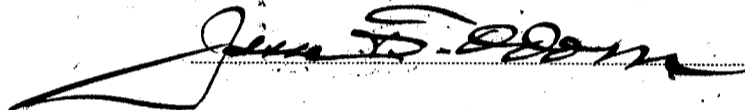
CROSS INT. 2. Are you positively certain that said J.A.Fields
is the identical person serving as testified by you?

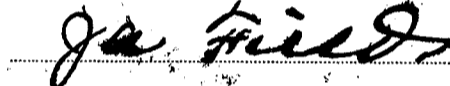
CROSS INT. 3. Do you know whether or not the said J.A.Fields
served honorably from the date of his enlistment until the close of the late Civil War between the States or until he
was discharged from said company and regiment, or the special service to which he had been assigned?

CROSS INT. 4. Do you know whether or not the said J.A.Fields
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.


County Judge Smith County, Texas.


(Applicant) Attorney.....for Appellant.

*Do not write
for answers*
Application for Confederate
Pension

FOR USE OF SOLDIERS OR WIDOWS.

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

EX-PARTE

Applicant.

INTERROGATORIES
propounded to

Witnesses.

EX PARTE

IN RE APPLICANT FOR CONFEDERATE PENSION

J.A.Fields

Under Act March 26, 1909, pending

in Smith

Applicant for Confederate Pension.

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

Answers and depositions of (1)

*J.M. Huey, age 67.
Pontotoc Miss P.O. Belden R. & D.
P.F. Long, age 70.
Pontotoc Miss P.O. Pontotoc R. & D.*

to the accompanying interrogations (2) and cross-interrogatories

propounded to them in the above entitled cause taken before (3)

in accordance with the accompanying (7) agreement

To the first interrogatory the said

Witness, answers

*J.E. McFarris J.D.
J.M. Huey*

To the 2nd Int., he answers: *Yes.*

To the 3rd Int., he answers: *50 years in Mississippi*

To the 4th Int., he answers: *Yes.*

To the 5th Int., he answers: *Company Bill Donaldson in 63. in Pontotoc Co. 2 years.*

To the 6th Int., he answers: *private Soldier*

To the 7th Int., he answers:

To the 1st Cross-Int., he answers: *No*

To the 2nd Cross-Int., he answers: *Yes.*

To the 3rd Cross-Int., he answers: *Served till close of War.*

To the 4th Cross-Int., he answers: *did not.*

To the first Interrogatory, the said *J.M. Huey* witness, answers: *to said F.F. Long.*

To the 2nd Int., he answers: *Yes.*



To the 3rd Int., he answers: *52 years in Mississippi*

To the 4th Int., he answers: *Yes. he was a Soldier*

To the 5th Int., he answers: *in Company J. under Capt William Young. Bill Donaldson. regiment in 63. Pontotoc Co. 2 years.*

To the 6th Int., he answers: *private Soldier*

To the 7th Int., he answers:

To the 1st Cross-Int., he answers:

other

He did not know any

To the 2nd Cross-Int., he answers:

yes.

To the 3rd Cross-Int., he answers:

he served until the close of war

To the 4th Cross-Int., he answers:

he served until close.

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 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

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 9 day of Feb., 1914.
J. M. Huey F. Long
J. E. McLain J.P.

THE STATE OF Mississippi.
County of Pontotoc } I, *J. E. McLain J.P.*
(Here give name and official character of officer before whom taken.)

do hereby certify that *J. M. Huey*
F. J. Long
County and State, and that the foregoing answers of *J. M. Huey & F. J. Long*
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) *J. M. Huey F. J. Long*
Given under my hand and official seal, this the 9 day of Feb., 1914.

(L. S.)

J. E. McLain J.P.

NOTE.—In Texas, any Clerk of the District Court, any County 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.

used for answers

In _____ County, Texas
Before the Honorable County Judge of
Said County.

EX PARTE

Applicant for Confederate Pension.

DEPOSITION

of

Witness _____ for Applicant.

Filed _____ day

of _____, 191

_____, Clerk

By _____ Deputy

Fee for Taking Deposition, \$ _____

M. No. 26—Certificate as to Justice of Peace.

Walker, Evans & Cogswell Co., Print., Charleston, S. C.

State of Mississippi,
Monroeville COUNTY.

I, *S.M. Bass* Clerk of the Chancery Court of

said County, do hereby certify that *J. E. McLean*

before whom the above acknowledgment was made, and whose genuine signature appears to a certificate thereof, is

now, and was at the date thereof, an acting Justice of the Peace in and for said County, duly commissioned and

qualified, to all whose official acts as such full faith and credit are and ought to be given, and that his said certificate

is in due form of law, and his said signature is genuine.

Given under my hand and the seal of said Court, this the *21st*

day of *Feb* 19*14*

S.M. Bass Clerk.

By *W. J. Dixon* D. C.

APPLICATION FOR MORTUARY WARRANT

STATE OF TEXAS,

County of Smith I, G. A. Fields

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

State of Texas, and whose file number was 27568 and whose original county was Smith

The said pensioner J. A. Fields, died on the 7th day of April, 1924 near the town of Troup County of Smith, Texas.

The pensioner died in the home of himself and wife

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 J. A. Fields

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 Son that my postoffice address is RFD. 6

Troup City Texas State

Signed G. A. Fields
Notary Public in and for Smith Co. State of Texas.

Must return before 4 o'clock in p.m.

CERTIFICATE OF UNDERTAKER

I, S. H. Johnson, with Collier Bros., Troup, Texas, dealers in coffins and caskets, do hereby certify that I sold the coffin or casket in which J. A. Fields was buried near the town of Troup, County of Smith, State of Texas on the 7th day of April, 1924.

and that I am of the opinion that warrant herein applied for should be issued to the said J. A. Fields who makes the foregoing application.

Signed S. H. Johnson
S. H. Johnson with Collier Bros. Troup, Texas dealers in coffins and caskets.

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CERTIFICATE OF PHYSICIAN

I, D. B. Braly, M. D., do certify that I am a practicing physician, and that I attended J. A. Fields in his last illness, and am of the opinion that his ailments were General debility.

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 D. B. Braly M.D.
Physician's Address Troup, Texas

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