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FORM NO. 1—AMENDED  
OCTOBER 1, 1902

CONFEDERATE PENSION APPLICATION

Name of Applicant

*Wm. G. Giles*

*Smith* County,

Post Office *Smith* *2400*

Comptroller's File No. **14410**

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 \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_

A. D.

*E. A. Bellard*

Chief Pension Clerk.

**APPROVES**

I hereby \_\_\_\_\_ the within application for pension, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_

*W. S. Stephens*  
A. D.  
Comptroller.

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

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, W. G. Giles, 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 W. G. Giles
- Q. What is your age? Answer 73 years old
- Q. In what County do you reside? Answer Smith County Texas
- Q. How long have you resided in said County and what is your postoffice address? Answer Five Months Post Office address Group Texas
- 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 Farmer
- Q. What is your physical condition? Answer Fragile
- 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 Mostly my age
- Q. In what State was your command originally organized? Answer Gen Texas
- Q. How long did you serve? Give date of enlistment and discharge. Answer Served 3 1/2 years Enlisted in 1862
- Q. What was the name or letter of your company and name or number of your regiment? Answer Co G 19 Texas Infantry
- Q. State whether you served in the infantry, artillery, cavalry, or the navy. Answer Infantry
- 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 have received nothing
- 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 have no personal property

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- 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 *I sold 124 Acres of land <sup>on credit not in hand</sup> worth \$400.*
- Q. What estate has your wife in her own right, real and personal, and what is its value? Answer *She has none also my wife has been & is an invalid for years*
- Q. What income, if any, do you receive? Answer *Nothing*
- Q. Are you in indigent circumstances; that is, are you in actual want, and destitute of property and means of subsistence? Answer *I am indigent*
- Q. Are you unable by your labor to earn a support? Answer *I am*
- 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 *I have*
- 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 *I was*

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) *W. G. Giles*

Sworn to and subscribed before me this *25* day of *January* A. D. *1909*

[SEAL]

*W. A. Pope*  
Notary Public  
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. Bulluck*

County Judge of *Smith* County, State of Texas, on this day personally appeared

*J. P. Seale and E. J. Tadlock*

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

(Signature of Witness) *J. P. Seale*  
(Signature of Witness) *E. J. Tadlock*

Sworn to and subscribed before me this *25* day of *January* A. D. *1909*

(SEAL)

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

AFFIDAVIT OF PHYSICIAN.

THE STATE OF TEXAS

County of Smith

County Judge of Smith

Before me J. A. Bullock County Judge

County, State of Texas, on this day personally appeared

J. A. Rowland M.D. 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

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:

W. G. Giles  
Very feeble  
from old age & Rheumatism

(Signature of Physician) J. A. Rowland M.D.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 25 day of January A. D. 1909

(SEAL)

J. A. Bullock County Judge Smith County, Texas.

CERTIFICATE OF COUNTY JUDGE.

THE STATE OF TEXAS

County of Smith

County Judge of Smith

I

J. A. Bullock

County, State of Texas, do hereby certify that on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of July A. D. 1909, before me came on to be heard the application of

W. G. Giles 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. A. Rowland who is a reputable practicing physician of this county, was made before me. I also certify that the said applicant W. G. Giles, 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 W. G. Giles 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 9<sup>th</sup> day of July A. D. 1909

(SEAL)

J. A. Bullock County Judge Smith County, Texas.

CERTIFICATE OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

THE STATE OF TEXAS

County of Smith

Court of Smith

We, the undersigned members of the Commissioners

County, Texas, hereby certify that the foregoing application of

W. G. Giles for a pension, together with the proof in support thereof, was duly submitted

by Hon. J. A. Bullock County Judge of this Smith

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

on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of July A. D. 1909, 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 this 9<sup>th</sup> day of July A. D. 1909

(Signature of Commissioners)

(SEAL)

J. A. Bullock  
W. A. Strawn  
C. E. May  
R. M. Harlow



Mr. M. G. Sullivan  
made application  
from Smith Co. Texas

File No. 14410.

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1724-312-100  
Smith

# Affidavit of Physician

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

County of Johnson

Before me J.B. Haynes, County Judge of Johnson County, State of Texas, on this day personally appeared D. Strickland

who is a physician in good standing, who, being by me duly sworn, on oath says that he has carefully examined H. H. Giles and finds him laboring under the following disabilities:

(If a soldier, state fully whether he lost a limb, or limbs, or is blind or totally disabled; in the latter case stating specifically the personal ailment and conditions that render him entirely helpless and incapacitated, physically or mentally, for any work or business; if the widow of a soldier, "for any kind of work suitable for her sex.")

has had several attacks of paralysis and is unsteady in his movements & is not able to see well enough to work if his physical condition would permit. He is 78 years old and is suffering with senility (old age)

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 4<sup>th</sup> day of August, A. D. 1912

(SEAL.)

D. Strickland M.D.  
J.B. Haynes  
County Judge Johnson County, Texas.



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EX PARTE

*W. G. Giles*

Applicant for Confederate Pension.

Pending in the Honorable Commissioners Court  
of *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. Bonner*  
*Morris* and *A. J. Gues* who reside in the County  
of *Morris* 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 *Smith* and State of Texas, of which he is a  
bona fide resident.

*W. G. Giles*

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

CROSS INTERROGATORIES.

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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 applicant, and that you know that he enlisted in the service of the Con-  
federacy 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 time you knew of any other soldier or sailor by the name of.....  
serving in the same company or regiment in which you say the said  
applicant.....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

DEPOSITION IN PENSION CLAIMS, WITH CAPTION AND CERTIFICATES.

EX PARTE

IN RE APPLICANT FOR CONFEDERATE PENSION  
Under Act May 12, 1899, pending in County Commis-  
sioners Court of Smith Texas

W. G. Giles

Applicant for Confederate Pension.

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

Answers and depositions of (1) J. M. Cannon Danglefield Morris  
County Texas & A. J. Hall Hughes Springs Cass  
County Texas J. J. Guess Morris Co Texas

to the accompanying interrogations (2) \_\_\_\_\_  
propounded to \_\_\_\_\_ in the above entitled cause taken before (3) \_\_\_\_\_  
in accordance with the accompanying (5) \_\_\_\_\_

To the first interrogatory the said J. M. Cannon <sup>J. J. Guess</sup> ~~A. J. Hall~~  
Witness, answers J. M. Cannon I am 76 years old  
Danglefield Texas ~~A. J. Hall~~ I am \_\_\_\_\_ years  
~~old~~ ~~Hughes Springs Texas~~

Ans 2<sup>d</sup> Inter. Just

Ans 3<sup>d</sup> Inter. - I have known him about 45 years  
first knew him here at Danglefield then  
Titus County now Morris County

Ans 4<sup>th</sup> Inter. - Just

Ans 5<sup>th</sup> Inter. Company G, 19th Texas Infant-  
ry enlisted at Danglefield Texas  
in 1862 the crew by 3rd

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Ans 6<sup>th</sup> Inter. - I do not know  
Signature of witness J. M. Cannon



To the first Int. The said I guess  
with the answer - J. J. Guess  
Age 64 year Omaha Missouri Texas

Int No. 2 - I do

Int No. 3 - I first knew him 1860 or  
1861 - at Danquered Morris Co Texas

Int No. 4 - I do.

Int No. 5 - He enlisted in Company  
G. 19 Texas Regiment. at Danquered  
Morris County Texas. In 1862 -  
He served till close of war.

Int No. 6 - I do not know

Cross No. 1 - I was with him  
I knew no other W. S. Giles

Cross No. 2 - I am

Cross No 3 -

Cross No. 4 - He did not

J. J. Guess

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Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 6th day of Feb, 1909

G. M. Henderson  
County Judge Morris Co. Tex.

THE STATE OF TEXAS }  
COUNTY OF Morris }

I, G. M. Henderson County  
(Here give name and official character of officer before whom taken.)

Judge do hereby certify that J. M. Connor  
and F. J. Guss are personally known to me to be credible citizens of said  
County and State, and that the foregoing answers of J. M. Connor  
and F. J. Guss 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 G.

Given under my hand and official seal, this the 6th day of Feb, 1909  
(L. S.) G. M. Henderson County  
Judge Morris 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 \_\_\_\_\_  
County, Texas.  
Before the Honorable County Judge of said County.

EX PARTE  
M. G. Gules  
Applicant for Confederate Pension

DEPOSITION  
OF \_\_\_\_\_

Witness— for Applicant \_\_\_\_\_

Filed \_\_\_\_\_ day  
of \_\_\_\_\_ 190 \_\_\_\_\_

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

Fee for taking Deposition, \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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# Comptroller's Office

Confederate Pension Department

State of Texas

Austin

MAR 12 1909

J. W. STEPHENS, COMPTROLLER  
B. F. TEAGUE, CHIEF CLERK  
E. A. BOLMES, CHIEF PENSION CLERK

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

Dear Sir:

I have the honor to request the military record  
of W. G. Giles who is reported to have enlisted in  
Company G, 19<sup>th</sup> 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,

J. W. Stephens  
Comptroller



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

WAR DEPARTMENT,  
1500475

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

WASHINGTON, March 17, 1909.

*Respectfully returned to the*

Comptroller,  
State of Texas,  
Austin.

It is shown by the records that  
W. G. Giles, private, Company G, 19th  
Texas Infantry, Confederate States  
Army, was enlisted May 6, 1862, and  
that he was captured April 9, 1864,  
and held as a prisoner of war until  
April 20, 1864, when delivered to  
Major General Taylor, Confederate  
States Army, at Blair's Landing,  
Louisiana.

  
The Adjutant General.

[A. G. O. 721]