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FORM NO. 1—AMENDED
OCTOBER 1, 1902

CONFEDERATE PENSION APPLICATION

Name of Applicant,

W. G. Gima
County,

Post Office *Fuler* *Heavner*

Comptroller's File No. **13071**

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 **SEP 19 1907** day of

A. D. *E. A. Holmes*
Chief Pension Clerk.

I hereby **SEP 19 1907** the within application for pension, this day of

A. D. *J. W. Stephens*
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.

1775-806-2M

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 B Gowen 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 B Gowen TX
- Q. What is your age? Answer Seventy Eight years
- 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 Nine teen years. Tyler 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 am not able to engage in any
- Q. What is your physical condition? Answer Am unable to make support
- 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 Old age, hard work, exposure
- Q. In what State was your command originally organized? Answer Alabama
- Q. How long did you serve? Give date of enlistment and discharge. Answer To end of war
- Q. What was the name or letter of your company and name or number of your regiment? Answer Co. 30th Ala Regiment
- 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 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 None

- 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
- 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
- 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 Enlisted from Ala

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 B Gowen

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 19th day of January A. D. 1907

(SEAL.)

J. B. Duval
County Judge Smith County, Texas.

AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESSES.

(NOTE—There must be at least two credible witnesses.)

THE STATE OF TEXAS }

COUNTY OF Smith }

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

Before me J. B. Duval

E. R. Boaz

who are personally known to me to be credible citizens, who being by me duly sworn on oath, state that they personally know W B Gowen

the above named applicant for a pension, and that they personally know that the said W. B. Gowen is unable to support himself by labor of any sort. Enlisted in Co A 30 Ala Reg. Serv 3 years and 9 months was given discharge

(Signature of Witness) J. B. Duval

(Signature of Witness) E. R. Boaz

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 14th day of Janu A. D. 1907

(SEAL.)

J. B. Duval
County Judge Smith County, Texas.

AFFIDAVIT OF PHYSICIAN.

THE STATE OF TEXAS }

COUNTY OF Smith }

Before me J. A. Bullcock

County Judge of Smith County, State of Texas, on this day personally appeared W. Montgomery, 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 F. O. Galloway

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:

General breakdown from
Sevility, Paralysis, Agitation & Constipation.
also at time has Rheumatoid.

(Signature of Physician) W. Montgomery, M.D.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 19th day of Jan A. D. 1907

(SEAL.)

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

CERTIFICATE OF COUNTY JUDGE.

THE STATE OF TEXAS }

COUNTY OF Smith }

J. A. Bullcock

County Judge of Smith County, State of Texas, do hereby certify that on the 19th

day of January A. D. 1907; before me came on to be heard the application of W. Montgomery

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 W. Montgomery

who is a reputable practicing physician of this county, was made before me. I also certify that the said applicant W. Montgomery

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. Montgomery

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 Smith Texas this 9th

day of February A. D. 1907

(SEAL.)



J. A. Bullcock
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 W. Montgomery

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

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

day of May 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 Smith this 13th

day of May A. D. 1907

(Signature of Commissioners)

W. A. Strange
J. B. Gouner
D. J. Epperson
E. J. Lake

(SEAL.)

DEPOSITION IN PENSION CLAIMS, WITH CAPTION AND CERTIFICATES.

1589-506-2m

EX PARTE

IN RE APPLICANT FOR CONFEDERATE PENSION

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

W B Gorman

Applicant for Confederate Pension

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

Answers and depositions of (1)

John A Oden, age 64, Breard Co La

to the accompanying interrogations (2)

Yes

propounded to

Chas L. Owsen on 5/27/99

in accordance with the accompanying (5)

To the first interrogatory the said

Witness, answers

1st Int = Jno A. Oden, age 64, Breard Co La

2^d Int Yes

3^d Int since 1863

4 Int yes

5th Int Co A, 30th Ala Reg Inft, Enlisted in 1862, Alabama, from 1862 to 1865

6th Int Yes

(TX)

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 10th day of Jan, 1907

John A Oden

10th Jan

1907

THE STATE OF ~~TEXAS~~ }
COUNTY OF Louisiana }
Brantley

I, A. L. Crowson, Clerk
(Here give name and official character of officer before whom taken)

Dist Court do hereby certify that John A Oden
and is are personally known to me to be credible citizens of said
County and State, and that the foregoing answers of said John A Oden

the witness is before named, and

whose name is appears signed to the foregoing deposition, were made before me,
and were sworn to and subscribed before me, by said witness (4) John A Oden

Given under my hand and official seal, this the 10 day of Jan, 1907

(L. S.)

A. L. Crowson
Clerk Dist Court

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
M. B. Gove
Applicant for Confederate Pension

DEPOSITION
OF
John A Oden

Witness for Applicant.

Filed _____ day _____ of _____ 1907
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.

EX PARTE

W B Gowen

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 *John A Oden* and *John A Oden*, who reside in the County of *Bienville Parish*

the State of *Louisiana* 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 B Gowen

(Applicant, Attorney or 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 B Gowen*,

who is an applicant for pension under Act of May 12, 1899?

Int. 3. How long have you known the said *W B Gowen*, applicant for pension, and when and where did you first know him?

Int. 4. Do you personally know that the said *W B Gowen* 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 B Gowen* 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 B Gowen*, the said applicant for pension, is unable to support himself by labor of any sort?

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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 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 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 any other sailor of the same name as said _____, 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 _____, 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 _____, applicant for pension, ever deserted the service in the Confederate army or navy?

THE STATE OF TEXAS }
COUNTY OF Smith }

I, J. A. Bicecock, County Judge of said County, in said State, do hereby waive a 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. Bicecock
County Judge Smith County, Texas

(Applicant) Attorney _____ for Applicant.

IN RE
APPLICATION FOR
CONFEDERATE PENSION

IN COMMISSIONERS' COURT,

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

EX PARTE
APPLICANT

INTERROGATORIES
PROPOUNDED TO

Witnesses.

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Comptroller's Department

State of Texas

Austin AUG 29 1907

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

To the Adjutant General

To the Military Secretary,

War Department,

Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I have the honor to request the military record of

M. J. Gowen who is reported to have enlisted in
Company *A*, *30th* Regiment *Alabama Infantry*
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



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

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WAR DEPARTMENT,

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

WASHINGTON, September 11, 1907.

Respectfully returned to the

**Comptroller,
State of Texas,
Austin.**

The records show that one William B. Gowan served as a sergeant and a second lieutenant of Company A, 30th Alabama Infantry, C. S. A., and that he joined for duty and was enrolled February 27, 1862, at Sylacauga, Alabama.

The Union records show that he was captured at Raymond, or Champion Hill, Mississippi, in May, 1863, and was held as a prisoner of war until February 20, 1865, when paroled. No later record of him has been found.

*Austin, Texas
Aug 29/07*

*W B Gowan
Co A 30 Ala Inf CSA*

*J W Stephens, Comptroller
Military History*



The Adjutant General.

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