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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. *John Gordon Graham*

*Mrs J G Graham*  
County.

Postoffice. *Jules*

Filed.....

Approved. **AUG 31 1909**

Pension allowed from.....

Rejected.....

Commissioner of Pensions.

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THE STATE OF TEXAS

County of Smith

I, Mrs J. G. Graham, 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 John G. Graham, deceased, who departed this life on the second day of December, A. D. 1879, 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 First day of May, A. D. 1918, in the county of Robertson, in the State of Texas

My husband, the said John G. Graham, 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? 64
- 2. Where were you born? Miss
- 3. How long have you resided in the State of Texas? 40 years
- 4. How long have you resided in the county of your present residence? And what is your postoffice address? 37 years Tyler Smith Co. Texas
- 5. What was your husband's full name? John Goodman Graham
- 6. When and where were you married? Learn Robertson Co. Texas
- 7. What was the date of his death? Second day of December 1879
- 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.

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 of service. Company 26 fourth Texas  
New Brigade



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 how long did he serve? 4 years - Cavalry

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) *Mrs J G Graham*

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this *12* day of *June*, A. D. 19*09*

*J A Bullock*  
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 Bullock*, County Judge of *Smith* County, State of Texas, on this day personally appeared *Bill S Johnson, J Logan*, 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. *John G Graham*, applicant for a pension as the widow of *John G Graham* deceased, is in truth and fact the widow of *John G Graham* 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) *Bill S Johnson*

(Signature of Witness) *J Logan*

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this *15* day of *July*, A. D. 19*09*

*J A Bullock*  
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 Bullock*, County Judge of *Smith* County, State of Texas, on this day personally appeared *Bill S Johnson, J Logan*, 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 *John G Graham* 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) *Bill S Johnson*

(Signature of Witness) *J Logan*

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this *15* day of *July*, A. D. 19*09*

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

[SEAL.]

AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESSES

(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 follow-  
ing 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. J. Jarvis*, State and County Assessor in the County of  
....., State of Texas, do hereby certify that Mrs. *J. J. Graham*,

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 *None* dollars

Given under my hand, this *14* day of *Aug*, A. D. 19*09*

*By W. H. Day  
Office Dept*

*Mrs L. J. Jarvis*  
State and County Assessor.



EX PARTE

IN RE APPLICANT FOR CONFEDERATE PENSION

Mrs. J. J. Graham

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) G. B. Crain and J. J. Hill

to the accompanying interrogations (2) + Cross Interrogatories propounded to them in the above entitled cause taken before (3) J. P. Marshall, Co. Judge in accordance with the accompanying (7) agreement

To the first interrogatory the said G. B. Crain

Witness, answers G. B. Crain, age 70, P. O. Pecos, Pecos Co., Texas.

Int. 2. I did.

Int. 3. I have known the said John G. Graham from 1853 or 1854 up to the time of his death. I first knew him at Pecos, Texas.

Int. 4. I know the said John G. Graham enlisted in the confederacy and performed the duties of a soldier.

Int. 5. I know the said John G. Graham enlisted and served in Co. H, 4 Texas Cavalry Sibley's Brigade. He enlisted Sept. 12, 1861, at Pecos, Texas, and served in said Co. and regiment until close of the war.

Int. 6. He was a private.

Int. 7. He was a volunteer soldier.

Cross Interrogatories.

Int. 1. I know the above facts, because I served in the same Co. and regiment with the said John G. Graham. I never knew of any other soldiers by the name of John G. Graham serving in said Co. and regiment.

Int. 2. I am.

Int. 3. I know that he did.

Int. 4. I know he did not.

(IX)

- The witness J. J. Hill answers.
- Int. 1. J. J. Hill, age 70, Noeapoches County, Texas, P.O.,  
Noeapoches, Tex.
- Int. 2. Yes.
- Int. 3. I knew the said John G. Graham from  
1861 till close of war.
- Int. 4. I do.
- Int. 5. He enlisted in Co. H, 4th, Texas Cavalry  
Sept. 12, 1861, at Noeapoches, Texas, and  
served in said Co. & regiment until  
close of the war.

## Cross Interrogatories

- Int. 1. I know the above facts, because  
I served in the same Co. & regiment  
with the said John G. Graham, and  
I never knew of any other soldier by  
the name of John G. Graham  
serving in said Co. & regiment.
- Int. 2. I don't know, but I believe  
is.
- Int. 3. I do.
- Int. 4. He did not.

J. J. Hill

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 13 day of August, 1909

J. P. Marshall, County Judge of Macgregor County, Texas

THE STATE OF Texas County of Macgregor

I, J. P. Marshall, County Judge (Here give name and official character of officer before whom taken.) G. B. Crain + J. J. Hill

do hereby certify that G. B. Crain and J. J. Hill are personally known to me to be credible citizens of said County and State, and that the foregoing answers of G. B. Crain and J. J. Hill the witness is before named, and

whose names appear signed to the foregoing deposition, were made before me and were sworn to and subscribed before me, by said witness, (4) respectively

Given under my hand and official seal, this the 13 day of August, 1909

(L. S.)

J. P. Marshall, County Judge of Macgregor County, 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.

File No. In Smith County, Texas, Before the Honorable County Judge of said County.

EX PARTE

J. J. Graham

Applicant for Confederate Pension

DEPOSITION OF

J. M. Rambolt, et al

Witness for Applicant

Filed day of 1909 Clerk. Deputy.

Fee for Taking Deposition, \$

Lined area for deposition text, consisting of numerous horizontal lines.



- (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

Mrs J J Graham

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 F M Rainbolt and J B Brain J P Hise who reside in the County of Smith 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 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 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.

Mrs J J Graham

(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 John G Graham who is an applicant for pension under Act of March 26, 1909?
INT. 3. How long have you known the said John G Graham applicant for pension and when and where did you first know him?
INT. 4. Do you personally know that the said John G Graham 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 John G Graham 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 in the Confederate navy, then state: When? Where? And how long he so served?
INT. 6. Do you personally know that John G Graham applicant for pension, 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 said applicant 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 F M Rainbolt J B Brain J P Hise

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 or special service 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 John G Graham serving in the same company or regiment or special service in which you say the said applicant's name enlisted, or if you have stated that said applicant enlisted and served in the navy of the



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OFFICE OF  
**Commissioner of Pensions**

State of Texas  
Austin

AUG 30 1909

E. A. BOLMES, Commissioner

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

Dear Sir:

I have the honor to request the military record  
of *John G. Graham* who is reported to have enlisted in  
Company *H*, *4<sup>th</sup>* Regiment, *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.



GENERAL'S OFFICE  
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Address: "The Adjutant General,  
War Department, Washington, D. C."

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WAR DEPARTMENT,

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

WASHINGTON, Sept. 3, 1909.

*Respectfully returned to the*

Commissioner of Pensions,  
State of Texas,  
Austin.

It is shown by the records that  
John G. Graham, private, Company H,  
4th Texas Cavalry, Confederate States  
Army, was enlisted September 29, 1861.  
On the roll for January and February,  
1864 (last on roll) he is reported  
present. No further record of him  
has been found.

  
The Adjutant General.

[A. G. O. 721]

April 8, 1937

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Miss Lillian Graham  
Route 5  
Canton, Texas.

Dear Miss Graham:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter of April 7 requesting the military service record of I. J. Graham as a Confederate Soldier.

The records of this office show that one Mrs. I. J. Graham widow, of John G. Graham filed application from Tyler, Smith County, Texas, in August, 1909. He was a private in Company H, 4th Texas Cavalry Confederate States Army. He enlisted September 29, 1861 and served until the close of the war.

The application for pension was approved on the affidavits of witnesses and also on a report from the Adjutant General, War Department, Washington, D. C.

Yours very truly,



JHT:E

Geo. H. Sheppard  
Comptroller of Public Accounts.

Canton, Texas  
Rte 5

April 7, 1937

Mr Geo H. Sheppard  
Austin, Texas

Inclosed you will find a self addressed envelope. please send me war record of J. J. Graham.

Thanking you, I remain  
Respectfully,  
Lillian Graham



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