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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.

Name of Applicant.

S. B. Gray
Smith

County.

Postoffice *1296 N. Jonnie Ave.*
Inter. Tower

Filed *2-18-18*

Approved *3-9-18*

Pension allowed from *3-1-18*

Rejected

J. C. [Signature]
Commissioner of Pensions.

E. L. STECK, AUSTIN

For Use of Soldiers who are in Indigent Circumstances

THE STATE OF TEXAS

County of *Smith*

I, *S. B. Gray*

do hereby make application to the Commissioner of Pensions for a pension to be granted me under the Act passed by the Thirty-third 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 *in May 1865 at Etowah Alabama and was paroled later at Meridian Miss.*

(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 own 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? *71 years*
2. Where were you born? *Douglasville, Alabama*
3. How long have you resided in Texas? *70 years*
4. In what county do you reside? *Smith*
5. How long have you resided in said county, and what is your postoffice address? *27 years. 1296 - N. Fannie Ave., Tyler, 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? *Railroad Shop worker* What is your physical condition? *Good*
partly paralyzed

8. In what State was the command in which you served organized? *Texas*

9. How long did you serve? Give, if possible, the date of enlistment and discharge *3 yrs. Feb. 1862 - paroled in May 1865*

10. What was the letter of your company, number of battalion, regiment or battery? *C. H. 32 Texas*
Crum's Battalion, 1st Regiment under Col. J. N. Andrews.

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? Private.

14. If detailed for special service, under the law of conscription, what was the nature of your service and how long did you serve? Never detailed

15. What is the assessed value of your home, if you own a home? Five thousand dollars

16. What is the assessed value of your other property? None

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.

(Signature of Applicant)

S. B. Gray

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 19th day of January A. D. 1918

W. R. Casner

[Seal.]

County Judge Smith County, Texas.

AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESSES

[Note.—There must be at least two creditable witnesses.]

THE STATE OF TEXAS

County of Smith

Before me W. R. Casner, County Judge of Smith County,

State of Texas, on this day personally appeared J. L. Watts and Wm. H. Day

known to me to be creditable citizens, who, being by me duly sworn, on oath state that they personally know

S. B. Gray, the above named applicant for a pension, and that they personally know that the

said A. B. Gray 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) x

J. L. Watts

(Signature of Witness)

Wm. H. Day

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 19th day of January A. D. 1918

W. R. Casner

[Seal.]

County Judge Smith County, Texas.

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 GRIMES

Before me, C. C. Franklow, Justice of the Peace & Ex officio, Grimes, County,

Notary Public

State of Texas, on this day personally appeared J. H. Teague,

who are personally known to me to be creditable 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 hey further make oath to the following facts touching the applicant's service in the Confederate Army: (State fully your source of knowledge.)

I enlisted in the Confederate States Army on the 3rd day of February A. D. 1862, was mustered into the service at Camp Douglasville about 30 miles North East of Jefferson Texas, I was a Member of Capt Jewers Company -F- Crumps Battalion, (Afterwards known as the 15th or 32nd Texas Cavalry,) I served in this Command until the surrender at Meridian Mississippi about the _____ day of May A. D. 1865, was there Paroled and returned to my Home in Palestine Texas. I was personally acquainted with the Applicant, S. B. Gray, he was commonly known in the Army as Seab Gray that he was a Member of Company -K- Capt Clark Commanding of Clarksville Texas. I remember Seab Gray or S. B. Gray very well and know of my own personal knowledge that he was a confederate Soldier, and served throughout the War and that he never deserted but was honorably paroled by General ^R E. S. B. Canby at Meridian Mississippi.

(Signature of Witness)

*J. H. Trauger Co. Fin
32nd Texas Cavalry Eastern Brigade U.S.A*

(Signature of Witness)

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 6 day of Feb A. D. 1918

*John Frank Law Justice of
the Peace & Ex Off. N.P.*

[Seal.]

County Judge Guinn County, Texas.

CERTIFICATE OF STATE AND COUNTY ASSESSOR

I, W A Allen, State and County Assessor in the County of Smith

State of Texas, do certify that S B Gray, 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 \$ 500 - Dollars,

and of other property, real or personal, or both, of the value of 00 Dollars.



Given under my hand, this 11th day of Feb A. D. 1918

*By J. H. Trauger
Office Deputy*

W A Allen
State and County Assessor.



J. C. JONES, Commissioner

OFFICE OF
COMMISSIONER OF PENSIONS
STATE OF TEXAS
AUSTIN

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


Dear Sir:

I have the honor to request the military record of S B Gray who is
reported to have enlisted in Company A, Regiment 32 Texas Cav
Crumps Battalion 15 Regt under
col J. A Andrews

in service in the Confederate States Army.

Purpose: The _____ person above named is an applicant for a Confederate pension granted
by the State, and I desire to verify his proof of service.

Very respectfully,

J. C. Jones 
Commissioner of Pensions.

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WAR DEPARTMENT,

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

WASHINGTON, *Feb 25, 1918.*

Respectfully returned to
Com. of Pensions,
Austin,
Texas

with the information that *Samuel Gray*
(Also borne as *Samuel H.*
but not as *S B Gray*)
enlisted *Nov. 4, 1861* as a
private in *Co. K, 32 Regt. Tex.*
Car. (15 Texas Cav. Grumps
Battn Mtd Vols) U. S. A. was
Captured *Sept 19, 1863* near
Chickamauga, Ga. and was
discharged *June 14, 1865* at
Camp Douglas, Ill. in ac-
cordance with Genl. Orders
109 A.G.O. Washington, June
6/65.

H. W. Lewis

Per *f* The Adjutant General.

Form No. 160-2 - A. G. O.
Ed. Nov. 18-17-15,000.

Samuel Gray
15th Texas Cavalry
Company G
100th Regt. U.S. Colored Troops
1865

February 28, 1918.

Mr. S. B. Gray,
Tyler, Texas.

Dear Sir:-

I have your application for a pension but before I can approve same would like to know if you were in prison during the war and where.

Yours truly,

J. C. Jones,
Commissioner of Pensions



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Tyler, Texas, 3-5-18.

Mr. J. C. Jones,
Commissioner of Pensions,
Austin, Texas.

Dear Sir:-

I was captured at Spanish Fort across
from Mobile Bay and sent to Ship Island prison
and kept there until the war closed.

S. B. Gray,
1296 N. Fannie Ave.,
Tyler, Texas.

