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FORM No. 1.

CONFEDERATE PENSION APPLICATION.

Name of Applicant,

J. D. Hancock

County.

Post Office

Smith
Stovall

Comptroller's File No.

7961

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

22

day of

March

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E. A. Dolues

Pension Clerk.

I hereby

approve

the within application for pension, this

22

day of

March

A. D.

1901

R. M. Love

Comptroller.

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

MAVERICK-CLARKE LITHO CO., SAN ANTONIO.

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APPLICATION of Indigent Soldier or Sailor of the late Confederacy for pension under the Act of May 12, 1899.

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

COUNTY OF

Smith

To the Honorable County Judge of *Smith* County, Texas.

Your petitioner, *J. L. Hancock* 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 *J. L. Hancock*
- Q. What is your age? Answer *74 years old*
- Q. In what County do you reside? Answer *Smith*
- Q. How long have you resided in said County and what is your post office address? Answer *3 years - Starville - 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 *Farming*
- Q. What is your physical condition? Answer *I am feeble & worn out*
- 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 *My left lung is gone - old age and extreme rheumatism*
- Q. State in what company and regiment you enlisted in the Confederate army, and the time of your service? Answer *Company "A" - 19th Tex. Infantry - 3 years*
- Q. If you served in the Confederate navy state when and where, and the time of your service. Answer
- 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 *I own no land and no personal property worth anything*



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: *No*

Q. What income, if any, do you receive? Answer: *None except my little crop*

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 - I am my family -*

Q. Have you transferred to others any property of value of any kind for the purpose of becoming a beneficiary under this law? Answer: *None*

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 -*

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) *J. L. Hanesack*

Sworn to and subscribed before me this *7th* day of *Aug* A. D. *1899*

(SEAL)

Geo. W. Cross
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, *Geo. W. Cross*

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

Dwight Jeffords and E. Atkinson

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

J. L. Hanesack the above named applicant for a pension, and that they

personally know that the said *J. L. Hanesack* enlisted in the service of the

Confederacy, and performed the duties of a soldier (or sailor) as claimed by him in the above and foregoing application, and that they

further know that he, the said applicant, is unable to support himself by labor of any sort.

(Signature of Witness)

(Signature of Witness)

(Signature of Witness) *Dwight Jeffords to disability*

(Signature of Witness) *E. Atkinson to disability*

Sworn to and subscribed before me this *7* day of *Aug* A. D. *1899*

(SEAL)

Geo. W. Cross
County Judge *Smith* County, Texas

(See depositions)

AFFIDAVIT OF PHYSICIAN.

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

COUNTY OF Smith } Before me Geo. W. Cross

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

Allen Jones 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:

Left collar bone fractured and knife wound of left fore arm

(Signature of Physician)

Allen Jones M.D.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 7 day of Aug A. D. 1899

Geo. W. Cross

(SEAL)

County Judge Smith County, State of Texas.

CERTIFICATE OF COUNTY JUDGE.

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

COUNTY OF Smith } I, Geo. W. Cross

County Judge of Smith County, State of Texas, do hereby certify that on the 16 day of Aug A. D. 1899

J. L. Hancock before me came on to be heard the application of J. L. Hancock 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 Allen Jones who is a reputable practicing physician of this County, was made before me. I also certify that the said applicant J. L. Hancock 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 J. L. Hancock 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 16 day of Aug A. D. 1899

Geo. W. Cross

(SEAL)

County Judge Smith County, State of 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 J. L. Hancock for a pension, together with the proof in support thereof was duly submitted by Hon. Geo. W. Cross County Judge of this Smith County, to the Commissioners Court of this Smith County, at a regular term thereof on the 16 day of Aug A. D. 1899, 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 Tex this 16 day of Aug A. D. 1899

W. B. Hairgrove
G. A. Brown
D. J. Epperson
M. H. Conner

(Signatures of Commissioners.)

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(SEAL)

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

To the Clerk of the District Court, Judge or Clerk of the County Court, or any Notary Public in and for the County of San Augustine State of Texas—GREETING:

WE HEREBY AUTHORIZE AND REQUIRE YOU, OR EITHER OF YOU, to summon

Rufus Grier

a resident of your

Commy

to come before you forthwith, and that you then and there take

answers, under oath, to the attached copy of direct & Cross Interrogatories, and that you return the same, without delay, to the Clerk of this Court as herein provided:

1. That you reduce hizz answers so taken to writing, in proper form, and cause the same to be subscribed and sworn to by said witness.

2. That you certify under your hand and seal of office, that said answers were sworn to and subscribed before you.

3. That you seal up in an envelope the answers so taken, together with the annexed interrogatories, and this Commission, with your name across the seal.

4. That you endorse on the envelope the name of the applicant for pension herein, and the name of said witness.

5. That you direct the package to the "Clerk of the Commy Court of Smith County, Tyler Texas."

6. That if said package is sent by mail, the Postmaster or his Deputy shall endorse thereon that he received it from your hands, and sign his name thereto; or if you entrust it to private conveyance, as provided by the Statute, you will apprise the person receiving it that it *must* be delivered to the Clerk of *this* Court by *himself in person*; which evidence, so taken as above, is to be used in proof of and on hearing of a pension claim now pending in the Commissioners' Court of Smith County, in said State of Texas, before the County Judge of said County, entitled "Ex parte applicant for Confederate pension."

HEREIN FAIL NOT, but make due return of this Writ as the law directs.

Given under my hand and seal of office, at Tyler

this 6 day of March A. D. 1 900

ATTEST:

Geo. W. Cross

Judge of the Commy Court of Smith Texas.



Deputy.

A 68.

File No.

IN THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT

of Smith County,
BEFORE THE COUNTY JUDGE OF SAID COUNTY.

Ex Parte J. L. Hancock

COMMISSION

TO TAKE THE DEPOSITION OF

Rufus Price

VS. }

J. L. Hancock

Applicant for Confederate Pension.

Issued the 6 day of

March 1900
Geo. W. Cross
Co. Judge

Returned and filed the day of

..... A. D. 1.....

Clerk Court,

..... County, Texas.

..... Deputy.

EX PARTE

J. L. Hancock
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 Geo. W. Cross 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

Rufus Brier and
who reside in the County of San Augustine in the State of Tex.

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.

J. L. Hancock

(Applicant's) Attorney for Applicant.

Direct Interrogatories to be Propounded to the Witness

Mr. Rufus Brier

- 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. L. Hancock who is an applicant for pension under Act of May 12, 1899?
- INT. 3. How long have you known the said J. L. Hancock applicant for pension, and when and where did you first know him?
- INT. 4. Do you personally know that the said J. L. Hancock applicant for pension, enlisted in the service of the Confederacy, and performed the duties of a soldier or sailor?
- INT. 5. Do you personally know in what company and regiment the said J. L. Hancock 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 J. L. Hancock, the said applicant for pension, is unable to support himself by labor of any sort?

CROSS INTERROGATORIES.



TO BE PROPOUNDED TO

Mr. Rufus Brier

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 J. R. Hancock serving in the same company or regiment in which you say the said applicant, J. R. Hancock, 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 J. R. Hancock applicant, serving in the same command?

If you say that you so knew other soldiers or sailors of the same name as 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 J. R. Hancock, 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 upon conjecture?

CROSS INT. 4. Do know whether or not the said J. R. Hancock applicant for pension, ever deserted the service in the Confederate army or navy?

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THE STATE OF TEXAS,
County of Smith

I, Geo. W. Cross, 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.

Geo. W. Cross
County Judge Smith County, Texas.
J. R. Hancock
~~(Applicant,) Attorney for Applicant.~~

In Re
Application for Confederate
Pension.

IN COMMISSIONERS' COURT,
Smith COUNTY, TEXAS.
Pending before County Judge of said County.

EX PARTE
J. R. Hancock
Applicant.

INTERROGATORIES
PROPOUNDED TO
Richard P. Price

WITNESSES.

The State of Texas. 3
 County of San Augustine 3
 In obedience to a Commission
 issued by the Co. Judge of Smith County
 Texas and directed to me I caused
 the witness, Rufus Price, then named
 to come before me at my office at
 San Augustine Texas, who answered under
 oath the annexed Interrogatories
 answer to Int 1

Rufus Price, 65 years, San Augustine
 Texas.

Int 2 I do

Int 3

I became acquainted with the
 applicant J L Hancock at
 Jefferson Texas as I now reside
 in 1862

Int 4. I do

Int 5, Co A 19th ^{Regt} Infantry I & White
 in 1862, in the Spring or early summer of
 that year, at Jefferson Texas, from his
 enlistment till the war broke up. (TX)
 He served from the date of his enlistment to

till the close of the war with
the 19th Reg Texas Infantry Walker's
division from Mississippi kept

Sub 6. I do not. The applicant
told me that he was about 76 years
of age, and very infirm. I know
nothing of his ability to labor of my
own knowledge.

Cross Interrogatories
1 I was an officer in the
A M kept of the 19th Reg of Texas
Infantry. E. L. Hancock the applicant
was a wheelright or waggon maker
He was detailed or detached from his
Co and served in the A M Regt as such
Capt A C Smith was the A M. I had
charge of the train frequently and knew
Hancock well He was a cheerful soldier
a good mechanic and a faithful
servant. I did not -

2. I am, I cannot be
mistaken. I was with him for 2 or
3 years ^{him} saw ^{him} very well and almost
every day. He speaks a day or two at
my home lately, and he is the same man
He knows all about our service together
although I had not met Hancock since
the war. His face was the same, his voice
and laugh and general manner was
the same. His knowledge of the service
men and things known to me assures me
that he is the E L Hancock that I knew
the service of the Confederate States.

3 I don't know anything as to his
 ability to labor except what he told
 me himself. Men of his age are not
 usually able to perform manual labor
 to any great extent.

August Price

The State of Texas
 County of San Augustine
 I LEO BISHOP County Judge of
 San Augustine County Tex.
 do hereby certify that the witness
 August Price subscribed his name
 to the deed & Intercom in
 my presence and swore to the
 truth of the same before me
 here under my hand and seal
 this ten 4th day of March 1900
 LEO BISHOP
 Co. Judge S. S. Co Texas.

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