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FORM A

Soldier's Application for Pension

The Commissioner of Pensions reserves the right to call for additional testimony if he deems it necessary.

Name of Applicant.

Em Harris

Smith

County

Prof. Title

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FORM A

For use of Soldiers, who are in indigent circumstances

THE STATE OF TEXAS }

County of Smith

I, E M Morris

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 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; that I was honorably discharged or surrendered in May 1865 at Richmond Spots-Bened County Texas it being the close of the war

(Give date and cause.)

that I have been a bona fide citizen of this State since prior to January 1, A. D. 1880, 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 in salary or fees one hundred and fifty dollars per annum, nor have I an income from any other employment or other source whatever which amounts to one hundred and fifty dollars per annum, nor do I 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, nor does my 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; 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? 45 years
2. Where were you born? Stowomby County Mississippi
3. How long have you resided in Texas? 58 years
4. In what county do you reside? Smith
5. How long have you resided in said county and what is your postoffice address? 58 years
Tyler Tex Route 7.
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? Farmer
8. In what State was the command in which you served organized? Texas TX
9. How long did you serve? Give, if possible, the date of enlistment and discharge. About 3 yrs and 3 months
10. What was the letter of your company, number or name of battalion, regiment or battery? Co. H. 15th Texas Infantry
11. If transferred from one command to another, give time of transfer, name of command and time of service. Never was transferred
12. What branch of the service did you enlist in—infantry, cavalry, artillery or navy? Infantry

13. If commissioned direct by the President, what was your rank and line of duty?

14. If detailed for special service, under the law of conscription, what was the nature of your service and how long did you serve? *No.*

15. 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 pension be approved and such other proceedings be had in the premises as are required by law.

(Signature of Applicant) *E. M. Harris*

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this *7* day of *July*, A. D. 19*09*

[SEAL.]

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

State of Texas, on this day personally appeared _____, who are personally known to me to be credible citizens, who, being by me duly sworn, on oath state that they personally know _____

E. M. Harris the above named applicant for a pension, and that they personally know that the said _____

E. M. Harris has been a bona fide resident citizen of the State of Texas since prior to January 1, A. D. 1880, and that they have no interest in this claim.

(Signature of Witness) *Wm. M. Gray*

(Signature of Witness) *J. H. Wilson*

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this *7* day of *July*, A. D. 19*09*

[SEAL.]

J. A. Bullock
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 *Smith*

Before me *J. A. Bullock*, County Judge of *Smith* County,

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

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 his application are correct.

... true, to the best of their knowledge and belief, and that they have no interest in this claim, and said applicant's
... are good and free from dishonor. And they further make oath to the following facts
touching the applicant's service in the Confederate Army:

*J. H. Wilson says - am: 65 years - served in some Camps
with applicant Co "H" 15th Tex Vol Inftry
from the stand from Spring 1862 to close war
know these facts from personal knowledge*

(Signature of Witness)

J. H. Wilson

(Signature of Witness)

B. B. Beard

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 9 day of July, A. D. 1909

J. A. Burch

County Judge Smith County, Texas.

[SEAL.]

CERTIFICATE OF THE STATE AND COUNTY ASSESSOR

I, Mrs. L. J. Jarvis, State and County Assessor in the County of Smith

State of Texas, do certify that E. M. Jarvis 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-first Legislature, ap-
proved March 26, A. D. 1909, is charged on the land and personal property rolls of said county with estate, real, per-
sonal and mixed, at the assessed value of \$840 dollars.

Given under my hand, this 6th day of July, A. D. 1909

Mrs. L. J. Jarvis

State and County Assessor.

By Wm. J. Day
office deputy





OFFICE OF
Commissioner of Pensions

State of Texas

Austin. AUG 11 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 *E. M. Harris* who is reported to have enlisted in
Company *H*, *15th* 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,



E. A. Bolmes

Commissioner of Pensions.

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT,

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

WASHINGTON, August 17, 1909.

Respectfully returned to the
Commissioner of Pensions,
State of Texas,
Austin.

It is shown by the records that
Elijah _ Harris, private, Company H,
15th Texas Infantry, Confederate
States Army, was enlisted May 1,
1862. On the muster roll of that
company dated February 29, 1864, last
roll on file, he was reported pres-
ent. No later record of him has been
found.

J. H. ...
The Adjutant General.

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The State of Texas,

County of Smith.

On this day personally appeared before me, the undersigned authority, Dr. B. F. Bell, who being by me duly sworn, on oath states that he has personally examined E. M. Harris and that he finds him wholly incapacitated and physically unable to perform any kind of labor by which he can make a living, and

finds him suffering from the following diseases, to-wit: *General arteriosclerosis, with aortic insufficiency. Left ventricle hypertrophied plus some dilatation.*

B. F. Bell

Sworn to before me this 12th. day of June, 1911.

Jesse F. Odom
County Judge, Smith County, Texas.

I, Jesse F. Odom, County Judge of Smith County, Texas, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing Dr. B. F. Bell is a reputable and practicing physician of this county.

Jesse F. Odom
County Judge, Smith County, Texas.

