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File No.

IN THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT

of *Smith* County,

BEFORE THE COUNTY JUDGE OF SAID COUNTY.

Ex Parte

P. J. Stupp

COMMISSION

TO TAKE THE DEPOSITION OF

VS.

Prague Goodkin
A. Mc Coy

P. J. Stupp
Applicant for Confederate Pension.

Issued the _____ day of

Sept 1899

Returned and filed the _____ day of

A. D. 1

Clerk _____ Court,

County, Texas.

Deputy.

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 *San Saba*

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

Your petitioner, *Q. J. Huff* 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 *Q. J. Huff*
- Q. What is your age? Answer *77 yrs*
- 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 *20 yrs Providence*
- 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 has always been*
- Q. What is your physical condition? Answer *Good*
- 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*
- Q. State in what company and regiment you enlisted in the Confederate army, and the time of your service? Answer *Co. "A", Capt. Blocker Hollands regiment*
- Q. If you served in the Confederate navy state when and where, and the time of your service? Answer *no*
- 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 so received? Answer *I have not*
- 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 not no land, 1 horse value \$10.00 1 Cow = \$15.00 2 hogs \$6.00*



- 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 150 acres - for which I hold notes to the amt of \$300.⁰⁰
- 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 I am
- Q. Are you unable by your labor to earn a support? Answer I am
- Q. Have you transferred to others any property of value of any kind for the purpose of becoming a beneficiary under this law? Answer I have not
- Q. Did you ever desert the Confederacy? Answer no
- Q. Have you been continuously since the first day of March, 1880, a bona fide resident citizen of this State? Answer I have.

Wherefore your petitioner prays that her application for pension be approved and that such other proceedings be had in the premises as are required by law.

(Signature of Applicant).....

L. J. Huff
L. J. Huff
Sept.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 28 day of.....

A. D. 1899

Geo. W. Cross
Sept

[SEAL]

County Judge..... County, Texas.

AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESSES.

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

THE STATE OF TEXAS, }

County of.....

Snyder

Before me,.....

Geo. W. Cross

County Judge of.....

Sept

County, State of Texas, on this day personally appeared.....

J. R. Huff and R. M. Armstrong

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

L. J. Huff
L. J. Huff

personally know that the said..... the above named applicant for a pension, and that they.....

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).....

J. R. Huff

(Signature of Witness).....

(Signature of Witness).....

R. M. Armstrong *Physical disability.*

(Signature of Witness).....

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 28 day of.....

Sept.
Geo. W. Cross
Sept

A. D. 1899

[SEAL]

County Judge..... County, State of Texas.

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 Harrison State of Texas—GREETING:

WE HEREBY AUTHORIZE AND REQUIRE YOU, OR EITHER OF YOU, to summon Ernest Blecker & D. Mc Coy

County resident of your County to come before you forthwith, and that you then and there take h answers, under oath, to the attached copy of Interrogatories, and that you return the same, without delay, to the Clerk of this Court as herein provided:

- 1. That you reduce their 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 Berry Court of Smit County, Texas." 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 Smit County, in said State of Texas, before the County Judge of said County, entitled "Ex parte L. J. Huff 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 11 day of Sept A. D. 1899

ATTEST: G. W. Cross (TX)
Co. Judge
Clerk of the Smit Co. Tyler
Deputy.

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FORM NO. 1.

CONFEDERATE PENSION APPLICATION

Name of Applicant

R. J. Smith
County

Postoffice

Comptroller's File No.

6035

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 *12* day of *February*

A. D. *1900*

Wm. H. Brown
Pension Clerk

I hereby *approve* the within application for pension as of *12* day of *February* A. D. *1900*

Wm. H. Brown
Comptroller

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

Clarke & Courts, Manufacturing Stationers, Galveston, 7-99-5

AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESSES.

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

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 duly sworn on oath, state that they personally know..... the above named applicant for a pension, and that they personally know that the said..... 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).....
(Signature of Witness).....

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

[SEAL]

County Judge..... County, Texas.

AFFIDAVIT OF PHYSICIAN.

THE STATE OF TEXAS, }
County of Smith }
County Judge of J. S. Hally } Before me Geo. W. Cross
County, State of Texas, on this day personally appeared
L. J. Huff, who is a reputable practicing physician of this County,

who being duly sworn on oath, states that he has carefully and thoroughly examined
L. J. Huff 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: Senile debility an partial
loss of eye sight which renders him unable to work

(Signature of Physician) J. S. Hally
Sworn to and subscribed before me this 28 day of Sept. 1899

[SEAL]

Geo. W. Cross
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 18
day of Nov. A. D. 1899, before me came on to be heard the application of
L. J. Huff 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 J. S. Hally
who is a reputable practicing physician of this county, was made before me. I also certify that the said applicant
L. J. Huff, 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 L. J. Huff 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 18
day of Nov. A. D. 1899.

[SEAL]

Geo. W. Cross
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
L. J. Huff 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
18 day of Nov. 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 18
day of Nov. A. D. 1899.

[SEAL]

(Signatures of Commissioners) W. H. Hargrave
H. A. Brown
D. J. Epperson
M. H. Crook

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EX PARTE

L. J. Huff } Pending in the Honorable Commissioners' Court
 Applicant for Confederate Pension. } of *Van Zandt* 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 *Preston Blocker* and *Dushe McCoy* who reside in the County of *Harrison* 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 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.

L. J. Huff
 (Applicant's) Attorney for Applicant.

Direct Interrogatories to be Propounded to the Witness

Preston Blocker and Dushe McCoy

- 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 *L. J. Huff* who is an applicant for pension under Act of May 12, 1899?
- INT. 3. How long have you known the said *L. J. Huff* applicant for pension, and when and where did you first know him?
- INT. 4. Do you personally know that the said *L. J. Huff* 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 *L. J. Huff* 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 *L. J. Huff*, the said applicant for pension, is unable to support himself by labor of any sort?

CROSS INTERROGATORIES.

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TO BE PROPOUNDED TO *Preston Blocker and Dushe McCoy*

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 L. J. Huff serving in the same company or regiment in which you say the said applicant, L. J. Huff, 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 L. J. Huff 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 L. J. Huff 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 L. J. Huff 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.

L. J. Huff

(Applicant,) ~~Attorney for Applicant~~

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In Re
Application for Confederate
Pension.

IN COMMISSIONERS' COURT,
Smith COUNTY, TEXAS.

Pending before County Judge of said County.

EX PARTE
L. J. Huff
Applicant.

INTERROGATORIES
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WITNESSES.

Depositions of Captain W. P.
Blocker in the case of L. J. Huff
applied for Pension file No.

Sub. 1. a 9064. Harrison County Co. Texas Tex

Sub. 2. I do.

Sub. 3. Since 1863

Sub. 4. I do.

Sub. 5. In Company D Colonel
Hollands Battalion
from 1863 to 1864 in Harrison
time of service twelve months
under Paulkhat Magruder
Commander of the Gulf Coast in
Texas.

Sub. 6. I do not know

Cross Interrogatories

Sub. 1. He was a private in Co. D
W. P. Blocker Captain (TX)
I did not. I know of no
other man by the name of L. J. Huff

Sub. 2. I do.

Sub. 3. It is not
 Sub 4. I do not

W. P. Blocker

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 22nd day
 This State of Texas } day of September 1899
 Harrison County } W. E. Webster Justice of
 The Peace.

Justices of Texas } J. W. E. Webster
 Harrison County } Notary Public in and
 for Harrison County Texas do hereby
 Certify that the above and foregoing
 answers are the answers of Captain
 W. P. Blocker to my personally known,
 the party named in the annexed
 Commissions to the annexed
 Interrogatories and Cross Interrogatories
 propounded to him by the parties
 in the Case No. I J Huff applicant
 for pension now pending in the
 Smith County Court and that
 said answers were signed
 and sworn to before me by said
 Captain W. P. Blocker

Given under my hand
 and seal of office this the 22nd day
 of September 1899

W. E. Webster Justice
 of the Peace and ex Officio Notary
 Public Harrison County Tex

Answers to Interrogatories propounded to Dushu McCoy in the case of L J Huff applicant for Pensions.

- Sub. 1. D. McCoy. age 78. Harrison County Texas. P.O. Jonesville Texas
- Sub. 2. I was personally acquainted with L J Huff.
- Sub. 3. Have known L J Huff since 1857. First knew him here in Harrison County Texas
- Sub. 4. I do. I served with him in the same Company.
- Sub. 5. Yes. In Company D. W.P. Brecker ^{Colonel} ~~Captain~~ Hercules Palacios from 1863 until 1864 I served with him. Then enlisted in this Harrison County. Was transferred in 1864 to another command and do not know how long he served after that time
- Sub. 6. Personally, I do not know

Cross Interrogatories. (TX)

- Sub. 1. I was in actual service with L J Huff I never knew any other soldier by the name of L J Huff
- Sub. 2. I am

Int. 3 Personally I know nothing
about the financial ^{or physical} conditions
of L. J. Neff

Int. 4 I know that he did not.
D. M. McKay

Sworn to and subscribed before me
this the 21 day of September 1899

W. C. Webster Justice
of the Peace and ex officio
Notary Public Harrison Co. Tex

The State of Texas } I, W. C. Webster
Harrison County } Notary Public in
and for Harrison County Texas do hereby
certify that the above and foregoing
answers, are the answers of D. M. McKay
the party named in the annexed
Commission to the annexed interrogatories
and cross interrogatories propounded
to him by the parties in the case No.
L. J. Neff applicant for possession
now pending in Smith County Court
and that said answers were
signed and sworn to before me
by said D. M. McKay.

Given under my hand
and seal of office at Junction
this the 21 day of September 1899

W. C. Webster Justice
of the Peace and ex officio Notary
Public Harrison County Texas

deposition of

M. P. Black

in the case of

J. J. Huff

Applicant for Patent

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Autographs
in the Case No.
F. J. Huff
D. McKay (TX)
Depositions