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FORM A.

**SOLDIER'S APPLICATION
FOR A PENSION**

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mony if he deems it necessary.

Name of Applicant.

M. J. Knight
Smith County.

R. F. D. or Street No. ~~416~~ *416* ~~South~~ *Union* St.

Postoffice *Byham - Texas*

Filed *Jan 18, 1929*

Approved _____

Pension allowed from _____

Rejected _____

Comptroller of Public Accounts.



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Soldier's Application for Confederate Pension

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THE STATE OF TEXAS, }

County of Smith

I, M. T. Knight 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 the war I was loyal and true to my duty, and never at any time 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.

That I was honorably discharged or surrendered at the close of the war between the states.

(Give date and cause.)

that I have been a bona fide citizen of this State since prior to January 1, A. D, 1910, 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 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 \$2000.00; nor do I receive any aid or pension from any other State of the United States, and I do further state that the answers given to the following questions are true:

1. What is your age? eighty three years of age.
2. Where were you born? State of Alabama.
3. How long have you resided in Texas? Since it was three years of age.
4. In what county do you reside? Smith County Texas.
5. How long have you resided in said county? 79 years What is your postoffice address?
Tyler, Texas ~~RFD No. 2~~ 426 - South Vine St.
6. Have you applied for a pension under the Confederate pension law and been rejected? No.
If rejected, state when and where. I never needed a pension until now and never applied.
7. In what State was the command in which you served organized? Texas.
of the war
8. How long did you serve? latter part Give, if possible, the date of enlistment and discharge.
served last two years of war, maybe little more. Discharged close of war.
9. What was the letter of your company, number of battalion, regiment or battery?
Bates Company of Liken's Regiment, Texas Cavalry.
10. If transferred from one command to another, give time of transfer, name of command and time of service
Never transferréd.
11. What branch of the service did you enlist in—infantry, cavalry, artillery or navy?
Cavalry
12. What is the assessed value of your home, if you own a home? Own no property.
13. What is the assessed value of your other property? None.
14. Do you own any property other than that rendered for taxes in your county? If so, state value of same and county where located. None.
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 a pension be approved and such other proceedings be had in the premises as are required by law.

(Signature of Applicant) M. T. Knight

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 27th day of December A. D. 1928.

Witness to signature
 [Seal]
Wm D. Jace

County Judge Wm D. Jace
Smith County, Texas.

AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESSES

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

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

County of Smith }

Before me, Wm D. Joe, County Judge of Smith County,

State of Texas, on this day personally appeared E. W. Oden and

D. H. Rankin, who are personally known to me to be creditable citi-

zens, who, being by me duly sworn, on oath state that they personally know M. T. Knight, the

above named applicant for pension, and that they personally know that the said M. T. Knight

has been a bona fide resident citizen of the State of Texas since prior to January 1, A. D. 1910, and that they

have no interest in this claim.

(Signature of Witness) E. W. Oden

(Signature of Witness) D. H. Rankin

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 16th day of January, A. D. 1929

Wm D. Joe

[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 of them, state in their oath their source of knowledge, also any other information regarding applicant's army service.

THE STATE OF TEXAS, }
County of Smith

Before me, Will D. Pace, County Judge of Smith County, State of Texas, on this day personally appeared R B Long, who are personally known to me to be creditable 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 and true, to the best of their knowledge and belief, and that they have no interest in this claim, and said applicant's habits are good and free from dishonor. And further make oath to the following facts touching the applicant's service in the Confederate Army: (Witnesses must state fully the source of their knowledge of applicant's service)

~~Witness R B Long states that he is 79 years of age and has resided in Smith County Texas practically all his life; that he is personally acquainted with the applicant herein Knight and that he has known him at least sixty years and probably longer; that he personally knows that the said M T Knight served in the Confederate army in a Texas organization; that he distinctly remembers that the said Knight was in the service of the Confederacy in the army and performed military service therein. My understanding is that the said Knight is now in indigent circumstances and I never knew of his making an application for Confederate pension before now.~~

(Signature of Witness) R B Long
(Signature of Witness) _____

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 16th day of January, A. D. 1929.
Will D. Pace
County Judge Smith County, Texas.

[Seal.]

CERTIFICATE OF STATE AND COUNTY ASSESSOR



I, H. H. Allen State and County Assessor in the County of Smith State or Texas, do certify that M. T. Knight, 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, and amended by Regular Session Thirty-eighth Legislature, is charged on the tax rolls of said county with a homestead of the value of None Dollars, and in addition to homestead of other property, real or personal, or both, of the value of None Dollars.

Given under my hand, this 16th day of January, A. D. 1929.
By E. G. Holt Deputy H. H. Allen
State and County Assessor.

WAR DEPARTMENT

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

WASHINGTON January 29, 1929.

IN REPLY
REFER TO

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Respectfully returned to

Comptroller,
State of Texas,
Austin, Texas.

There are no muster rolls on file for Co. H, 35th. Texas Cavalry, C.S.A. (Liken's Regiment) and no record has been found of the service, capture or parole of M. T. Knight, as of that organization. The regiment was formed October 25, 1865. G. W. Bates was Captain of Company H.

E. H. Bridgell,
Brigadier General,
Acting The Adjutant General.
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Comptroller's Department
State of Texas
Austin

January 18, 1929

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

Dear Sir:-

I have the honor to request the Military
record of M. T. Knight, who is
reported to have enlisted in Company Bates'
Regiment Liken's, Texas Cavalry, C. S. A.

in service in the Confederate States Army.

Very respectfully, JAN 28 1929

S. H. Jewell

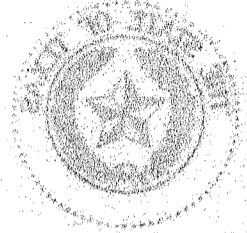
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Department of Defense

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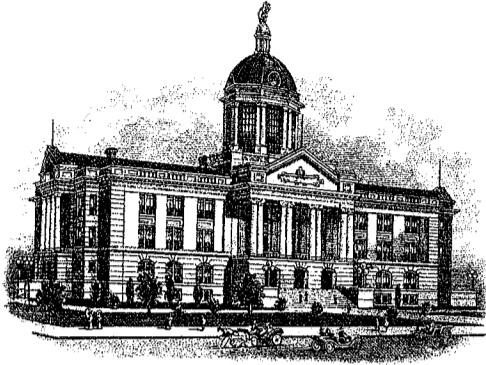
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Very respectfully,

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A. M. RAMSOUR, DISTRICT CLERK

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COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

H. L. CARTER, PRECINCT No. 1
J. J. MILL, PRECINCT No. 2

F. B. CLINKSCALE, PRECINCT No. 3
JNO. J. PIERCE, PRECINCT No. 4

TYLER, TEXAS

January 30, 1929.

Hon. S H Terrell, Comptroller,
Austin, Texas.

Dear Sir:

Some time ago I sent you the application of M.T. Knight, an old Confederate Soldier from Smith County, for Confederate Pension. Since that time I have had no response from the application, and Mr. Knight tells me that he has heard nothing from it.

Please refer to your files and let me have a report on his case and his application. This old gentleman has put off making application until he needed the money from the state, and I hope that you will look up your files and let us have a report.

yours truly,

Will D. Pace



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February 1, 1929.

Hon. Will D. Pace,
County Judge,
Tyler, Texas.

Dear Judge Pace:

I have your letter of January 30th, in which you request a report on the application of Mr. M. T. Knight, whose application for pension was filed January 18th.

You are advised that in reply to my request for the service record of Mr. Knight, I have received the following report from the War Department, Washington, D. C.

"There are no muster rolls on file for Co. H, 35th. Texas Cavalry, C. S. A. (Liken's Regiment) and no record has been found of the service, capture or parole of M. T. Knight, as of that organization.

The regiment was formed October 23, 1863.

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Since this report fails to identify Mr. Knight as a member of any of the military organizations of the Confederate States Army, it will be necessary before his application can be approved that his military service as a confederate soldier, be proven by the testimony of at least two credible witnesses who personally know of the service rendered by him, or if the testimony of two witnesses cannot be furnished, then he may prove same by documents or other evidence that he may be able to furnish.

Page #2, Hon. Will D. Pace, County Judge, Tyler, Tex.

The witness, R. B. Long who has testified to his knowledge of the military service of Mr. Knight makes this statement; "that he personally knows the said M. T. Knight served in the Confederate Army in a Texas organization."

This is not such testimony as would prove the military service of a soldier. Mr. Long should state what he saw or what act or circumstance caused him to determine that he was rendering service as a confederate soldier.

If the military service of Mr. Knight can be proven as required by the Statute, his application will have further consideration.

JHT/E

Yours very truly,

Comptroller of Public
Accounts.



Geo. H. Sheppard.

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June 17, 1930.

Hon. Will D. Pace,
County Judge,
Tyler, Texas.

Dear Judge Pace:

On Feb. 1, 1929, I wrote you a letter regarding the application for pension by M. T. Knight.

Under the present law, Mr. Knight's application cannot be approved on the proof of military service made by him. If Mr. Knight is still living and wishes to have his rights as a pensioner passed on under the late amendment to the law which will become effective on June 19th, I am of the opinion that he might be entitled to pension on the proof already furnished by the witness, R. B. Long, and if Mr. Knight desires his application considered after June 19th, kindly notify me, giving me his present address and it will have attention.

Yours very truly,

JHT:E.

Acting State Comptroller of Public
Accounts.



Mr. Knight's address at the time his application was filed was 436 South Vine Street, Tyler, Texas.

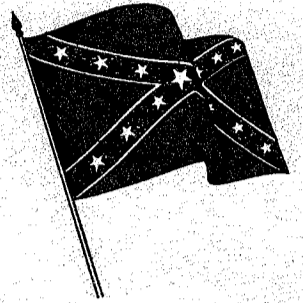


S. H. HERRELL, COMPTROLLER
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Yours very truly,

J. M. Edwards
Acting State Comptroller of Public
Accounts.

JHT:E.



Mr. Knight's address at the time his application was filed was 426 South Vine Street, Tyler, Texas.

6/19-1930.

M. T. Knight is dead.

W.S.F.

Comptroller of Public Accounts
State of Texas
Austin

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M. J. Knight in hand
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