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FORM NO. 1.

CONFEDERATE PENSION APPLICATION.

Name of Applicant *John Lewis*  
County *Smith*  
Post Office *Dyers, Texas*  
Comptroller's File No. *3736*

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 *11* day of *Feb*  
A. D. *1899*  
*Wm. M. ...*  
Pension Clerk

I hereby *approve* the within application for pension, this *11* day of *Feb* A. D. *1899*  
*Wm. M. ...*  
Comptroller

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

WAYBICK CLARK LITHO CO. : MAY, 1898

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, *John D. Lewis* 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 *John D. Lewis*

Q. What is your age? Answer *Sixty five years*

Q. In what County do you reside? Answer *Smith County*

Q. How long have you resided in said County and what is your post office address? Answer *Resided in Smith County since Nov 15/878. P.O. Tyler. Resided in Cherokee Co since January 1874.*

Q. Have you applied for a pension under the Confederate Pension Law heretofore, and been rejected? If so state when and where. Answer *I have not applied.*

Q. What is your occupation if able to engage in one? Answer *Farming formerly, but now unable to engage in it*

Q. What is your physical condition? Answer *I am weak, cripple, and general twilight and gait*

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 *Age & wounds received in the Confederate Army*

Q. State in what company and regiment you enlisted in the Confederate army, and the time of your service? Answer *Company A 45 Alaboma, from April 1/1862 until May 1865*

Q. If you served in the Confederate navy state when and where, and the time of your service. Answer *Served in Army not Navy.*

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 *Have received 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 a small farm on 100 acres of land, it has no market value but ought to be worth \$2 or 3 per acre. Have explained this matter fully in the statement attached to this application and which I make a part hereof. No personal property except a little household furniture of comparatively no value situated in a small house I rent and live in and a few barrels of corn in the County.*

*Record to Tyler*

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: Sold no real estate and no personal

property except a few bushels of corn to live on

Q. What income, if any, do you receive? Answer: None. My family is now penniless

Q. Are you in indigent circumstances; that is, are you in actual want, and destitute of property and means of subsistence? Answer: Yes as explained above and in the attached statement

Q. Are you unable by your labor to earn a support? Answer: Yes

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: I did not, No.

Q. Have you been continuously since the first day of January, 1880, a bona fide resident citizen of this State? Answer: I have

My former name

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. D. Lewis

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 18 day of July A. D. 1899.

(SEAL)

County Judge

G. W. Cross  
Smith

County, Texas

AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESSES.

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

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

COUNTY OF

Smith

Before me,

G. W. Cross

County Judge of

Smith  
S. A. 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 the above named applicant for a pension, and that they personally know that the said J. D. Lewis 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)

S. A. Smith

(Signature of Witness)

(Signature of Witness)

(Signature of Witness)

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 10 day of Aug. A. D. 1899.

(SEAL)

County Judge

G. W. Cross  
Smith

County, Texas

(Deposition)

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

*J. S. Holley*, 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: *his left arm has been wounded so much so that he has lost the use of it he was also wounded on the head which gives him considerable trouble*

(Signature of Physician)

*J. S. Holley M.D.*

Sworn to and subscribed before me this

*18* day of

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

day of

*Aug*

A. D. *1899*

*10*

before me came on to be heard the application of *Geo. D. Lewis* 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. Holley*

who is a reputable practicing physician of this County, was made before me. I also certify that the said applicant *Geo. D. Lewis* 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 *Geo. D. Lewis* 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

day of

*Aug*

A. D.

*1899* this *10*

*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 *John D. Lewis*

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

day of

*Aug*

A. D. *1899*

this *16*

*Tyler Tex*  
*W. B. Hairgrove*  
*H. A. Brown*  
*D. J. Apperson*  
*C. M. H. Coates*

(Signatures of Commissioners.)

(SEAL)

In the matter of the Application of John ~~D.~~ Lewis for pension:

The applicant, John ~~D.~~ Lewis, in addition to the statement contained in the formal application of the county judge, desires to make the following statement, and to request the judge to allow him to make further proof if need be, as to the facts bearing on his right to a pension.

I am 65 years of age, and was raised in <sup>Farber</sup> Beliver County, Ala. near the town of Clayton. I enlisted in the Confederate Army in <sup>Farber</sup> Beliver County, April, 1862, in Company A. 45th, Alabama. Our first Colonel was named Gilcrest, our next Col. was H.D. Lampley. He was killed in Atlanta on the 22nd of Apr. 1864. The Captain of our company at the time of the surrender was named Fielding, (Called Judge) he lived about Montgomery; do not know whether he is now living or not. I was in the following Battles, among others, Perryville, Ky.; Shiolah, Miss., Murfeesboro, Tenn., Chickamauga, Ga.; Missionary Ridge, Tenn., Ringgold Gap, Georgia, Rissaca, Ga., Battle near Marietta and at Marietta, also numerous other small engagements. I was wounded three times. Once at Chickamauga, in the arm, at Franklin in the head, and at Nashville in the leg. Received other slight wounds not worth mentioning. The one in the head is the most serious, though the one in the arm impairs its usefulness. The one in my head has produced partial deafness and dizziness, and as a result of these wounds, and age, I am now unable to do any kind of work which will earn me a support. (IX)

I am a farmer by occupation, and managed to make my living that way until about a year ago when my health and strength gave down. Sometime ago, about two or three years, I bought a little farm of a hundred acres of land, some of it improved, which had a little three-roomed house on it. There I lived and managed to get a scanty support for myself and wife until last year when I was compelled on account of my inability to labor and make a living, to leave the farm. I left it in charge of my daughter whose husband is now in the assylum, and who is very poor.

I live in Tyler with my wife whose health is also poor, in a small h  
house for which I pay \$4.00 per month. I have so far been able to  
live by selling from some corn some 75 bushels which I had on my farm  
when I was forced to leave it. The farm at best cannot return me a  
sufficient income more than to pay the rent of my house in town.  
it would not be sufficient to support my wife and myself, or me alone  
in town or in the country. As I know nothing of any skilled labor,  
I do not know what business I could engage in to support me and my fam-  
ily even if I were phisically able to do so, <sup>which I am not</sup> as my health and feeble-  
ness are such that I am unable to make a living, ~~and hence~~ am forced t  
to make this application for a pension.

J. B. Lewis

Sworn to and subscribed before  
me on this 18<sup>th</sup> day of July 1899.

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



The following interrogatories are propounded to Mr George Thomas who resides in Henderson County Texas

Int 1

State your name, age and occupation and present place of residence, and where you resided before you moved to Texas

Int. No 2

State if you are acquainted with J.D. Lewis and how long have you known him, and state whether he was in the confederate army and if so when and where did he enlist and in what company and regiment was he in, and in what command. State also if you know how long he remained in the army and when he left it. State also if he was in any battles and what battles and if he received any wounds and how many and in what battles if you know and the character of these wounds, and whether they were slight or serious, and whether of a kind calculated to affect his health or strength and impair his ability to work and earn a livelihood and if so how and to what extent. State if Mr Lewis is a strong or weak man physically, and whether in your opinion from the effects of age and these wounds he is able to earn a livelihood by physical labor

Int 3

State about what age Mr Lewis is, and if you know any thing of his financial condition state that. He is an applicant for a pension as an indigent disabled Confederate soldier, if you know any reason why he is not entitled to it you can state it

Int 4

State if you were in the army and in what command and what opportunities you had to know about Mr Lewis army record

To The first of the above interrogatories the witness answers

To the second he answers

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To the third he answers

To the fourth he answers

