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**SOLDIER'S APPLICATION  
FOR A PENSION**

The Comptroller of Public Accounts reserves the right to call for additional testimony if he deems it necessary.

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Name of Applicant.

D. A. Ard.  
Hudson County.

R. F. D. or Street No.

Postoffice Athens, Texas.

Filed Oct. 15th, 1931.

Approved October 28th, 1931.

Pension allowed from Nov. 1st, 1931.

Rejected

E. W. Sheppard  
Comptroller of Public Accounts.

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COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE

# Soldier's Application for Confederate Pension

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

County of Henderson

I, D. J. Gellon, do hereby make application for a pension pursuant to the provisions of Articles 6204 to 6227, inclusive, of the Revised Civil Statutes of 1925, as amended by H. B. No. 150, passed by the Forty-second Legislature at its Regular Session, and all other laws of this State relating thereto.

I served as a Confederate soldier (or sailor) in the war between the States of the United States; or (that I was a soldier who under special laws of the State of Texas during said war served in organizations for the protection of the frontier against Indian raiders or Mexican marauders); or (that I was a soldier of the militia of the State of Alabama who was in active service ~~during said war~~).

I served honorably from the date of my enlistment until the close of the war ~~(or until I was discharged or paroled in some military organization regularly mustered into the army or navy of the Confederate States until the surrender)~~. I was honorably discharged ~~or surrendered~~ by being

mustered out of service at the close of the war in the first or spring of the year 1865-

(Give date and cause.)

That I have been a bona fide resident of this State continuously since the (Dec 19-1871) day of 19<sup>th</sup> day Dec A. D. 1871.

1. What is your age? 83 yrs old Oct 5- 1931
2. In what county do you reside? Henderson
3. How long have you resided in said county? nearly 60 years
4. What is your postoffice address? Athens, Texas
5. Have you applied for a pension under the Confederate pension law and been rejected? yes
6. If rejected, state when and where in April 1930
7. In what State was the command in which you served organized? State of Ala
8. What was your postoffice address at the time of enlistment? Barner Cross Roads, Ala
9. How long did you serve? at least 8 months & possibly one year
10. Give, if possible, the date of enlistment and discharge about Aug or Sept 1864  
& served till close of the war - (think April or May 1865)
11. What was the letter of your company, number of battalion, regiment or battery? We were mustered into service as Home guards. Co had no letter, no battalion or regiment that I recall
12. If transferred from one command to another, give time of transfer, name of command and time of service was not transferred
13. What branch of the service did you enlist in—infantry, cavalry, artillery or navy? Cavalry
14. Have you a wife with whom you are living? yes. If so, give date of marriage Nov-1874
15. To what Race do you belong? American - white -

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. W. J. Gellon, witness, here is the only person living that knows these facts - that I know of  
(Signature of Applicant) W. J. Gellon

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 13 day of Oct A. D. 1931.

[Seal]

County Judge Henderson County, Texas.

AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESSES

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

THE STATE OF TEXAS,  
County of Henderson }

Before me, A B Baker, County Judge of Henderson County,  
State of Texas, on this day personally appeared J J Gault &  
Jno I. Wofford, who are personally known to me to be creditable citi-  
zens, who, being by me duly sworn, on oath state that they personally know S. A. Ard,  
the above named applicant for pension, and that they personally know that the said S. A. Ard  
has been a bona fide resident citizen of the State of Texas since  
the year 1871, and that they have no interest in this claim.

(Signature of Witness) J J Gault  
(Signature of Witness) J I Wofford

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 13 day of Oct, A. D. 1931.

[Seal.]

A B Baker  
County Judge Henderson County, Texas.

## AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESSES

(If possible the one witness should have served with the applicant in the army, and if so, let him state in his oath his source of knowledge, also any other information regarding applicant's army service.)

THE STATE OF TEXAS,  
County of Henderson }

Before me, A. B. Baker, County Judge of Henderson County,  
State of Texas, on this day personally appeared W. J. Cotton

\_\_\_\_\_, who is personally known to me to be a creditable citizen, who, being by me sworn, on oath states that (he or she) is 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 (he or she) has 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)

I know that said Applicant & I served in the Home guard or militia about 9 or 10 months next before the closing of the war between the states & that we were must out of service when the war closed in the Spring of 1865 I knew him then & have been personally acquainted with him up to this. I further know that we captured a number of deserters, protected & helped the women & children whose husbands & fathers were in the Confederate army we were ordered & did hang two of the fleeing deserters

(Signature of Witness) J. L. Cotton

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 14 day of October, A. D. 1931.

A. B. Baker

[Seal.]

County Judge Henderson County, Texas.



FORM A.

**SOLDIER'S APPLICATION  
FOR A PENSION**

The Comptroller of Public Accounts reserves the right to call for additional testimony if he deems it necessary.

Name of Applicant.

② *D. A. Ard*  
*Wenderson* County.

R. F. D. or Street No.

Postoffice *Atkins, Tex*

Filed *June 5th, 1930.*

Approved

Pension allowed from

Rejected *June 5th, 1930.*

*G. H. Sheppard*  
Comptroller of Public Accounts.

THE S. L. STECK CO., AUSTIN

Alabama State Militia.

# Soldier's Application for Confederate Pension

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

County of Henderson

I, D. A. Ard do hereby make application for a pension, pursuant to the provisions of the First Section of Title 109, Revised Civil Statutes, 1925, providing for Confederate Pension, amended by Chapter 95, General Laws of the Fortieth Legislature, as amended by Senate Bill 287, Acts of the Regular Session of the Forty-first Legislature of the State of Texas, approved March 5, 1929, on the following ground:

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 in May 1865 (think was the date)

(Give date and cause.)

that I have been a bona fide citizen of this State since prior to January 1, A. D. 1920, 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 anyone hold in trust for my benefit or use, nor does my wife own, nor does anyone 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? 82 yrs in July 1930
2. Where were you born? Ozark, Dale County, Alabama
3. How long have you resided in the State of Texas? 59 years
4. In what county do you reside? Henderson
5. How long have you resided in said county? 59 years What is your postoffice address?

Athens, Texas

6. Have you applied for a pension under the Confederate pension law and been rejected? no

(If rejected, state when and where)

7. In what State was the command in which you served organized? Alabama
8. What was your postoffice address at the time of enlistment? Barnes Cross Roads, Ala
9. How long did you serve? 8 months Give, if possible, the date of enlistment and discharge

Enlisted in Oct 1864, discharged May 1865-

10. What was the letter of your company, number of battalion, regiment or battery? Dont remember, but the name of my Capt was Edward Barnes & Lieutenant James Bridges

11. If transferred from one command to another, give time of transfer, name of command and time of service was not transferred; the war ending soon thereafter.

12. What branch of the service did you enlist in—infantry, cavalry, artillery or navy?

Cavalry (Regular Militia)

13. What is the assessed value of your home, if you own a home? \$450<sup>00</sup> half paid for

14. What is the assessed value of your other property? \$1050-

15. Do you own any property other than that rendered for taxes in your county? (If so, state value of same and county where located) no

16. 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)

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 3 day of June A. D. 1930.

[Seal]

County Judge Henderson County, Texas.

AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESSES

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

THE STATE OF TEXAS,  
County of Henderson

Before me, A. B. Baker, County Judge of Henderson County,  
State of Texas, on this day personally appeared J. J. Gauer and  
Will Lee, who are personally known to me to be creditable citi-  
zens, who, being by me duly sworn, on oath state that they personally know D. A. Ard,

the above named applicant for pension, and that they personally know that the said  
D. A. Ard has been a bona fide resident citizen of the State of Texas since prior to  
January 1, A. D. 1920, and that they have no interest in this claim.

(Signature of Witness) J. J. Gauer  
(Signature of Witness) Will Lee

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 3 day of June, A. D. 1930.

[Seal.]

County Judge Henderson 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 Angelina }  
Before me, Brookston, County Judge of Angelina County,  
State of Texas on this day personally appeared W. J. Cotton

, 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)

And that I was in the same kind army or military service was in the same company with him that we were young men together and our main service consisted in looking after & taking care of Confederate war widows & their children, hunting & capturing deserters from the Confederate army; our company captured & sent back a good many to their regular command, we also captured & tried & hung three men for harboring deserters, Edward Roman was our Capt & James Binder our Lieutenant

(Signature of Witness) X W. J. Cotton

(Signature of Witness) \_\_\_\_\_

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 2 day of June, A. D. 1930

[Seal.]

County Judge Angelina County, Texas.

## CERTIFICATE OF STATE AND COUNTY ASSESSOR

I, John W. Wood State and County Assessor in the County of Henderson State of Texas, do certify that W. J. Cotton

or his wife, or his trustee, or trustee for his wife, whose name is signed to the foregoing application for a pension, is charged on the tax rolls of said county with a homestead of the value of 450<sup>00</sup>

Four Hundred Fifty Dollars, and in addition to homestead, of other property, real and personal, or both, of the value of 1050<sup>00</sup> One Thousand Fifty Dollars.

Given under my hand, this 31 day of May, A. D. 1930.

John W. Wood  
State and County Assessor.



GEO. H. SHEPPARD, COMPTROLLER  
J. M. EDWARDS, CHIEF CLERK

Comptroller of Public Accounts  
State of Texas  
Austin

October 15th, 1931.

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

Sir:

I have the honor to request the military record  
of D.A.Ard,, who is  
reported to have enlisted in Company \_\_\_\_\_  
Regiment \_\_\_\_\_.

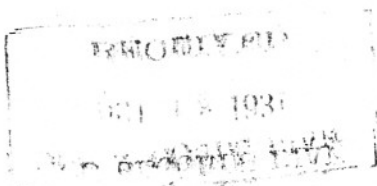
Alabama Cavalry, under Capt. Edward Barnes  
and Lieu. Bridges.

in service in The Confederate States Army.

Very respectfully,

*Geo. H. Sheppard*  
COMPTROLLER OF STATE OF TEXAS.

Received A. G. O. OCT 19 1931



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WAR DEPARTMENT

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

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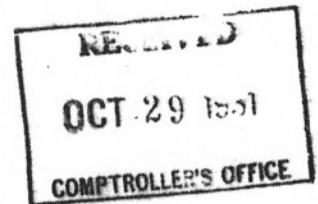
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WASHINGTON

October 23, 1931.

Respectfully returned to

Comptroller,  
State of Texas,  
Austin, Texas.



The name D.A. Ard has not been found on the rolls on file in this office of any Confederate Cavalry Organization from the State of Alabama.

Nor have the officers mentioned been identified as having served in any Confederate Cavalry Organization from the State of Alabama.

It is deemed proper to state, however, that the collection of Confederate States Army records on file in this office is incomplete, and the failure to find the name of any person thereon, is by no means conclusive evidence, that such person did not serve at some period, not covered by the records.

C. H. Bridges  
Major General,  
The Adjutant General,  
By: M. N. L.



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June 7, 1930.

Hon. J. J. Faulk,  
Attorney At Law,  
Athens, Texas.

Dear Mr. Faulk:

Replying to your letter of June 3rd, enclosing  
application for pension by D. A. Ard.

You are advised that from the information given  
in the application Mr. Ard is not eligible for pension  
from the State of Texas for the reason that it is shown  
that he belonged to the Alabama Militia, and under the  
law of this State, members of the militia or reserve  
troops of States other than Texas are not included in  
the list of those who are eligible for pension from this  
State.

Our mutual friend Mr. J. C. Lindsey called on  
the Pension Clerk today in regard to the application,  
but I am very sorry that the application of Mr. Ard  
cannot be approved, unless that he can prove that  
he was transferred to some of the regular organizations  
of the Confederate States Army.

Yours very truly,

JHT:E.

State Comptroller of Public  
Accounts.



LAW OFFICE OF

J. J. FAULK  
ATHENS, TEXAS

June 3rd 1930.

Hon. Geo. H. Sheppard.  
Comptroller Pub. Accounts.  
Austin, Texas.

My Dear Sir:-

Enclosed herein I hand you application of D.A. Ard Ex Confederate soldier, for a pension.

I have known this old man for many years, and I know him to be an honorable, deserving man and I know he needs this help from the State.

Please examine it carefully and I am sure that his claim comes within the spirit of the law.

I will take pleasure in furnishing you any further information needed, to get the pension, within my power.

Our mutual friend Hon. J. C. Lindsey of Austin knows this old man and can tell you all about him.

I, also have known Mr. Lindsey since he was a boy. He was borned in this county and should you want further information, he can give you much and I would be pleased if you would call on him.

Thanking you in advance for your good and friendly offices in behalf of this old man.

I am very truly yours.

*J. J. Faulk* (11)

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## APPLICATION FOR MORTUARY WARRANT

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

County of Henderson

I, Mrs D A Ard

do hereby certify that I am the person to whom is entrusted the paying of the accounts and indebtedness of the late D A Ard, who was a pensioner of the

State of Texas, and whose file number was 50314 and whose original county was Henderson

The said pensioner D A Ard, died on the 27 day of December, 1934, in the town of Athens

County of Henderson, Texas.

The pensioner died in the home of his own home who was related to the pensioner as wife

That the warrant, which application is hereby made for, shall be applied to paying all or part of the funeral expenses incurred by the said pensioner D A Ard

I further certify that the warrant for the current quarter has not been cashed by the pensioner, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

I am related to the pensioner as Wife

that my postoffice address is Athens Tex
Athens City

Street or R. F. D.

Tex State

Signed Mrs D A Ard

Sworn to before me this 29th day of December, 1934
Norma Martin Lee

Notary Public in and for Henderson Co, State of Texas.

## CERTIFICATE OF UNDERTAKER

I, J R Lehr, do certify that I am undertaker in the town of Athens, County of Henderson, State of Tex

that I had charge of the body of D A Ard, who died in the town of Athens, County of Henderson, State of Tex

on the 27 day of December, 1934. That said body was prepared for burial by me on the 27 day of December, 1934, and that I am of the opinion that

warrant herein applied for should be issued to the said Mrs D A Ard

who makes the foregoing application.

Signed J R Lehr Undertaker.

## CERTIFICATE OF PHYSICIAN

I, N D Geddie, do certify that I am a practicing physician, and that I attended D A Ard in his last illness, and am of the opinion that his ailments were Chronic nephritis & myocarditis

I further certify that I am of the opinion that the Mortuary Warrant above requested should be issued in the name of the aforementioned applicant, in accordance with Act passed by the Thirty-eighth Legislature and approved March 2, 1923.

1406 - for 30.00 Dec 19 34 Signed

N D Geddie

(TX)

cancelled

Physician's Address

Athens Tex

Must return before 40 days expires from date of Pensioners' death

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