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FORM B

Widow's Application for Pension

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

Name of Applicant.

Mrs. R E Baker

Henderson

County.

Postoffice

Athens

Filed

AUG 5 1909

Approved

AUG 31 1909

Pension allowed from

Rejected

Commissioner of Pensions.

VON BOECKMANN-JONES CO., PRINTERS, AUSTIN

F M. Hughes.
Wiley. Exrs. (Collin County)
(Tulsa)

FORM B

650-609-3M

For use of Widows of Soldiers who are in indigent circumstances.

THE STATE OF TEXAS }

County of Henderson

I, Mrs R. E. Baker, 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 am the widow of A. Baker, deceased, who departed this life on the 10 day of May, A. D. 1903, in the county of Henderson, in the State of Texas

I have not remarried since the death of my said husband, and I do solemnly swear that I was never divorced from my said husband, and that I never voluntarily abandoned him during his life, but remained his true, faithful and lawful wife up to the date of his death. I was married to him on the 6 day of May, A. D. 1867 in the county of Leshmings Co, in the State of Mississippi

My husband, the said A. Baker, enlisted and served in the military service of the Confederate States during the war between the States of the United States, and that he did not desert the Confederate Service. I have been a resident of the State of Texas since prior to March 1, A. D. 1880, and have been continuously since a citizen of the State of Texas. I do further state that I do not 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, 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 I do further state that the answers given to the following questions are true:

1. What is your age? 62 years
2. Where were you born? Leshmings Co. Miss.
3. How long have you resided in the State of Texas? Since 1868
4. How long have you resided in the county of your present residence? And what is your postoffice address? 14 years Address Athens, Texas.
5. What was your husband's full name? Abraham Baker
6. When and where were you married? May 6, 1867.
7. What was the date of his death? May 10, 1903.
8. In what State was your husband's command originally organized? Mississippi
9. How long did your husband serve? If known to you, give date of enlistment and discharge. 4 years

10. What was the name or letter of the company, or name or number of the battalion, regiment or battery of artillery in which your husband served? If he was transferred from one branch of service to another, give time of transfer, description of command and of service. Company D Miss Infantry

11. Name branch of service in which your husband served, whether infantry, cavalry, artillery or the navy, or if commissioned as an officer by the President, his rank and line of duty, or if detailed for special service, under the law of conscription, the nature of such service, and how long did he serve? Infantry



12. 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 her application for a pension be approved and such other proceedings be had in the premises as are required by law.

(Signature of Applicant) R E Baker

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 10 day of July, A. D. 1907

John S. Pruice
County Judge Henderson County, Texas.

[SEAL.]

AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESSES

[NOTE.—There must be at least two credible witnesses.]

THE STATE OF TEXAS }

County of Henderson

Before me John S. Pruice County Judge of Henderson County, State of Texas, on this day personally appeared John H. Simmons & Mr. St. Boyd, who are personally known to me to be credible citizens, who, being by me duly sworn, on oath state that they personally know that Mrs. R E Baker applicant for a pension as the widow of A. Baker deceased, is in truth and fact the widow of A. Baker deceased; that they personally know that she has not remarried since the death of her husband, for whose service in the army she claims a pension, and that they have no interest in this claim.

(Signature of Witness) John H. Simmons

(Signature of Witness) R E Boyd

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 10 day of July, A. D. 1907

John S. Pruice
County Judge Henderson County, Texas.

[SEAL.]

AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESSES

[NOTE.—There must be at least two credible witnesses.]

THE STATE OF TEXAS }

County of Henderson

Before me John S. Pruice County Judge of Henderson County, State of Texas, on this day personally appeared John H. Simmons & St. Boyd, 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 Mrs. R E Baker has been a bona fide resident citizen of the State of Texas since prior to March 1, A. D. 1880, and that they have no interest in this claim.

(Signature of Witness) John H. Simmons

(Signature of Witness) R E Boyd

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 10 day of July, A. D. 1907

John S. Pruice
County Judge Henderson County, Texas.

[SEAL.]

THE STATE OF TEXAS)

County of _____

(Signature of Witness)

(Signature of Witness)

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this.....day of....., A. D. 19.....

County Judge.....County, Texas.

[SEAL.]

CERTIFICATE OF STATE AND COUNTY ASSESSOR

I, W. T. Davis State and County Assessor in the County of
Henderson, State of Texas, do hereby certify that Mrs. R. C. Parker,
whose name is signed to the foregoing application for a pension, under the Act of the Thirty-first Legislature, approved
March 26, A. D. 1909, is charged on the land and personal property rolls of the said county, in her name, or the
name of a trustee, with estate, real, personal and mixed, at the assessed value of None dollars.

Given under my hand, this 4 day of Aug, A. D. 1909

State and County Assessor.



INTERROGATORIES TO WITNESSES IN PENSION CLAIMS.

691-600-2M

EX PARTE

Ms. R. E. Baker

Applicant for Confederate Pension.

Pending in *Henderson* County,
Texas, before the Honorable County Judge of said
County.

The Honorable County Judge of *Henderson* 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 *F. M. Hughes*
and *Calvin* who reside *S* in the County
of *Calvin* 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 of her claim for a pension under the Act of March 26, 1909, the applica-
tion 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
Henderson and State of Texas, of which she is a bona fide resident.

Ms. R. E. Baker

(Applicant's Attorney) for Applicant.

Direct Interrogatories to be Propounded to the Witness.....

F. M. Hughes

- 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 *Marion Baker* whose
widow is an applicant for pension under Act of March 26, 1909?
- INT. 3. How long had you known the said *A. Baker*
and when and where did you first know him?
- INT. 4. Do you personally know that the said *A. Baker*
enlisted in the service of the Confederacy, and performed the duties of a soldier or a sailor?
- INT. 5. Do you personally know in what company and regiment the said *A. Baker*
enlisted and served in the Confederate army? When? Where? And the time of service? If you person-
ally 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 personally know that *A. Baker*
was commissioned as an officer directly by the President of the Confederate States? What was his rank and
line of duty?
- INT. 7. Do you further know if *A. Baker* was, under the
provisions of the conscript law, detailed for any kind of special service in the field, shops, armories, etc., of
the Confederacy? What was the nature of his service, and how long did he serve?

CROSS INTERROGATORIES..

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To be Propounded to.....

CROSS INTERROGATORY 1. If, in answer to the foregoing direct interrogatories, you have stated that you personally
know or did know said.....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, or special
service in which.....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.....serving in the same company or regiment, or special
service in which you say the said.....enlisted, if you have stated that said
.....enlisted and served in the navy of the Confederacy, then state whether or

not you know any other soldier or sailor of the same name as said _____
 applicant serving in the same command, or the special service to which he was assigned?
 If you say that you so know other soldiers or sailors of the same name of _____
 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 _____
 is the identical person serving as testified by you?
 Cross INT. 3. Do you know whether or not the said _____
 served honorably from the date of his enlistment until the close of the late Civil War between the States, or until he was
 discharged from said company and regiment, or the special service to which he had been assigned?
 Cross INT. 4. Do you know whether or not the said _____
 deserted his command, or voluntarily abandoned his post of duty or the service during said war?

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

County of Henderson

I, John S. Prince, 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.

John S. Prince
 County Judge Henderson County, Texas.

Mr. B. B. Baker
 (Applicant) Attorney _____ for Applicant.

In Re

Application for Confederate
 Pension.

FOR USE OF WIDOWS.

County, Texas

Pending before the County Judge of said County

EX PARTE

Applicant.

Mr. D. C. Baker

INTERROGATORIES

propounded to

J. M. Bishop

Wiley Stiles

Witnesses.

DEPOSITION IN PENSION CLAIMS, with Caption and Certificates.

694-609-5m

EX PARTE

IN RE APPLICANT FOR CONFEDERATE PENSION

Mr. R. E. Baker

Under Act March 26, 1909, pending

Applicant for Confederate Pension.

County, Texas, before the Honorable County Judge
of said County.

Answers and depositions of (1)

F. M. Hughes

to the accompanying interrogations (2)

propounded to *me* in the above entitled cause taken before (3) *J. R. Backette, Notary Public, Collins County, Texas*in accordance with the accompanying (7) *Interrogatories*

To the first interrogatory the said

F. M. Hughes

Witness, answers

*My name is Frank M. Hughes
I am 84 1/2 years old. My place of residence
and P.O. address is Nylis, Collins County
Texas.**To the second Interrogatory, witness answers:
Yes I personally knew Abraham
Baker**(I got this answer mixed with Int. No. 4. J. R. Backette, N.P.)
To the third Interrogatory, witness answers:
~~I am 84 1/2 years old. I know that he enlisted
in the year 1861 and to the best of my knowl-
edge, he served until the close of the war.~~**To the fourth Int., witness answers:
Yes, I know that he enlisted in the year 1861,
and to the best of my knowledge, he served
in the army until the war closed.**To fifth Int. witness answers:
I do not re-
member the letter of his company, but his
captain's name was James Kennedy. He
belonged to the 23 Mississippi Regiment. He
enlisted in the early spring time of 1861.
He enlisted at Baldwyn Miss. Served
from beginning to the end of the war.**To sixth Int. Witness answers:
He was not
a commissioned officer.*

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To the Seventh Int witness answers:

He was not conscripted. If he was detailed for any special service I do not know of it. He was in the Infantry and served from the beginning to the end of the war.

To the Third Int witness answers:

I had known A Baker when he was 17 or 18 years old & knew him until his death, some fifty six or seven years. I first got acquainted with him at Carrollville Miss, near where the town of Baldwyn now stands. I first knew him in the year 1849.

J. M. Hughes

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 26 day of July, 1909

J B Baskette
Notary Public Collin County Texas

THE STATE OF Texas
County of Collin

I J B Baskette Notary Public
(Here give name and official character of officer before whom taken.)

Collin County Texas do hereby certify that

F M Hughes

and ✓ are personally known to me to be credible citizens of said County and State, and that the foregoing answers of F M Hughes

the witness ✓ before named, and ✓

whose name appear ✓ signed to the foregoing deposition, were made before me and were sworn to and subscribed before me, by said witness (4) F M Hughes

Given under my hand and official seal, this the 26 day of July, 1909

(L. S.)

J B Baskette
Notary Public Collin Co Tex

NOTE.—In Texas, any Clerk of the District Court, any Judge and Clerk of the County Court, or any Notary Public or Justice of the Peace, within their respective Counties, are authorized to take depositions.
Out of the State and within the United States—any Clerk of a Court of Record having a seal, any Notary Public, or any Commissioner of Deeds of Texas.

File No.

In _____ County, Texas.
Before the Honorable County Judge of said County.

EX PARTE

Mrs A E Baker
Applicant for Confederate Pension

DEPOSITION
OF

F M Hughes
Widow. Texas
Witness for Applicant

Filed _____ day
of _____ 190____
Clerk.
By _____ Deputy.

Fee for Taking Deposition, \$ _____

- (1) Here give the name and residence of each witness.
- (2) Here state "and cross interrogatories," if any.
- (3) Here give the name and official character of the person taking the deposition.
- (4) Here state "respectively," if more than one witness.
- (5) Here state whether "Commission, or agreement," if Commission was waived.



EX PARTE

Mrs. A. E. Baker

Applicant for Confederate Pension.

Pending in _____ County,
Texas, before the Honorable County Judge of said
County.

The Honorable County Judge of *Henderson* 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 *J. C. Salons*
and _____ who reside in the County
of *Amesbury* in the State of *Arkla* 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 of her claim for a pension under the Act of March 26, 1909, the applica-
tion 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
Henderson and State of Texas, of which she is a bona fide resident.

Mrs. A. E. Baker

(Applicant) Attorney for Applicant.

Direct Interrogatories to be Propounded to the Witness

- J. C. Salons*
- 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 *Abraham Baker* whose
widow is an applicant for pension under Act of March 26, 1909?
- INT. 3. How long had you known the said *A. Baker*
and when and where did you first know him?
- INT. 4. Do you personally know that the said *A. Baker*
enlisted in the service of the Confederacy, and performed the duties of a soldier or a sailor?
- INT. 5. Do you personally know in what company and regiment the said *A. Baker*
enlisted and served in the Confederate army? When? Where? And the time of service? If you person-
ally 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 personally know that *A. Baker*
was commissioned as an officer directly by the President of the Confederate States? What was his rank and
line of duty?
- INT. 7. Do you further know if *A. Baker* was, under the
provisions of the conscript law, detailed for any kind of special service in the field, shops, armories, etc., of
the Confederacy? What was the nature of his service, and how long did he serve?

CROSS INTERROGATORIES.

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To be Propounded to

J. C. Salons

CROSS INTERROGATORY 1. If in answer to the foregoing direct interrogatories, you have stated that you personally
know or did know said *A. Baker* 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, or special
service in which *A. Baker* 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 *A. Baker* serving in the same company or regiment, or special
service in which you say the said *A. Baker* enlisted, if you have stated that said
A. Baker enlisted and served in the navy of the Confederacy, then state whether or

not you know any other soldier or sailor of the same name as said _____ *A-13a*
applicant serving in the same command, or the special service to which he was assigned?

If you say that you so know other soldiers or sailors of the same name of _____ 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 _____ is the identical person serving as testified by you?

CROSS INT. 3. Do you know whether or not the said W. Baker
served honorably from the date of his enlistment until the close of the late Civil War between the States, or until he was
discharged from said company and regiment, or the special service to which he had been assigned?

Cross INT. 4. Do you know whether or not the said W. Baker deserted his command, or voluntarily abandoned his post of duty or the service during said war?

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

County of _____

I, John J. Smith, 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.

County Judge. Handerson County, Texas

(Applicant) Attorney.....for Applicant.

Application for Confederate

In Re

Pension.

FOR USE OF WIDOWS.

County, Texas.

Pending before the County Judge of said County.

EX PARTE

Applicant:

INTERROGATORIES

propounded to

Witnesses.

DEPOSITION PENSION CLAIMS, with Caption and Certificates.

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EX. PARTE

IN RE APPLICANT FOR CONFEDERATE PENSION

Mrs. R. C. Barker

Under Act March 26, 1909, pending

Applicant for Confederate Pension.

County, Texas, before the Honorable County Judge of said County.

Answers and depositions of (1)

J. B. Salons

to the accompanying interrogations (2)

+ cross Int

propounded to *him* in the above entitled cause taken before (3)

in accordance with the accompanying (7)

To the first interrogatory the said

Witness, answers

J. B. Salons *Bement O'Keefe*
Aged 65

Int 2. Yes Sir

Int 3. from my earliest recollection North Mississippi

Int 4. Yes

*Int 5. Company E 23 Mississippi Regiment
about the 8th of Sept 1861 Baldwyn
Mississippi served till he lost his arm
I think about 2 years*

Int 6. don't know

Int 7. He was not

Mass Ins. Because he enlisted in same co with me.
 I never knew of any other by the name
 of a Baker serving in the Confederate army.
 Dear Sir

cross June-3. I think he did

even for - I do not think he died

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 4 day of Aug, 1909
My own Exr
Nov 16-1912
J. C. Bayless
L. B. C. Creador
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THE STATE OF Calif
County of San Diego

I, Isabel P. Cuag Natay Publico
(Here give name and official character of officer before whom taken.)

do hereby certify that J. B. Saylor
and J. B. Saylor are personally known to me to be credible citizens of said
County and State, and that the foregoing answers of J. B. Saylor
the witness before named, and
, whose name appear signed to the foregoing deposition, were made before me
and were sworn to and subscribed before me, by said witness (4)

Given under my hand and official seal, this the 2 day of Aug, 1909

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NOTE.—In Texas, any Clerk of the District Court, any Judge and Clerk of the County Court, or any Notary Public or Justice of the Peace, within their respective Counties, are authorized to take depositions.
Out of the State and within the United States—any Clerk of a Court of Record having a seal, any Notary Public, or any Commissioner of Deeds of Texas.

File No.

In _____ County, Texas.
Before the Honorable County Judge of said County.

EX PARTE

Mr. R. E. Barker

Applicant for Confederate Pension

DEPOSITION

FO

L. C. Salers

Current Affs.

Witness _____ for Applicant

Filed _____ day _____

of _____ 190____

Clerk.

By _____ Deputy.

Fee for Taking Deposition, %—

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- (1) Here give the name and residence of each witness.
- (2) Here state "and cross interrogatories," if any.
- (3) Here give the name and official character of the person taking the deposition.
- (4) Here state "respectively," if more than one witness.
- (5) Here state whether "Commission, or agreement," if Commission was waived.

J. G. Sayler Clerk
Jan 4
Isabel Conway Montgomery
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E. A. BOLMES, Commissioner

OFFICE OF
Commissioner of Pensions
State of Texas
Austin

To the Adjutant General,

War Department,

Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

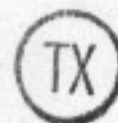
I have the honor to request the military record
of A. Baker who is reported to have enlisted in
Company E, Regiment 23^d Mississippi Infantry
in the service of the Confederate States Army.

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.



ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

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WAR DEPARTMENT

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

WAR DEPARTMENT,

1568665

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

WASHINGTON, Sept. 20, 1909.

Respectfully returned to the

Commissioner of Pensions,
State of Texas,
Austin.

The records show that A. Baker,
private, Company E, 23d Mississippi
Infantry, Confederate States Army,
enlisted September 12 (or 19), 1861.
On the roll of the company for July
and August, 1864, last on file, he is
reported as follows: "Absent fell out
on the retreat from Baker's Creek to
Jackson May 25, 1863, his hand shot
off. Now at home. Absent without
leave since May 25, 1863." No
later record found.



The Adjutant General

[A. G. O. 72-1]

February 23, 1939

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Mrs. R. E. Baker, Deceased
Widow of Abraham Baker, Deceased
Confederate Soldier.
File No. 15427 Henderson Co.

Mr. R. E. Sparkman
Italy, Texas.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of recent date requesting the military service record of A. Baker as a Confederate Soldier whose widow Mrs. R. E. Baker received a Confederate Pension from the State of Texas under file number 15427 Henderson County.

The application for Confederate Pension states that her deceased husband, A. Baker was a private in Company D, 23rd Mississippi Infantry, Confederate States Army. She claims he served four years but does not give the date of enlistment and date of discharge.

The application for pension was approved on the affidavits of witnesses.

A report from the War Department states that one A. Baker, private Company E, 23rd Mississippi Infantry Confederate States Army enlisted Sept. 12 or 19, 1861, but was reported absent fell out on the retreat from Baker's Creek to Jackson May 25, 1863 with his hand shot off.

No further information given.

Yours very truly,

JHT:EE

Geo. H. Sheppard
Comptroller of Public Accounts

March 20, 1939

A. Baker, Deceased
Mrs. R. E. Baker, Widow
Confederate Pension File
No. 15427 Henderson Co.

Mr. R. F. Sparkman
Italy, Texas.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of March 27, requesting the military service record of A. Baker whose widow Mrs. R. E. Baker received a Confederate Pension from the State of Texas under file number 15427.

The records of this office show that I furnished you a record of the military service record of A or Abraham Baker on February 23, 1939, who was a private in Company D, 23rd Mississippi Infantry, Confederate States Army. Date of enlistment not shown in the application but report from the War Department, Washington states that one A. Baker of Company E, 23rd Mississippi Infantry enlisted September 12 or 19, 1861, but was reported absent on the retreat from Baker's Creek to Jackson May 25, 1863 with his hand shot off.

The application for pension of A. Baker was approved on the affidavits of witnesses.

Yours very truly,

TK

Geo. H. Sheppard
Comptroller of Public Accounts.

JHT:EE

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