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FORM No. 2—AMENDED,

OCTOBER 1, 1902

Confederate Pension Application

Name of Applicant

Mr. C. B. Biggs

Hinds County,

Postoffice *Bay Kemp*

Comptroller's File No.

I have carefully examined the within application for pension, together with the proof in support thereof, and I recommend that the application be

this day of

A. D.

Chief Pension Clerk.

I hereby the within application for pension, this day of

A. D.

Comptroller.

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

COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,
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No.

NOTE—The law provides that pensions can begin only on the first day of April and October of each year.

FORM No. 2. Amended October 1, 1902.

APPLICATION of Indigent Widow of Soldier or Sailor of the late Confederacy for pension under the Act of May 12, 1899. Hereafter use no other blank but this.

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

COUNTY OF Henderson

To the Honorable County Judge of Henderson County, Texas.

Your petitioner, Mrs. G. B. Biggs respectfully represents that she is a resident citizen of Henderson County, in the State of Texas; that she is the widow of James Biggs, deceased, who was a Confederate soldier (or sailor), and that she makes this application for the purpose of obtaining a pension as the widow of said James Biggs

James Biggs deceased, 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 Mrs. G. B. Biggs
 Q. What is your age? Answer Seventy-six
 Q. In what County do you reside? Answer Henderson County
 Q. How long have you resided in said County and what is your postoffice address? Answer Twenty years
P.O. address Kemp Tex. R. R. No. 3

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 Not able to engage in any occupation

Q. What is your physical condition? Answer Bad

Q. What was the name of your deceased husband? Answer James Biggs

Q. Were you married to him anterior to March 1, 1866? If so, on what date were you married to him and where?

Answer Married in 1854 at Marshall County Miss.

Q. What was the date of his death? Answer In the autumn of 1879

Q. Are you unmarried, and have you so remained unmarried since the death of your said husband for whose services you claim a pension? Answer Yes

Q. In what State was your husband's command originally organized? Answer Mississippi

Q. How long did your husband serve? Give date of enlistment and discharge. Answer Date of enlistment in March 1863, Date of discharge in May 1865

Q. What was the name or letter of your husband's company and name or number of his regiment? Answer Served for the first year in Co. B. 3rd Miss. and remainder of time in Co. I. 18th Miss.

Q. State whether he served in the infantry, artillery, cavalry, or the navy. Answer Cavalry

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 None

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- 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 None
- 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 None
- 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 Yes
- 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 No
- Q. Did your husband for whose services you claim a pension, 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 Yes

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. B. Biggs

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 9 day of April A. D. 1906

(SEAL.)

J. P. Grady Justice of the Peace and
Ex Officio Notary Public Henderson County, Texas.

AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESSES

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

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

COUNTY OF

Henderson

Before me

J. B. Blade

County Judge of

Henderson

County, State of Texas, on this day personally appeared

E. W. Benton & M. A. Byers

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. L. B. Biggs, applicant for a pension as the widow of

James Biggs, deceased, is in truth and fact the widow of the said

James Biggs, deceased, that they personally know

that the said Mrs. L. B. Biggs

, widow of the said James Biggs

deceased, is unable to support herself by labor of any sort.

(Signature of Witness)

E. W. Benton

(Signature of Witness)

M. A. Byers

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 9 day of Aug A. D. 1906

(SEAL.)

J. B. Blade
County Judge Henderson County, Texas.

CERTIFICATE OF COUNTY JUDGE

THE STATE OF TEXAS, }
COUNTY OF Henderson } I, W. B. Blades
County Judge of Henderson County, State of Texas, do hereby certify that on the 1st,
day of Aug, A. D. 1906, before me came on to be heard the application
of Mrs. C. B. Biggs, widow of James Biggs,
deceased, 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 herein-
before appear. I also certify that the said applicant Mrs. C. B. Biggs
is not disqualified under any the provisions of Section 12, of the Confederate Pension Law. I further certify that after considering
all of the proceedings had before me relative to the said application for a pension by the said Mrs. C. B. Biggs
as widow of James Biggs
deceased, I find the said applicant is lawfully entitled to the pension provided for by the Confederate Pension Law of this State, and I
hereby approve said application.
Witness my hand and seal of office at Athens this 1st,
day of Aug, A. D. 1906
(SEAL) W. B. Blades
County Judge Henderson County, State of Texas.

CERTIFICATE OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

THE STATE OF TEXAS, }
COUNTY OF Henderson } We the undersigned members of the Commissioners Court of
Henderson County, Texas, hereby certify that the foregoing application of Mrs. C. B. Biggs
widow of James Biggs
deceased, for a pension, together with the proof in support thereof, was duly submitted
by Hon. W. B. Blades County Judge of this Henderson
County, to the Commissioners Court of this Henderson County, at a regular term thereof on the 14th,
day of Aug, A. D. 1906, 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 Athens this 14th,
day of Aug, A. D. 1906
(SEAL) W. S. Co. Ker
(Signature of Commissioners) E. F. McShan
G. T. Davidson
T. F. Warner



EX PARTE

Wm. C. Biggs
Applicant for Confederate Pension.

Pending in the Honorable Commissioners Court
of *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 *James (Babe) McClure*
and *Paul Braine* who resides in the County of *Madison* 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 *Henderson* and State of Texas, of which he is a bona fide resident.

W. C. Biggs

(Applicant) Attorney for Applicant.

Direct Interrogatories to be Propounded to the Witness.

James (Babe) McClure

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



CROSS INTERROGATORIES.

To be Propounded to

James (Babe) McClure

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 *James Biggs Reed* serving in the same company
or regiment in which you say the said applicant *James Biggs Reed* 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

James Biggs Reed applicant

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 *James Biggs Reed* 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 on conjecture?

Cross INT. 4. Do you know whether or not the said *James Biggs Reed* applicant for pension, ever deserted the service in the Confederate army or navy?

THE STATE OF TEXAS.

County of

Henderson

I,

J. P. Blades

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.

J. P. Blades
County Judge *Henderson* County, Texas.

J. B. Biggs
(Applicant) Attorney for Applicant.

In Re
Application for Confederate
Pension.

IN COMMISSIONERS COURT,

Henderson County, Texas,
Pending before County Judge of said County.

Ex Parte

James B. Biggs
Applicant

INTERROGATORIES

PROPOUNDED TO

James B. Biggs

Witnesses.

DEPOSITION IN PENSION CLAIMS, WITH CAPTION AND CERTIFICATES.

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EX PARTE

IN RE APPLICANT FOR CONFEDERATE PENSION

*Mr C B Biggs*Under Act May 12, 1899, pending in County Commission-
ers Court of *Henderson*

Applicant for Confederate Pension

County, Texas, before the Honorable County Judge of said
countyAnswers and depositions of (1) *James (Babe) McClure*to the accompanying interrogatories (2) *+ Cross Inter*propounded to *Biggs* in the above entitled cause taken before (3) *A H Bedford*in accordance with the accompanying (5) *Agreement*To the first interrogatory the said *James (Babe) McClure*Witness, answers: *My name is Jones Kelsey McClure, my age is 58 yrs. Bald Prairie Texas**To the second interrogatory, witness answers: I knew him from childhood**To the 3rd interrogatory, witness answers: Since 1854 in Marshall County Miss.**To the 4th interrogatory, witness answers: I do and served with him two years.**To the 5th interrogatory, witness answers: Company B. seventeenth ~~Mississippi~~ Mississippi Battalion: In Jan. or Feb 1863: in Marshall County Miss.: From time of enlistment to close of war.**To the 6th. Interrogatory, witness answers: I do not but suppose so by reason of her age.*

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*Cross Interrogatory (1) We were raised in the same neighborhood I knew him all a long from 1854**I do not know of any other soldier by the name of James Biggs serving in the same company**Cross Int.(2) Yes**Cross Int (3) my answer is based on conjecture.**Cross Int (4) He did not.*

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 4th day of August 1906
J. Jones Kelsey McClure
A. H. Bedford Notary Public
in and for Robertson County Texas

THE STATE OF TEXAS,
 County of Robertson } I, A. H. Bedford a Notary Public
 (Here give name and official character of officer before whom taken.)
 do hereby certify that Jones Kelsey McClure
 and _____ ^{is} are personally known to me to be credible citizens of said
 County and State, and that the foregoing answers of Jones Kelsey McClure
 _____ the witness before named, and Jones Kelsey McClure
 whose name appears signed to the foregoing deposition, were made before me,
 and were sworn to and subscribed before me, by said witness (4) Jones Kelsey McClure
 Given under my hand and official seal, this the 4th day of August 1906
 (L. S.) A. H. Bedford a Notary Public
in and for Robertson County Texas

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 the Commissioners Court
 OF
Robertson County, Texas.
 Before the Honorable County Judge of Said County.
 EX PARTE
McClure
 Applicant for Confederate Pension.
 DEPOSITION
 OF
Jones Kelsey McClure
 Witness for Applicant.
 Filed the _____ day
 of _____ 1906
 By _____ Clerk.
 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

IN RE APPLICANT FOR CONFEDERATE PENSION

Under Act May 12, 1899, pending in County Commission-
ers Court of Hudson

Applicant for Confederate Pension

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

Answers and depositions of (1)

E. Hogge of Canyon City Texas

to the accompanying interrogatories (2)

propounded to him in the above entitled cause taken before (3)County Judge Randall Co. Texas

in accordance with the accompanying (5)

To the first interrogatory the said

Witness, answers:

E. Hogge is my name
and my residence is Canyon Randall
Co. Texas. I knew James Biggs from
1860 until the close of the war. I was
first at Bethlehem Miss
I personally know that the said
James Biggs enlisted in the service of
the Confederacy and performed the
duties of a Confederate soldier.
I do not know that the said James
Biggs did in fact and service in Co. D.
30th Miss Cavalry in the year 1863
and served in said Co. and Regt. over
year and then served until the close
of the Civil War in the Confederate
Army in Co. D. - 18th Miss Bat Cavalry
I do not know of any personal knowledge
that Wm. L. B. Biggs the applicant
for Pension is unable to support
himself by labor of any sort.

Cross Interrogatory

My source of the knowledge of
the facts as stated direct interrogatories
is that I was present when the
said James Biggs enlisted & was
mastered into the service as
above. I did not ^{nor} know of
any other soldiers of the name of
James Biggs who served in the
Co. and Regiment above mentioned.

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or any other Co or Regiment
 in the Confederate Army.
 I am positively certain the said
 James Biggs mentioned herein is
 the identical Person & owing
 as testified by me my answer
 to interrogatory No 6 is not based on
 conjecture. I know that the
 said James Biggs never deserted
 the Service of the Confederate
 Army.

J. E. Huggins



- (1) Here give the name and residence of each witness.
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- (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.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 6 day of August 1906

John Tarrant
County Judge Randall Co
Texas

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

County of Randall
of Randall Co, Tex

I, John Tarrant County Judge
(Here give name and official character of officer before whom taken)

do hereby certify that A. E. Hogge
 and is are personally known to me to be credible citizens of said
 County and State, and that the foregoing answers of A. E. Hogge

the witness before named, and—

whose name appears 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 6 day of Aug 1906

(L. S.)

John Tarrant County Judge
Randall Co Texas

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 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.

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In the Commissioners Court

OF

Henderson County, Texas.
 Before the Honorable County Judge of Said County.

EX PARTE

Mac B. B. B.
 Applicant for Confederate Pension.

DEPOSITION

OF

A. E. Hogge

Witness for Applicant.

Filed the _____ day

of _____ 1

Clerk.

By _____ Deputy.

Fee for Taking Deposition, \$ _____

EX PARTE

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

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Applicant for Confederate Pension.

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. E. Hogg
and _____ who resides in the County of _____ 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 Henderson and State of Texas, of which he is a bona fide resident.

McCBiggs

(Applicant) Attorney for Applicant.

Direct Interrogatories to be Propounded to the Witness J. E. Hogg

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

CROSS INTERROGATORIES.



To be Propounded to J. E. Hogg

CROSS INTERROGATORY 1. 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 James Biggs Head serving in the same company
or regiment in which you say the said applicant James Biggs Head 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 James Biggs Reed, applicant
serving in the same command.

If you say that you so knew other soldiers or sailors of the same name of 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 James Biggs Reed, 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 on conjecture?

CROSS INT. 4. Do you know whether or not the said James Biggs Reed, applicant
~~for pension~~, ever deserted the service in the Confederate army or navy?

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THE STATE OF TEXAS, }
County of Henderson }
I, J. B. Blades

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.

J. B. Blades
County Judge Henderson County, Texas.
C. B. Biggs
(Applicant) Attorney for Applicant.

Application for Confederate Pension.
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Comptroller's Department

State of Texas

Austin

SEP 21 1906

J. W. STEPHENS, COMPTROLLER
JOHN T. SMITH, CHIEF CLERK

To the Military Secretary,

War Department,

Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I have the honor to request the military record of

who is reported to have enlisted in

Company

3^d Regiment

Mississippi Cavalry

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,


Comptroller

MILITARY SECRETARY'S OFFICE

SEP 25 1167496 1906

WAR DEPARTMENT

Austin Tex 9/21/06

*James Biggs
B. 3 Miss. Cav. Co. 18*

*Comptroller of Texas
Military record of -
Widow of above applicant for
State pension*

Received M.S.O., SEP 24 1906

Address: "The Military Secretary,
War Department, Washington, D. C."
1167496

WAR DEPARTMENT,

THE MILITARY SECRETARY'S OFFICE.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 26, 1906.

Respectfully returned to the
Comptroller,
State of Texas,
Austin.

The name James Biggs has not been found on the rolls, on file in this office, of either the 3d or the 18th Mississippi Cavalry, C. S. A.; nor has any record been found of the capture or parole of a man of that name and of either of said organizations.

F. P. Whinnery
The Military Secretary.

(M. S. O. 72-1)