

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.

J. A. Bislou,
Hudson County.

R. F. D. or Street No. *1-*

Postoffice *Athens, Texas,*

Filed *December 12th, 1930*

Approved _____

Pension allowed from _____

Rejected *December 12th, 1930*

E. W. H. 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, J. A. Bristow, 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 S. B. No. 27, passed by the Forty-first Legislature at its Fifth Called 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 Texas 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~~ at Goshen

Hill, Pike County, Alabama, immediately after receiving news of Lee's surrender. I do not recall exact date.
(Give date and cause.)

That I have been a bona fide resident of this State continuously since the Spring day of A. D. 1872

1. What is your age? 81 years

2. In what county do you reside? Henderson

3. How long have you resided in said county? 33 years

4. What is your postoffice address? Athens, Texas W.D.#1

5. Have you applied for a pension under the Confederate pension law and been rejected? No

6. 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? Goshen Hill

9. How long did you serve? About 2 1/2 years

10. Give, if possible, the date of enlistment and discharge Enlisted Nov. 29th 1862

Do not recall exact date of discharge - but was in summer of 1865

11. What was the letter of your company, number of battalion, regiment or battery? Was member

of Home Guards - No battalion or regimental designation

12. If transferred from one command to another, give time of transfer, name of command and time of service No transfers

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



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) J. A. Bristow

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 10 day of December A. D. 1930.

W. B. Baker

County Judge Henderson County, Texas.

[Seal]

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 Hudson }

Before me, A. B. Baker, County Judge of Hudson County,

State of Texas, on this day personally appeared A. H. Easterling M.D.

& E. G. Robinson, 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 have known the said J. A. Britton for 30 years and know him to be a creditable citizen and a man whose honesty and integrity are above reproach and while I did not serve with him in the army I have every reason to believe that his military record is as outlined in this petition, as he is a man whose word is good and who bears a reputation for truthfulness by all who know him.

(Signature of Witness) A. H. Easterling M.D.
E. G. Robinson

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 10 day of December, A. D. 1930.

A. B. Baker

[Seal.]

County Judge Hudson County, Texas.



AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESSES

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

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

County of Hudson

Before me, A. B. Baker, County Judge of Hudson County,

State of Texas, on this day personally appeared A. H. Eastburn, M.D.

E. N. Robinson, who are personally known to me to be creditable citi-

zens, who, being by me duly sworn, on oath state that they personally know J. V. Brister,

the above named applicant for pension, and that they personally know that the said J. V. Brister

has been a bona fide resident citizen of the State of Texas since 1900,

and that they have no interest in this claim.

(Signature of Witness) A. H. Eastburn, M.D.

(Signature of Witness) E. N. Robinson

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 10 day of December, A. D. 1900.

A. B. Baker

[Seal.]

County Judge Hudson County, Texas.

December 13, 1930.

Mr. J. A. Bristow,
Route 1,
Athens, Texas.

Dear Mr. Bristow:

I have on file your application for pension, and I am sorry to advise you that same cannot be approved for the reason the military service rendered by you during the war between the states was as a member of the Alabama Home Guards.

Under the law of this State members of the militia or Home guards of States other than Texas are not included in the list of those who are eligible for pension from this State and for this reason, I am sorry that your application must be rejected.

Yours very truly,

JHT:F.

State Comptroller of Public
Accounts.

