

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.

*W. F. Brooks.*

*Houston* County.

R. F. D. or Street No. *2*

Postoffice *Mabank, Tex.*

Filed *April 3, 1931*

Approved \_\_\_\_\_

Pension allowed from \_\_\_\_\_

Rejected *December 18th, 1931.*

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

Not a Confederate Soldier.

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*G. O. Sheppard*  
Comptroller

VALIDITY OF INSTRUMENT

County of

THE STATE OF TEXAS

Before me,

County Judge of

County,

in his own presence and in the presence of witnesses, and he has acknowledged to me that he is the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and that he executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.

(It being the duty of the undersigned to see that the laws of this State are faithfully executed, and that no instrument is recorded which is contrary to the laws of this State.)



## Soldier's Application for Confederate Pension

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

County of Henderson

I, W. T. Brooks, 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)~~ transfer for the Confederacy from 1863 to 1865 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 when the

Confederate armies surrendered

(Give date and cause.)

That I have been a bona fide resident of this State continuously since the 14th day of December A. D. 1893

1. What is your age? 80 years June 25, 1931
2. In what county do you reside? Henderson
3. How long have you resided in said county? 30 years
4. What is your postoffice address? R. T. D. 2, Mabank, Texas
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? Gordo, Ala
9. How long did you serve? 2 years
10. Give, if possible, the date of enlistment and discharge 1863 automatically discharged with surrender of Confederate
11. What was the letter of your company, number of battalion, regiment or battery? Don't know. Simsbrough was the colonel.
12. If transferred from one command to another, give time of transfer, name of command and time of service \_\_\_\_\_
13. What branch of the service did you enlist in—infantry, cavalry, artillery or navy? infantry - commissary department

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)

W. T. Brooks

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Sworn to and subscribed before me this 1 day of April A. D. 1931.A. B. G. S.

[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. R. Reinson and  
E. A. Carroll, who are personally known to me to be creditable citi-  
zens, who, being by me duly sworn, on oath state that they personally know W. T. Brooks,  
the above named applicant for pension, and that they personally know that the said W. T. Brooks  
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) J. R. Reinson  
(Signature of Witness) E. A. Carroll

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 1 day of April, A. D. 1931.

A. 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 \_\_\_\_\_ }

Before me, \_\_\_\_\_, County Judge of \_\_\_\_\_ County,  
State of Texas, on this day personally appeared \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_, 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) \_\_\_\_\_

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



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

[Seal.]

County Judge \_\_\_\_\_ County, Texas.



April 4, 1931.

Mr. W. T. Brooks,  
Route 2,  
Mabank, Texas.

Dear Mr. Brooks:

I have on file your application for pension, but before same may be approved, it will be necessary that you make proof of your military service as is required by the pension law of this State.

If such proof of service is furnished, your right as a pensioner will have further consideration.

Yours very truly,

JHT:E.

State Comptroller of Public  
Accounts.

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Mr. Geo. H. Sheppard  
comptroller

Dear Sir

I am sendin you the Balanc  
of mi war Record as i did not  
gave all of it to you We had  
a Boys organization like the  
Boys Scouts now i Dont  
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submit it all to you

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to a Pention

W. J. Brooks  
Mabank, Texas  
R. 2, Box 56

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Mr George Sheppard  
Austin Texas

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and let me tel you <sup>a</sup> few  
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W. L. Brooks Mabank (TX)  
Texas R. 2

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

Comptroller of Public Accounts  
State of Texas  
Austin

May 5, 1931.

Mr. William T Brooks,  
Route 2,  
Mabank, Texas

Dear Mr. Brooks:

Replying to your letter of May 4th, you are advised that the requirement of an applicant for pension is that the service record of a Confederate soldier must be proven either by the testimony of one credible witness who personally knows the party belonged to the army and rendered the service claimed, or he will be permitted to prove his service by documents or instruments of writing, or by any other evidence that he may be able to furnish.

An affidavit from a person who merely knew you as a citizen of Alabama would serve no purpose in proving the military service of a party.

Yours very truly,

*Geo. H. Sheppard*  
State Comptroller of Public  
Accounts.

JHT:E.

(TX)

*Mabank Tex*

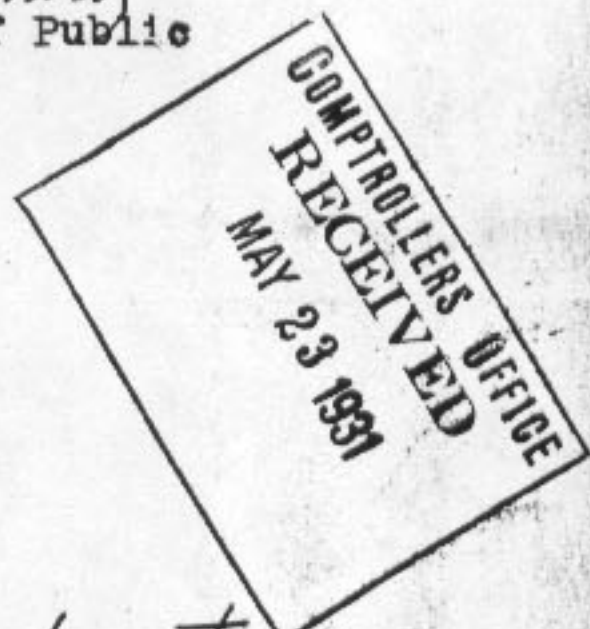
*May 22 1931*

*Mr. Geo. H. Sheppard*

*Dear Sir; - I am enclosing two  
affidavits from men who knew me  
and that I served in 1863-1864*

*Yours truly*

*William T. Brooks*





WAR DEPARTMENT

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

IN REPLY  
REFER TO O.R.D.  
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WASHINGTON

May 9, 1931.

Respectfully returned to

Mr. William T. Brooks,  
Route #2,  
Mabank,  
Texas.

George R. Kimbrough was Captain of Company A, 19th Regiment Alabama Infantry, (Pickens Rough & Readys)(Rough & Readys), Confederate States Army, and later became Lieutenant Colonel of the Regiment.

The name William T. Brooks has not been found on the only muster roll on file in this office of Company A, above named regiment, which covers the period from August 14 to October 31, 1861.

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 H. J.

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA. §

COUNTY OF PICKENS §

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority a notary public in and for aforesaid county and state, on this day personally appeared, Doogan Brown, well known to me, and after being duly sworn by he deposes and says, that he knew William T. Brooks, in the years of A.D. 1863 and 1864, and knew that he did commissary work, for the Confederate Government, working as driver in a wagon train hauling supplies for the said Confederate Government, and that the said William T. Brooks worked in this capacity for the Confederate Government, until the town of Carrolton, Alabama was burned by the Northern Army. Affiant further states that the said William T. Brooks, received his compensation for said work from the Confederate Government, and was regularly in the employ of the said Confederate Government, serving the Southern Armies thro the Commesary Department.

Witness my hand this the day of 16<sup>th</sup> May, A.D.

1931.

John Dugan Brown

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME, this the day 16<sup>th</sup>

of May, A.D. 1931.

D. H. Cummins  
Notary public Pickens, County Alabama.





THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA. §

COUNTY OF BECKHAM §

BEFORE ME THE UNDERSIGNED AUTHORITY a

notary public in and for the aforesaid county and state on this day personally appeared, W. K. Donahoo, who being well known to me, and being duly sworn by me deposes and says that his former home was in Carrolton Alabama, and that he knew, William T. Brooks, formerly of the same place, in the years A.D. 1863 and 1864. and that the said William T. Brooks was in the years 1863 and 64. employed as a driver on a wagon train in the commesary department of the Confederate Government, and that the said William T. Brooks, worked in this capacity as a driver, serving the Confederate Armies, and branches thereof until the town of Carrolton, was burned by the Northern Army. and affaint further states that the said William T. Brooks received his compensation for such work from the Confederate Government.

Witness my hand this the 16 day of May A.D. 1931.

W. C. Donahoo

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 16 day of

May A.D. 1931.

C. J. Jones  
Notary public Beckham County, Oklahoma.

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*Geo H. Chafford*  
COMPTROLLER

*Sam Abbott Scripps*



May 25, 1931.

Mr. William T. Brooks,  
Route 2,  
Mabank, Texas.

Dear Mr. Brooks:

Replying to your letter of May 22nd, enclosing the testimony of John Dugen Brown and W. C. Donehoo in support of your military service record as a Confederate soldier.

You are advised that the testimony of these witnesses is not such as shown you rendered service in any military organization of the Confederate States Army or that you were paroled or conscripted for such service as it is shown you did. The fact that you were employed as a teamster and received compensation for such work from the Confederate Government is not sufficient testimony to show that you belonged to any company or organization of the Confederate States Army and if not, then the service rendered by you would be a civil service and not such service as would entitle you to a pension.

If further proof of your military service is furnished your right as a pensioner will have further consideration.

Yours very truly,

State Comptroller of Public  
Accounts:



JHT:E.



December 19, 1932

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Mr. W. T. Brooks,  
Route 2, Box 56,  
Mabank, Texas.

Dear Mr. Brooks:

Replying to your letter of recent date,  
in regard to your application for pension  
filed in April, 1931.

You are advised that from information given  
by you both in your letter and application the  
service rendered by you was a civil service and not  
a military service, and is not such service as would  
entitle you to a pension under the law of Texas.

In order that a party might become a pensioner,  
it is necessary to prove he was a Confederate soldier  
who belonged to an organization of the Confederate  
States Army. Belonging to an organization of boy  
scouts would not be such service as would entitle  
you to a pension, and for this reason your application  
for pension must be rejected.

Yours very truly,

JHT:E.

State Comptroller of Public  
Accounts.

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