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FORM A.

Soldier's Application for a Pension

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

Name of Applicant.

A. S. Burgess

Henderson County.

Postoffice Eustace, Texas.

Filed

Dec 21-1920

Approved

Pension allowed from

Rejected

Commissioner of Pensions.

E. L. STECK, PRINTING, BOOKBINDING, AUSTIN

Not entitled to pension state
but entitled to federal pension
made and Nov 4/1917

FORM A

Form 112b-S-447-321-1M

For Use of Soldiers Who are in Indigent Circumstances

THE STATE OF TEXAS

County of Henderson

I, A. S. Burgess do hereby make application to the Commissioner of Pension for a pension to be granted me under the Act passed by the Thirty-third Legislature of the State of Texas, and approved April 7, 1913, on the following grounds:

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 said war I was loyal and true to my duty, and never at any time voluntarily 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 for more than 6 months). That I was honorably discharged or surrendered That our Company was disbanded in 1865, subject to call, but were never discharged

(Give date and cause.)

that I have been a bona fide citizen of this State since prior to January 1, A. D. 1900, 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 any one hold in trust for my benefit or use, nor does my wife own, nor does any one 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 \$1000.00; nor do I receive any aid or pension from any other State, or from the United States, or from any other source, and that I am not an inmate of the Confederate Home, and I do further state that the answers given to the following questions are true:

1. What is your age? 87 years of age
2. Where were you born? Walker County, State of Georgia
3. How long have you resided in Texas? 60 or 70 years
4. In what county do you reside? Henderson County
5. How long have you resided in said county, and what is your postoffice address? Euistace Texas.

Have resided in Henderson County since 1900

6. Have you applied for a pension under the Confederate pension law and been rejected? If rejected, state when and where No

7. What is your occupation, if able to engage in one? none What is your physical condition? feeble

8. In what State was the command in which you served organized? Texas

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9. How long did you serve? Give, if possible, the date of enlistment and discharge Served nearly three years. Enlisted in 1863, disbanded in 1865, but was not discharged

10. What was the letter of your company, number of battalion, regiment or battery?

Don't remember.

11. If transferred from one command to another, give time of transfer, name of command and time of service. Served under Gillentine until his death; McCoy then took charge as Commander.

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

Cavalry

13. If commissioned direct by the President, what was your rank and line of duty? Private
Guarding the frontier.
14. If detailed for special service, under the law of conscription, what was the nature of your service and how long did you serve? Guarding frontier. Served near three years.
15. What is the assessed value of your home, if you own a home?
About \$400.00
16. What is the assessed value of your other property?
None
17. 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)

A. S. BurgesSworn to and subscribed before me, this 11 day of Oct A. D. 1923.

[Seal.]

Notary Public

County Judge Henderson County, Texas.

AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESSES

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

THE STATE OF TEXAS

County of SomervellBefore me Cecil C. Collings, County Judge of Somervell County,State of Texas, on this day personally appeared D. F. McCoyknown to me to be creditable citizens, who, being by me duly sworn, on oath state that they personally know S.A. S. Burgesthe above named applicant for a pension, and that they personally know that the said A. S. Burges has been a bona fide resident citizen of the State of Texas since prior to January 1, A. D. 1900, and that they have no interest in his claim.

(Signature of Witness)

D. F. McCoy

(Signature of Witness)

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 19th day of June A. D. 1923.

[Seal.]

County Judge Somervell 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, state it in their oath, their source of knowledge; also any information regarding applicant's army service.)

THE STATE OF TEXAS

County of NolanBefore me A. M. EllithCounty Judge of Nolan County,State of Texas, on this day personally appeared A. M. Ellith

who are personally known to me to be creditable citizens, who, being by me sworn, on oath state that they are per-

sonally 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 his claim, and said applicant's habits are good and free from dishonor. And I further make oath to the following facts touching the applicant's service in the Confederate Army: (State fully your source of knowledge.)

I served with the applicant A.S.Burgess in the 2nd Division of Rangers at Stephenville, Erath County Texas from the year 1863 to the year 1865. We served as privates under Capt. Gilentine, and G.B. Erath was Major of said Company. A.S. Burgess served two years with my company in Erath County Texas. I know this to be a fact because I served with him in the same Company.

(Signature of Witness)

W. N. Elliott

(Signature of Witness)

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 18th day of December, A. D. 1920.

H. G. Milliken

[Seal,]

Notary Public County Judge Nolan County, Texas.

CERTIFICATE OF STATE AND COUNTY ASSESSOR



I, H. D. Gilliam, State and County Assessor in the County of Henderson State of Texas, do certify that A. S. Burgess, or his wife, or his trustee, or trustee for his wife, whose name is signed to the foregoing application for a pension, under the Act of the Thirty-third Legislature, approved April 7, 1913, is charged on the tax rolls of said county with a homestead of the value of 1/2 of \$1200.00 Homestead Dollars, and of other property, real or personal, or both, of the value of None Dollars.

Given under my hand, this 14 day of Dec, A. D. 1920.

H. D. Gilliam

State and County Assessor.

FORM A.

SOLDIER'S APPLICATION FOR PENSION

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

Name of Applicant:

A. S. Burgess

Henderson

County.

Postoffice Eustace, Texas.

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Rejected

Commissioner of Pensions.

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THE E. L. STEEN CO., AUSTIN

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Comptroller's Department
State of Texas
Austin

M. L. WIGINTON, COMPTROLLER
T. B. REESE, CHIEF CLERK

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

Dear Sir:

I have the honor to request the military record of A. S. Burgess who is
reported to have enlisted in Company _____, Regiment _____
Capt. Gilentine's Company
Major G. B. Erath
2nd Division Texas Rangers

in service in the Confederate States Army.

Purpose: The _____ person above named is an applicant for a Confederate pension
granted by the State, and I desire to verify his proof of service.

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Very respectfully,

M. L. Wiginton
Comptroller of Public Accounts.

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WAR DEPARTMENT,

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

WASHINGTON,

Dec. 30, 1920.

Respectfully returned to the
Comptroller's Department
State of Texas,
Austin,

with the information that neither
the 2d Division Texas
Rangers nor Captain Gil-
entine has been identi-
fied. G. B. Erath has not
been found as Major. George
B. Erath was Captain of Co.
D, 15th Regt. Texas Inf.,
C. S. A., but the name A.
S. Burgess has not been
found on the rolls of
that or any other Texas
organization, C. S. A., and
nothing has been found
relative to the capture
or parole of a man
of that name.

C. L. Harris

The Adjutant General.

Per

January
11, 1921.

Mr. A. S. Burgess,
Eustace, Texas.

Dear Sir:

Your application for a Confederate pension filed with this Department December 21, 1920, can not be approved because of your failure to furnish the affidavits of two witnesses who personally know of your enlistment and service for at least three months or more in the Confederate army and on account of the following unfavorable report on your military record received from the office of the Adjutant General, War Department, Washington, D. C.:

"Neither the 2d. Division Texas Rangers nor Captain Gilentine has been identified. G. B. Brath has not been found as Major. George B. Brath was Captain of Co. I, 15th Regt. Texas Inf., C.S.A., but the name A. S. Burgess has not been found on the rolls of that or any other Texas organization, C.S.A., and nothing has been found relative to the capture or parole of a man of that name."

On receipt of additional proof of your service, your application will be given further consideration.

Yours very truly,

Comptroller.

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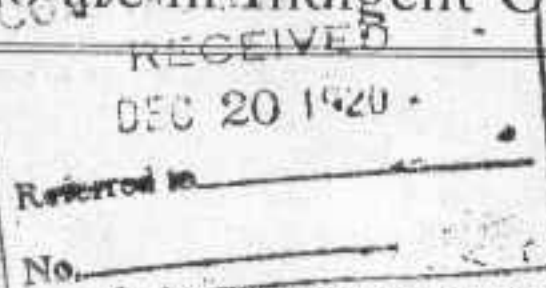


FORM A

694-315-2M

For Use of Soldiers Who are in Indigent Circumstances

THE STATE OF TEXAS

County of HendersonI, A. S. Burgess

do hereby make application to the Commissioner of Pensions for a pension to be granted me under the Act passed by the 33rd Legislature of the State of Texas, and approved April 7, 1913, on the following grounds:

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 said war I was loyal and true to my duty, and never at any time voluntarily 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 for more than 6 months.) That I was honorably discharged or surrendered 1865, Stephenville, Erath County, Texas was a member of the Ranger Force for more than six months.

(Give date and cause.)

that I have been a bona fide citizen of this State since prior to January 1, A. D. 1900, 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 any one hold in trust for my benefit or use, nor does my wife own, nor does any one 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 \$1000.00; nor do I receive any aid or pension from any other State, or from the United States, or from any other source, and that I am not an inmate of the Confederate Home, and I do further state that the answers given to the following questions are true:

1. What is your age? 84
2. Where were you born? Walker County, Georgia.
3. How long have you resided in Texas? About 60 years
4. In what county do you reside? Henderson County, Texas.
5. How long have you resided in said county, and what is your postoffice address? Since 1900, Eustace, Texas. TX
6. Have you applied for a pension under the Confederate pension law and been rejected? If rejected, state when and where no,
7. What is your occupation, if able to engage in one? none What is your physical condition? bad
8. In what State was the command in which you served organized? Texas
9. How long did you serve? Give, if possible, the date of enlistment and discharge 3 years, 1863-1865
10. What was the letter of your company, number of battalion, regiment or battery? Capt. Gilentire Co. 2nd division of Rangers, G. B. Erath, Major.
11. If transferred from one command to another, give time of transfer, name of command and time of service. no
12. What branch of the service did you enlist in—infantry, cavalry, artillery or navy? Cavalry

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13. If commissioned direct by the President, what was your rank and line of duty?

no

14. If detailed for special service, under the law of conscription, what was the nature of your service and how long did you serve?

15. What is the assessed value of your home, if you own a home? 1/2 interest in home rendered at \$1200.00

16. What is the assessed value of your other property? none

17. 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.)

A.S. Burgess

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 14 day of Dec A. D. 1920

[Seal.]

Joe A. Johnson
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 Joe A. Johnson County Judge of Henderson County, State of Texas, on this day personally appeared

known to me to be credible citizens, who, being by me duly sworn, on oath state that they personally know

A. S. Burgess, the above named applicant for a pension, and that they personally know that the said A. S. Burgess has been a bona fide resident citizen of the State of Texas since prior to January 1, A. D. 1900, and that they have no interest in his claim.

(Signature of Witness)

M. A. Corp.

(Signature of Witness)

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 14 day of Dec A. D. 1920

[Seal.]

Joe A. Johnson
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, state it in their oath, their source of knowledge; also any information regarding applicant's army service.)

THE STATE OF TEXAS }

County of NOLAN }

Before me, T.G. Milliken, Notary Public, Commissioner of Nolan County, State of Texas, on this day personally appeared W.N. Elliott

who are personally known to me to be credible citizens, who, being by me sworn, on oath state that they are per-

sonally 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 his claim, and said applicant's habits are good and free from dishonor. And Witness further make oath to the following facts touching the applicant's service in the Confederate Army: (State fully your source of knowledge.)

Affiants served in same Company
with applicant at same time and
know all statements to be true

(Signature of Witness)

Wm N. Edwards

(Signature of Witness)

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this

21

day of

June

A. D. 1923

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[Seal.]

County Judge

Nelson

County, Texas.

CERTIFICATE OF STATE AND COUNTY ASSESSOR



I, D. C. Davis

State and County Assessor in the County of

Henderson

State of Texas, do certify that

A. S. Burgess

, or his wife, or his trustee,

or trustee for his wife, whose name is signed to the foregoing application for a pension, under the Act of the

Thirty-third Legislature, approved April 7, 1913, is charged on the tax rolls of said county with a homestead of

the value of 1/2 lot in 7th Valued at \$360

Dollars,

and of other property, real or personal, or both, of the value of \$360

Dollars.

Given under my hand, this

2nd

day of

July

A. D. 1923.

D. C. Davis

State and County Assessor.

Affidavit to any Fact

STATE OF TEXAS,
COUNTY OF HOOD.

Before me C.U.HOLYFIELD.

a Justice of the Peace, in and for said County and State, this day personally appeared D.C.BILLS

to me well known, and who, after being duly sworn, did depose and say THAT MR.

A.S. BURGESS I WELL KNOWN TO HIM THAT HE IS THE SAME A.S.
BURGESS. THAT SERVED. AS A .SOLGER. IN TIME OF WAR UNDER. CAPTAIN
GILLINTINE. A.S.BURGESS. HAS been a bona fide resident citizen
of the state of texas since prior to January A.D. 1900 and that
he have no interest in his claim.

D.C. Bills

Sworn to and subscribed before me:

Witness my hand and seal of office in GRANBURY TEXAS

this the 28 day of JUNE. 1923

C. U. Holyfield

J. P. Pre. No. 1, Hood County, Texas

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BY

Deputy.



Comptroller's Department
State of Texas
Austin

LON A. SMITH, COMPTROLLER
W. T. GASTON, CHIEF CLERK

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

Dear Sir:

I have the honor to request the military record of W. J. Burgess,
who is reported to have enlisted in Company _____, Regiment _____
Tex Cav under Col McCoy

in service in the Confederate States Army.

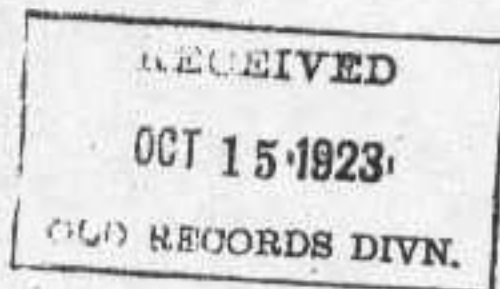
Very respectfully,

Lon A. Smith

Comptroller of State of Texas.



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W. T. GASTON, CHIEF CLERK
FOR A. SMITH, COMPTROLLER

Comptroller of State of Texas
Austin

T.C.
O.R.D.

WAR DEPARTMENT,
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,
WASHINGTON
October 19, 1923.

MEMORANDUM.

Comptroller,
State of Texas,
Austin, Texas.

The name A. S. Burgess has not been found on the muster rolls on file in this office of any organization State of Texas, that served in the Confederate States Army.

Colonel McCoy has not been identified.

Robert C. Davis,
The Adjutant General.
By *Jc.*

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Comptroller of State of Texas

Very respectfully,

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Comptroller's Department
State of Texas
Austin

LON A. SMITH, COMPTROLLER
W. T. GASTON, CHIEF CLERK

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

Dear Sir:

I have the honor to request the military record of R. S. Burgess,
who is reported to have enlisted in Company _____, Regiment _____.

Capt. G. L. Williams Co. Texas Rangers

Probably under command of Col. Terry,

in service in the Confederate States Army.

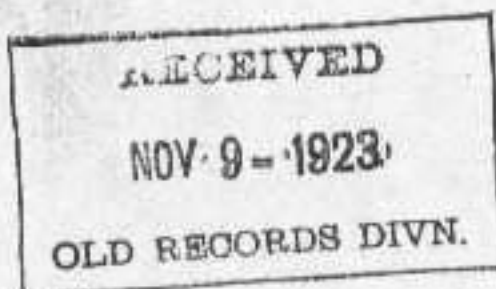
Very respectfully,

Lon A. Smith

Comptroller of State of Texas.



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W. T. GASTON, CHIEF CLERK
JON A. SMITH, COMPTROLLER

Comptroller, State of Texas
Austin

To the Adjutant General

War Department

O.R.

WAR DEPARTMENT,
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,
WASHINGTON, Nov. 13, 1923.

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

with the information that no record of the organization mentioned within has been found in the Confederate Archives of this Department.

It is deemed proper to remark, however, that the collection of Confederate States Army records on file in the War Department is far from complete, and the failure to find any record of an organization is by no means conclusive evidence that such organization did not serve.
(A.S. Burgess, Capt. Gillentines Co. Tex. Rangers)

Benj. Alvord
Acting The Adjutant General.
By *W.*

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Comptroller of State of Texas

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Eustace Tex

8-21-1939

Mr. Geo. H. Sheppard Comptroller

Dear Sir

I am writing you in regard
to my father's service in the
war. he did not draw any
pension. Sam A. Smith
ruled him out. he got 4
witnesses in 1864 & 1865.
you will look up the enlist-
ment in 1864 or 1865. you
will find his name

Mr. A. S. Burgess. he enlisted
I think at Stevensville
Co. Tex. his captain
was Gilentine. I am trying
to get a grave mark for his
grave. I cared for him in
his old age. he lived in (TX)
Now I am a widow 73

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years at age living
all alone no help at all.
I would be pleased to know
if there would be any
chance for me to draw
my fathers pension if
I can bring up good
Proof. I think father was
42 years of age at the
time of his enlistment,
Refer to division 17,
Please let me hear
from you at a early
Date

yours Truly
Mrs. M. A. Hall.

Eustace Tex

R.F.D. 1. Box 110





August 23, 1939

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Mrs. M. A. Hall
R. F. D. 1, Box 110
Eustace, Texas

Dear Mrs. Hall:

Replying to your letter of August 21, you are advised that on October 28, 1923, Mr. A. S. Burges filed application for pension which was rejected on the grounds that he failed to make proper proof of his service as a Confederate Soldier. However his application states that he was, at that time, 87 years of age and had resided in Texas 60 or 70 years, and that he enlisted in the Confederate Army in 1863 and was discharged in 1865.

He stated that he did not remember the Company or the regiment in which he served, but that he served under Captain Gillentine until Gillentine's death and later under McCoy. The service rendered was in the Cavalry. However it is stated by one Wm. M. Elliott that he served in the same Company with the applicant at some time.

You also ask information with regard to your right as a pensioner being the daughter of a Confederate soldier. You are advised that pensions are granted only to Confederate soldiers or to the widows of the Confederate soldiers.

Yours very truly

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Geo. H. Sheppard
Comptroller of Public Accounts

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