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FORM A.

Soldier's Application for a Pension

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

Name of Applicant.

Wm. M. Cofer

Henderson

County.

Postoffice

Cadmus, Tex

71 Co. Judge

Filed

1916/17

Approved

Nov. 8 - 1917

Pension allowed from

Dec. 1 - 1917

Rejected

Commissioner of Pensions.

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FORM A

59-1114-500

For Use of Soldiers Who Are in Indigent Circumstances

THE STATE OF TEXAS

County of

Benderson

I, *Wm. M. Cofer* 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~~ *at the close of the war in 1865 -*

(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 whatsoever 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? *76 years -*
2. Where were you born? *Madison Co (Crocketts Co) Tenn*
3. How long have you resided in Texas? *about 18 years -*
4. In what county do you reside? *Benderson*
5. How long have you resided in said county, and what is your postoffice address? *about 18 years -*
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? *Farmer* What is your physical condition? *Medicine crippled 3 fingers gone*
8. In what State was the command in which you served organized? *Tennessee*
9. How long did you serve? Give, if possible, the date of enlistment and discharge. *about 2 years - enlisted 1863 - discharged in 1865 at close of war*
10. What was the letter of your company, number of battalion, regiment or battery? *"A" Stewards Regiment 15 Tenn. Cavalry*

Give the name of your colonel, lieutenant-colonel and major *col. Frank Steward, Major Kirk*

11. If transferred from one command to another, give time of transfer, name of command and time of service

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?.....

14. If detailed for special service, under the law of conscription, what was the nature of your service and how long did you serve? was 4th corporal (or greasing Sargeant)

15. What is the assessed value of your home, if you own a home? own none

16. What is the assessed value of your other property? about \$2,5000-

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)

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 22 day of Sept., A. D. 1917

[Seal.]

County Judge W. H. Williams County, Texas.

AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESSES

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

THE STATE OF TEXAS

County of Wheeler

Before me, J. A. Williams, County Judge of Wheeler County,

State of Texas, on this day personally appeared R. F. Williams & H. B. Williams

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

M. C. Cofer, the above named applicant for a pension, and that they personally know that the

said M. C. Cofer 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)

(Signature of Witness)

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this Sept 22 day of Sept, A. D. 1917

[Seal.]

County Judge W. H. Williams 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 _____

Before me, _____, County Judge of _____ County,

State of Texas, on this day personally appeared _____

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..... further make oath to the following facts touching the applicant's service in the Confederate Army: (State fully your source of knowledge.)

(Signature of Witness)

(Signature of Witness)

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this..... day of....., A. D. 191.....

[Seal.]

County Judge..... County, Texas.

CERTIFICATE OF STATE AND COUNTY ASSESSOR

I, AB Cuckerton, State and County Assessor in the County of Hudsonson State of Texas, do certify that Wm M. Coper, 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 Three hundred eighty Dollars, and of other property, real or personal, or both, of the value of 180 00 Dollars.

Given under my hand, this 13 day of Oct, A. D. 1917

AB Cuckerton

State and County Assessor.



EX-PARTE

IN RE APPLICANT FOR CONFEDERATE PENSION

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)

John H. Cofer

to the accompanying interrogatories (2)

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

in accordance with the accompanying (7)

To the first interrogatory the said

Witness, answers My name is John H. Cofer, age 72 years, my Post-office address is Alamo, Crockett County, State of Tennessee, I personally know William Cofer, I have known him all my life, he being an older brother of mine, He was in the Confederate service, joined the army about the year 1863 I believe in Stewart's command, was in the 15th. Tenn. Cavalry, was discharged (honorably) at the close of the war in the year of 1865.

As above stated, my source of knowledge in answering to the foregoing questions, being his own brother, I was some 16 or 17 years when my brother enlisted, he has an Honorable record as a soldier, was honorably discharged immediately returned home to our family, and when the Confederate Bivouac was organized in this Co. he always stood as an Honorable member of same until he left this country for the State of Texas, near 18 years ago.

Yes my brother had a cripple hand all of his fingers being off except thumb and fore finger of the right hand.

And further this deponent saith not.

J. H. Cofer

TX

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this _____ day of _____, 191_____

THE STATE OF Tennessee

COUNTY OF Crockett

I, R. L. Conyers, Clerk of the County
(Here give name and official character of officer before whom taken.)

Court of said Co. do hereby certify that J. H. Cofer

and _____ is
are personally known to me to be creditable citizens of said
County and State, and that the foregoing answers of the said J. H. Cofer

_____ 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 6th day of Oct., 1917
(L. S.) *R. L. Conyers*

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

EX-PARTE

Wm. M. Cofer

Applicant for Confederate Pension

DEPOSITION
of

Paul Sumner

Witness for Applicant.

Filed _____ day

of _____, 191_____

_____, Clerk.

By _____, Deputy.

Fee for Taking Deposition, \$ _____

E. L. STECK, PRINTING, BOOKBINDING, AUSTIN

TX

- (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

Wm. M. Bofer
Applicant for Confederate Pension.

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

The Honorable County Judge of Wheeler County, Texas,
will please take notice that, five days after 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 M. A. Robbins ~~and J. H. Robbins~~
and J. W. (Bud) Emerson who reside in the County
of Crockett in the State of Tennessee 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 his claim for a pension under the Act of April 7, 1913, 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 cannot be proven by any witness residing in the County
of Wheeler and State of Texas, which is a bona fide resident.

Wm. M. Bofer
(Applicant) Attorney for Applicant.

Direct Interrogatories to be Propounded to Witness.

- INT. 1. What is your name? Age? Place of residence and postoffice address?

- INT. 2. Do you personally know, or did you at any time know Wm. M. Bofer who
_____ is an applicant for pension under Act of April 7, 1913?
- INT. 3. How long had you known the said Bofer
and when and where did you first know him?
- INT. 4. Do you personally know that the said Bofer
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 Bofer
enlisted and served in the Confederate Army? When? Where? And the time of service? If you per-
sonally 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 Said Wm. M. Bofer
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 know further if Said Bofer 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

(TX)

To be propounded to all of above named witnesses

CROSS INTERROGATORY 1. If, in answer to the foregoing direct interrogatories, you have stated that you person-
ally know or did know said Bofer 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 he 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 knew of any other soldier or
sailor by the name of Wm. M. Bofer serving in the same company or regiment, or special
service in which you say the said Bofer enlisted, if you have stated that said
Bofer 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 bofer
applicant serving in the same command, or the special service to which he was assigned?

If you say that you know other soldiers or sailors of the same name of Wm. M. bofer
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 Wm. M. bofer
is the identical person serving as testified by you?

CROSS INT. 3. Do you know whether or not the said bofer
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 Wm. M. bofer
deserted his command, or voluntarily abandoned his post of duty or the service during said war?

THE STATE OF TEXAS }
COUNTY OF Brewster }

I, J. A. McDaniel, 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 an-
swers to the hereinabove direct and cross interrogatories of the said herein named witness may be attached hereto.

J. A. McDaniel
County Judge Brewster County, Texas.

Wm. M. bofer
(Applicant) Attorney for Applicant.

In Re

Application for Confederate
Pension

FOR USE OF SOLDIERS OR WIDOWS

County, Texas.

Pending before the County Judge of said County.

EX-PARTE

Applicant.

INTERROGATORIES

propounded to

Witnesses.

EX-PARTE

IN RE APPLICANT FOR CONFEDERATE PENSION

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)

And N. A. McMillan, witnesses for Petitioner, whose sworn statement

herein made before R. L. Conyers, Clerk of the County Court of Crockett
County, State of Tennessee, testified as follows:-

to the accompanying interrogatories (2)

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

in accordance with the accompanying (7)

To the first interrogatory the said

Witness, answers My name is J. W. (BUD) Emerson, My age is 64 years, my present
occupation is Postmaster in the town of Alamo, Crockett Co. Tenn.

I have known William Cofer every since before the Civil War 1861--1865
While I was not in actual service, not being quite old enough, I remeber
well that William Cofer was, I have no personal knowledge of the unit of
his command further than my recollection is that he was in the 15th. Cavalry
of Tennessee, no ~~was~~ no soldier of the Confederacy ever wore the colors of
the South ^{more honorably} than said Cofer did.

All of his comrades that were in his Co. ^{have} pass over, except on^e P. B. Nance
whose testimony has heretofore been taken, is the only one that I have any
remeberance of being alive.

Mr. Cofer has always born a good reputation for truth and veracity from
his younger days through life.

He left this part of Tennessee some 17 or 18 years ago and when heard
from by his friends back here he was located in Henderson County, State of
Texas. Many years ago I have heard the said Cofer and his comreds relate
many of the incidents of their war life.

I have never known but one William Cofer and he is the one mentioned above
and he was honorably entitled to be relieved from war duty on the account
of his right hand having been mangled when he was a boy, having only index
finger & thumb left; but he preferred to serve his country in this condition
rather than to bushwhack.

And further this deponent saith not.

J. W. (Bud) Emerson

TX

Next witness was N. A. McMillan, who testified as follows:-

My name is N. A. McMillan, my age is 71 years, my post-office address is
Alamo, Crockett County, State of Tennessee.

I have known, the petitioner, Wm Cofer all his life, we were school
boys together.

I was enlisted in the Confederate army under Capt^{ain} Hicks

while Wm. Cofer was in Cat.^P Epperson, s Co. and remained with him for about two years or until the surrender, at which time he was discharged. Mr. Cofer was not honorably subject to Military duty on the account being a bad crippled in his right hand, all of his fingers being gone except forefinger and thumb, but he preferred to serve his country rather than take any advantage of his crippled condition.

I feel that he is honorably entitled to a pension, unless his worldly possessions are a great deal more than they were when he left Tenn. for the State of Texas some 17 or 18 years ago.

And further this deponent saith not.

N. A. McMillan

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this

6th

day of

Oct,

1917

THE STATE OF Tenn.

COUNTY OF Crockett

I, R. L. Conyers, Clerk of the Co. Court
(Here give name and official character of officer before whom taken.)

of said State & Co.

do hereby certify that

J. W. (Bud) Emison

and N. A. McMillan

are personally known to me to be creditable citizens of said

County and State, and that the foregoing answers of said J. W. (Bud) Emison and

N. A. McMillan

the witness before named, and J. W. (Bud)

Emison & N. A. McMillan

, whose names 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 6th day of Oct.

1917

(L. S.)

R. L. Conyers

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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.

File No.

In Bandera County, Texas.

Before the Honorable County Judge of

said County.

EX-PARTE

Wm. M. Cooper

Applicant for Confederate Pension

DEPOSITION

of

J. W. (Bud) Emison

Witness for Applicant.

Filed day

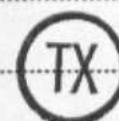
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Clerk.

By Deputy.

Fee for Taking Deposition, \$

E. L. STECK, PRINTING, BOOKBINDING, AUSTIN



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- (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 March 26, 1909, pending

Applicant for Confederate Pension.

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

Answers and depositions of (1)

M. A. Robbins

to the accompanying interrogatories (2)

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

in accordance with the accompanying (7)

To the first interrogatory the said

Witness, answers My name is Mrs. Mary A. Robbins (Copher) My age is 66 years

I was born and reared in Crockett County, at which place I am now living

My present Post-office address is Alamo, Crockett Co. Tenn. Rural Rout 2

Being an own sister of William Cofer, who now lives in Henderson Co.

State of Texas gives me a good knowledge of said Cofers life for several
years before the Civil war.Said William Cofer in the year of 1863 joined the Confederat Army 15th.
Tenn. Cavalry, I think he was under Col. Stewarts command, at the close of
the war he was honorably discharged and returned to our home at which place
he remained until his first marriage.My brother William has a crippled hand, the right hand, I remeber well
when it was magled in the cogs of a gris mill.He has also been a lifelong Democrat, true to the Confederacy always
availing himself of every opportunity of showing his colors for the South,
he belonged to the local Bivouace of this County until he emigrated to the
State of Texas. Mr. P. B. Nance of Alamo, Crockett County, Tenn. whose
Deposition has heretofore been taken, is the only living comred of the said
Cofer who is now living, that we have any knowledge of.

And further this deponent saith not.

TX

(Deponent signed at latter part of this sheet)

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this _____ day of _____, 1917

Mrs. M. A. Robbins

THE STATE OF Tenn.

COUNTY OF Crockett

I, R. L. Conyers, Clerk of The Co. Court
(Here give name and official character of officer before whom taken.)

of said State & Co. do hereby certify that Mrs. M. A. Robbins

and _____ are personally known to me to be creditable citizens of said County and State, and that the foregoing answers of said Mrs. M. A. Robbins

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 6th day of October, 1917

(L. S.)

R. L. Conyers

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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.

File No. _____

In Henderson County, Texas.

Before the Honorable County Judge of
said County.

EX-PARTE

M. M. Cofer

Applicant for Confederate Pension

DEPOSITION
of

Mary Ann Robbins

Witness for Applicant.

Filed _____ day

of _____, 1917

_____, Clerk.

By _____, Deputy.

Fee for Taking Deposition, \$ _____

E. L. STECK, PRINTING, BOOKBINDING, AUSTIN



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- (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.

Don't write on this sheet at all,
but make your answers separately on
the 2 other sheets inclosed -

EX-PARTE

W. M. Copher
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 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 P. B. Nance
and X who reside in the County
of Crockett in the State of Tenn 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 his claim for a pension under the Act of April 7, 1913, 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 cannot be proven by any witness residing in the County
of Henderson and State of Texas, which is a bona fide resident.

W. M. Copher
(Applicant) Attorney for Applicant.

Direct Interrogatories to be Propounded to Witness.

INT. 1. What is your name? Age? Place of residence and postoffice address?

INT. 2. Do you personally know, or did you at any time know W. M. Copher who
is an applicant for pension under Act of April 7, 1913?

INT. 3. How long had you known the said W. M. Copher
and when and where did you first know him?

INT. 4. Do you personally know that the said Copher
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 Copher or Coper
enlisted and served in the Confederate Army? When? Where? And the time of service? If you per-
sonally 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 he
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 know further if he 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

(TX)

To be propounded to P. B. Nance and (here in set name of other witness)

CROSS INTERROGATORY 1. If, in answer to the foregoing direct interrogatories, you have stated that you person-
ally know or did know said W. M. Copher 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 Copher 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 knew of any other soldier or
sailor by the name of W. M. Copher or Coper serving in the same company or regiment, or special
service in which you say the said Copher enlisted, if you have stated that said
Copher 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 28711 Lapher (or Loper)
applicant serving in the same command, or the special service to which he was assigned?

If you say that you know other soldiers or sailors of the same name of 28711 Lapher
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 28711 Lapher
is the identical person serving as testified by you?

CROSS INT. 3. Do you know whether or not the said Lapher
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 Lapher
deserted his command, or voluntarily abandoned his post of duty or the service during said war?

THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF Beckley

I, J. A. McFarland, 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 an-
swers to the hereinabove direct and cross interrogatories of the said herein named witness ev may be attached hereto.

J. A. McFarland
County Judge Beckley County, Texas.
Wm. Lapher
(Applicant) Attorney for Applicant.

In Re

Application for Confederate

Pension

FOR USE OF SOLDIERS OR WIDOWS

Beckley County, Texas.

Pending before the County Judge of said County.

EX-PARTE

28711 Lapher
Applicant.

INTERROGATORIES

propounded to

P. B. Vanees and another

Witnesses.

EX-PARTE

Wm. M. Cofer

Applicant for Confederate Pension.

IN RE APPLICANT FOR CONFEDERATE PENSION

Under Act March 26, 1909, pending

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

Answers and depositions of (1)

P. B. Nance. ~~He~~ ~~is~~ ~~near~~ 72 years

My present Post-office address is, Alamo, Crockett County, State of Tenn.

2d. Inter. Yes I personally know Wm. Cofer

3d. " I have known him every since before the Civil war,

to the accompanying interrogatories (2)

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 My age is near 72 years, my present Post-office address is
Alamo, Crockett County, State of Tennessee.

2d.-Int.- Yes, I know Wm. Cofer.

3d.-Int. I have known him every since before the Civil War.

4th.- I personally know that the said Wm. Cofer enlisted in the service of
the Confederacy and he performed duties as a soldier while in said
services.5th. Int.- Yes, he was enlisted in the 15th. Tennessee Cavalry & belonged
to Stewarts Regiment, he served about two years.

6th.- Int. I do.

7th.-Int. No not that I have any knowledge of.

CROSS INTERROGATORIES:- Propounded to P. B. Nance

1st. Cross Int.- I never knew but one Wm. Cofer.

2d. " " - My source of knowledge is based upon the fact that
the foregoing mentioned Wm. Cofer left the State of
Tenn. 17 or 18 years ago and when next heard from
by his friends he was located at or near Athens, Hen-
derson County, State of Texas, he is a bad crippled in
his right hand, having all the fingers of his right hand
amputated except forefinger and thumb, caused by said
hand being caught in the cogs of a gris mill while
he was a boy3d. Cross, Int.- My belief that the said Cofer was honorably discharged
he stood with honors in our local Bivouac in this County
and there was none knowingly admitted who were not honor-
ably entitled to membership4th. Cross-Int. My honest opinion is that said Cofer was honorably
discharged, it has never been questioned by any one that
he was not.

And further this deponent saith not.

P. B. Nance

TX

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this _____ day of _____, 191_____

THE STATE OF Tennessee
COUNTY OF Crockett

I, R. L. Conyers, Clerk of the Co. Court
(Here give name and official character of officer before whom taken.)

of said State & County do hereby certify that P. B. Nance is
and _____ ~~are~~ personally known to me to be creditable citizens of said
County and State, and that the foregoing answers of the said P. B. Nance
_____ the witness _____ before named, and _____
_____, whose name appear _____ signed to the foregoing deposition, ^{was} ~~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 8th. day of October, 1917

(L. S.)

R. L. Conyers
County Court Clerk

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 Crockett County, Texas.
Before the Honorable County Judge of
said County.

EX-PARTE

Wm M. Lofert
Applicant for Confederate Pension

DEPOSITION
of

P. B. Nance

Witness for Applicant.

Filed _____ day
of _____, 191_____

By _____, 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.

J. A. McDONALD

(LAWYER)

COUNTY JUDGE

HENDERSON COUNTY

ATHENS, TEXAS

Oct. 13/17.

Hon J C Jones,


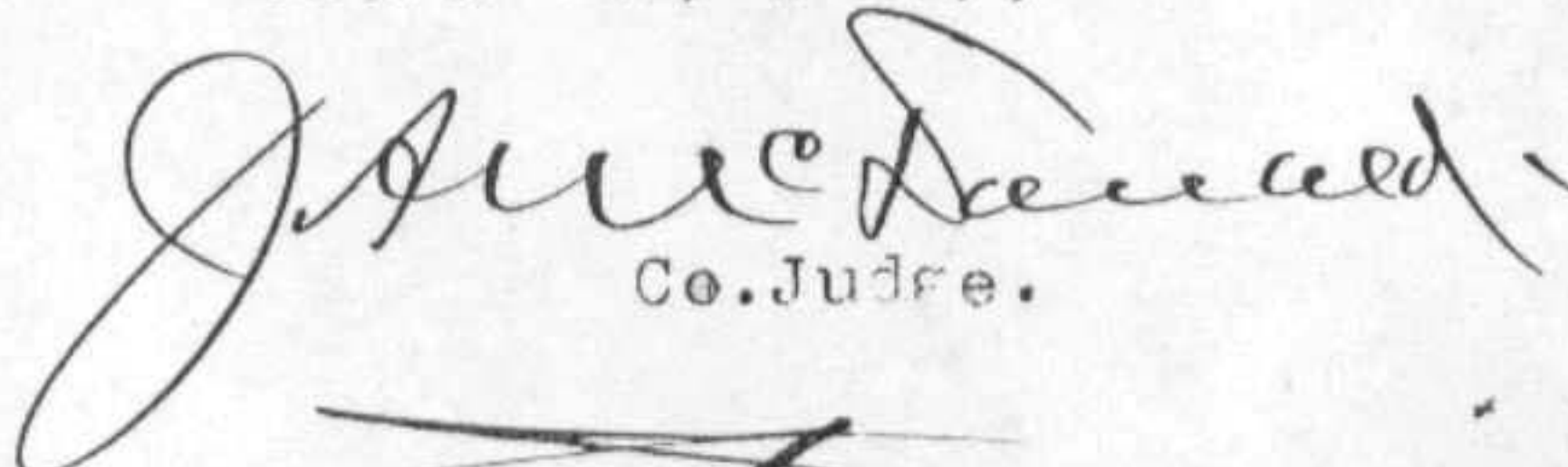
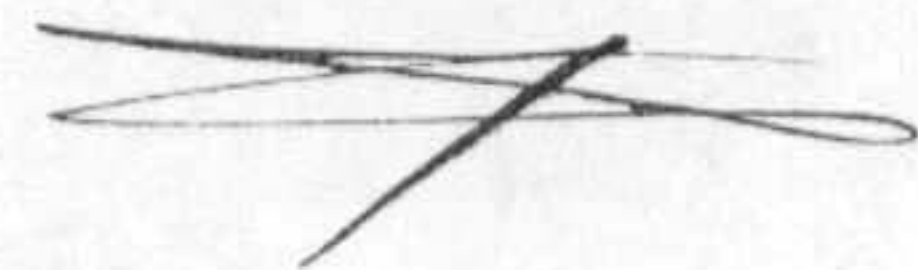
Com. Pensions,

Austin, Texas.

Dear Sir:

Inclosed herewith please find, application Wm. F. Cofer for Confederate Veterans Pension. I trust you will find this evidence sufficient, as it would seem that he has made out a very good case by the evidence, substantiating his CLAIM.

Yours very truly,



Co. Judge.




J. C. JONES, 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 Wm. M. Cofer who is
reported to have enlisted in Company A, Regiment Steward's Reg.
15 Tenn. Cavalry Major Kirk.

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.

Very respectfully,


J. C. Jones
Commissioner of Pensions.

YBF
10 Sv

WAR DEPARTMENT,

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

WASHINGTON,

Oct 22/17

Respectfully returned to

the Commis-
sioner of Pensions
State of Texas
Austin.

with the information that

W. Capper
Priv. Co D/5th Regt (Stewarts)
Tenn Cav, C/A.

Enlisted July 20
 Muster Roll of Co for
 July 14 to Sept 11 1863,
 last on file, shows him
 absent with leave
 since July 27, 1863.
 No record of capture
 or parole.

Name Wm H. Capper
 has not been found
 on roll of C/A, 15th
 Regt (Stewarts) Tenn Cav,
 on file.

H. J. McLean

The Adjutant General.

Per 4

10/26/1917

Mr. Wm. M. Cofer,
% County Judge,
Athens, Texas.

My dear Sir:-

The war record from Washington, D. C. shows that you are reported "absent without leave July 28, 1863", you will please explain this.

Your witnesses fail to state that they served with you, this is essential also that they served with you for over three months.

On receipt of the furthur proof it will afford me pleasure to consider the application again, but for the present it must be rejected.

Yours truly,

J. C. Jones,

Commissioner



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Copy filed

J. A. McDONALD

(LAWYER)

COUNTY JUDGE

HENDERSON COUNTY

ATHENS, TEXAS

Nov. 6/17.

Hon. J. C. Jones, Com. Pensions,
Austin, Texas.

Dear Sir:-



Yours of 10-26/17, "re" Wm. E. Cefer's application for pension, received and noted. I immediately called the applicant's attention to the matter and he has procured an affidavit from Mr. P. B. Nance, of Alamo, Crockett Co., Tenn., which I trust will supply the additional proof required by you.

Mr. Nance is the only old soldier living that applicant knows of who served with him.

Mr. Cefer, says that he don't understand why they have him reported absent without leave, for the reason that he was always at his post of duty and all times tried to obey every order given him; that there must be some mistake somewhere about this and he cannot further explain, for the reason that he never deserted &c.

I hope you can now pass favorably on the old man's application. He is aged and needs help. I have known him ever since he first came to this county and have always found him straight, honest and worthy of the fullest confidence. I would be willing to rely on his word unhesitatingly at all times.

Yours very truly,

 *J. A. McDonald*
Co. Judge.


J. A. McDONALD

(LAWYER)

COUNTY JUDGE

HENDERSON COUNTY

ATHENS, TEXAS

Teh State of Tennessee, Crockett County. Before me the undersigned

Authority, within and for said State and county, on this day personally appeared P. E. Nance, personally and well known to me to be a credible citizen, who after being by me duly sworn, on oath says, in supplementary of his Depositions heretofore recently taken in the matter of Wm. H. Cofer's application for confederate veterans pension under the laws of Texas, that he served with said Wm. H. Cofer during most of the time from the time he enlisted in the Confederate Service until the close of the War, and that he personally well knows that the said Cofer and himself served ^{together} for a longer period in the same Company and regiment than Six Months, the said Nance being Orderly Sergeant of their Company during the time of said service. It ^{sometimes} ~~often~~ occurred during the service that said Cofer was detailed for special duty in the work of conscripting men for the service. I have no recollection of Mr Cofer having ever been absent except in the performance of some duty for ^{and} ~~the~~ in behalf of the Confederate service. He was a man always ready to do whatsoever he was ordered to do. I never heard of his being derelict in any way respecting his duties as a soldier, I know that I was with him for at least five months when I was transferred to the 7th. Tennessee Cavalry, after which the two Regiments were often together and I saw Wm. Cofer during this time and so far as I can remember he was always at his post of duty.

P. E. Nance

Sworn to and subscribed before me by P. E. Nance on this the 3, day of November A.D. 1917.

M. G. Gentry

Clerk of the County Court of Crockett County

State of Tennessee.

Seal

DEAD

DAN GENTRY

Dealer in

General Merchandise

A. Henderson

34697

Malakoff, Texas

Feb. 6th 1899

Hon. J.C. Jones Com. Pensions

Austin, Texas

6976

Dear Sir:-

Will you please send me the blanks that will
be necessary to have filled out for Mortuary Warrant.

W.M. Cofer and Old Pensioner died here a few days ago, I furnished the
Coffin.

Yours Truly,

Dan Gentry

*Blanks mailed
2-8-19*



APPLICATION FOR MORTUARY WARRANT

STATE OF TEXAS,
County of Henderson } I, Malinda J. Cofer
do hereby certify that I am the person to whom is entrusted the paying of the accounts and indebtedness of the late W.M. Cofer, who was a pensioner of the State of Texas, and whose file number is 34697 and whose original county is Henderson.
The said pensioner W.M. Cofer died on the 5 day of January, 1919, in the town of Malakoff
County of Henderson Texas.
The pensioner died in the home of (his own) and wife
who was related to the pensioner as wife

That the warrant which application is hereby made for, shall be applied to paying all or part of the expenses incurred by the said pensioner W.M. Cofer

I further certify that the warrant for the current quarter has not been cashed by the pensioner, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

I am related to the pensioner as (Friend) wife
and that my home is in the town of Malakoff, County of Henderson
State of Texas, that my postoffice address is Malakoff TX

Signed Malinda J. Cofer

Before me Dan Gentry Notary Public in and for the County of Henderson, State of Texas, personally appeared Malinda J. Cofer, who being by me duly sworn did certify to, and sign the foregoing statement.
(Seal of Office)

in and for Henderson, Texas.

CERTIFICATE OF UNDERTAKER

I, Geo. Owen, do certify that I am an undertaker in the town of Malakoff, County of Henderson, State of Texas, that I had charge of the body of did not have charge of body, who died in the town of but I prepared a casket for same, County of Henderson, State of Texas, on the 5 day of January, 1919. That said body was prepared for burial by me on the 5 day of January, 1919. That said body was buried in the Malakoff Cemetery, which is located in the County of Henderson, State of Texas, and that I am of the opinion that warrant herein applied for, should be issued to the said Mrs. W.M. Cofer who makes the foregoing application.

Signed Geo. Owen

Undertaker.

CERTIFICATE OF PHYSICIAN

I, J.L. Evans, do certify that I am a practicing physician and that I attended Mrs. W.M. Cofer in his last illness, and am of the opinion that his ailments were Paralysis



I further certify that I am of the opinion that the Mortuary Warrant above requested should be issued in the name of the aforementioned applicant, in accordance with Act passed by the Thirty-fifth Legislature, and approved Feb 15, 1917.

Signed J.L. Evans

Physician.

Physician's Address Malakoff Texas

MORTUARY WARRANT

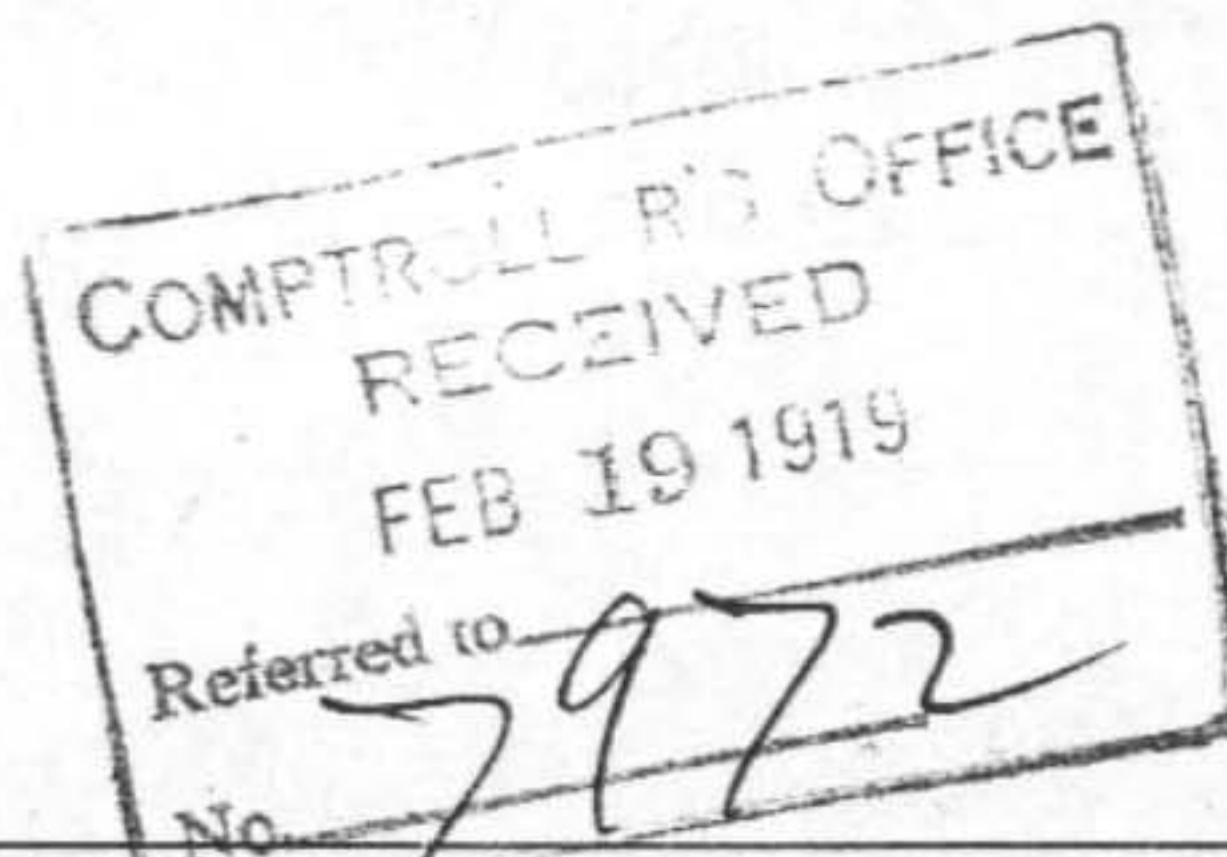
In accordance with Law passed by Thirty-fifth Legislature of Texas in Regular Session

Maloskoff Texas, Feb 18 1919

STATE OF TEXAS

To T. A. Bartlett Co. Dr.WRITE ADDRESS PLAINLY Maloskoff Texas.Account of Death of Pensioner No. 34697, County Henderson,Pensioner's Name in full W.M. Cofer,

ITEMIZE ACCOUNT NOT TO EXCEED THIRTY DOLLARS.

Balance on casket \$30.00died Jan 5-19

To above account for

is just, due and unpaid.

Thirty + 00/100 DollarsSworn to and subscribed before me this 18 day of February 1919Notary Public, Henderson County, TexasOK
34697

No. 1662

J. A. Bontlett & Co

30

Henderson - 34697

Pension Fund

OFFICE OF
COMMISSIONER OF PENSIONS
STATE OF TEXAS
AUSTIN

Correct, for the sum of \$ 30

Charge to Pension Ind

H. B. Terrell

Comptroller

Commissioner of Pensions.