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FORM No. 1—AMENDED

OCTOBER 1, 1902

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# Confederate Pension Application

*Deed*  
Name of Applicant

*Robert M. Baker*

*Henderson* County,

Postoffice

Comptroller's File No.

*Whitewater*  
12412

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

**March 25 1907**

this day of

A. D.

*E. A. Holmes*

Chief Pension Clerk.

I hereby the within application for pension this

**March 25 1907**

day of

A. D.

*J. W. Stephens*  
Comptroller.

No Application Rejected by County Judge or County Commissioners Should Be Forwarded to Comptroller

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

FORM No. 1. Amended October 1, 1902.

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

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

COUNTY OF Henderson

To the Honorable County Judge of Henderson County, Texas.

Your petitioner, R. W. Coker respectfully represents that he is a resident citizen of Henderson County, in the State of Texas, and that he makes this application for the purpose of obtaining a pension 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 Robert W. Coker

Q. What is your age? Answer 60 years old

Q. In what County do you reside? Answer Henderson

Q. How long have you resided in said County and what is your postoffice address? Answer 10 years

~~White House, Texas~~  
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 farm laborer

Q. What is your physical condition? Answer Am in very good health

Q. If your physical condition is such that you are unable by your own labor to earn a support, state what caused such disability. Answer Exposure & wounds received in war

Q. In what State was your command originally organized? Answer Miss

Q. How long did you serve? Give date of enlistment and discharge. Answer 2 years

Enlisted in Mex/86 & served till close of war  
Q. What was the name or letter of your company and name or number of your regiment? Answer Co. "D" 39th Miss Reg.

Q. State whether you served in the infantry, artillery, cavalry, or the navy. Answer Infantry

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

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

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- 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 estate has your wife in her own right, real and personal, and what is its value? Answer Wife dead, left no property
- 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 you ever desert the Confederacy? Answer No
- Q. Have you been continuously since the first day of January, 1880, a bona fide resident citizen of this State? Answer Yes
- Q. If you originally enlisted in the Confederate service from the State of Texas, were you at the date of passage of this act a bona fide resident citizen of the State of Texas? Answer —

Wherefore your petitioner prays that his application for pension be approved and that such other proceedings be had in the premises as required by law.

(Signature of Applicant)

R. W. Coker

Sworn to and subscribed before me this

9

day of

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(SEAL.)

J. H. Blades  
County Judge 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. H. Blades

County Judge of Henderson County, State of Texas, on this day personally appeared

J. W. Murphy & W. H. Featherston

who are personally known to me to be credible citizens, who being by me duly sworn on oath, state that they personally know R. W. Coker the above named applicant for a pension,

and that they personally know that the said R. W. Coker is unable to support himself by labor of any sort.

(Signature of Witness)

J. W. Murphy

(Signature of Witness)

W. H. Featherston

Sworn to and subscribed before me this

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(SEAL.)

J. H. Blades  
County Judge Henderson County, Texas.

PROOF OF SERVICE MUST NOT BE MADE A PART OF THIS AFFIDAVIT



## AFFIDAVIT OF PHYSICIAN

THE STATE OF TEXAS,  
COUNTY OF Henderson } Before me J. B. Blades  
County Judge of Henderson County, State of Texas, on this day personally appeared \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_, who is a reputable practicing physician of this County, who being by  
me duly sworn on oath, states that he has carefully and thoroughly examined W. C. Coker  
applicant for a pension, and finds him laboring under the following disabilities which render him unable to labor at any work or calling  
sufficient to earn a support for himself: gun shot wound, got while  
in Civil war

(Signature of Physician) W. A. French  
Sworn to and subscribed before me this 16 day of March A. D. 1907  
(SEAL) [Signature]  
County Judge [Signature] County, State of Texas.

CERTIFICATE OF COUNTY JUDGE

THE STATE OF TEXAS,  
COUNTY OF Henderson I, J. B. Blade  
County Judge of Henderson County, State of Texas, do hereby certify that on the 16  
day of July A. D. 1907, before me came on to be heard the application  
of R. W. Coker 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 hereinbefore appear, and that the foregoing affidavit of Doctor \_\_\_\_\_  
who is a reputable practicing physician of this county, was made before me. I also certify that the said applicant \_\_\_\_\_  
R. W. Coker, is not an inmate of the Texas Confederate Home, nor otherwise disqualified  
under the provision of Section 12, of the Confederate Pension Law. I further certify that after considering all the proceedings had  
before me relative to the said application for a pension by the said R. W. Coker  
I find the said applicant is lawfully entitled to the pension provided by the Confederate Pension Law of this State, and I hereby approve  
said application.

Witness my hand and seal of office at Wheeler this 16  
day of July A.D. 1907  
W. H. 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.....  
E. B. Cooper..... for a pension, together with the proof in support thereof, was duly submitted  
by Hon. W. B. Blair..... County Judge of this Henderson County,  
to the Commissioners of this Henderson County, at a regular term thereof on the 16  
day of July..... A. D. 1907..... 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 \_\_\_\_\_ this 16<sup>th</sup>  
day of July A. D. 1907  
*M. J. Pace*  
*V. X. Cartledge*  
*W. A. McLeod.*  
*S. G. Nettles*

(Signature of Commissioners)

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EX PARTE

*R. W. Coker*

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 *Mc Nichols* and who resides in the County of *Henderson* 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.

*R. W. Coker*

(Applicant,) Attorney for Applicant.

Direct Interrogatories to be Propounded to the Witness

*Mc Nichols*

- 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 *R. W. Coker* who is an applicant for pension under Act of May 12, 1899?
- INT. 3. How long have you known the said *R. W. Coker* applicant for pension, and when and where did you first know him?
- INT. 4. Do you personally know that the said *R. W. Coker* applicant for pension, enlisted in the service of the Confederacy, and performed the duties of a soldier or sailor?
- INT. 5. Do you personally know in what company and regiment the said *R. W. Coker* 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 served?
- INT. 6. Do you further know that *R. W. Coker*, the said applicant for pension, is unable to support himself by labor of any sort?

CROSS INTERROGATORIES.

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TO BE PROPOUNDED TO

*Mc Nichols*

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 R. W. Coker serving in the same company or regiment in which you say the said applicant, R. W. Coker, 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 R. W. Coker applicant, serving in the same command?

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 R. W. Coker, 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 upon conjecture?

CROSS INT. 4. Do know whether or not the said R. W. Coker applicant for pension, ever deserted the service in the Confederate army or navy?

THE STATE OF TEXAS, }  
County of Henderson }  
I, J. R. 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. R. Blades  
County Judge.....County, Texas.  
R. W. Coker  
(Applicant,) Attorney.....for Applicant.

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In Re  
Application for Confederate  
Pension.

IN COMMISSIONERS' COURT,  
Henderson COUNTY, TEXAS.  
Pending before County Judge of said County.

EX PARTE  
R. W. Coker  
Applicant.

INTERROGATORIES  
PROPOSED TO  
McMichael  
Goldman  
WITNESSES.  
Ward County



DEPOSITION IN PENSION CLAIMS, WITH CAPTION AND CERTIFICATES.

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EX PARTE

IN RE APPLICANT FOR CONFEDERATE PENSION

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  
county.

Answers and depositions of (1)

M. C. Nichols of Golden, Texas,  
Wood County,to the accompanying interrogatories (2) and Cross Interps,  
propounded to him in the above entitled cause taken before (3)in accordance with the accompanying (5) agreement,

To the first interrogatory the said

Witness, answers: 1<sup>st</sup> M. C. Nichols. Age 63 - Post Office  
Golden Texas.2<sup>nd</sup> yes.3<sup>rd</sup> Forty Five years.4<sup>th</sup> Yes - as Soldier.5<sup>th</sup> - Company D. of 39<sup>th</sup> Reg Miss.He enlisted on or about the 8<sup>th</sup> day May 1862  
Newton County Miss. and served till the  
close of the war.Witness is unable to answer Int no 6.Cross Int -1<sup>st</sup> I never knew an other Soldier  
enlisted in the Confederacy The said R. W.  
Crocker Applicant for Pension is the only  
R. W. Crocker I ever knew.2<sup>nd</sup> yes I am.3<sup>rd</sup> Witness Can't answer Int. no 6.4<sup>th</sup> He never deserted the Confederate  
Army.

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J. M. C. Nichol - Know personally  
R. W. Cooker, have known him for the  
past Forty Five years or since 1865.  
I know he enlisted in the Confederate  
Army. In Company "D" 39<sup>th</sup> Regiment  
State of Miss. And that he enlisted in  
Newton County in the above named State  
And that he served the Confederate Army  
till the close of said war. or  
till about May or June 1865.  
I further know him to be the only  
R. W. Cooker I ever knew.

J. M. C. Nichol



Subscribed and sworn to before me, this

day of

1907

*7 January*  
*Chimney*  
*Notary Public for*  
*Wm. B. Gentry*

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

County of \_\_\_\_\_

I,

(Here give name and official character of officer before whom taken.)

do hereby certify that

and \_\_\_\_\_ are personally known to me to be credible citizens of said County and State, and that the foregoing answers of \_\_\_\_\_

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 \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 1907

(L. S.)

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

*Henderson* County, Texas.

Before the Honorable County Judge of Said County.

EX PARTE

*McCabe*

Applicant for Confederate Pension.

DEPOSITION

OF

*McCabe*

Witness \_\_\_\_\_ for Applicant.

Filed the \_\_\_\_\_ day

of \_\_\_\_\_ 1 \_\_\_\_\_

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.





Affidavit of Witness  
H. B. Laper to  
Proof of Service



The State of Texas, 3<sup>d</sup> Part, R. W. Coke,  
 County of Henderson Applicant for Confederate Pension  
 Before me, J. B. Blades, County Judge  
 of Henderson County, State of Texas, on this day  
 personally appeared L. D. Lopez, who is  
 personally known to me to be a credible  
 citizen, who being by me duly sworn  
 on oath states that he personally knows  
 R. W. Coke the above named Applicant  
 for a pension and has known him since  
 1862, first knew him in Newton Co, Miss.  
 He enlisted in the service of the Confederacy  
 in 1862, at Merata, Miss, in Co. D 39<sup>th</sup> Miss Reg.  
 and performed the duties of a Soldier  
 till close of war, My source of knowledge  
 is having served in same Company  
 and Regiment with Applicant, and no  
 other person of same name served in  
 said Company & Regiment, I am positively  
 certain that said R. W. Coke Applicant for  
 pension, is the identical person serving  
 as herein testified by me,  
 Applicant never deserted the Confederacy,  
 I do not know of my own personal  
 knowledge whether Applicant is un-  
 able to support himself by labor of any  
 sort or not, he appears to be in  
 very good health, L. D. Lopez

Sworn and Subscribed before me  
 this Nov. 8<sup>th</sup>, 1906

J. B. Blades, Judge  
 Henderson Co. Texas,  
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## Comptroller's Department

State of Texas

Austin

MAR 14 1907

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

*Robert W. Coker* who is reported to have enlisted in  
Company *D*, *39<sup>th</sup>* Regiment *Mississippi Infantry*  
in the service of the Confederate States army.

Purpose: 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,

*J. W. Stephens*  
Comptroller

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WAR DEPARTMENT

Austin, Texas,  
Mar. 14, 1907.

Robert W. Coker,  
Co. D, 39th Miss. Inf.  
C.S.A.

J. W. Stephens, Comptroller,  
State of Texas,  
For military record of above named, an  
applicant for Confederate pension.

Address: "The Adjutant General,  
War Department, Washington, D. C."  
1224061

**WAR DEPARTMENT,**

**THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,**

WASHINGTON, March 20, 1907.

*Respectfully returned to the*

Comptroller,  
State of Texas,  
Austin.

It is shown by the records of  
this office that R. W. D. Coker,  
private, Company D, 39th Mississippi  
Infantry, C.S.A., enlisted April 3,  
1863. He surrendered May 4, 1865,  
and was paroled May 9, 1865, at Merid-  
ian, Mississippi.

*J. H. ...*  
The Adjutant General.

(A. G. O. 72-1)



**GEO. H. SHEPPARD**

OF NOLAN COUNTY

CANDIDATE FOR RE-ELECTION AS

**STATE COMPTROLLER**

SUBJECT TO ACTION OF DEMOCRATIC  
PRIMARY JULY 28TH



AUSTIN, TEXAS

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Jack Gray

GEO. H. SHEPARD  
OF THE COUNTY OF  
CANDIDATE FOR RE-ELECTION AS  
STATE COMPTROLLER  
SUBJECT TO ACTION OF DEMOCRATIC  
PRIMARY JULY 28TH

Phone 2-7991

R. W. Coker

Brownson, Tex.

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## APPLICATION FOR MORTUARY WARRANT

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

County of SmithI, M.H. York,

do hereby certify that I am the person to whom is entrusted the paying of the accounts and indebtedness of the late Robert W. Coker, who was a pensioner of the State of Texas, and whose file number was 12412 and whose original county was Henderson

The said pensioner Robert W. Coker, died on the

21st day of August, 19 31, in the town of Lindale,

County of Smith, Texas.

The pensioner died in the home of Malcom Taylor,

who was related to the pensioner as None

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

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) a friend,

that my postoffice address is R.F.D. 3, Lindale, Texas,

Street or R. F. D.

City

State

Signed M. H. York

Sworn to before me this 27th day of August

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**Must return before  
40 days expires from  
date of Pensioners' death**

Notary Public in and for

Smith

State of Texas.

## CERTIFICATE OF UNDERTAKER

I, M.H. York, do certify that I am undertaker in the town of Lindale, County of Smith, State of Texas that I had charge of the body of Robert W. Coker, who died in the town of Lindale, County of Smith, State of Texas on the 21st day of August 19 32. That said body was prepared for burial by me on the 21st day of August 19 32, and that I am of the opinion that warrant herein applied for should be issued to the said M.H. York, who makes the foregoing application.



Signed M. H. York

Undertaker.

## CERTIFICATE OF PHYSICIAN

I, B.L. Arthur, do certify that I am a practicing physician, and that I attended Robert W. Coker in his last illness, and am of the opinion that his ailments were

Cirrhosis of Liver

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-eighth Legislature and approved March 2, 1923.

Signed B. L. Arthur

Physician's Address Lindale, Texas,

Aug. 25, 1932

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