

The applicant having filed satisfactory proof, that he is indigent within the meaning of the law, the former disapproval is set aside and I recommend that the application be approved this **SEP 19 1907**

E. A. Holmes
Chief Pension Clerk

Approved **SEP 19 1907**

J. W. Stephens
Comptroller

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FORM No. 1—AMENDED

OCTOBER 1, 1902

Confederate Pension Application

Name of Applicant

W. S. Coker

Henderson County,

Postoffice

Attens

Comptroller's File No.

12895

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

this day of

A. D.

E. A. Holmes
Chief Pension Clerk

I hereby **Disapprove** the within application for pension, this day of

J. W. Stephens
Comptroller

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

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, W S 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 W. S. Coker.
- Q. What is your age? Answer Fifty One.
- 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 219th
Athens Henderson Co.
- Q. Have you applied for a pension under the Confederate Pension Law heretofore, and been rejected? If so, state when and where. Answer Have applied in fact in not suit in
on account of neglect of
- Q. What is your occupation if able to engage in one? Answer worked for not select work
- Q. What is your physical condition? Answer Long trouble (Nervous).
- 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 Age & Exposure & fall
- Q. In what State was your command originally organized? Answer Texas
- Q. How long did you serve? Give date of enlistment and discharge. Answer Enlisted fall of 63
Discharged at close of war
- Q. What was the name or letter of your company and name or number of your regiment? Answer Cu Dr
Reg 23 1st Cavalry
- Q. State whether you served in the infantry, artillery, cavalry, or the navy. Answer Cavalry
- 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 Small house, on piece of ground given in inherit title to land Humber about 500.00

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 I am unable to labor

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 None

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 Yes

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) W. S. Coker

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 23 day of Nov. A. D. 1906

(SEAL.)

County Judge J. B. Blades 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. B. Blades

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

W. P. Culbourn and G. B. Morton

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

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

(Signature of Witness) W. P. Culbourn

(Signature of Witness) G. B. Morton

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 23 day of Nov. A. D. 1906

(SEAL.)

County Judge J. B. Blades 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 W. B. Blades
County Judge of Henderson County, State of Texas, on this day personally appeared Bercy Lorkin
Bercy Lorkin 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. S. Cooper
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: Chronic Gastritis Had his ribs broken
3 years - & he suffer a great deal from hemorrhages from
his lung

(Signature of Physician) Bercy Lorkin M.D.
Sworn to and subscribed before me this 23 day of November A. D. 1906
(SEAL) W. B. Blades
County Judge Henderson County, State of Texas.

CERTIFICATE OF COUNTY JUDGE

THE STATE OF TEXAS,
COUNTY OF Henderson } I, W. B. Blades
County Judge of Henderson County, State of Texas, do hereby certify that on the 23rd
day of November A. D. 1906, before me came on to be heard the application
of W. S. Cooper 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 Bercy Lorkin
who is a reputable practicing physician of this county, was made before me. I also certify that the said applicant W. S. Cooper
W. S. Cooper, 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 W. S. Cooper
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 Atkins this 23rd
day of November A. D. 1906
(SEAL) W. B. 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
W. S. Cooper for a pension, together with the proof in support thereof, was duly submitted
by Hon. W. B. Blades County Judge of this Henderson County,
to the Commissioners of this Henderson County, at a regular term thereof on the 23
day of Nov. A. D. 1906 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 Atkins this 23
day of Nov. A. D. 1906
(SEAL) M. J. Pace
W. D. Cartledge
(Signature of Commissioners) S. H. Kettles
W. A. McLeod

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FORM No. 1.

CONFEDERATE PENSION APPLICATION.

Name of Applicant,

W. S. Carson
Bendisco County.

Post Office Athens

Comptroller's File No. 7110

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

Disapproved
this JUL 14 1900

A. D. _____
W. S. Carson
Pension Clerk.

I hereby disapprove the within application
for pension, this _____ day of _____

A. D. 1900
W. S. Carson
Comptroller.

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

MAVERICK-CLARKE LITHO CO., SAN ANTONIO.

Ready

APPLICATION of Indigent Soldier or Sailor of the late Confederacy for pension under the Act of May 12, 1899.

THE STATE OF TEXAS, }

COUNTY OF Henderson }

To the Honorable County Judge of Henderson County, Texas.

Your petitioner, W. S. Carter 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 W. S. Carter
- Q. What is your age? Answer 54 years
- Q. In what County do you reside? Answer Henderson
- Q. How long have you resided in said County and what is your post office address? Answer 14 years
Post office address, Athens, 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 Farming
- Q. What is your physical condition? Answer Health very bad
- 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 Rheumatism contracted while in ^{service} Confederate
due to exposure in said service
- Q. State in what company and regiment you enlisted in the Confederate army, and the time of your service? Answer Company "D", 23rd Texas Cavalry, served 18 months
- Q. If you served in the Confederate navy state when and where, and the time of your service. Answer _____
- 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 Residence lot in town of Athens Texas, valued at Three Hundred Fifty-dollars

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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 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. Have property as above stated

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

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

(Signature of Applicant)

W. S. Baker

Sworn to and subscribed before me this

27th

day of

July

A. D.

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W. H. Freeman

(SEAL)

County Judge Henderson County, Texas.

AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESSES.

(NOTE—There must be at least two credible witnesses.)

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 duly sworn on oath, state that they personally know the above named applicant for a pension, and that they personally know that the said enlisted in the service of the Confederacy, and performed the duties of a soldier (or sailor) as claimed by him in the above and foregoing application, and that they further know that he, the said applicant, is unable to support himself by labor of any sort.

(Signature of Witness)

(Signature of Witness)

(Signature of Witness)

(Signature of Witness)

Sworn to and subscribed before me this

day of

A. D.

(SEAL)

County Judge County, Texas.

AFFIDAVIT OF PHYSICIAN.

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

COUNTY OF Henderson

Before me

W. F. Freeman

County Judge of Henderson

County, State of Texas, on this day personally appeared

W. S. Coker

A. H. Easterling, 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. S. 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:

Applicant suffers with Rheumatism which is general but especially so in the shoulders and arms to such an extent that renders him entirely unable to work at his trade which is his only source of gaining a livelihood for himself and family. The muscles of the left arm are fast perishing away also of the right hip. Home Nurse applicant 17 years and do not hesitate to state that he is worthy

(Signature of Physician)

A. H. Easterling M.D.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this

27th

day of

July

A. D. 1899

(SEAL)

County Judge Henderson County, State of Texas.

CERTIFICATE OF COUNTY JUDGE.

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

COUNTY OF Henderson

I, W. F. Freeman

County Judge of Henderson

County, State of Texas, do hereby certify that on the

27th

day of July

A. D. 1899

, before me came on to be heard the application of

W. S. 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 A. H. Easterling

who is a reputable practicing physician of this County, was made before me. I also certify that the said applicant

W. S. 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 W. S. 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 Athens, Texas

this

27th

day of July

A. D. 1899

(SEAL)

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

W. S. Coker for a pension, together with the proof in support thereof, was duly submitted

by Hon. W. F. Freeman County Judge of this

County, to the Commissioners Court of this Henderson County, at a regular term thereof on the

day of July A. D. 1899, 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 Athens, Texas

this

15th

day of July

A. D. 1899

(Signatures of Commissioners.)

J. S. Wiley
J. W. Smith
Wood Forester

(SEAL)

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A 68.

File No.

IN THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT

of County,
BEFORE THE COUNTY JUDGE OF SAID COUNTY.

Ex Parte

COMMISSION

TO TAKE THE DEPOSITION OF

VS. {

W. S. Carson

Applicant for Confederate Pension.

Issued the day of

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Returned and filed the day of

A. D. 1

Clerk Court,

..... County, Texas.

..... Deputy.

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

To the Clerk of the District Court, Judge or Clerk of the County Court, or any Notary

Public in and for the County of Bowie State of Texas—GREETING:

WE HEREBY AUTHORIZE AND REQUIRE YOU, OR EITHER OF YOU, to summon any
witnesses competent to testify in case
named in accompanying subpoena

a resident of your
county to come before you forthwith, and that you then and there take their
 answers, under oath, to the attached copy of _____ Interrogatories, and that you
 return the same, without delay, to the Clerk of this Court as herein provided:

1. That you reduce their answers so taken to writing, in proper form, and cause the same to be subscribed and sworn to by said witness.
2. That you certify under your hand and seal of office, that said answers were sworn to and subscribed before you.
3. That you seal up in an envelope the answers so taken, together with the annexed interrogatories, and this Commission, with your name across the seal.
4. That you endorse on the envelope the name of the applicant for pension herein, and the name of said witness.
5. That you direct the package to the Judge of the 4th County Court of Henderson County, Arkansas Texas."
6. That if said package is sent by mail, the Postmaster or his Deputy shall endorse thereon that he received it from your hands, and sign his name thereto; or if you entrust it to private conveyance, as provided by the Statute, you will apprise the person receiving it that it must be delivered to the Judge of this Court by himself in person; which evidence, so taken as above, is to be used in proof of and on hearing of a pension claim now pending in the Commissioners' Court of Henderson County, in said State of Texas, before the County Judge of said County, entitled "Ex parte W. S. Carter applicant for Confederate pension."

HEREIN FAIL NOT, but make due return of this Writ as the law directs.

Given under my hand and seal of office, at Arkansas
 this 7th day of Nov A. D. 1899

ATTEST: W. F. Freeman
Judge County Court of Henderson Texas.

Deputy.

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Subscribed and sworn to before me, this _____ day of _____ 1 _____

THE STATE OF TEXAS, }
County of Bowie } I, A. C. Lisdale Notary Public
(Here give name and official character of officer before whom taken.)

_____ do hereby certify that N. C. Proctor
and L. H. Hall are personally known to me to be credible citizens of said
County and State, and that the foregoing answers of N. C. Proctor and
L. H. Hall

_____ 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) N. C. Proctor & L. H. Hall

Given under my hand and official seal, this the 2nd day of March 1900

[L. S.]

A. C. Lisdale Notary Public
in & for Bowie County Tex.

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 respec-
tive 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.

A 70.

File No. _____

In the Commissioners' Court

OF

County, Texas,

Before the Honorable County Judge of said County.

EX PARTE

Applicant for Confederate Pension.

DEPOSITION

OF

Witness _____ for Applicant.

Filed the _____ day

of _____ 1 _____

Clerk.

Deputy.

Fee for Taking Deposition, \$ _____

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 W. S. Carter serving in the same company or regiment in which you say the said applicant, W. S. Carter, 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 _____ 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 W. S. Carter, 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 _____ applicant for pension, ever deserted the service in the Confederate army or navy?

THE STATE OF TEXAS, }
County of Banderson }

I, W. F. Freeman, 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.

W. F. Freeman
County Judge Banderson County, Texas.

(Applicant,) Attorney.....for Applicant.

A 69.

In Re
Application for Confederate
Pension.

IN COMMISSIONERS' COURT,

COUNTY, TEXAS.

Pending before County Judge of said County.

EX PARTE

Applicant.

INTERROGATORIES

PROPOUNDED TO

WITNESSES.

The State of Texas }
 County of Henderson }

Ex Parte }
 W. S. Coker }

Before me the undersigned authority on this day personally appeared C. P. Barr who being by me duly sworn on oath deposes and says that his name is C. P. Barr, that he is 60 years old, that his present place of residence is Henderson County, Texas and that his post-office address is Athens, Texas; that he ~~knows~~ personally knows W. S. Coker who is an applicant for a pension under act of May 12, 1899, that he has known him forty two years and first knew him in 1863 in the Confederate Army; that said W. S. Coker enlisted in the Army in the service of the Confederacy and performed the duties of a soldier, of this applicant knows personally, that said W. S. Coker enlisted, ^{and served} in Company D, 23 Texas in the fall of 1863 at in Bowie County, Texas, at the Town of Baxton and served as a soldier till the close of the war, that the said W. S. Coker is unable to support himself by labor of any sort, that he knows the above facts of his own personal knowledge and that no other ^{person} by the name of W. S. Coker served in said company and regiment and that said Coker never deserted the service in the Confederate Army

(TX)

Sworn & Subscribed before me
 this Nov 22nd 1906

J. C. Barr
 J. P. Blader, Co. Judge
 Henderson Co. Texas

1st L Hall being by me sworn on oath says
My age is 58 years My residence is Bowie
County Texas.

2nd Yes

3rd I have known him 20 years. I first knew him
in this Bowie County.

4th Yes

5th He served in Company D 23rd Texas.
He served in La & Texas from 1862 to close
of war.

Answers to cross interrogatories

1st This is the only US Baker that I ever knew.

2nd I am positively certain that this is the
identical person so applying.

3rd He did not desert the Confederacy.

L H Hall

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(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

W. S. 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 *J. M. Ward*
and *Rayman* who reside 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.

W. S. Coker
(Applicant) Attorney for Applicant.

Direct Interrogatories to be Propounded to the Witness

- J. M. Ward*
- INT. 1. What is your name? Age? Present place of residence and postoffice address? *W. S. Coker*
- INT. 2. Do you personally know, or did you at any time know *W. S. Coker* who
is an applicant for pension under Act of May 12, 1899?
- INT. 3. How long have you known the said *W. S. Coker* applicant for pension,
and when and where did you first know him?
- INT. 4. Do you personally know that the said *W. S. Coker* applicant for pension
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 *W. S. 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 so served.
- INT. 6. Do you further know that *W. S. Coker* the said
applicant for pension, is unable to support himself by labor of any sort?

CROSS INTERROGATORIES.

To be Propounded to *J. M. Ward*

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 *W. S. Coker* serving in the same company
or regiment in which you say the said applicant 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

DEPOSITION IN PENSION CLAIMS, WITH CAPTION AND CERTIFICATES.

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EX PARTE

W. S. Coker,

IN RE APPLICANT FOR CONFEDERATE PENSION

Under Act May 12, 1899, pending in County Commissioners Court of *Henderson*

Applicant for Confederate Pension

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

Answers and depositions of (1)

J. M. Ward of Kemp Texas Kaufman County,

to the accompanying interrogatories (2)

propounded to *him* in the above entitled cause taken before (3)*and ex officio* Notary Public in *for Kaufman County Tex* in accordance with the accompanying (5) *agreement,*

To the first interrogatory the said

Witness, answers:

Int 2nd

yes I know W. S. Coker.

Int 3

46 years in the Army

Int 4

I do know that he performed the duties of a soldier

Int 5

Company B. 23rd Texas Cavalry in Louisiana & Texas during the time from 1863 to May 1865 -

Int 6

*I do not I have not seen him in 3 years**X I served in the same regiment with him I did not.**Yes I know he is I know he did not*

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Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 16 day of Nov 1906
J M Ward
C C Moore J P and Ex officio
Notary Public Kaufman Co Tex

THE STATE OF TEXAS,
 County of Kaufman } I, C C Moore J P and Ex officio
 (Here give name and official character of officer before whom taken.)
Notary Public do hereby certify that J M Ward
 and is are personally known to me to be credible citizens of said
 County and State, and that the foregoing answers of J M Ward
 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) J M Ward

(L. S.)

Given under my hand and official seal, this the 16 day of Nov 1906
C C Moore J P and Ex officio
Notary Public Kaufman County Texas

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 <u>Kaufman</u> County, Texas. Before the Honorable County Judge of Said County.	EX PARTE <u>W. S. Copern</u> Applicant for Confederate Pension.	DEPOSITION OF <u>J M Ward</u>	Witness for Applicant.	Filed the _____ day of _____	Clerk. _____ Deputy. _____	Fee for Taking Deposition, \$ _____
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any other sailor of the same name as said W. S. Coker applicant
serving in the same command.

If you say that you so knew other soldiers or sailors of the same name of 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 W. S. 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 on conjecture?

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

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THE STATE OF TEXAS, }
County of Henderson

I, J. P. 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. P. Blades
County Judge Henderson County, Texas.

W. S. Coker
(Applicant) Attorney.....for Applicant.

In Re
Application for Confederate
Pension.

IN COMMISSIONERS COURT,
Henderson County, Texas,
Pending before County Judge of said County.

Ex Parte
W. S. Coker
Applicant.

INTERROGATORIES
PREPARED TO
J. M. W. W. W.
J. M. W. W. W.
Witnesses.

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- (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.



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

W. S. Coker who is reported to have enlisted in
Company *D*, *23^d* Regiment *Texas Cavalry*
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.

J. W. Stephens,
Comptroller.

For mily. record of W. S. Coker,
D, 23rd Tex. Cav., C. S. A., ap-
plicant for Confederate Pension.

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

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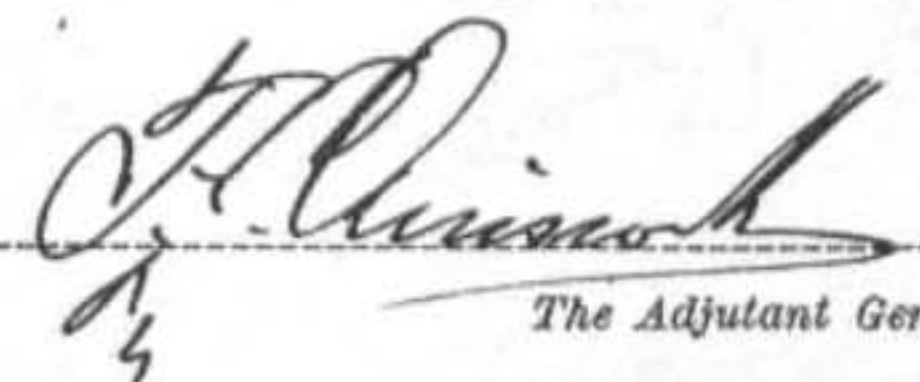
WAR DEPARTMENT,

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

WASHINGTON, March 20, 1907.

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

The records show that W. S. Coker,
private, Company D, 23d Texas Cav-
alry, C. S. A., was enlisted Octo-
ber 24, 1863, and that he was cap-
tured at "Point Coupee Parsh", July
14, 1864. No later record found.



The Adjutant General.

Athens, Texas, April 10, 1907.

Hon. John A. Mobley,

A U S T I N.

Dear Sir & Friend :

I hate to trouble you with private affairs, when I know you are loaded to death with public duty, but I must ask one favor of you before it is too late.

I have made application for Confederate Pension and the papers in my case are now on file in the Comptroller's office at Austin.

There seems to be some hitch as to the realty I own. I am perfectly willing to make an affidavit that I do not own a foot of land and have not in years, and further that I do not own any personal property except what clothes I have ~~own~~, and some little house-hold goods.

My wife bought 9 acres of land and you know where it is situated, with money that she got from her mother's estate, that is she paid for part of it, and Judge Faulk holds the notes for the balance of the purchase money, and has had them since about 1900, and have barely kept the interest paid. If Judge Faulk had pushed the matter, I do not know what we would have done.

Now John I am unable to work, I have no use of my limbs. I expect you will remember that I fell from a scaffold some few years ago and received permanent injuries, besides I am over sixty years of age and can't work and make a living for myself much less my wife.

There is nobody but me and the old lady and she is unable to work. My children are not able to help me, for they have families to support and do well if they do that.

I cannot no longer follow the Carpenter's trade for the above reasons assigned.

My daughter Ella is in Mitchell ^{Canty} for her health. The doctors inform me that she cannot live in this climate, so if I get any money from any source I am bound to help her.

I have no property and you know I cannot make a living on the 9 acres admitting that I could work.

I am over sixty years of age and I believe under the law I am entitled to receive the pension and I further believe that my application is made within terms of the law.

Athens, Texas, April 10, 1907.

Hon. John A. Mobley.

I wish you would do me the favor to call on Mr. Stephens the comptroller

and take the matter up with him and explain the circumstances. You

will find from examination of the papers I meet the Pension Law.

John please do this for me at once as I understand I must get
know you are loaded to death with public duty, but I must ask you to favor
in under this appropriation, or else be delayed six months.

I wish I was able to pay you a fee in the matter, but honestly
I have made application for Confederate Pension and the papers
I am not, but perhaps some day I can return the favor if you help me this
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and have not in years, and further that I do not own any personal property

except what clothes I have on, and some little household goods.

I am,

My wife bought 9 acres of land and you know where it is sit-

Your friend,

W. S. Barker

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P.S. I do not own a house as I can

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ago and received permanent injuries, besides I am over sixty years of

age and can't work and make a living for myself much less my wife.

There is nobody but me and the old lady and she is unable to

work. My children are not able to help me, for they have families

to support and do well if they do that.

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Over

W. S. Barker
Henderson

April 10th 1907.

Hon. John A. Mobley,
Austin, Texas.

Dear John :

Our old mutual friend Mr. W. S. Coker has applied for a Confederate Pension, and his papers are now on file in the Comptroller's Department.

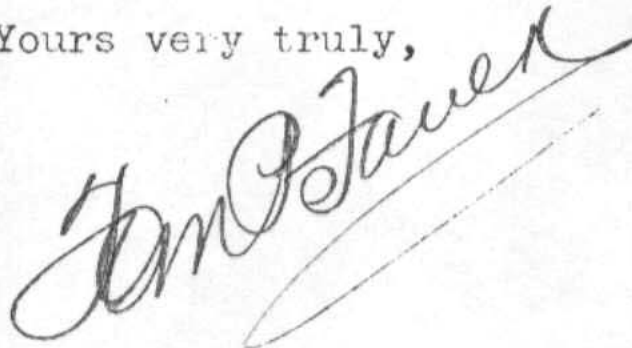
I wish you could help the old man get his application approved and the pension granted him.

He is unable to follow his profession - the Carpenter's trade. Has no use of his limbs and cannot perform manual labor. The old man is over sixty years of age, and am satisfied he did good service on the battle field.

The little place that he is living on was bought by Mrs. Coker, and they have not paid for it, or cut the notes at all, have just kept the interest paid, I know this because my father owns the notes.

Help the old man by calling around at the Comptroller's office, and look the papers over and I believe you can get the matter through for him.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Tom P. Faulk", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Affidavit of Physician

THE STATE OF TEXAS, }
County of Taylor

Before me Emmerson County Judge of Taylor County,
State of Texas, on this day personally appeared J D Magee
who is a physician in good standing, who, being by me duly sworn, on oath says that he has carefully examined
W S Coker and finds him laboring under the following disabilities.

(If a soldier, state fully whether he lost a limb, or limbs, or is blind or totally disabled; in the latter case stating specifically the personal ailment and conditions that render.....entirely helpless and incapacitated, physically or mentally, for any work or business; if the widow of a soldier, "for any kind of work suitable for her sex.")

W. S. Coker has Chronic Brichitis
also Cystitis and is incapacitated for
any kind labor

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Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 20 day of Dec, A. D. 1913

(SEAL.)

Emmerson

County Judge Taylor County, Texas.

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Affidavit of Physician *Henderson*THE STATE OF TEXAS,
County of *Taylor*Before me *Emmerson*, County Judge of *Taylor* County,
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physician in good standing, who, being by me duly sworn, on oath says that he has carefully examined
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pacitated, physically or mentally, for any work or business; if the widow of a soldier, "for any kind of work
suitable for her sex.")*I have examined W. S. Coker and find him
to have Chronic Bronchitis and several Hemorrhages
from some He also has Chronic
Indigestion and has not been able to do
manual labor for several years and is
not now able on account of affliction
to earn a living*Sworn to and subscribed before me, this *24* day of *July* A. D. 19 *12*

(SEAL)

*W. S. Coker
Warrant**Emmerson*County Judge *Taylor* County, Texas.

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Ex Parte
W.S.Coker

Confederate Pension.

Affidavit of Total Disability.

Ex Parte
W. S. Coke
Applicant for
Confederate Pension
Proof of Service

EX PARTE

W. S. Coker

Applicant for Confederate Pension.

IN RE APPLICANT FOR CONFEDERATE PENSION

Under Act May 12, 1899, pending in County Commis-
sioners' Court of *Henderson*
County, Texas, before the Honorable County Judge of
said County.

Answers and deposition of (1)

H. C. Proctor
County Judge of Henderson County

to the accompanying interrogatories (2)

propounded to

Them in the above entitled cause taken before (3) *A. C. Tisdale*
A. Notary Public for Bowie County Texas
in accordance with the accompanying (5) *interrogatories*

To the first interrogatory the said

Witness, answers:

My name is H. C. Proctor my age is 55 years
my P. O. is Sally Springs Bowie County Texas

1st Yes
3rd I do.

I knew him first in 1848 and until the
close of the war.

4th I do.

5th I am Company D 25th Texas, from 1848 to close
of the war. La & Southern Texas.

Cross interrogatories

1st I was a member of said Company D and
knew him there.

2nd I do not now nor did I then know any
other person by the name of W. S. Coker serving any
where

Personally appeared before the undersigned
authority H. C. Proctor well known to me to be
the one whose name

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4th I know that he never deserted the Confederacy, though
he was once captured by the enemy, and is unable to
labor.

H. C. Proctor

APPLICATION FOR MORTUARY WARRANT

STATE OF TEXAS,

County of TaylorI, Mrs. Emmett Turnerdo hereby certify that I am the person to whom is entrusted the paying of the accounts and indebtedness of the late W. S. Coker, who was a pensioner of theState of Texas, and whose file number was 12895 and whose original county was HendersonThe said pensioner W. S. Coker, died on the1st day of Oct, 1925, in the town of AbileneCounty of Taylor, Texas.The pensioner died in the home of Mrs. Emmett Turner who was related to the pensioner as DaughterThat 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. S. Coker

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) his daughter that my postoffice address is 1308 493Abilene City Texas StateSigned Mrs. Emmett TurnerSworn to before me this 12 day of October, 1925Notary Public in and for Taylor State of Texas.

CERTIFICATE OF UNDERTAKER

I, D. T. Laughton, do certify that I am undertaker in the town of Abilene County of Taylor, State of Texas,that I had charge of the body of W. S. Coker, who died in thetown of Abilene, County of Taylor, State of Texason the Oct 1st day of October 1925. That said body was prepared for burial by meon the 1st day of October 1925, and that I am of the opinion thatwarrant herein applied for should be issued to the said Mrs. Emmett Turner

who makes the foregoing application.

Signed D. T. Laughton Undertaker.

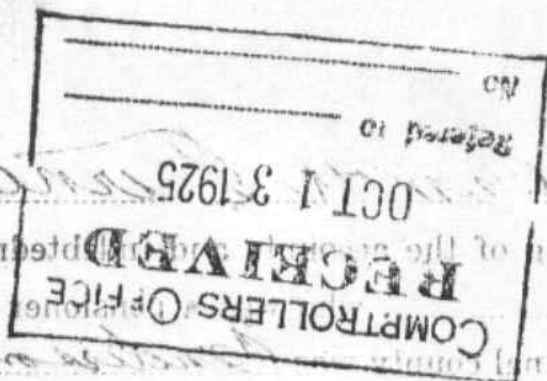
CERTIFICATE OF PHYSICIAN

I, William R. Snow MD, do certify that I am a practicing physician, and that I attended Mr. William Smith Coker in his last illness, andam of the opinion that his ailments were Pyogenic abscess of left lung.

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 William R. Snow (TX)Physician's Address 306-309 Alexander Building,
Abilene, Texas,Must return before
40 days expires from
date of Pensioners' death

APPLICATION FOR MORTUARY WARRANT



STATE OF TEXAS

County of _____

do hereby certify that I am the person to whom is entrusted the paying of the expenses and the business of the _____ the late _____

State of Texas, and whose number was _____ and whose official _____ The said person _____ died on the _____

_____ day of _____ in the town of _____ County of _____

The person who is the subject of this application _____ who was related to the deceased as _____

That the warrant which is hereby made for, shall be applied to for all or part of the ex- _____

penses incurred by the said person _____ I further certify that the warrant for the funeral charges has not been cashed by the person, to _____

lest of my knowledge and belief _____ I am related to the person as (I find) _____

that my position relative to _____ that my position relative to _____

_____ Since _____

_____ day of _____ 1925

Notary Public in and for _____ State of Texas

CERTIFICATE OF UNDERTAKER

do hereby certify that I am undertaker in the _____ State of _____

_____ who died in the _____ State of _____

_____ That said body was prepared for burial by me _____ and that I am of the opinion that _____

_____ warrant herein applied for should be issued to the said _____ who makes the foregoing application.

Signed _____ Undertaker

CERTIFICATE OF PHYSICIAN

do hereby certify that I am a practicing _____ physician, and that I attended _____

_____ am of the opinion that his symptoms were _____ appearance of _____

_____ 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 the law passed by the Thirty-ninth Legislature _____ and approved March 2, 1925

Signed _____

Physician's Address _____

