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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 necessary

2-21-31

Name of Applicant.

*M. C. Douglass*

*Henderson* County.

Postoffice *Atkins, Tex.*  
*P.O. No 8.*

Filed *June 12<sup>th</sup> 1914*

Approved *June 1<sup>st</sup> 1914*

Pension allowed from *Sept. 1<sup>st</sup> 1914*

Rejected

*[Signature]*  
Commissioner of Pensions.

E. L. Steck, Printing, Bookbinding, Austin.

*[Signature]*

## FORM A

## For Use of Soldiers Who Are In Indigent Circumstances

## THE STATE OF TEXAS

County of Henderson

I, William Cantrell Douglass do hereby make application to the Commissioner of Pensions for a pension to be granted me under the Act passed by the 53rd 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 Gainesville, Ala  
about the middle of May, 1865. War  
closed

(Give date and cause.)

that I have been a bona fide citizen of this State since prior to January 1, A. D. 1900, and have been continuously since a citizen of the State of Texas. I do further state that I do not hold any National, State, city or county office which pays me a salary or fees of \$300.00 per annum, nor have I an income from any other employment or other source whatever which amounts to \$300.00 per annum, nor do I receive from any source whatever money or other means of support amounting in value to the sum of \$300.00 per annum, nor do I own in my own right, nor does any one hold in trust for my benefit or use, nor does my wife own, nor does any one hold in trust for my wife, estate or property, either real, personal or mixed, either in fee or for life, of the assessed value of over one thousand dollars, exclusive of a home of the value of not more than \$1000.00; nor do I receive any aid or pension from any other State, or from the United States, or from any other source, and that I am not an inmate of the Confederate Home, and I do further state that the answers given to the following questions are true:

1. What is your age? 69 years
2. Where were you born? In Sumner Co Tenn
3. How long have you resided in Texas? 47 years
4. In what county do you reside? Henderson
5. How long have you resided in said county, and what is your postoffice address? I have resided in Henderson Co 18 months. Post-office is Athens, Ky
6. Have you applied for a pension under the Confederate pension law and been rejected? If rejected, state when and where. Have never applied
7. What is your occupation, if able to engage in one? Farming What is your physical condition? Fair
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. 20 months
10. What was the letter of your company, number of battalion, regiment or battery? Co. D. 2nd Tennessee Cavalry
11. If transferred from one command to another, give time of transfer, name of command and time of service. Not transferred
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? Not Commissioned
14. If detailed for special service, under the law of conscription, what was the nature of your service and how long did you serve? Not detailed
15. What is the assessed value of your home, if you own a home? Own no home
16. What is the assessed value of your other property? None
17. Have you transferred to others any property of any kind for the purpose of becoming a beneficiary under this law? no

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

(Signature of Applicant)

W.C. Douglass

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 6 day of June, A. D. 1914

C. D. Owen

[Seal.]

County Judge Hudersay County, Texas.

### AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESSES

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

X THE STATE OF TEXAS }

County of McLennan

Before me Geo. N. Denton

County Judge of McLennan

County,

State of Texas, on this day personally appeared R. L. Smith M. W., who are personally

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

W.C. Douglass, the above named applicant for a pension, and that they personally know that the

said W.C. Douglass 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)

R. L. Smith M. W.

(Signature of Witness)

J. P. Primm

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 8 day of June, A. D. 1914

Geo. N. Denton

[Seal.]

County Judge McLennan 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 \_\_\_\_\_

J. P. Primm

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. 19 \_\_\_\_\_

[Seal.]

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

## CERTIFICATE OF STATE AND COUNTY ASSESSOR

I, D. F. Henry, State and County Assessor in the County of Henderson State of Texas, do certify that McDouglas, 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 no Dollars, and of other property, real or personal, or both of the value of no Dollars.

Given under my hand, this 7 day of July A. D. 1914

D. F. Henry  
State and County Assessor.





# EX-PARTE

**W C Douglass**

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 **R G Douglass of Upshur Co Texas**  
and **A H Douglass of Co Ala** who reside in the County  
of in the State of 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 March 26, 1909, 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 and State of Texas, which **he** is a bona fide resident.

(Applicant) Attorney for Applicant.

## Direct Interrogatories to be Propounded to the Witness

**R G Douglass and A H Douglass**

- INT. 1. What is your name? Age? Present place of residence and postoffice address?  
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- INT. 2. Do you personally know, or did you at any time know **W C Douglass** who  
**W C Douglass** is an applicant for pension under Act of March 26, 1909?
- INT. 3. How long had you known the said **W C Douglass**  
and when and where did you first know him?
- INT. 4. Do you personally know that the said **W C Douglass**  
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 C Douglass**  
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 personally know that **W C Douglass**  
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 **W C Douglass** 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

To be propounded to **R G Douglass and A H Douglass**

CROSS INTERROGATORY 1. If, in answer to the foregoing direct interrogatories, you have stated that you person-  
ally know or did know said **W C Douglass** 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 **W C Douglass** 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 C Douglass** serving in the same company or regiment, or special  
service in which you say the said **W C Douglass** enlisted, if you have stated that said  
**W C Douglass** enlisted and served in the navy of the Confederacy, then state whether or

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not you know any other soldier or sailor of the same name as said W C Douglass  
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 W C Douglass  
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 C Douglass  
is the identical person serving as testified by you?

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

THE STATE OF TEXAS }  
County of Henderson }

I, C D Owen, 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.

C D Owen  
County Judge Henderson County, Texas.

W C Douglass  
(Applicant) Attorney for Appellant.

*In Re*  
**Application for Confederate**

**Pension**

FOR USE OF SOLDIERS OR WIDOWS.

Henderson County, Texas.

Pending before the County Judge of said County.

**EX-PARTE**

W C Douglass  
Applicant.

INTERROGATORIES  
propounded to

R G Douglass  
&  
A H Douglass  
Witnesses.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 26th day of June, 1914

Seal.

R S Hammett  
Probate Judge, Autauga County Alabama

THE STATE OF Alabama  
County of Autauga

R S Hammett Probate Judge,  
(Here give name and official character of officer before whom taken.)

Autauga Co Ala do hereby certify that A H Douglass  
and is xxx personally known to me to be credible citizens of said  
County and State, and that the foregoing answers of A H Douglass  
the witness before named, xxx

whose name appear s signed to the foregoing deposition, were made before  
me and were sworn to and subscribed before me, by said witness (XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX)

Given under my hand and official seal, this the 26th day of June, 1914  
(L. S.) R S Hammett  
Probate Judge, Autauga County Ala

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 \_\_\_\_\_ County, Texas.  
Before the Honorable County Judge of  
said County.

EX PARTE

W C Douglass  
Applicant for Confederate Pension

DEPOSITION

of

R G Douglass  
& A H Douglass

Witnesses for Applicant.

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

of \_\_\_\_\_, 191

\_\_\_\_\_, Clerk.

By \_\_\_\_\_, Deputy.

Fee for Taking Deposition \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Yes. He served honorably from date of enlistment till the surrender.

Cross

To the 4th Interrogatory witness answers:

I know that he never deserted.

(Signature of 2nd Witness)

*A H Douglas*

*Sworn to & subscribed to before me  
this June 26, 1914*

*R L Hault*

*Probate Judge Morgan Co  
Ala*

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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

IN RE APPLICANT FOR CONFEDERATE PENSION

W C Douglass

Under Act March 26, 1909, pending

Henderson

Applicant for Confederate Pension.

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

Answers and depositions of (1) R G Douglass of Upshur County, Texas &amp;

A H Douglass of County Alabama

to the accompanying interrogations (2) and cross-interrogations  
propounded to them in the above entitled cause taken before (3) W H McClelland County Judge  
in accordance with the accompanying (7) Agreement and commission

To the first interrogatory the said R G Douglass

Witness, answers My name is R G Douglass. Age 70 years. Post office address  
is Lafayette, Upshur County, Texas.

To the 2nd Interrogatory witness answers:

Yes, I know him well. He is my brother.

To the 3rd Interrogatory witness answers:

I have known him all my life.

To the 4th Interrogatory witness answers:

Yes, He was enlisted and served in the same company with me.

To the 5th Interrogatory witness answers:

Yes, in the Company "D" of the 2nd Tenn Cavalry. Enlisted in the  
latter portion of the year 1863 and served till the surrender.  
Enlisted in Mississippi.

To the 6th Interrogatory witness answers:

He was never so commissioned.

To the 7th Interrogatory witness answers:

He was never so detailed. He served as a private soldier.

ANSWERS OF WITNESS R G DOUGLASS TO CROSS INTERROGATORIES.

To the 1st Cross-Interrogatory witness answers:

I served in the same company and regiment with W C Douglass and  
saw him perform the duties of a soldier. I do not know any other sol-  
dier by the name of W C Douglass.

To the 2nd Cross-Interrogatory witness answers:

Yes, I am very certain.

To the 3rd Cross-Interrogatory witness answers:

Yes, I know that he served honorably from the enlistment till the  
close of the war.

To the 4th Interrogatory witness answers:

I know that he never deserted his command and that he never  
abandoned his post of duty.

(Signature of 1st Witness)

R G Douglass

(Over)

Sworn and subscribed to before me, this 23rd day of June A D 1914.

*W H M McClelland*  
County Judge, Upshur County, Texas.

THE STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF UPSHUR.

I, W H McClelland, County Judge, Upshur County, Texas, do hereby certify that R G Douglass is personally known to me to be a credible of said County and State, and that the foregoing, answers of R G Douglass the witness before named, and whose name is subscribed to the foregoing deposition, were made before me and were sworn to and subscribed before me by said witness.

Given under my hand and official seal, this 23rd day of June A D 1914.

*W H M McClelland*  
County Judge Upshur County Texas.

Answers and depositions of A H Douglass of Prattville Ala to the accompanying interrogatories and cross-interrogatories.

To the 1st Interrogatory witness answers:

My name is A H Douglass. My age is 78 years. My Postoffice address is Prattville A la

To the 2nd Interrogatory witness answers:

Yes, I knew him well in the service and since.

To the 3rd Interrogatory witness answers:

I have known him all his life. In Sumner County Tenn.

To the 4th Interrogatory witness answers:

Yes.

To the 5th Interrogatory witness answers:

Yes, in Company "D" of the 2nd Tenn Cavalry. He served about 18 months during latter part of the war till the surrender.

To the 6th Interrogatory witness answers:

I know that he was never commissioned an officer. He served as a private soldier.

To the 7th Interrogatory witness answers:

He served as a private soldier was never detailed for special service

ANSWERS OF WITNESS A H DOUGLASS TO CROSS INTERROGATORIES.

To the 1st Cross-Interrogatory witness answers:

I was not in the same company and regiment with W C Douglass, but I saw him in the service and know that he served as testified to. I never knew any other soldier by the name of W C Douglass.

To the 2nd Cross-Interrogatory witness answers:

Yes.

To the 3rd Cross-Interrogatory witness answers:

## APPLICATION FOR MORTUARY WARRANT

FEB 25 1931

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

County of TravisI, W. C. Douglass Jr.

do hereby certify that I am the person to whom is entrusted the paying of the accounts and indebtedness of the late W. C. Douglass, who was a pensioner of the State of Texas, and whose file number was 28306 and whose original county was Henderson

The said pensioner W. C. Douglass, died on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of February, 1931, in the town of Austin, County of Travis, Texas.

The pensioner died in the home of W. C. Douglass Jr. who was related to the pensioner as Father son

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 W. C. Douglass

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) son that my postoffice address is 1222 W. 6th St. Street or R. F. D. Austin City Texas State

Sworn to before me this 25<sup>th</sup> day of

Signed W. C. Douglass Jr.

February, 1931

Henry Houston Jones

Notary Public in and for Travis County, State of Texas.

Must return before  
40 days expires from  
date of Pensioner's death

## CERTIFICATE OF UNDERTAKER

I, J. D. Peeprey, do certify that I am undertaker in the town of Austin, County of Travis, State of Texas that I had charge of the body of W. C. Douglass, who died in the town of Austin, County of Travis, State of Texas on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of February, 1931. That said body was prepared for burial by me on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of Feb, 1931, and that I am of the opinion that warrant herein applied for should be issued to the said W. C. Douglass Jr. who makes the foregoing application.

Signed

J. D. Peeprey

Undertaker.

## CERTIFICATE OF PHYSICIAN

I, Dr. Sam Hanger, do certify that I am a practicing physician, and that I attended Mr. W. C. Douglass in his last illness, and am of the opinion that his ailments were Old Age & Hypertensive Pneumonia

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

Dr. Sam Hanger

Physician's Address

Austin Texas

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