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FORM A

Soldier's Application for Pension

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

Name of Applicant.

*John A Goodgum*

*Henderson* County.

Postoffice

*Stems #1*

Filed

*AUG 31 1909*

Approved

Pension allowed from

Rejected

Commissioner of Pensions.

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REPRODUCED FROM THE HOLDINGS OF THE TEXAS STATE ARCHIVES  
For Use of Soldiers, Who are in Indigent Circumstances

THE STATE OF TEXAS }  
County of Henderson }

I, John A. Goodgame, do hereby make application to the Commissioner of Pensions for a pension to be granted me under the Act passed by the Thirty-first Legislature of the State of Texas, and approved March 26, A. D. 1909, 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; that I was honorably discharged or surrendered

I was sent from Ft. Duncan, at Eagle Pass, on Rio Grande River, Texas, to Hospital at San Antonio for treatment of my eyes. When I reached San Antonio, the war was over, this was May 18, 1865. (Give date and cause.)

that I have been a bona fide citizen of this State since prior to January 1, A. D. 1880, 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 in salary or fees one hundred and fifty dollars per annum, nor have I any income from any other employment or other source whatever which amounts to one hundred and fifty dollars per annum, nor do I receive from any source whatever money or other means of support amounting in value to the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars 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; 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? 77 years
2. Where were you born? In Alabama
3. How long have you resided in Texas? 50 years
4. In what county do you reside? Henderson
5. How long have you resided in said county and what is your postoffice address? 50 years. Athens RD #1

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

9. How long did you serve? Give, if possible, the date of enlistment and discharge Nov. 3, 1864. June 2, 1865.

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

715th Texas Infantry.

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

Company A. Col. Poyson's Regiment First (?) Texas Cavalry

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



13. If commissioned direct by the President, what was your rank and line of duty? Sergeant J. M.  
Lieutenant, Company F. 15th, Texas Infantry [I had no Commission]

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 so detailed

15. 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 pension be approved and such other proceedings be had in the premises as are required by law.

(Signature of Applicant) John A. Goodgame

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 7 day of Aug., A. D. 1909.

[SEAL.]

John S. Prince  
 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 John S. Prince, County Judge of Henderson County,

State of Texas, on this day personally appeared J. H. Richardson & C. M. Sides, who are personally

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

Goodgame the above named applicant for a pension, and that they personally know that the said John A.

Goodgame has been a bona fide resident citizen of the State of Texas since prior to January 1, A. D.

1880, and that they have no interest in this claim.

(Signature of Witness) J. H. Richardson

(Signature of Witness) C. M. Sides

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 7 day of Aug., A. D. 1909.

[SEAL.]

John S. Prince  
 County Judge Henderson County, Texas.

### AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESSES

(If possible, the two witnesses should have served with the applicant in the army, and, if so, let them, or either, state it in their oath, their source of knowledge; also any information regarding applicant's army service.)

THE STATE OF TEXAS }

County of Henderson

Before me John S. Prince, County Judge of Henderson County,

State of Texas, on this day personally appeared J. H. Richardson & C. M. Sides

who are personally known to me to be credible citizens, who, being by me sworn, on oath state that they are personally 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 this claim, and said applicant's habits are good and free from dishonor. And Mc further make oath to the following facts touching the applicant's service in the Confederate Army:

We were both - all three - members of same company. John A Goodgame, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant & J. H. Richardson & E. M. Sides privates in same company.  
Applicant was an Lieutenant

(Signature of Witness)

J. H. Richardson

(Signature of Witness)

E. M. Sides

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 7 day of Aug. A. D. 19 09

[SEAL.]

John S. Prince  
 County Judge, Henderson County, Texas.

# CERTIFICATE OF THE STATE AND COUNTY ASSESSOR

I, W. V. Davis, State and County Assessor in the County of Henderson

State of Texas, do certify that John A Goodgame 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-first Legislature, approved March 26, A. D. 1909, is charged on the land and personal property rolls of said county with estate, real, personal and mixed, at the assessed value of 365.00 dollars.

Given under my hand, this 7 day of Aug, A. D. 19 09

W. V. Davis

State and County Assessor.

VON BOECKMANN-JONES CO., AUSTIN, TEXAS.

896-809-2m



E. A. BOLMES, 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 John A. Goodgame who is reported to have enlisted in  
Company F, Regiment 15th Texas 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,

E. A. Bolmes  
Commissioner of Pensions.





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

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**WAR DEPARTMENT,**

**THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,**

WASHINGTON, September 20, 1909.

*Respectfully returned to the*

Commissioner of Pensions,  
State of Texas, Austin.

The records show that John A. Goodgame, second lieutenant, Company F, 15th Texas Infantry, Confederate States Army, enlisted March 28, 1862. On the roll of the company for January and February, 1864, last roll on file, he is reported absent, sick. No later record of him has been found.

The Adjutant General.

[A. G. O. 72-1]

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*Handwritten note:*  
C. C. ...