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FORM NO. 1—AMENDED

OCTOBER 1, 1902

CONFEDERATE PENSION APPLICATION

Name of Applicant

W. B. Harris
Henderson County,

Post Office *Othman Tex.*

Comptroller's File No. **13846**

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

this _____ day of _____

A. D. _____

E. A. Bolines

Chief Pension Clerk.

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

J. W. Stephens
 A. D. _____
 Comptroller.

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

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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 other blank but this.

THE STATE OF TEXAS

County of Henderson

To the Honorable County Judge of Henderson County, Texas:

Your petitioner, W. B. Harris 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. B. Harris
- Q. What is your age? Answer 73 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 22 years
Athens Texas, P.O. #2
- 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 Very feeble
- 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 Infirmary of age
- Q. In what State was your command originally organized? Answer Texas
- Q. How long did you serve? Give date of enlistment and discharge. Answer 4 years
Enlisted in the Spring of 1861 & Served till close of war
- Q. What was the name or letter of your company and name or number of your regiment? Answer Company "C", 3rd Texas 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 No
- 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 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
- 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 the 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 are required by law.

(Signature of Applicant)

D B Harris

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 25 day of April A. D. 1908

[SEAL]

J R 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 R Blades

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

C B Owen and

who are personally known to me to be credible citizens, who being by me duly sworn on oath, state that they personally know D B Harris the above named applicant for a pension, and that they personally know that the said D B Harris is unable to support himself by labor of any sort.

(Signature of Witness)

C B Owen

(Signature of Witness)

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 15 day of Aug A. D. 1908

(SEAL)

J R Blades
County Judge Henderson County, Texas.

AFFIDAVIT OF PHYSICIAN.

THE STATE OF TEXAS }

County of Henderson }

Before me

County Judge of _____ 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 _____

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: Right hip wounded during war

caused by horse falling on me. in the year 1864. I am now helpless

10 years he has been of Rheumatism. at times he is almost

totally helpless. I have been his physician and have

treated him at times.

(Signature of Physician) A. H. Easterling M.D.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 15 day of August A. D. 1908

(SEAL)

County Judge J. R. Blades County, Texas.

CERTIFICATE OF COUNTY JUDGE.

THE STATE OF TEXAS }

County of Henderson }

I J. R. Blades

County Judge of Henderson County, State of Texas, do hereby certify that on the 15

day of Aug A. D. 1908, before me came on to be heard the application of _____

D. B. Harris 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 Easterling who is a reputable practicing physician of this county, was made before me. I

also certify that the said applicant D. B. Harris, 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 Harris 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 Arkens this 15

day of Aug A. D. 1908

(SEAL)

County Judge J. R. Blades County, Texas.

CERTIFICATE OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

THE STATE OF TEXAS }

County of Henderson }

We, the undersigned members of the Commissioners

County of Henderson County, Texas, hereby certify that the foregoing application of _____

D. B. Harris for a pension, together with the proof in support thereof, was duly submitted

by Hon. J. R. Blades County Judge of this Henderson

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

on the 15 day of Aug A. D. 1908, 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 Arkens this 15

day of Aug A. D. 1908

(Signature of Commissioners)

(SEAL)

M. J. Pace
W. H. Corbridge
W. A. McLeod
S. G. Nettles

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J. W. STEPHENS, COMPTROLLER
JOHN T. SMITH, CHIEF CLERK

Comptroller's Department

State of Texas

Austin

To the Adjutant General
To the Military Secretary,

War Department,

Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I have the honor to request the military record of

D. P. Harris who is reported to have enlisted in
Company *C*, *3^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



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

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WAR DEPARTMENT,

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

WASHINGTON, September 15, 1908.

Respectfully returned to

The Comptroller,
State of Texas,
Austin.

The records show that D. B. Harris, private, Company C, 3d Texas Cavalry, Confederate States Army, was enlisted June 3, 1861, at Rusk, Texas, and on the muster roll of the company for the months of May and June, 1864, latest on file, he is reported on extra duty as regimental teamster. No later record of this soldier has been found.

J. H. ...
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The Adjutant General,

(A. G. O. 72-1)

Received A. G. O. SEP 11 '908

*Austin Tex.
Sept. 8/08.*

*D. B. Harris
Co. C, 3d Tex. Cav.*

*Comptroller's Dept., Texas,
Request military record of
above named.*

The State of Texas,) Before me, the undersigned authority,
County of Henderson.) in and for Henderson County, Texas,
on this day personally appeared Jno. K. Richardson and J. J.
Richardson, who being by me duly sworn on oath say: We are
seventy-two and sixty-six years of age respectfully, and that
our postoffice address is Athens, Texas. We personally know
D. B. Harris, and have known him since July 1861, first knew
him at Dallas, Texas. We personally know that D. B. Harris
enlisted in the service and performed the duties of a soldier.
He enlisted in Company C, Third Texas Cavalry in the spring of
1861, at Dallas, Texas, and served to the close of the war.
We personally know that D. B. Harris is unable to support him-
self by labor of any sort. Our source of knowledge of the
service of D. B. Harris in the Confederacy is having served
in the same company with him, and we know of no other soldier
of the name of D. B. Harris serving in said company, and we
are positively certain that D. B. Harris is the same person
serving as herein testified, and we further know that D. B.
Harris never deserted the Confederacy.

J K Richardson

J J Richardson

Sworn and subscribed to before me this the 2nd day of May,
A. D. 1908, at Athens, Texas.

J R Blades
County Judge, Henderson County, Texas.

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March 17, 1939

D. B. Harris, Deceased
Confederate Soldier
Pension File No. 13846
Henderson County.

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Mr. R. E. Sparkman
Italy, Texas.

Dear Mr. Sparkman:

Replying to your letter of March 16, the records of this office show that D. B. Harris of Henderson County drew a Confederate Pension from the State of Texas until his death under file number 13846.

He was a private in Company C, 3rd Texas Cavalry, Confederate States Army. He enlisted June 3, 1861 and served until the close of the war.

The application for pension of Mr. Harris was approved on a report from the War Department, Washington, D. C.

Yours very truly,

Geo. H. Sheppard
Comptroller of Public Accounts.

JHT:EE