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FORM A

Soldier's Application
for Pension

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

R. L. Lawrence
Name of Applicant.
Henclison County.

Postoffice *4*Filed *July 10th 1913*Approved *Sept 1 1913*Pension allowed from *Dec 1 1913*

Rejected

George C. Kynes

Commissioner of Pensions.

Commissioner of Pensions

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FORM A

For Use of Soldiers, Who are in Indigent Circumstances

THE STATE OF TEXAS

County of Henderson

I, G. A. Lawrence do hereby make application to the Commissioner of Pensions for a pension to be granted me under the Act passed by the Thirty-first³⁰ 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 surrendered with Johnson's Army at Salisbury, N.C. at the close of the war

(Give date and cause.)

that I have been a bona fide citizen of this State since prior to January 1, A. D. ¹⁹⁰⁰~~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 a salary or fees one hundred and fifty dollars per annum, nor have I an 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? 40
2. Where were you born? Troup Co., Ga
3. How long have you resided in Texas? 14 years
4. In what county do you reside? Henderson
5. How long have you resided in said county and what is your postoffice address? 8 months - Athens, Texas, Rt. #5
6. Have you applied for a pension under the Confederate pension law and been rejected? If rejected, state when and where. Never applied
7. What is your occupation, if able to engage in one? None
8. In what State was the command in which you served organized? Alabama
9. How long did you serve? Give, if possible, the date of enlistment and discharge. Enlisted Apr. 1860 - Discharged Jan 1862
10. What was the letter of your company, number of battalion, regiment or battery? Co. B, 31st Alabama
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? Infantry

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. 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)

G A Lawrence

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 5 day of July, A. D. 1913

C D Owen

[SEAL.]

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 C D Owen, County Judge of Henderson County,

State of Texas, on this day personally appeared W. M. Ware, who are personally

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

G. A. Lawrence, the above named applicant for a pension, and that they personally know that the said G. A. Lawrence 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 his claim.

(Signature of Witness)

W. M. Ware

(Signature of Witness)

G. A. Lawrence

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 8 day of July, A. D. 1913

C D Owen

[SEAL.]

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 _____

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 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.....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 THE STATE AND COUNTY ASSESSOR

I, D. F. Henry, State and County Assessor in the County of Henderson
State of Texas, do certify that Ed. Lawrence 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 none dollars.

Given under my hand, this 11 day of July, A. D. 1913

D. F. Henry

State and County Assessor.

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DEPOSITION IN PENSION CLAIMS, with Caption and Certificates.

727-513-1m

EX PARTE

H. A. Lawrence

IN RE APPLICANT for CONFEDERATE PENSION

Under Act ^{of 7, 1913} March 26, 1909, pending

Henderson

Applicant for Confederate Pension.

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

Answers and depositions of (1) Mrs. Mary J. Woodson

to the accompanying interrogations (2) and cross interrogations propounded to in the above entitled cause taken before (3)

in accordance with the accompanying (7)

To the first interrogatory the said

Mary J. Woodson

Witness, answers

Mary J. Woodson, wife of John Woodson, age seventy two years, and reside at Alba, Wood County, Texas, with my husband John Woodson

Second Inty: I have known Mr. G. A. Lawrence for at least sixty years. We were raised in the same community. He married my sister -

Third Inty - I have known him for about sixty years. I first knew him in Trape County, Georgia where I was born and reared

Fourth Inty: Yes

Fifth Inty: Yes: In Company G., 31st Regiment, Talladega County, Alabama, in the Infantry Service, in January 1862 and remained until the close of the war

Sixth Inty: No

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Seventh Inty: He was reputed to be in the Infantry and served from his enlistment to the close of the war

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 9th day of July, 1913

THE STATE OF Texas
County of Hood

W. W. Campbell
Notary Public, Hood
County, Texas.
I, W. W. Campbell, Notary Public,
(Here give name and official character of officer before whom taken)

Hood County, Texas do hereby certify that Mary J. Woodson
and _____ are personally known to me to be credible citizens of said
County and State, and that the foregoing answers of Mrs. Mary J. Woodson
_____, 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) Mrs. Mary J. Woodson

Given under my hand and official seal, this the 9th day of July, 1913

(L. S.)

W. W. Campbell
Notary Public, Hood Co 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, and Notary Public, or any Commissioner of Deeds of Texas.

File No. _____

In _____ County, Texas,
Before the Honorable Judge of Said County.

EX PARTE

Applicant for Pension

DEPOSITION OF

Witness _____ for Applicant.

Filed _____ day

of _____, 1913

_____, Clerk.

By _____, Deputy.

Fee for Taking Deposition, \$ _____

Cross Interrogatories.

First Cross Inty: When he was ready to go to the war he was married to my sister and had two children and built a little house in my father's yard for his wife and children. My first husband, Columbus Wilburn left with Mr. G. A. Lawrence for the Army and I bade them good by when they left in January 1862 - I was at home when Mr. G. A. Lawrence returned from the Army in June 1865. I knew of no other G. A. Lawrence in the Army - However, he had a brother and a half-brother in the Army.

Second Cross Inty: Yes

Third Cross Inty, Yes - I never heard anything to the contrary -

Fourth Cross Inty: I never heard of any dishonorable conduct on his part

Mrs. Mary J. Woodson

(TX)

- (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

G. A. Lawrence
Applicant for Confederate Pension.

Pending in Henderson County,
Texas, before the Honorable County Judge of said County.

The Honorable County Judge of J 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 _____
and _____ 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 evi-
dence upon the hearing of applicant's claim for pension in behalf of applicant; said testimony is material and in-
dispensable to applicant in furnishing the required proof of _____ 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 re-
quired 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 _____ is a bona fide resident.

(Applicant) Attorney _____ for Applicant.

Direct Interrogatories to be Propounded to the Witness _____.

Mrs. Mary J. Woodson

- 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 G. A. Lawrence who
_____ is an applicant for pension under Act of March 26, 1909?
INT. 3. How long had you known the said G. A. Lawrence
and when and where did you first know him?
INT. 4. Do you personally know that the said G. A. Lawrence
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 G. A. Lawrence
enlisted and served in the Confederate army? When? Where? And the time of service? If you per-
sonally 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 G. A. Lawrence
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 further know if G. A. Lawrence 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 _____

Mrs. Mary J. Woodson

CROSS INTERROGATORY 1. If, in answer to the foregoing direct interrogatories, you have stated that you per-
sonally know or did know said G. A. Lawrence 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 G. A. Lawrence 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 G. A. Lawrence serving in the same company or regiment, or special
service in which you say the said G. A. Lawrence enlisted, if you have stated that said
G. A. Lawrence enlisted and served in the navy of the Confederacy, then state whether or

not you know any other soldier or sailor of the same name as said H. A. Lawrence
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 H. A. Lawrence
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 H. A. Lawrence
is the identical person serving as testified by you?

CROSS INT. 3. Do you know whether or not the said H. A. Lawrence
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 H. A. Lawrence
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.
H. A. Lawrence

(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

H. A. Lawrence
Applicant.

INTERROGATORIES
propounded to

Mrs. M. J. Chandler

Witnesses.

EX PARTE

G. A. Lawrence

IN RE APPLICANT for CONFEDERATE PENSION

ap 7, 913
Under Act March 26, 1909, pending

Applicant for Confederate Pension.

Answers and depositions of (1)

John Woodson

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

to the accompanying interrogations (2) and Cross Interrogatories

propounded to him in the above entitled cause taken before (3) W. W. Campbell, a Notary Public in and for Hood County, Texas in accordance with the accompanying (7)

To the first interrogatory the said

John Woodson

Witness, answers

John Woodson, age seventy-two years - residence, Alba, Hood County, Texas.

2nd Inty: Yes.3rd " : Fifty two years - I first knew him in Louisa County, Georgia, some several years before the war between the States.4th Inty: Yes.5th " : Yes. He enlisted in Company G. 31st Regiment, Talladega County, Alabama, in January 1862, and remained in the Infantry until the Surrender in 1865.6th Inty: No - He was a Private Soldier7th " : He was a Private Soldier in the Army is all I know.

Cross Interrogatories.

(IX)

To the first Cross Inty - he answers:

I was his neighbor and saw him enlist in the Army, and during the war I saw him on several occasions, at least a dozen times - I was also in the war in the Cavalry Service and in the Service would frequently see Mr. G. A. Lawrence

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 9th day of July, 1913

W. W. Campbell
Notary Public, Wood County, Texas

THE STATE OF Wood Texas
County of Wood

I, W. W. Campbell, Notary
(Here give name and official character of officer before whom taken)

Public, Wood Co. Texas do hereby certify that John Woodson
and _____ are personally known to me to be credible citizens of said
County and State, and that the foregoing answers of John Woodson
_____, 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) John Woodson

Given under my hand and official seal, this the 9 day of July, 1913
(L. S.) W. W. Campbell

Notary Public, Wood County,
Texas

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File No. _____

In _____ County, Texas,
Before the Honorable Judge of Said County.

EX PARTE

H. A. Lawrence

Applicant for Pension

DEPOSITION OF

John Woodson

Witness _____ for Applicant.

Filed _____ day

of _____, 1913

_____, Clerk.

By _____, Deputy.

Fee for Taking Deposition, \$ _____

E. L. Steck, Printing, Bookbinding, Austin

I never knew another man in the Army by the name of G.A. Lawrence.

Second Cross Inty: Yes.

Third Cross. Inty: Yes. I never heard of any dishonorable conduct on his part. When the war closed I know he returned home.

4th Cross Inty: I never heard of any desertion on his part. So far as I know and have heard he served honorably from his enlistment until his discharge at the Surrender.

x John Woodson

(TX)

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EX-PARTE

G. A. Lawrence

Applicant for Confederate Pension.

Pending in Henderson County,
Texas, before the Honorable County Judge of said County.

The Honorable County Judge of _____ 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 _____ and _____ 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 _____ 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 _____ is a bona fide resident.

(Applicant) Attorney _____ for Applicant.

Direct Interrogatories to be Propounded to the Witness _____

John W. Anderson

- 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 G. A. Lawrence who _____ is an applicant for pension under Act of March 26, 1909?
- INT. 3. How long had you known the said G. A. Lawrence and when and where did you first know him?
- INT. 4. Do you personally know that the said G. A. Lawrence 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 G. A. Lawrence 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 G. A. Lawrence 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 further know if G. A. Lawrence 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.

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To be Propounded to _____

Mrs. Mary John Anderson

CROSS INTERROGATORY 1. If, in answer to the foregoing direct interrogatories, you have stated that you personally know or did know said G. A. Lawrence 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 G. A. Lawrence 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 G. A. Lawrence serving in the same company or regiment, or special service in which you say the said G. A. Lawrence enlisted, if you have stated that said G. A. Lawrence enlisted and served in the navy of the Confederacy, then state whether or

not you know any other soldier or sailor of the same name as said G. A. Lawrence 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 G. A. Lawrence 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 G. A. Lawrence is the identical person serving as testified by you?

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CROSS INT. 4. Do you know whether or not the said G. A. Lawrence 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.

G. A. Lawrence

(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

G. A. Lawrence
Applicant.

INTERROGATORIES

propounded to

John Mason

Witnesses.



R. A. BUFORD, 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 H. A. Lawrence who is reported to have enlisted in
Company "G", Regiment 31st Ala Infantry
in service of the Confederate States Army.

Purpose: The _____ person above named is an applicant for a Confederate pension granted by the State, and I desire to verify his proof of service.

Very respectfully,



R. C. Buford
Commissioner of Pensions.

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ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE
JUL 17 2058733 1913
WAR DEPARTMENT

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WAR DEPARTMENT,

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

WASHINGTON, July 18, 1913.

Respectfully returned to the
Commissioner of Pensions,
State of Texas,
Austin.

The records show that G. A. Lawrence, private, Company G, 31st Regiment Alabama Infantry, Confederate States Army, enlisted May 8, 1862. His name appears on roll dated May 7, 1862 (only roll on file), without remark as to presence or absence.

The name G. A. Lawrence, private, Company G, 31st Regiment Alabama Infantry, Confederate States Army, appears on a List of Killed, Wounded and Missing, "Battle of Bakers Creek," as "missing," said List being dated June 13, 1863. No later record of him has been found.

Prisoner-of-war records show G. A. Lawrence (also borne E. A.), private, Company G, 31st Regiment Alabama Infantry, Confederate States Army, captured at Edwards Station May 17, 1863, and exchanged July 4, 1863 at Fort Delaware, Delaware. No later record of him has been found.



Adjutant General.

J. A. McDONALD

(LAWYER)

COUNTY JUDGE

HENDERSON COUNTY

ATHENS, TEXAS

Sept 4/17-

Sept Camped on the 26th 1897,
Austin Tex.

Dear Sir: I received your letter with
instructions & blanks for applica-
tion of Mr G. A. Lawrence
for admission to your Confed
Board. Thanks for your kind-
ness.

I herewith inclose his
Application, and trust you
will find it satisfactory
and admit him to office,
Yours truly

J. A. McDonald
Co Judge
TX