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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.

*Elias Melton*

*Henderson*

County

Postoffice *Euclata*

**JUL 21 1909**

Filed

Approved

*AUG 7 1909*

Pension allowed from

*affidavit of residence not certified*

Rejected

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, Elias Melton, 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 discharged South from Houston, Texas, about May, or June, 1865 by Gen. Ben. McKenney.

(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 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? 69 years.
2. Where were you born? In Cannon County, Texas
3. How long have you resided in Texas? Since 1864.
4. In what county do you reside? Henderson
5. How long have you resided in said county and what is your postoffice address? 35 years.  
Address Eustace
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? Farmer
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. 3 years + 3 mths
10. What was the letter of your company, number or name of battalion, regiment or battery? Company G 20th Cavalry Regiment (Company F + Co. H. Cont)
11. If transferred from one command to another, give time of transfer, name of command and time of service.



12. What branch of the service did you enlist in—infantry, cavalry, artillery or navy? Cavalry  
First. But was dismounted in Arkansas and served as Infantry

13. If commissioned direct by the President, what was your rank and line of duty?.....

14. If detailed for special service, under the law of conscription, what was the nature of your service and how long did you serve? .....

15. Have you transferred to others any property of any kind for the purpose of becoming a beneficiary under this law? 711.....

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) Elias Milton

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 4 day of July A. D. 1909

[SEAL.]

John S. Prine  
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.....  
.....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) W. E. Patterson

(Signature of Witness) A. M. Doby

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

[SEAL.]

County Judge.....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 we further make oath to the following facts touching the applicant's service in the Confederate Army:

We know from personal knowledge.

J. A. McDavis fought all through war with him in same company

(Signature of Witness) M. E. Patterson

(Signature of Witness) A. M. Jones

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, A. D. 19\_\_\_\_\_

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

[SEAL.]

CERTIFICATE OF THE STATE AND COUNTY ASSESSOR

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

State of Texas, do certify that Edwin Mitton 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 1875 dollars.

Given under my hand, this 20 day of July, A. D. 1909

W. F. Davis

State and County Assessor.



VON BOECKMANN-JONES CO., PRINTERS, AUSTIN

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OFFICE OF  
**Commissioner of Pensions**  
State of Texas  
Austin

E. A. BOLMES, Commissioner

To the Adjutant General,  
War Department,  
Washington, D. C.

DEAD

Dear Sir:

I have the honor to request the military record  
of *Elias Melton* who is reported to have enlisted in  
Company *G*, *20<sup>th</sup>* Regiment *Texas Cavalry*  
in the service of the Confederate States Army.

Purpose: The ~~widow of 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.

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ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE  
56276  
AUG 20 1909

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

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**WAR DEPARTMENT,**

**THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,**

WASHINGTON, August 20, 1909.

*Respectfully returned to* the

Commissioner of Pensions,  
State of Texas,  
Austin.

The records show that Elias Melton,  
private, Company G, 20th Texas Caval-  
ry, enlisted March 1, 1862. On a roll  
of the company covering the period  
from March 1, 1862, to May 1, 1862  
(last roll on file), his presence or  
absence is not stated. No later rec-  
ord of him has been found.



*[Handwritten Signature]*

The Adjutant General.