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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.

C. C. Merchant

Hudson County.

Postoffice *Malakoff*

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Approved *MAR 1 1911*

Pension allowed from *MAR 1 1911*

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, C.C. Merchant, 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 Disbanded at Galveston, Texas, about May or June, 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? 70 years.
2. Where were you born? In Mississippi.
3. How long have you resided in Texas? I have lived in Texas 65 years.
4. In what county do you reside? Henderson.
5. How long have you resided in said county and what is your postoffice address? 20 years, address Malakoff.

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. over 2 years.

10. What was the letter of your company, number or name of battalion, regiment or battery? Company A, Griffin's battalion. Griffins' & Spates' battalions were later consolidated, after which my company was "I". Do not remember the number of the regiment.

11. If transferred from one command to another, give time of transfer, name of command and time of service. No transferred.

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

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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 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) C.C. Merchant

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 25th day of February, A. D. 1911.

John S. Prince
County Judge Henderson County, Texas.

[SEAL.]

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 A.A. Merchant, J. T. La Rue, who are personally known to me to be credible citizens, who, being by me duly sworn, on oath state that they personally know C.C. Merchant, the above named applicant for a pension, and that they personally know that the said C.C. Merchant 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) A.A. Merchant

(Signature of Witness) J. T. La Rue

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 25th day of February, A. D. 1911.

John S. Prince
County Judge Henderson County, Texas.

[SEAL.]

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 A.A. Merchant, 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:

I, A.A. Merchant, am 73 years old, am a brother of applicant, and he and I enlisted together; we were members of the same company and served together during the Confederate war for something near 3 years. We were principal- in Louisiana and Texas during our service in the civil war. *I am now drawing a Confederate pension. My applica- tion was made in Melroe County*

(Signature of Witness) A.A. Merchant

(Signature of Witness) _____

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 25th day of February, A. D. 19 11.

John S. Price
County Judge Henderson County, Texas.

[SEAL.]

CERTIFICATE OF THE STATE AND COUNTY ASSESSOR

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

State of Texas, do certify that C.C. Merchant 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 25 day of Feb, A. D. 19 11

W. Adams

State and County Assessor.



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

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WAR DEPARTMENT,

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

WASHINGTON, March 4, 1911.

Respectfully returned to the

Commissioner of Pensions,
State of Texas,
Austin.

The name C. C. Merchant has not been found on the rolls, on file in this office, of Company A, Griffin's Battalion (afterwards Company I, 21st Regiment) Texas Infantry, Confederate States Army, of which organization there are no rolls on file subsequent to October, 1863, nor has any record been found of the capture or parole of a man of that name and organization.

The Adjutant General.

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