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## FORM B

## Widow's Application for Pension

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

Name of Applicant.

*Mrs. Margaret L. Parsons*  
*Henderson* County.

Postoffice.

*Athens*

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## FORM B

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For use of Widows of Soldiers who are in indigent circumstances.

THE STATE OF TEXAS }

County of Henderson

I, Mrs Margaret C. Parsons, 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 am the widow of Dr. H. L. Parsons, deceased, who departed this life on the 22 day of January, A. D. 1893, in the county of Hempden, in the State of Geo.

I have not remarried since the death of my said husband, and I do solemnly swear that I was never divorced from my said husband, and that I never voluntarily abandoned him during his life, but remained his true, faithful and lawful wife up to the date of his death. I was married to him on the 29 day of Dec., A. D. 1872 in the county of Henderson, in the State of Geo.

My husband, the said \_\_\_\_\_, enlisted and served in the military service of the Confederate States during the war between the States of the United States, and that he did not desert the Confederate Service. I have been a resident of the State of Texas since prior to March 1, A. D. 1880, and have been continuously since a citizen of the State of Texas. I do further state that I do not 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, 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 I do further state that the answers given to the following questions are true:

1. What is your age? 65 years
2. Where were you born? In Pickens Co. Alabama.
3. How long have you resided in the State of Texas? 54 years
4. How long have you resided in the county of your present residence? And what is your postoffice address? 16 years. address is Athens, Geo.
5. What was your husband's full name? Homer Lee Parsons
6. When and where were you married? Dec. 29, 1872 in Henderson Co. Geo.
7. What was the date of his death? Jan 22, 1893
8. In what State was your husband's command originally organized? Arkansas
9. How long did your husband serve? If known to you, give date of enlistment and discharge. 4 years
10. What was the name or letter of the company, or name or number of the battalion, regiment or battery of artillery in which your husband served? If he was transferred from one branch of service to another, give time of transfer, description of command and of service. I do not know. 18th Ark. Infantry and Company D. 4th Ark.
11. Name branch of service in which your husband served, whether infantry, cavalry, artillery or the navy, or if commissioned as an officer by the President, his rank and line of duty, or if detailed for special service, under the law of conscription, the nature of such service, and how long did he serve? He was Surgeon in 18th Ark. Infantry

12. Have you transferred to others any property of any kind for the purpose of becoming a beneficiary under this law? No

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Wherefore your petitioner prays that her application for a pension be approved and such other proceedings be had in the premises as are required by law.

(Signature of Applicant)

*Margaret S. Parsons*Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 17 day of Nov., A. D. 1909.*John S. Pruice*County Judge Hudson County, Texas.

[SEAL.]

## AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESSES

[NOTE.—There must be at least two credible witnesses.]

THE STATE OF TEXAS }

County of HudsonBefore me John S. Pruice, County Judge of Hudson County,State of Texas, on this day personally appeared M. D. Lammons & F. P. Richardson, who are personally

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

Margaret Parsons, applicant for a pension as the widow of Ch. H. S. Parsonsdeceased, is in truth and fact the widow of Ch. H. S. Parsons deceased; that they personally know

that she has not remarried since the death of her husband, for whose service in the army she claims a pension, and that

they have no interest in this claim.

(Signature of Witness)

M. D. Lammons

(Signature of Witness)

F. P. RichardsonSworn to and subscribed before me, this 13 day of December, A. D. 1909.*John S. Pruice*County Judge Hudson County, Texas.

[SEAL.]

## AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESSES

[NOTE.—There must be at least two credible witnesses.]

THE STATE OF TEXAS }

County of HudsonBefore me John S. Pruice, County Judge of Hudson County,State of Texas, on this day personally appeared M. D. Lammons & F. P. Richardson, 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 Mrs. Margaret Parsons

has been a bona fide resident citizen of the State of Texas since prior to March 1, A. D. 1880, and that they have no

interest in this claim.

(Signature of Witness)

M. D. Lammons

(Signature of Witness)

F. P. RichardsonSworn to and subscribed before me, this 13 day of Dec., A. D. 1909.*John S. Pruice*County Judge Hudson County, Texas.

[SEAL.]

# AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESSES

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

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 her application are correct and true, to the best of their knowledge and belief, and that they have no interest in this claim. And further make oath to the following facts touching the service of the applicant's husband in the Confederate Army:

(Signature of Witness) \_\_\_\_\_

(Signature of Witness) \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

[SEAL.]

## CERTIFICATE OF STATE AND COUNTY ASSESSOR

I, W. H. Davis, State and County Assessor in the County of Henderson, State of Texas, do hereby certify that Mrs. M. C. Parsons, 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 the said county, in her name, or the name of a trustee, with estate, real, personal and mixed, at the assessed value of 500.00 dollars.

Given under my hand, this 13 day of Dec, A. D. 19 09

W. H. Davis  
State and County Assessor.





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 H. L. Parsons who is reported to have enlisted in  
Company H, Regiment 9th Arkansas Infantry  
Surgeon 18th do do  
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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Address: "The Adjutant General,  
War Department, Washington, D. C."

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**WAR DEPARTMENT,**

**THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,**

WASHINGTON, February 16, 1910.

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

The records show that H. Lee Par-  
son, sergeant, Company H, 9th Arkan-  
sas Infantry, Confederate States  
Army, enlisted July 25, 1861. On  
the roll of the company dated May 1,  
1862, he is reported, "Dischgd  
ordered. Transferred April 10, 1862."

The records also show that H. L.  
Parsons was appointed surgeon, 18th  
Arkansas Infantry, Confederate States  
Army, September 1, 1862. On the  
muster roll of the company for March  
and April, 1863 (last roll on which  
his name is borne), he is reported  
absent, on leave of absence for thir-  
ty days. No later record of him has  
been found.



The Adjutant General.

(A. G. O. 72-1)

Per M

## WIDOW'S APPLICATION FOR TOTAL DISABILITY CONFEDERATE PENSION.

The State of Texas

Henderson County.

I, Mrs. Margaret C. Parsons, address Athens, Henderson County, Texas, make this my application to be placed on the total disability list of Confederate Pensioners:

I am now drawing a Confederate Pension and my Number is #17819, made originally from Henderson County.

I am sick and ~~is~~ unable to do any thing. I am an invalid; am unable to leave my bed without assistance, or to move across the room unaided. I have been in this condition for several months.

*Margaret C. Parsons...*

Sworn to and subscribed before me this the 11th day of Sept. 1912.

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

I, Dr. J. K. Webster, a practicing physician, and one of the family physicians of Mrs. Margaret C. Parsons, the above affiant, have examined her; and I have treated her professionally and find her an invalid and that she has been such for several months and will ~~x~~ more than likely so remain, permanently. She can not administer to her own needs without assistance. She is unable to leave her bed without assistance.

*J. K. Webster MD*

Sworn to and subscribed before me by Dr. J. K. Webster on this the 11th day of September, 1912. I certify that Dr. Webster is the County Health officer of this county.

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

We, the undersigned citizens of Henderson County, Texas, know of our own personal knowledge that the statements contained in the above affidavit of Mrs. Margaret C. Parsons is correct and true and that she is an invalid.

*J. H. Gentry*

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Head-Quarters Department of Arkansas,  
*Washington*  
 LITTLE ROCK, ARK., *June 20* 1865.

I Certify, that *Surgeon A. Lee* *Parson*  
 of *Jefferson* county, State of *Missouri*,  
 is this day paroled on oath, "not to take up arms  
 against the Government of the United States,  
 until properly exchanged." He is permitted to  
 return to his home, there to remain; not to be  
 disturbed by United States authority, so long as  
 he observes his parole, the laws of the Govern-  
 ment, and those in force where he may reside."

Done by order of Major General REYNOLDS:

*Charles M. Smith*  
 Provost Marshal General Department of Arkansas.  
*& Comr of Parole*





Confederate States of America,  
WAR DEPARTMENT,

To

Richmond, June 12<sup>th</sup> 1863.

You are hereby informed that the President has appointed you

Surgeon

In the Provisional Army in the service of the Confederate States, to rank as such from the first day of September, one thousand eight hundred and sixty three. Should the Senate, at their next session, advise and consent thereto, you will be commissioned accordingly.

Immediately on receipt hereof, please to communicate to this Department, through the Adjutant and Inspector General's Office, your acceptance or non-acceptance of said appointment: and with your letter of acceptance, return to the Adjutant and Inspector General the OATH, herewith enclosed, properly filled up, SUBSCRIBED and ATTESTED, reporting at the same time your AGE, RESIDENCE, when appointed, and the STATE in which you were BORN.

Should you accept, you will report for duty to 18<sup>th</sup> Arkansas Inftry Regt

Signed  
H. Lee Parsons

"James A. Seddon"

Secretary of War.

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Surgeon  
R.A.B.S.

Official Copy  
At V. L. G.  
Feb 4 1. 1863

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Edw. Palfrey  
Lt Col 1st Regt

Respectfully  
J. M. Chubb  
+ Genuine  
The Day Book

app<sup>d</sup> Apr. 12<sup>th</sup> 1862

Surgeon Geo. W. Lawrence

Act<sup>d</sup> Med. Dir.

32d A. C. P. Army

Discharged to accept  
promotion

By order  
Maj Gen Haden

W. S. P. R. H.

ad. H.

I Certify that the within A Lee  
 Parsons Sargant of Capt J T Armstrong  
 Company (76) of the 9th Ark Regt Vol  
 born in the State of Maryland aged  
 (25) twenty five years five feet eleven  
 inches high light complexion  
 blue eyes dark hair and by  
 profession a Physician was  
 enlisted by John S Roane at  
 Pine Bluff Ark on the 20 day  
 of July eighteen hundred &  
 sixty one for twelve  
 months and is now entitled  
 to a discharge from this Regt  
 by reason of his promotion  
 to a Surgency

There is due him retained pay  
 One hundred and twenty five  
 dollars &  $\frac{95}{100}$

There is due him forty dollars  
 on account of clothing not  
 drawn in kind

Given in duplicate at Grenth  
 Miss this 12 day of April 1862  
 J T Armstrong Capt

Approved Ed Davis  
 Col Comd  
 9th Ark Regt

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DEPOSITION IN PENSION CLAIMS, with Caption and Certificates.

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## EX PARTE

## IN RE APPLICANT FOR CONFEDERATE PENSION

Under Act March 26, 1909, pending

in Henderson

Mrs. Margaret C. Parsons.

Applicant for Confederate Pension.

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

Answers and depositions of (1) General W.L. Cabell

to the accompanying interrogations (2) and cross interrogatories

propounded to him in the above entitled cause taken before (3)

in accordance with the accompanying (7) agreement.

To the first interrogatory the said Gen. W.L. Cabell

Witness, answers: My name is W.L. Cabell my age  
is 82 years and 2 months. My residence and Post Office is Dallas Tex.To 2nd Int. he Ans: I did know Dr H.D. Parsons  
in his life time whom I knew as an  
applicant for a pension.To 3d Int. he Ans: Knew him up to 1863 He was appointed  
Surgeon in the Confederate Army and reported  
to me in June or July 1862 & 1863To 4th Int. he Ans: His discharge dated May 12<sup>th</sup> 1862  
shows that he was a member of the 9<sup>th</sup> Arkansas  
Infantry which shows that he was a good soldier.To 5th Int he Ans: The Records show that he was  
in Company H 9<sup>th</sup> Arkansas was in the Battle  
of Shiloh served until promoted June 12<sup>th</sup> 1862 when  
he was made Surgeon.To 6th Int. he Ans: Yes he was appointed Surgeon  
Commission signed by Secretary of War and  
assigned to the 18<sup>th</sup> Regiment Arkansas  
Infantry which was in Cabell's Brigade and  
in the Battle at Corinth, Hatchers Bridge andTo First Cross-Int. he Ans: Sign of Vicksburg was  
Paroled him in 1863 was assigned to Cabell's  
cavalry Brigade in 1863 served untilOctober 25<sup>th</sup> 1864 the date of my capture  
was Paroled at the close of the war  
as stated June the 20<sup>th</sup> 1865 Paroled  
at Washington Arkansas I neverknew or heard of any other soldier by that  
name.

To 4th cross-Int he Ans: Name of H.D. Parsons

He was a fine Surgeon and a further  
one soldier always ready to perform

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- (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.



has duty as long as I was in  
 Command of Camp Captured on the  
 25 of October 1864 My Connection  
 with the Confederate Army ended in  
 the fall and was not resumed  
 from prison until August 1865  
 What I have written is a full answer  
 to all questions so far as I am  
 making service as concerned His first  
 Parole was after the W. L. Cabell's  
 surrender at Vicksburg  
 Second Parole was after  
 the close of the war in  
 1865

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 190\_\_\_\_\_

THE STATE OF Texas  
 County of Dallas

I, L. H. Hughes Notary Public  
 (Here give name and official character of officer before whom taken.)

do hereby certify that W. L. Cabell  
 and \_\_\_\_\_ are personally known to me to be credible citizens of said  
 County and State, and that the foregoing answers of W. L. Cabell

the witness \_\_\_\_\_ before named, and  
 \_\_\_\_\_, whose name appears signed to the foregoing deposition, were made before me  
 and were sworn to and subscribed before me, by said witness (4) W. L. Cabell

Given under my hand and official seal, this the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of Dec, 1909  
 (L. S.) L. H. Hughes Notary Public in  
and for Dallas County 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, any Notary Public, or any Commissioner of Deeds of Texas.

File No. \_\_\_\_\_

In \_\_\_\_\_ County, Texas.  
 Before the Honorable County Judge of said County.

EX PARTE

Applicant for Confederate Pension

DEPOSITION  
 OF

Witness \_\_\_\_\_ for Applicant

Filed \_\_\_\_\_ day  
 of \_\_\_\_\_ 190\_\_\_\_\_

Clerk.

Deputy.

Fee for taking Deposition, \$ \_\_\_\_\_