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FORM NO. 1—AMENDED.

OCTOBER 1, 1902.

Confederate Pension Application.

Name of Applicant.

*J. Ray*  
*Henderson* County,

Post Office *Atkins Texas*

Comptroller's File No. **10653**

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 *MAR 27* day of *1905*

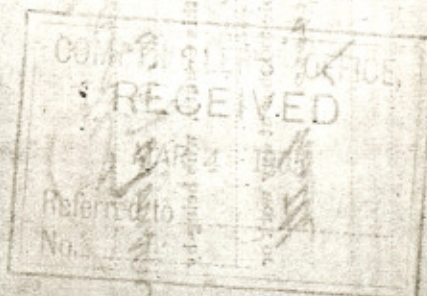
A. D. *C. A. Cline*  
Chief Pension Clerk.

I hereby *Approve* the within application for pension, this *MAR 27* day of *1905*

A. D. *J. W. Stephens*  
Comptroller

No Application-Rejected by County Judge or County Commissioners Should Be Forwarded to Comptroller.

VON BOECKMANN-JONES COMPANY, PRINTERS, AUSTIN, TEXAS.





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, J. J. Ray 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 James J. Ray
- Q. What is your age? Answer 71 years of age
- Q. In what County do you reside? Answer Henderson
- Q. How long have you resided in said County and what is your post office address? Answer About 34 years — Athens Texas
- 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 Farmer
- 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 1861 — Discharge 1865
- Q. What was the name or letter of your company and name or number of your regiment? Answer Co. K, 11th, Texas
- 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 None
- 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 Own no real property  
Own one old wagon & 2 small ponies  
One cow & calf

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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 I am

Q. Are you unable by your labor to earn a support? Answer I am not

Q. Have you transferred to others any property of value of any kind for the purpose of becoming a beneficiary under this law? Answer I have not

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 required by law.

(Signature of Applicant)

J. H. Ray

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 20 day of January

A. D. 1905

(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

J. R. Blades

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

J. M. Matthews Jr. & P. R. Murchison

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

personally know J. H. Ray the above named applicant for a pension,

and that they personally know that the said J. H. Ray is unable

to support himself by labor of any sort.

(Signature of Witness)

J. M. Matthews Jr.

(Signature of Witness)

P. R. Murchison

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 20 day of January

A. D. 1905

(SEAL)

County Judge Henderson County, Texas.

PROOF OF SERVICE MUST NOT BE MADE A PART OF THIS AFFIDAVIT.



AFFIDAVIT OF PHYSICIAN.

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. R. Johnson

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 J. R. Ray 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: on account of his declining health  
due to his age,

(Signature of Physician) C. R. Johnson

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 20 day of January A. D. 1905

(SEAL)

County Judge J. R. Blades Henderson County, State of 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 20  
day of January A. D. 1905, before me came on to be heard the application

of J. R. Ray for a pension under the Confederate Pension Law of this State, Approved May 17, 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 C. R. Johnson who is a reputable practicing physician of this county, was made before me. I also certify that the said applicant J. R. Ray 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 J. R. Ray 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 Athens this 20

day of January A. D. 1905

(SEAL)

County Judge J. R. Blades Henderson County, State of Texas.

CERTIFICATE OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

COUNTY OF Henderson } We, the undersigned members of the Commissioners Court of  
Henderson County, Texas, hereby certify that the foregoing application of

J. R. Ray for a pension, together with the proof in support thereof, was duly submitted  
Hon. J. R. Blades County Judge of this Henderson  
County, to the Commissioners of this Henderson County, at a regular term thereof on the 17th  
day of July A. D. 1905, 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 Athens this 17th,

day of July A. D. 1905



(Signature of Commissioners)

(SEAL)

W. S. Baker  
E. S. McShain  
Geo. T. Davidson  
T. J. Weisner



March 13, 1939

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J. F. Ray, Deceased  
Confederate Pensioner  
File No. 10653 Henderson  
County.

Mr. R. E. Sparkman  
Italy, Texas.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of March 10, the records of this office show that J. F. Ray of Athens, Texas, Henderson County, drew a Confederate Pension from the State of Texas under file number 10653.

He was a private in Company K, 11th Texas Cavalry, enlisting October 2, 1861 and was later made a 2nd corporal. He served until the close of the war in 1865.

The application for pension was approved on the records in Washington, D. C.

Yours very truly,

Geo. H. Sheppard  
Comptroller of Public Accounts.

JHT:EE



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## Comptroller's Department

State of Texas

Austin March 10, 1905

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


To the Military Secretary,  
War Department,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I have the honor to request the military record of  
James F. Ray who is reported to have enlisted in  
Company K, 11th 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,

  
Comptroller





MILITARY SECRETARY'S OFFICE

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WAR DEPARTMENT

*Austin, Texas  
Mar 10, 1905*

*James F. Ray  
Co. K. 11th Tex. Cav.*

*Texas State Comptroller  
Requests military record.*

Address: "The Military Secretary,  
War Department, Washington, D. C."

**WAR DEPARTMENT,**

**THE MILITARY SECRETARY'S OFFICE,**

WASHINGTON, March 15, 1905.

*Respectfully returned to*

The Comptroller,

State of Texas,

Austin.

It is shown by the records that

J. F. Ray (not found as James F. Ray),  
private, Company K, 11th Texas Cavalry,  
C. S. A., enlisted October 2, 1861, at  
Camp Reeves, Texas. He is reported  
2d corporal, present, on the roll of  
the company dated February 29, 1864,  
last roll on file.

*H. Quinn*

The Military Secretary,

(M. S. O. 72-1) Per



THE STATE OF TEXAS, }  
 County of Bowie. } I, A.S. Watlington,  
(Name and official character of Officer taking Deposition)

County Judge in and for Bowie County,

Texas, do hereby certify that the foregoing answers of C. D. Elliott, John Read and

B. Welford Tiller

the witnesses before named, were made before me, and were sworn to and subscribed before me on the 23rd

day of May, A. D. 1904, by the said witnesses.

Given under my hand and official seal, this the 23rd day of May, A. D. 1904.

[SEAL]

A. S. Watlington  
County Judge of Bowie Co., Texas.



EX PARTE

*J. H. Ray*  
Applicant for Confederate Pension.

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

The Honorable County Judge of *Henderson* 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 *C. D. Elliott, Abe Reed*  
and *Wilfred & John Ziller* who reside in the County of *Bowie* in  
the State of *Texas* 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 to his claim  
for a pension under the Act of May 12, 1899, 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 can not be proven by any  
witness residing in the County of *Henderson* and State of Texas, of which he is a bona fide resident.

*J. H. Ray*  
(Applicant) Attorney for Applicant.

Direct Interrogatories to be propounded to the Witness

*C. D. Elliott, Abe Reed, Wilfred & John Ziller or any two of them*

- 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 *J. H. Ray* who  
is an applicant for pension under Act of May 12, 1899?  
INT. 3. How long have you known the said *J. H. Ray* applicant for pension  
and when and where did you first know him?  
INT. 4. Do you personally know that the said *J. H. Ray* applicant for pension  
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 *J. H. Ray*  
applicant, enlisted and served in the Confederate army? When? Where? And the time of service? If you personally  
know 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 further know that *J. H. Ray* the said  
applicant for pension, is unable to support himself by labor of any sort?

*C. D. Elliott, 63 yrs. Redwater Texas, I knew J. H. Ray, have  
known him 47 yrs. I first knew him in Bowie Co. Tex.  
I know him personally & know that  
he enlisted in the service of the Confederacy & performed  
the services as a soldier, yes I know personally that said J. H. Ray  
enlisted & served in the Confederate Army 1861. at Baston  
Texas, 4 yrs. I know being sworn deposes & says that he  
knew J. H. Ray, applicant for pension herein & that he was in the  
same Company with him during the war & knows that  
he performed the duties as claimed by him under  
that & that he never deserted the Confederacy*

CROSS INTERROGATORIES.

To be Propounded to

*Waived*

CROSS INTERROGATORY 1. If, in answer to the foregoing direct interrogatories, you have stated that you personally know  
or did know said applicant, 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 in which applicant 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 you knew of any other soldier or  
sailor by the name of ..... serving in the same company  
or regiment in which you say the said applicant ..... enlisted  
or if you have stated that said applicant enlisted and served in the navy of the Confederacy, then state whether or not you know



any other sailor of the same name as said.....applicant,  
serving in the same command?

If you say that you so knew other soldiers or sailors of the same name of applicant's, 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.....applicant  
for pension, is the identical person serving as testified by you?

CROSS INT. 3. If you have answered Direct Interrogatory No. 6 in the affirmative, then please state your source of  
knowledge or information? Is not this your answer simply based on conjecture?

CROSS INT. 4. Do you know whether or not the said.....applicant  
for pension, ever deserted the service in the Confederate army or navy?

*J. D. Elliott*  
*Lake Road*  
*Wetford Tillen*

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

County of *Texas*  
I, *A. S. Watlington*

....., 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 *et al* may be attached hereto.

*A. S. Watlington*  
County Judge *Bowie* County, Texas.

(Applicant) Attorney.....for Applicant.

In Re  
Application for Confederate  
Pension.

IN COMMISSIONERS COURT,

*Wetford Tillen* County, Texas,

Pending before County Judge of said County.

Ex Parte

(IX)

Applicant.

INTERROGATORIES

PROPOUNDED TO

*J. D. Elliott et al*

Witnesses.