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FORM No. 2.

CONFEDERATE PENSION APPLICATION

Name of Applicant,

*Mrs. E. C. Riley*  
*Henderson* County.

Post Office *Catfish, Texas*

Comptroller's File No. *6332*

I have carefully examined the within application for pension, together with the proof in support thereof, and I recommend that the application be

this *15* day of *March*

A. D. *1900*

*Wm. J. Main* Pension Clerk.

I hereby *approve* the within application for pension, this *17* day of

*March* A. D. *1900*

*Wm. J. Main* Comptroller.

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

## FORM No. 2.

APPLICATION of Indigent widow of Soldier or Sailor of the late Confederacy for pension under the Act of May 12, 1899.

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

COUNTY OF Henderson

To the Honorable County Judge of Henderson County, Texas.

Your petitioner, Mrs. E. E. Riley respectfully represents that she is a resident citizen of Henderson County, in the State of Texas; that she is the widow of S. W. Riley, deceased, who was a Confederate soldier (or sailor), and that she makes this application for the purpose of obtaining a pension as the widow of said S. W. Riley deceased, 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 Mrs E. E. Riley
- Q. What is your age? Answer 64 years
- 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 25 years  
Post office address, Catfish, 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 None
- Q. What is your physical condition? Answer Health very bad
- Q. What was the name of your deceased husband? Answer S. W. Riley
- Q. Were you married to him anterior to March 1, 1866? If so, on what date were you married to him and where? Answer Yes married October 1856, Cass County, Mo
- Q. What was the date of his death? Answer Died March 19th 1880
- Q. Are you unmarried, and have you so remained unmarried since the death of your said husband for whose services you claim a pension? Answer Yes
- Q. State in what company and regiment your deceased husband for whose services you claim a pension enlisted in the Confederate Army, and the time of his service therein? Answer Company "A", Reg. 11th (She does not know number of Reg) Served 13 years, and discharged for wounds
- Q. If your deceased husband served in the Confederate Navy, state when and where, and the time of such service? Answer .....
- 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 so received. Answer None

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- 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 Two cows of the value of thirty dollars
- 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 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 Yes
- Q. Are you unable by your labor to earn a support? Answer Yes
- Q. Have you transferred to others any property of value of any kind for the purpose of becoming a beneficiary under this law? Answer no
- Q. Did your deceased husband for whose services you claim a pension, 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

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

(Signature of Applicant)

Mrs E. E. Riley

Sworn to and subscribed before me this

31

day of

July

A. D. 1899

E. F. Freeman

(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,

W. F. Freeman

County Judge of

Henderson

County, State of Texas, on this day personally appeared

J. L. Lamb

who is personally known to me to be a credible citizen, who being by me duly sworn on oath, state that they personally know that Mrs. E. E. Riley, applicant for a pension as the widow of U. W. Riley, deceased, is in truth and fact the widow of the said U. W. Riley, deceased; that they personally know that the said U. W. Riley, deceased, enlisted in the service of the Confederacy, and performed the duties of a soldier (or sailor) as claimed by his said widow in the above and foregoing application, and that they further know that the said Mrs. E. E. Riley, widow of the said U. W. Riley, deceased, is unable to support herself by labor of any sort.

(Signature of Witness)

J. L. Lamb

(Signature of Witness)

(Signature of Witness)

(Signature of Witness)

Sworn to and subscribed before me this

31

day of

July

A. D. 1899

W. F. Freeman

(SEAL)

County Judge Henderson County, Texas.

CERTIFICATE OF COUNTY JUDGE.

THE STATE OF TEXAS, }  
COUNTY OF Henderson } I, W. F. Freeman  
County Judge of Henderson County, State of Texas, do hereby certify that on the 21<sup>st</sup>  
day of July A. D. 1899, before me came on to be heard the application of  
Mrs. E. E. Riley widow of W. Riley  
deceased, for a pension under the Confederate Pension Law of this  
State, approved May 12, 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. I also certify that the said applicant Mrs. E. E. Riley  
is not disqualified under any of the provisions of Section 12, of the Confederate Pension Law. I further certify that after considering all  
of the proceedings had before me relative to the said application for a pension by the said Mrs. E. E. Riley  
as widow of W. Riley  
deceased, I find the said applicant is lawfully entitled to the pension provided for by the Confederate Pension Law of this State, and I  
hereby approve said application.

Witness my hand and seal of office at Athens, Texas this 21<sup>st</sup>  
day of July A. D. 1899  
W. F. Freeman  
County Judge Henderson County, State of Texas.

(SEAL)

CERTIFICATE OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

THE STATE OF TEXAS, }  
COUNTY OF Henderson }  
Henderson County, Texas, hereby certify that the foregoing application of Mrs. E. E. Riley  
widow of W. Riley deceased, for a pension,  
together with the proof in support thereof, was duly submitted by Hon. W. F. Freeman  
County Judge of this Henderson County, to the Commissioners Court of this Henderson  
County, at a regular term thereof on the 15 day of Nov A. D. 1899, 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 15  
day of Nov A. D. 1899  
J. W. Smith  
W. F. Freeman  
Wood Forester

(Signatures of Commissioners.)

(SEAL)

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A 67.

File No. ....

IN THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT

of ..... County,  
BEFORE THE COUNTY JUDGE OF SAID COUNTY.

Ex parte .....

COMMISSION

TO TAKE THE DEPOSITION OF

VS.

(NON-RESIDENT..... OF THE STATE OF TEXAS.)

Applicant for Confederate Pension.

Issued the ..... day of  
..... 1 .....

Clerk.

By ..... Deputy.

Filed the ..... day of  
..... 1 .....

Clerk.

By ..... Deputy.



REPRODUCED FROM THE HOLDINGS OF THE TEXAS STATE ARCHIVES

# THE STATE OF TEXAS,

To any Clerk of a Court of Record having a Seal, and Notary Public, or any Commissioner of Deeds duly appointed under the Laws of this State,  
in and for the County of Erath  
State of Texas GREETING:

WE HEREBY AUTHORIZE AND REQUIRE YOU, or either of you, to summon John Traut  
or Harvey Nichols a resident of your county  
to come before you forthwith, and that you then and there take their answers under oath to the  
attached copy of Snicek & Grass Interrogatories, and that you return the same without delay to  
the Clerk of the Court as herein provided:

1. That you reduce his answers so taken to writing, in proper form, and cause the same to be subscribed and sworn to by said witness.

2. That you certify under your hand and seal of office, that said answers were sworn to and subscribed before you.

3. That you seal up in an envelope the answers so taken, together with the annexed interrogatories, and this commission, with your name across the seal.

4. That you endorse on the envelope the name of the applicant for pension herein and the name of said witness.

5. That you direct the package to the Judge Clerk of the county Court,  
of Henderson County, Athens Texas."

6. That if said package is sent by mail, the Postmaster or his Deputy shall endorse thereon that he received it from your hands, and sign his name thereto; or if you entrust it to private conveyance, as provided by the Statute, you will apprise the person receiving it, that it must be delivered to the Judge Clerk of this Court by himself in person; which evidence, so taken as above, is to be used in proof of and on hearing of a pension claim now pending in the Commissioners' Court of Henderson County, in said State of Texas, before the County Judge of said County, entitled "Ex parte Mrs E. E. Riley"  
applicant for Confederate pension."

HEREIN FAIL NOT, but make due return of this Writ.

Given under my hand and seal of office, at Athens Tex  
this 10th day of November A. D. 1899

ATTEST: W. F. Freeman



Judge Clerk of the county Court of Henderson County.

REPRODUCED FROM THE HOLDINGS OF THE TEXAS STATE ARCHIVES

EX PARTE

Mr E. C. Riley

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.....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 saidCounty 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  
to h.....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.....  
and State of Texas, of which he is a bona fide resident.

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

Direct Interrogatories to be Propounded to the Witness.....

John Tant or Harvey Nichols

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 Mr. E. E. Riley who  
is an applicant for pension under Act of May 12, 1899?

INT. 3. How long have you known the said Mrs. E. E. Riley applicant for  
pension, and when and where did you first know <sup>her</sup> ~~him~~?

INT. 4. Do you personally know that the said G. W. Riley and husband of Mrs. E. E. Riley applicant for pension, enlisted in the service of the Confederacy, and performed the duties of a soldier or sailor?

INT. 5. Do you personally know in what company and regiment the said G. W. Riley  
~~applicant~~, 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 further know that Mr. E. E. Riley, the said applicant for pension, is unable to support <sup>him</sup> himself by labor of any sort?

CROSS INTERROGATORIES.

TO BE PROPOUNDED TO

to John Taut or Harvey Nichols

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 time you knew of any other soldier or sailor by the name of G. W. Riley

G. W. Riley Deed husband of Mrs E. E. Riley serving in the same company or regiment in which you say the said applicant, G. W. Riley Deed husband of Mrs E. E. Riley, 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 G. W. Riley Deed husband of Mrs E. E. Riley applicant, serving in the same command?

If you say that you so knew other soldiers or sailors of the same name as 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 G. W. Riley Deed husband of Mrs E. E. Riley 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 upon conjecture? No knowledge

CROSS INT. 4. Do know whether or not the said G. W. Riley Deed husband of Mrs E. E. Riley applicant for pension, ever deserted the service in the Confederate army or navy?

THE STATE OF TEXAS, }  
County of Henderson

I, W. F. Freeman, 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.

W. F. Freeman

County Judge Henderson County, Texas.

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

A 69.

In Re  
Application for Confederate  
Pension.

IN COMMISSIONERS' COURT,

COUNTY, TEXAS.

Pending before County Judge of said County.

EX PARTE

Applicant.

INTERROGATORIES  
PROPOUNDED TO

WITNESSES.



EX PARTE

*Mrs E. E. Riley*

IN RE APPLICANT FOR CONFEDERATE PENSION

Under Act May 12, 1899, pending in County Commis-  
sioners' Court of *Henderson*

County, Texas, before the Honorable County Judge of

said County.

Applicant for Confederate Pension.

Answers and deposition of (1)

*John F. Trout of**Morgan Mill, Grath County  
Texas*to the accompanying interrogatories (2) *and Cross Interrogatories*  
propounded to *him* in the above entitled cause taken before (3) *William Burroughs*  
*Notary Public at Morgan Mill Grath Co. Texas*  
in accordance with the accompanying (5) *Commission*

To the first interrogatory the said

Witness, answers:

*John F. Trout*  
*John Franklin Trout is my name,*  
*my age 63 years - place of residence*  
*7 miles North West from Morgan Mill*  
*Grath County Texas - and Post Office*  
*address is Morgan Mill, Texas,**To the second interrogatory the said*  
*Witness answers; I personally know*  
*Mrs E. E. Riley applicant herein -*  
*she is my sister -**To the third Interrogatory the said*  
*Witness answers; I have known*  
*said Mrs. E. E. Riley for about 62*  
*years or about that time since I*  
*first knew her - have not*  
*seen her in last seven years -*  
*first knew her in Calhoun*  
*Gordon County, Georgia**To the fourth Interrogatory the said*  
*witness answers: Yes, and that*  
*said G. W. Riley performed the*  
*duties of a soldier* (TX)*To the fifth Interrogatory the said*  
*witness answers; that said*  
*G. W. Riley enlisted and served*  
*in the 19th Ark. Regiment Company H.*

in the Confederate army -  
He Enlisted 2<sup>nd</sup> year of the War  
in Pike County Ark. and served  
about 2 years excepting a sickness  
near the close of the war. can't  
tell how long he was sick

To the sixth interrogatory the said  
witness answers: that he is unable  
to answer - does not know the  
situation as to ability to  
support herself

### Cross Interrogatories

#### Cross Interrogatory 1.

I was with said  
G. W. Riley when he Enlisted  
and during his service  
serving in same Company and  
and Regiment - I did not  
know of any other soldier or  
sailor by the name of G. W. Riley,  
serving in same Company,  
Regiment, or Command.

#### Cross Interrogatory No. 2.

Witness answers  
positively in the affirmative

#### Cross Interrogatory No 3

No Knowledge

#### Cross Interrogatory No 4

Witness answers: that  
he knows that said G. W. Riley  
did not desert the service  
in the Confederate Army - or  
that he witness has no knowl-  
edge that he did so desert.

Witness  
Wm. Burroughs

John J. Front  
mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 15<sup>th</sup> day of November 1899  
Wm Burroughs  
Notary Public in  
& for Crath County, Texas

THE STATE OF TEXAS, }  
 County of Crath } I, William Burroughs  
Notary Public do hereby certify that John F. Trout  
 is personally known to me to be a credible citizen of said  
 County and State, and that the foregoing answers of Said John F. Trout  
of Morgan Mill, Texas

the witness before named, and  
 whose name appeared signed to the foregoing deposition, were made before me,  
 and were sworn to and subscribed before me, by said witness (4) John F. Trout

Given under my hand and official seal, this the 16<sup>th</sup> day of November 1899

[L. S.]

Wm Burroughs  
Notary Public  
Morgan Mill, Crath 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, any Notary Public, or any Commissioner of Deeds of Texas.

A 70.

File No.

In the Commissioners' Court

OF

Henderson County, Texas,

Before the Honorable County Judge of said County.

EX PARTE

Mrs. E. C. Riley

Applicant for Confederate Pension.

DEPOSITION

John F. Trout

Witness for Applicant.

Filed the day

of 1

Clerk.

By Deputy.

Fee for Taking Deposition, \$ 1.00





- (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.