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FORM No. 1.

CONFEDERATE PENSION APPLICATION.

Name of Applicant,

D. L. Robbins,
Henderson

County,

Post Office, Payne Springs, Texas

Comptroller's File No. 7483

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

I recommend that the application be

this 17 day of Sep

A. D. 1900

Wm J. Brains
Pension Clerk.

I hereby approve the within application
for pension, this SEP 17 1900 day of

A. D.

Wm D. Purley
Comptroller.

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

APPLICATION of Indigent 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, *B. L. Robbins* 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 *B. L. Robbins*

Q. What is your age? Answer *75 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 *About*

31 years, Post office Payne Ship

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 *Farming*

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 *Infirmity of age*

Q. State in what company and regiment you enlisted in the Confederate army, and the time of your service?

Answer *Company "K", Regt. 11th Tex Inf*

Q. If you served in the Confederate navy state when and where, and the time of your service. Answer *Served about 5 months*

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 *No*

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 head of live*

200 - Valued at \$400.00 4 head of cattle, valued at \$400.00

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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 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, I have property
- 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 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

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

(Signature of Applicant) B. L. Robbins

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 31 day of October A. D. 1899

(SEAL)

County Judge W. F. Freeman Henderson County, Texas.

AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESSES.

(NOTE—There must be at least two credible witnesses.)

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

COUNTY OF _____

Before me, W. F. Freeman

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

Reynolds and B. L. Davis
who are personally known to me to be credible citizens, who being by me duly sworn on oath, state that they personally know B. L. Robbins the above named applicant for a pension, and that they personally know that the said B. L. Robbins enlisted in the service of the ~~Confederacy~~, and performed the duties of a soldier (or sailor) as claimed by him in the above and foregoing application, and that they further know that he, the said applicant, is unable to support himself by labor of any sort.

(Signature of Witness) Reynolds X

(Signature of Witness) B. L. Davis

(Signature of Witness) _____

(Signature of Witness) _____

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 10th day of August A. D. 1900

(SEAL)

County Judge W. F. Freeman Henderson County, Texas.

AFFIDAVIT OF PHYSICIAN.

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

W. A. French

, 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 B. L. Robbins 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: General disability

(Signature of Physician)

W. A. French

Sworn to and subscribed before me this

18th

day of

Nov.

A. D. 1899

(SEAL)

W. F. Freeman

County Judge Henderson

County, State of 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 31st

day of July

A. D. 1899

, before me came on to be heard the application of

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, and that the foregoing affidavit of Doctor W. A. French

who is a reputable practicing physician of this County, was made before me. I also certify that the said applicant

B. L. Robbins

, 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 B. L. Robbins 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 Arkansas, Texas this

day of Nov.

A. D. 1899

(SEAL)

W. F. Freeman

County Judge 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 B. L. Robbins

for a pension, together with the proof in support thereof, was duly submitted

by Hon. W. F. Freeman

County Judge of this

County, to the Commissioners Court of this Henderson

County, at a regular term thereof on the

day of Feb.

A. D. 1900

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 Arkansas this

day of Feb.

A. D. 1900

(Signatures of Commissioners.)

(SEAL)

Oliver Yarnall

E. W. Smith

John A. Wiley
Wood F. Farnsworth



File No.

IN THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT

of County,
BEFORE THE COUNTY JUDGE OF SAID COUNTY.

Ex Parte

COMMISSION

TO TAKE THE DEPOSITION OF

VS. { *Pell Robbins*
W. S. Mezzles

Applicant for Confederate Pension.

Issued the day of

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Returned and filed the day of

A. D. 1

Clerk Court,

County, Texas.

Deputy.

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

To the Clerk of the District Court, Judge or Clerk of the County Court, or any Notary

Public in and for the County of Wood State of Texas—GREETING:

WE HEREBY AUTHORIZE AND REQUIRE YOU, OR EITHER OF YOU, to summon

D. M. Robbins, and W. S. Mezzles

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 _____ Interrogatories, and that you

return the same, without delay, to the Judge Clerk of this Court as herein provided:

1. That you reduce their 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

Benderman 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 Benderman County, in said State of Texas, before the County Judge of said County, entitled "Ex parte B. L. Robbins applicant for Confederate pension."

HEREIN FAIL NOT, but make due return of this Writ as the law directs.

Given under my hand and seal of office, at Athens Texas

this 8th day of November A. D. 1899

ATTEST:

W. F. Freeman

Judge Clerk of the County

Court of Benderman Texas.



Deputy.

EX PARTE

B. L. Robbins

Applicant for Confederate Pension.

Pending in the Honorable Commissioners' Court
of *Beauregard* 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 said County 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 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 _____
and State of Texas, of which he is a bona fide resident.

(Applicant,) Attorney _____ for Applicant.

Direct Interrogatories to be Propounded to the Witnesses.

J. M. Robbins & W. S. Mungler

- 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 *B. L. Robbins* who
is an applicant for pension under Act of May 12, 1899?
- INT. 3. How long have you known the said *B. L. Robbins* applicant for
pension, and when and where did you first know him?
- INT. 4. Do you personally know that the said *B. L. Robbins* 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 *B. L. Robbins*
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 *B. L. Robbins*, the said
applicant for pension, is unable to support himself by labor of any sort?

CROSS INTERROGATORIES.



TO BE PROPOUNDED TO _____

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 B. L. Robbins serving in the same company or regiment in which you say the said applicant, B. L. Robbins, 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 B. L. Robbins 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 B. L. Robbins, 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?

CROSS INT. 4. Do know whether or not the said B. L. Robbins 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.

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Application for Confederate Pension.

IN COMMISSIONERS' COURT,

COUNTY, TEXAS.

Pending before County Judge of said County.

EX PARTE

Applicant.

INTERROGATORIES

PROFOUNDED TO

WITNESSES.

EX PARTE

B. L. Robbins

Applicant for Confederate Pension.

IN RE APPLICANT FOR CONFEDERATE PENSION

Under Act May 12, 1899, pending in County Commis.
sioners' Court of.....
County, Texas, before the Honorable County Judge of
said County.

Answers and deposition of (1) D. M. Robbinsto the accompanying interrogatories (2) W. S. McEllespropounded to him in the above entitled cause taken before (3) W. Morrison J.P.

in accordance with the accompanying (5).....

To the first interrogatory the said D. M. RobbinsWitness, answers: My name is D. M. Robbins I am

56 years of age I live in Wood Co State of
Texas No address Hawkins
ans 2d I am personally acquainted with
B. L. Robbins

ans 3d

I am the son of B. L. Robbins have known
him all my life

ans 4th

I know of my own knowledge that
B. L. Robbins enlisted in Company B 1st
Roberts Regiment in Feb. 1862 served
in service

ans 5th

I know that B. L. Robbins served
about two years and six months in the
Confederate Service

ans 6

The last time I saw B. L. Robbins he was
unable to support himself by labor of any
kind

Cross Interrogatories
to be propounded to D. M. Robbins. (TX)
Cross int 1st. I was in the Confederate army
with B. L. Robbins I know of my own
knowledge there was not any soldier served
in the same company and Regiment by
the name of B. L. Robbins

and I am positively certain that said
 B. T. Robbins is the identical person serving
 as testified by me
 answer 4 I know of my own knowledge
 that the said B. T. Robbins never did desert
 the service in the Confederate army

O. M. Robbins

Direct interrogatories to be propounded to
 The witness W. H. McEzles

int 1st

My name is W. H. McEzles I am 54 years
 old I reside in Wood Co Tex as my P. O
 address is Pine Mills Wood Co Texas

int 2nd

I am personally acquainted with
 B. T. Robbins

int 3rd

I have been acquainted with B. T. Robbins
 about 42 years I first knew him in
 Wood Co Texas

int 4th

I personally know that the said
 B. T. Robbins enlisted in the service of
 the Confederacy and performed the duties
 of a soldier

int 5

I know personally that the said
 B. T. Robbins enlisted in company B
 O. M. Roberts Regiment Confederate
 army he enlisted in Feb 1862 in Wood Co
 Texas and served about two years and six
 months

int 6th

I do not know of my own knowledge
 whether B. T. Robbins is able to support himself
 by labor or not as I do not live near him

D. M. Robbins
W. H. Meggles

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 13 day of Mar 1899

W. H. Morrison J. P. and Ex-offi-
ciary Public Wood, Co Texas

THE STATE OF TEXAS, }
County of Wood } I, *W. H. Morrison J. P.*
(Here give name and official character of officer before whom taken.)

do hereby certify that *D. M. Robbins*
and *W. H. Meggles* are personally known to me to be credible citizens of said
County and State, and that the foregoing answers of *D. M. Robbins &*
W. H. Meggles

the witness, before named, and
whose name appear signed to the foregoing deposition, were made before me,
and were sworn to and subscribed before me, by said witness (1)

Given under my hand and official seal, this the 13 day of Mar 1899

[L. S.]

W. H. Morrison J. P. and Ex-offi-
ciary Public Wood, 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 respec-
tive 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 the Commissioners' Court

OF _____ County, Texas,

Before the Honorable County Judge of said County.

EX PARTE

Applicant for Confederate Pension.

DEPOSITION

OF

Witness for Applicant.

Filed the _____ day _____ of _____ 18____

By _____ Clerk.

Deputy.

Fee for Taking Deposition, \$ _____

Cross interrogatories
to be propounded to W. S. Meggles
Cross in 1st

I know of my own knowledge that there
was not any soldier by the name of
B. J. Robbins serving in the same company
and Regiment that the said B. J. Robbins
served in

Cross in 2

I am positively certain that said B. J. Robbins
is the identical person serving as testified
by me

Cross in 4

I know of my own knowledge that the
said B. J. Robbins never deserted the service
of the Confederate army

W. S. Meggles

- (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.