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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.

A. S. Roberts

Henderson

County.

Postoffice

St. Louis

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FORM A

For Use of Soldiers, Who are in Indigent Circumstances

THE STATE OF TEXAS }

County of Henderson

I, A. S. Roberts, 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

2100 In Red River County

(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 am 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? 72 years
2. Where were you born? Mo.
3. How long have you resided in Texas? 50 years
4. In what county do you reside? Henderson
5. How long have you resided in said county and what is your postoffice address 9 years
Athens

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 & blacking

8. In what State was the command in which you served organized? La.

9. How long did you serve? Give, if possible, the date of enlistment and discharge 4 years

10. What was the letter of your company, number or name of battalion, regiment or battery? S. B.

Maxey's Regiment, Company 3

11. If transferred from one command to another, give time of transfer, name of command and time of service

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

Commissary department

13. If commissioned direct by the President, what was your rank and line of duty?

No.
I was commissioned, Wagon Master, with Rank as Captain by General Halms.

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 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)

A. A. Roberts

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this *10* day of *Aug.*, A. D. 19 *09*

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 *Henderson*, County Judge of *Henderson* County,

State of Texas, on this day personally appeared *C. A. & J. W. Bellamy*, who are personally known to me to be credible citizens, who, being by me duly sworn, on oath state that they personally know *A. A. Roberts*

the above named applicant for a pension, and that they personally know that the said *A. A. Roberts*

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)

C. A. Bellamy

(Signature of Witness)

J. W. Bellamy

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this *11* day of *Aug.*, A. D. 19 *09*

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 _____ }

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 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:

(Signature of Witness)

(Signature of Witness)

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

[SEAL.]

County Judge.....County, Texas.

CERTIFICATE OF THE STATE AND COUNTY ASSESSOR

I, W. N. Jones, State and County Assessor in the County of.....

State of Texas, do certify that.....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.....dollars.

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

W. H. [Signature]
State and County Assessor.



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I, Gen. Harmon and W. J. Guest detailed
 and put under me. I got the fifteen
 wagons and kept on hauling flour and
 Bacon to different commands. Cabell
 would gather up flour & Bacon and
 I run my train from Texas to Arkansas
 when Gen. Hindman Gen. Harnett
 and Gen. Shelby were on the Ouachita
 river in Nov. 1864 we were ordered
 by Kirby Smith to load with cotton
 and go to San Antonio and get soldiers
 clothing, when we got there. Gray
 Chief of the Bureau received the cotton
 and all of my men were ordered back to
 their commands with exception of three
 men. Gray asked me to see if I could
 get enough added to my train to make
 eight or ten wagon. I got enough to ^{make}
 nine and reloaded and went to Rio Grande
 City and unloaded, but failed to get clothing.
 The surrender was made before we got
 back to San Antonio.

All of the men that were with me are
 dead, and all of Col. Macey's regiment
 are dead. Col. Macey Major Norris and
 two ^(were all that) privates got back home.

I lost all of my papers. by accident they
 fell in to a well forty feet deep ^{at Hoboken}
 over

The above & foregoing statement was written out by applicant, & signed & sworn to before me. this Aug-10. 1909

(VI)

John S. Bruce
County Judge

Attains Henderson county Texas

A. S. Roberts statement of the service
he rendered in the confederacy
during the war

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In 1861 in Aug. I volunteered in Col.
S. B. Masey's regiment company F.
I took some volunteer soldiers to
the place of rendezvous and Jacob
Harmon first Lieutenant of company
F. asked me to join and be their
commissary. you are the best qualified
to do that work. and I said yes I can
do that work. but my right arm
being so weak that I woud be received
Let us see what Col. Masey says about it.
we went to colonel Masey and Mr Harmon
told him about me. colonel Masey said
we need some one to do that work now
and you can do that work. but we cant
make you serve nor bear arms. but if
you volunteer we will receive you, and
you can go to work. I went to work.
In a short time by order of Gen. Hornes
Mr Cabell was made Post Commissary
at Paris Lamar Co., and by order of Gen
Hornes. I was made wagon master and
have men detailed. until I got fifteen
wagons. I went to Colonel Demorse and got



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 A. S. Roberts who is reported to have enlisted in
Company F, Regiment 9th Texas Infantry
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,



E. A. Bolmes

Commissioner of Pensions.

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT,

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

WASHINGTON, February 17, 1910.

Respectfully returned to the

Commissioner of Pensions,
State of Texas,
Austin, Texas.

The name A. S. Roberts has not been found on the rolls, on file in this office, of Company F, 9th (also called 8th), or of Company F, 9th (also called 5th), Texas Infantry, Confederate States Army, and no record has been found of the capture or parole of a man of that name as of either of those organizations.



The Adjutant General.

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

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WAR DEPARTMENT



IN COMMISSIONER COURT OF HENDERSON COUNTY, TEXAS, Aug. 12th, 1909.

On motion of the County Judge it is unanimously resolved that this court, as a court, and each member thereof take this method of expressing our confidence in the integrity and high christian character of A.S. Roberts, who is an applicant for pension. And further that we certify to the Commissioner of Texas, that said A.S. Roberts is a christian gentleman, a scholar, and ~~the~~ a man of the ~~xxx~~ highest character: that he is in destitute circumstances, having no use of his right arm--has been disabled from his youth from the use of his right arm.

And, knowing that his proof of service does not meet the statutory requirement, we ask the Commissioner of Pensions to construe as favorably as he feels permitted to do, and if he can do so to grant him a pension.

John S. Prince
County Judge, Henderson Co.

Attest,

John W. Eastwood
County Clerk.

Hon. E. A. Bolmes, Commissioner,
Austin, Texas.

Dear Sir:- I attach a resolution, passed by the Confederate Camp at this place, Aug. 11th, 1909, and certify that the same is a correct copy thereof; I clipped it from the Athens, Review, of Aug. 12th, 1909. I send it to comply with same, and that you may know that the entire camp join me and my court in asking that he obtain a pension.

John S. Prince

Afternoon Meeting

The Camp was called to order by the chairman at 2:30.

A resolution was passed endorsing Comrade A. S. Roberts, a member of this Camp, as an honest, upright man and recommending him as a worthy ex-Confederate and asking the county judge to assist him in finding witnesses as to his services to the Confederacy with the view of his being able to secure a pension.

R. E. Yantis was then introduced and addressed the Camp.

Ex-Senator J. J. Fank was called for and responded in a fine speech.

George Owens of Van Zandt county made a short talk. He had just returned from a reunion of Parson's Brigade and reported a fine time. He also reported that Dr. T. M. Matthews, Sr. of Athens was elected brigade surgeon, although he was not able to be present. 17805

The Camp then adjourned until the next annual meeting. Over forty comrades paid their dues.