

Soldier's Application for Pension

Name of Applicant.

B. V. Smith

Neuchâtel

County.

Postoffice

Astoria

Filed

Filed May 10th - 1913

Approved

Approved. Sept 1. 1913

Pension allowed from

Pension allowed from Dec. 1913

Rejected.

Gen. 24

Commissioner of Pensions.

FORM A

For Use of Soldiers, Who are in Indigent Circumstances

THE STATE OF TEXAS }

County of

Henderson

I, *Benjamin Thomas Smith*, 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

Paroled in March, 1865
at Point Lookout, Md.

(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 a salary or fees one hundred and fifty dollars per annum, nor have I an 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? *Twenty-nine*
2. Where were you born? *March 9, 1838*
3. How long have you resided in Texas? *Since Nov. 1869*
4. In what county do you reside? *Henderson*
5. How long have you resided in said county and what is your postoffice address? *Since 1872*

Atkins, Route # 8

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? *Larimer*

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

9. How long did you serve? Give, if possible, the date of enlistment and discharge. *4 years - Aug 1861*

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

Company K, 12th Ala. Regiment - Rhoads Brigade

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

Not transferred

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

Infantry

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

Not Commissioned

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)

B. T. Smith

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this *17* day of *May*, A. D. 19*13*

C. D. Owen

[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 *C. D. Owen*, County Judge of *Henderson* County,

State of Texas, on this day personally appeared *H. A. McRae & M. D. Lammons*, who are personally

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

B. T. Smith

the above named applicant for a pension, and that they personally know that the said

B. T. Smith

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)

H. A. McRae

(Signature of Witness)

M. D. Lammons

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this *17* day of *May*, A. D. 19*13*

C. D. Owen

[SEAL.]

County Judge *Henderson* County, Texas.

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 *Henderson* }

Before me *C. D. Owen*, 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

C. D. Owen
County Judge Henderson County
Athens, Texas

5/17/13.

Mr. R. A. Buford,
Austin, Tex.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed please
find application of B. D.
Smith for pension.

Mr. Smith knows
of but one living witness
to his services in the army
and I, send that. Mr. Smith
is certainly entitled to a
pension as he + served through
the war and was shot
through twice.
Yours truly,

C. D. Owen



M. E. RICHARDSON

A. B. WATKINS

B. M. RICHARDSON

RICHARDSON, WATKINS & RICHARDSON

ATTORNEYS-AT-LAW

ATHENS, TEXAS

Sept 22. 1913.

Comm of Pensions.

Austin, Texas,

Dear Sir -

Mr Ben D. Smith of
 this Co sent up his application for pension of
 a Confederate Soldier in May of this year
 and to this date has heard nothing from it.
 If there is anything required that has not
 been done Mr Smith would thank you for
 information, and would be glad to know
 the present status of his application.
 Kindly write him Athens Texas RR 8.
 He is a very deserving Ex-Con -

Very Respect

 (TX)
 Richardson Watkins Richardson




R. A. BUFORD, 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 B. T. Smith who is repoted to have enlisted in
 Company 'G', Regiment 12th Alas. Infantry
Rhode's Brigade
 in service of the Confederate States Army.

Purpose: The _____ person above named is an applicant
 for a Confederate pension granted by the State, and I desire to verify
 his proof of service.

Very respectfully,


R. A. Buford
 Commissioner of Pensions.

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ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

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WAR DEPARTMENT.

WAR DEPARTMENT,
2041958
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

WASHINGTON, May 27, 1913.

Respectfully returned to the

Commissioner of Pensions,
State of Texas,
Austin.

The records show that B. T. Smith,
private, Company K, 12th Alabama
Infantry, Confederate States Army,
enlisted August 10, 1861; that he was
captured October 19, 1864, at Cedar
Creek, and paroled at Point Lookout,
Maryland, and that he was exchanged
February 15, 1865, at Cox's Landing,
James River, Virginia. No later rec-
ord of him has been found.



The Adjutant General.

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DEPOSITION IN PENSION CLAIMS, with Caption and Certificates.

1170-1109-3m

EX PARTE

IN RE APPLICANT FOR CONFEDERATE PENSION

B. T. Smith

Under Act March 26, 1909, pending

Applicant for Confederate Pension.

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

Answers and depositions of (1)

W. S. Raughton

to the accompanying interrogations (2) and cross interrogatories,
propounded to him in the above entitled cause taken before (3) Joe C. Randal, County Judge
in accordance with the accompanying (7)

To the first interrogatory the said

W. S. Raughton

Witness, answers

- (1) My name is W. S. Raughton, age 76 years, residence
Jones Co. Texas, P.O. Anson, Texas (Route 3)
(2) Yes.
(3) Known him since 1861, Auburn Alabama.
(4) Yes.
(5) Company K, 12th Alabama ^{regiment} Enlisted
at Slaughter-cross-roads, in the State
of Virginia; served to end of war
in 1865.
(6) NO. Private soldier.
(7) NO. Private soldier served about 4 years.

Cross interrogatories.

- (1) I served in same company with and
regiment with B. T. Smith, (as) I did not
know of any other B. T. Smith in the
army.
(2) Yes.
(3) Yes, served honorably and was a faithful soldier.
(4) He did not.

W. S. Raughton

TX

Subscribed and sworn to before me
this the 13th day of May 1913

Joe C. Randal
County Judge
Jones County Texas

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 13th day of May, 1913

Joe C. Randal
County Judge Jones Co. Texas

THE STATE OF Texas
County of Jones
County Judge

I, Joe C. Randal
(Here give name and official character of officer before whom taken.)

do hereby certify that C. S. Raughter
and C. S. Raughter are personally known to me to be credible citizens of said
County and State, and that the foregoing answers of C. S. Raughter
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 (4) C. S. Raughter

Given under my hand and official seal, this the 13 day of May, 1913

(L. S.)

Joe C. Randal
County Judge, Jones 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.

File No.

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

EX PARTE

B. T. Smith
Applicant for Confederate Pension

DEPOSITION
OF

C. S. Raughter

Witness for Applicant

Filed _____ day

of _____ 19 _____

Clerk.

By _____ Deputy.

Fee for Taking Deposition, \$ _____



- (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.