

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.

*F. M. Shields**Henderson*

County.

Postoffice

Atthens, Rt. #4

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FORM A

For Use of Soldiers who are in Indigent Circumstances

THE STATE OF TEXAS,
COUNTY OF Henderson

I, Francis Marion Speaks, 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 about May 1st, 1865 was
surrendered as the war had closed

(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? 65 years
2. Where were you born? In Talbert Co. Georgia
3. How long have you resided in Texas? 43 years
4. In what county do you reside? Henderson
5. How long have you resided in said county and what is your postoffice address? 4 years
Malakoff, Texas
6. Have you applied for a pension under the Confederate pension law and been rejected? If rejected, state when and where Have not applied
7. What is your occupation, if able to engage in one? Farming
8. In what State was the command in which you served organized? Georgia
9. How long did you serve? Give, if possible, the date of enlistment and discharge. 3 or 4 months
10. What was the letter of your company, number or name of battalion, regiment or battery? Wallace's Company - Number or letter forgotten
45th Georgia Regiment
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

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

Not Commissioner

14. If detailed for special service, under the law of conscription, what was the nature of your service and how long did you serve?

was not Conscripted

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)

H. W. Spinks

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this *2nd* day of *Jan*, 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 *Smith*

Before me, *Sibyl Gelhain, Notary*, County Judge of *Public in and for Smith* County, State of Texas, on this day personally appeared *D. A. Wiggins & N. A. Gentry*, who are personally known to me to be credible citizens, who being by me duly sworn, on oath state that they personally know

F. M. Spinks the above named applicant for a pension, and that they personally know that the said *F. M. Spinks* 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)

N. A. Gentry

(Signature of Witness)

D. A. Wiggins

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this *3rd* day of *May*, A. D. 19*13*

[SEAL.]

Sibyl Gelhain
Notary Public, *Smith* County, Texas.
County Judge

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 cor-

Fill out also after sworn

rect 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: (State fully your source of knowledge.)

(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, R. F. Henry, State and County Assessor in the County of Hudson
State of Texas, do certify that J. M. Spinks 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 no dollars.

Given under my hand, this 10 day of May, A. D. 1913

D F Hennen

State and County Assessor.

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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 F. M. Sparks who is repoted to have enlisted in
 Company _____, Regiment 40th La Infantry
 in service of the Confederate States Army. Shallach Lee

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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WAR DEPARTMENT,
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,
WASHINGTON. May 16, 1913.

Respectfully returned to the
Commissioner of Pensions,
State of Texas,
Austin.

The name F. M. Spinks has not been
found on the rolls, on file in this
office, of Company E, 45th Georgia
Infantry, Confederate States Army,
and no record of capture or parole
has been found of a man of this name
and organization.

Geo. Andrews

The Adjutant General

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

April 1, 1913.

Hon. R. A. Buford,
Austin, Texas,

Dear Sir:-

There is an applicant here for a pension and he can not locate any witnesses who have personal knowledge of his service in the Confederate army. Now, I would like to know if the testimony of those who know from tradition and reputation of the applicant's service in said army would be sufficient in the absence of better testimony?

Yours very truly,

Wallace Co. }
45th La. Reg

Bulla Ga. - original

E. D. Owen

Give this spec. the letter of
his Co. name of Regiment
State where - or foreign - etc
& I will write to Washing-
ton D. C. for his War Record
& which of satisfactory will
be proof sufficient -

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