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FORM B

Widow's Application for Pension

The Commissioner of Pensions reserves the right to call for additional testimony if he deems it necessary.

Name of Applicant.

Mrs L. A. Thedford

Henderson County.

Postoffice Chandler

Filed AUG 23 1909

Approved AUG 31 1909

Pension allowed from

Rejected

Commissioner of Pensions.

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Alan & Vann Thedford
Monday, S. Co. Tex
(Latter)

FORM B

For Use of Widows of Soldiers Who are in Indigent Circumstances

THE STATE OF TEXAS }

County of Henderson }

I, Mrs L. A. Thedford, 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 am the widow of B. C. Thedford, deceased, who departed this life on the 3 day of Jan, A. D. 1864, in the county of _____, in the State of Louisiana

I have not remarried since the death of my said husband, and I do solemnly swear that I was never divorced from my said husband, and that I never voluntarily abandoned him during his life, but remained his true, faithful and lawful wife up to the date of his death. I was married to him on the 18 day of Jan, A. D. 1855, in the county of Smith, in the State of Texas

My husband, the said B. C. Thedford, enlisted and served in the military service of the Confederate States during the war between the States of the United States, and that he did not desert the Confederate Service. I have been a resident of the State of Texas since prior to March 1, A. D. 1880, and have been continuously since a citizen of the State of Texas. I do further state that I do not 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, 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 I do further state that the answers given to the following questions are true:

1. What is your age? 71 years
2. Where were you born? In South Carolina
3. How long have you resided in the State of Texas? 60 years
4. How long have you resided in the county of your present residence? And what is your postoffice address? 42 years, Chandler
5. What was your husband's full name? Benjamin Calloway Thedford
6. When and where were you married? In Smith Co. Tx. Jan. 18. 1855
7. What was the date of his death? June 31 1864
8. In what State was your husband's command originally organized? Texas
9. How long did your husband serve? If known to you, give date of enlistment and discharge. About 2 or 3 years until his death
10. What was the name or letter of the company, or name or number of the battalion, regiment or battery of artillery in which your husband served? If he was transferred from one branch of service to another, give time of transfer, description of command and time of service. do not know

11. Name branch of service in which your husband served, whether infantry, cavalry, artillery or the navy, or if commissioned as an officer by the President, his rank and line of duty, or if detailed for special service, under the law of conscription, the nature of such service, and time of service. do not know

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12. 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 her application for a pension be approved and such other proceedings be had in the premises as are required by law.

(Signature of Applicant) L. A. Thedford

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 3 day of Aug., A. D. 1909.

John S. Pruie
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 John S. Pruie, County Judge of Henderson County,

State of Texas, on this day personally appeared J. S. Brewer & J. M. Grant, who are personally

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

L. A. Thedford, applicant for a pension as the widow of B. C. Thedford

deceased, is in truth and fact the widow of B. C. Thedford deceased; that they personally know

that she has not remarried since the death of her husband, for whose service in the army she claims a pension, and that

they have no interest in this claim.

(Signature of Witness) J. S. Brewer

(Signature of Witness) J. M. Grant

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 3 day of Aug., A. D. 1909.

John S. Pruie
County Judge Henderson County, Texas.

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County of Henderson }

Before me John S. Pruie, County Judge of Henderson County,

State of Texas, on this day personally appeared J. S. Brewer, who are personally

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

named applicant for a pension, and that they personally know that the said Mrs. L. A. Thedford

has been a bona fide resident citizen of the State of Texas since prior to March 1, A. D. 1880, and that they have no

interest in this claim.

(Signature of Witness) J. S. Brewer

(Signature of Witness) J. M. Grant

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 3 day of Aug., A. D. 1909.

John S. Pruie
County Judge Henderson County, Texas.

[SEAL.]

THE STATE OF TEXAS)

County of _____

(Signature of Witness).....

(Signature of Witness).....

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

County Judge.....County, Texas.

[SEAL.]

CERTIFICATE OF STATE AND COUNTY ASSESSOR

I, W. Davis, State and County Assessor in the County of
Henderson, State of Texas, do hereby certify that Mrs. L. A. Shepard,
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 the said county, in her name, or the
name of a trustee, with estate, real, personal and mixed, at the assessed value of None dollars.

Given under my hand, this 21 day of May, A. D. 1927

State and County Assessor.



EX PARTE

Mrs L. A. Thedford
Applicant for Confederate Pension.

Pending in *Henderson* County,
Texas, before the Honorable County Judge of said
County.

The Honorable County Judge of *Henderson* 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 *Allen Thedford*
and *Vann Thedford* who reside in the County of *Smith* in the State of *Texas*
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 March 26, 1909, 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 wit-
ness residing in the County of *Henderson* and State of Texas, of which he is a bona fide resident.

Mrs L. A. Thedford
(Applicant) Attorney for Applicant.

Direct Interrogatories to be Propounded to the Witness.

Allen Thedford and Vann Thedford

- 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. C. Thedford whose wife* is an
applicant for pension under Act of March 26, 1909?
INT. 3. How long have you known the said *B. C. Thedford whose wife* applicant for pension
and when and where did you first know him?
INT. 4. Do you personally know that the said *B. C. Thedford whose wife* is applicant for pension
enlisted in the service of the Confederacy, and performed the duties of a soldier or a sailor?
INT. 5. Do you personally know in what company and regiment the said *B. C. Thedford*
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 in the Confederate navy, then state: When?
Where? And how long he so served?
INT. 6. Do you personally know that *B. C. Thedford* applicant for pension,
was commissioned as an officer directly by the President of the Confederate States? What was his rank and
line of duty?
INT. 7. Do you further know if said applicant was, under the provisions of the conscript law, detailed for any kind of
special service in the field, shops, armories, etc., of the Confederacy? What was the nature of his service,
and how long did he serve?

CROSS INTERROGATORIES.

To be Propounded to *Allen Thedford + Vann Thedford*

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 or special service 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. C. Thedford*
serving in the same company or regiment or special service in which you say the said applicant *B. C. Thedford*
enlisted, or if you have stated that said applicant enlisted and served in the navy of the

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Confederacy, then state whether or not you know any other soldier or sailor of the same name as said B. B. Thudford applicant serving in the same command, or the special service to which he was assigned?

If you say that you so knew other soldiers or sailors of the same name of 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. B. Thudford applicant for pension, is the identical person serving as testified by you?

Cross INT. 3. Do you know whether or not the said B. B. Thudford applicant for pension served honorably from the date of his enlistment until the close of the late Civil War between the States, or until he was discharged from said company and regiment, or the special service to which he had been assigned?

Cross INT. 4. Do you know whether or not the said B. B. Thudford deserted his command or voluntarily abandoned his post of duty, or the service during said war?

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

County of Henderson

I, John S. Pruice, County Judge of said County, in said State, do hereby waive copy of interrogatories, notice 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.

John S. Pruice
County Judge Henderson County, Texas.
B. B. Thudford
(Applicant) Attorney for Applicant.

Application for Confederate

Pension.

FOR USE OF SOLDIERS

Henderson County, Texas,

Pending before the County Judge of said County.

EX PARTE
B. B. Thudford
Applicant.

INTERROGATORIES

propounded to

William T. B. Thudford
Thudford
Witnesses.

EX PARTE

IN RE APPLICANT FOR CONFEDERATE PENSION

Mrs. L. A. Thedford,

Under Act March 26, 1909, pending

In Henderson

Applicant for Confederate Pension.

County, Texaxs, before the Honorable County Judge
of said County.

Answers and depositions of (1) Allen Thedford and Vann Thedford

to the accompanying interrogations (2) and cross interrogatories.

propounded to them in the above entitled cause taken before (3) W. C. Serogger ^{Notary Public} in accordance with the accompanying (7) agreement

To the first interrogatory the said Allen Thedford

Witness, answers Allen Thedford 69 yrs. Noonday Tex. Flint Tex R.F.D. #2

To the 2nd Int. said witness answers: yes

To 3d Int. said witness answers: about 65 yrs. 1852. Cheronee co. Tex.

To 4th Int. said witness answers: yes

To 5th Int. said witness answers: Yes. Feb. 1862. Tyler Tex.

Co. B. 15th Infantry Until his death Aug. 1864. yes. Tyler Tex. Private Soldier.

To 7th Int. said witness answers: He was not.

ANSWERS TO CROSS INTERROGATORIES:

To First cross-Int. said witness answers: We enlisted & served together until his death. I did not,

To 2nd Cross-Int. said witness answers: I am.

To 3d Cross-Int. said witness answers: He did.

To 4th Cross-Int. said witness answers:

I know that he did not.

To the First Interrogatory the witness Vann Thedford answers:

Vann Thedford, 64 yrs. Noonday Tex. Tyler Tex. R.F.D. #8
I served in same company with him. I did not.

To the 2nd Int. said witness answers: I am. Yes.

To the 3d Int. said witness answers: I do since I can remember
or about 60 yrs. Cheronee co. Texas

To the 4th Int. said witness answers:

I do

I know that he did serve honorably until death

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To the 5th Int.said witness Answers:

Yes. Company H. 15. Infantry
Feb. 1862. Tyler Texas. Until his death in Aug 1864.

to the 6th Int said witness answers:-

Private Soldier

to 7th Int.said witness answers:

I know that he was not.

ANSWERS TO CROSS INTERROGATORIES

To the First Cross-int.said witness answers:

I was with him from enlistment until his death. I did not

To 2nd cross-Int said witness answers:

I am.

To 3d cross-int.he answers:

I know that he did

To 4th crossint he answers:

I know that he did not.

Signed ^{his} Allen X Theadford
mark
Vann Theadford

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 11th day of August 1909
W. C. Scroggin J.P. & Ex
Officio Notary Public in & for Smith Co. Texas

THE STATE OF Tex
County of Smith }
I, W. C. Scroggin J.P. & Ex
(Here give name and official character of officer before whom taken.)
Officio Notary Public do hereby certify that Allen Theadford
and Vann Theadford are personally known to me to be credible citizens of said
County and State, and that the foregoing answers of Allen Theadford and
Vann Theadford the witnesses before named, and
whose names appear signed to the foregoing deposition, were made before me
and were sworn to and subscribed before me, by said witnesses (4) Allen Theadford & Vann Theadford
Given under my hand and official seal, this the 11th day of August, 1909
(L. S.) W. C. Scroggin J.P. & Ex
Officio Notary Public in & for Smith 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	
<u>Allen Theadford</u> Applicant for Confederate Pension	
DEPOSITION	
OF	
<u>Allen Theadford</u> + <u>Vann Theadford</u>	
Witness for Applicant	
Filed _____ day	
of _____ 190	
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.



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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 P. C. Medford who is reported to have enlisted in
 Company D, 15th Regiment, Texas Infantry
 in the service of the Confederate States Army.

Purpose: The widow of 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, August 31, 1909.

Respectfully returned to the

Commissioner of Pensions,
State of Texas,
Austin.

It is shown by the records that
B. C. Thedford, private, Company D,
15th Texas Infantry, Confederate
States Army, enlisted August 10, 1862.
On the roll of the company for January
and February, 1864, last roll on file,
he is reported present. No later
record of him has been found.



The Adjutant General.

Chandler Texas

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Mr J. C. Jones.

Austin Texas

Dear Sir. Will You
Please let me know
who ^{only} L. A. Thedford's
witnesses was for his
drawing Pinchon & if it
wasnt his name what
would be the penalty for
such.

Hoping to hear soon.
Yours Truly Jas. C. Thedford.
Chandler Texas.

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June 18th, 1917

Mr. Jno. C. Thedford,
Chandler, Texas.

My dear Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter inquiring who are the witnesses on the application for pension of Mrs. L. A. Thedford of Henderson County.

In reply to same, beg to state that the records on file in this office show that pension application No. 15429, in name on Mrs. L. A. Thedford, Chandler, Henderson County, Texas, was filed Aug. 23rd, 1909 and approved Aug. 31st, 1909, that the witnesses as to service of B. A. Thedford in the C. S. A. are Allen Thedford and Vann Thedford, as to widowhood, J. S. Brewer, and J. M. Grant, who also were used as witnesses as to residence in Texas since 1900.

Assuring you that it is a pleasure to serve you, I am,

Yours truly,

J. C. Jones,

Commissioner



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