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*DEAD* FORM No. 1.

CONFEDERATE PENSION APPLICATION

Name of Applicant, *G. A. Thomas*

*Burleson* County.

Post Office *Muskegon*

Comptroller's File No. *7481*

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

*approved*  
this *SEP 17* day of *1900*

A. D. *Spa. J. Main*  
Pension Clerk.

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

A. D. *W. H. Hartley*  
Comptroller.

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

MAVERICK-CLARKE LITHO CO., SAN ANTONIO.

COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,  
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## FORM No. 1.

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, *G. A. Thomas* 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 *G. A. Thomas*
- Q. What is your age? Answer *61 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 *25 years*  
*Post office, Murchison Texas*
- 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 *Farmer*
- Q. What is your physical condition? Answer *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
- Q. State in what company and regiment you enlisted in the Confederate army, and the time of your service? Answer *Company "H", 5th Ala. Reg. Infantry*  
*served 4 years*
- Q. If you served in the Confederate navy state when and where, and the time of your service. Answer
- 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 cattle valued at \$16.00, One horse valued at \$40.00*

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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
- 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) G. A. Thomas  
Sworn to and subscribed before me this 20th day of July A. D. 1901  
W. F. Freeman  
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  
County Judge of Henderson County, State of Texas, on this day personally appeared B. P. Adams  
W. J. Eustace

who are personally known to me to be credible citizens, who being by me duly sworn on oath, state that they personally know G. A. Thomas the above named applicant for a pension, and that they personally know that the said G. A. Thomas ~~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) B. P. Adams  
(Signature of Witness) W. J. Eustace  
(Signature of Witness) \_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of Witness) \_\_\_\_\_

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 13th day of Aug A. D. 1901  
W. F. Freeman  
County Judge Henderson County, Texas.

(SEAL)



AFFIDAVIT OF PHYSICIAN.

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

COUNTY OF Henderson Before me W. H. Freeman  
County Judge of Henderson County, State of Texas, on this day personally appeared J. C. Hodge

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 G. A. Thomas 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:

Inducible hernia of right side of 10 years standing and beginning hernia of left side

(Signature of Physician) J. C. Hodge M.D.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 13<sup>th</sup> day of August A. D. 1900

(SEAL)

W. H. Freeman  
County Judge Henderson County, State of Texas.

CERTIFICATE OF COUNTY JUDGE.

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

COUNTY OF Henderson I, W. H. Freeman  
County Judge of Henderson County, State of Texas, do hereby certify that on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of July A. D. 1900, before me came on to be heard the application of G. A. Thomas

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 J. C. Hodge

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

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 G. A. Thomas 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 this 13<sup>th</sup> day of August A. D. 1900

(SEAL)

W. H. 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 G. A. Thomas

for a pension, together with the proof in support thereof, was duly submitted by Hon. W. H. Freeman County Judge of this Henderson County, to the Commissioners Court of this Henderson County, at a regular term thereof on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of July 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 13<sup>th</sup> day of August A. D. 1900

(Signatures of Commissioners.)

(SEAL)

Wm. Gamett (TX)  
Wood. Farnes  
J. C. Wiley  
J. H. Smith

Opaula, Ala., \_\_\_\_\_ 190\_\_\_\_\_

The State of Alabama Under, and by virtue of a commission  
 Barber County } issued by W H Freeman Judge of the  
 County Court of Henderson County, State of Texas, and directed  
 to me, I have called before me this 30<sup>th</sup> day of July 1904, at  
 Clayton Ala. the said Witnesses mentioned in said commission,  
 to W H Thurman, and Jas J Wain, who each, after being first duly  
 sworn, and examined to speak the truth the whole truth and  
 nothing but the truth, and say as follows.

(TX)

The State of Alabama J. Jas. McKab, the Commissioner named  
 Barber County In the within Commission, do hereby certify  
 that the witnesses to wit W. A. Thomas and Jas. J. Meier, who are known  
 to me, and who I certify to be persons of credibility, and know them  
 to be the identical persons named in the Commission, that they  
 were each known and examined as above stated, and that their evidence  
 was taken down as near as might be in their own language, and subscri-  
 bed by them before me on this the 30<sup>th</sup> day of July 1900, at the place above  
 stated, and that I am not of kin or allied to the party interested. (TX)  
 Witness my hand and seal this 30<sup>th</sup> day of July 1900. Jas. McKab. Commissioner  
 (Seal)

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File No. ....

IN THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT

of Harrison County,

BEFORE THE COUNTY JUDGE OF SAID COUNTY.

Ex Parte E. A. Hanna

COMMISSION

TO TAKE THE DEPOSITION OF

VS. {

Applicant for Confederate Pension.

Issued the ..... day of

1 .....

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 Bosher Alabama State of ~~Texas~~—GREETING:

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

J. J. Vimmer & W. B. Thomas

residents of your

County to come before you forthwith, and that you then and there take their answers, under oath, to the attached copy of Direct 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 Henderson County, Alabama 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 Henderson County, in said State of Texas, before the County Judge of said County, entitled "Ex parte G. A. Thomas 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 Alabama this 20th day of July A. D. 1900

ATTEST:

W. F. FreemanJudge Clerk of the County Court of Henderson Texas.

Deputy.



EX PARTE

*G. A. Thomas*

Applicant for Confederate Pension.

Pending in the Honorable Commissioners' Court  
of *Henderson* 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 Witness *es*

*J. J. Wimer, W. B. Thomas*

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 *G. A. Thomas* who  
is an applicant for pension under Act of May 12, 1899?

INT. 3. How long have you known the said *G. A. Thomas* applicant for  
pension, and when and where did you first know him?

INT. 4. Do you personally know that the said *G. A. Thomas* 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 *G. A. Thomas*  
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 *G. A. Thomas*, 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 \_\_\_\_\_ serving in the same company or regiment in which you say the said applicant, \_\_\_\_\_, 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 \_\_\_\_\_ 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 \_\_\_\_\_, 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 \_\_\_\_\_ applicant for pension, ever deserted the service in the Confederate army or navy?

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*Cross Interrogatories waived*

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THE STATE OF TEXAS,  
County of Anderson }  
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 Anderson County, Texas.

(Applicant,) Attorney.....for Applicant.

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In Re  
Application for Confederate  
Pension.

IN COMMISSIONERS' COURT,

COUNTY, TEXAS.

Pending before County Judge of said County.

EX PARTE  
W. A. Thomas  
Applicant.

INTERROGATORIES  
PROPOUNDED TO  
W. A. Thomas  
WITNESSES.  
W. A. Thomas

MARSHALL & BRUCE CO.  
PRINTERS,  
Nashville, Tenn.

Interrogatories answered by W. H. Thomas  
First Int. W. H. Thomas. 57. Clayton

Ala

2nd. Yes

3rd About 35 years. 1st time since in  
1861. at beginning of the war between  
the States

4th Yes. as a soldier Co A 5th Ala  
Volunteers

5th Yes. Co A 5th Ala Vol.

enlisted June 1861. Clayton Ala  
during the war. or until seen  
render.

6th No.

W. H. Thomas

Interrogatories answered by Jas. J. Winn

To 1st Int. Jas. J. Winn. age 58. Clayton Ala

2 Yes

3 About 35 years 1st time since when  
he enlisted in our Co in 1861

4th Int. Yes as a soldier in Co A 5th Ala  
Vol. for the 1st 12 mos. after  
that time I left the Co &  
left him with the Co. & never  
heard of his leaving the Co &  
saw him with the remainder  
of the Co after the surrender

5th Yes as a 5th Ala Vol

enlisted June 1861 at Clay-  
ton Ala

6th No.

Jas. J. Winn

(TX)