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FORM B.

**Widow's Application
for a Pension**

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

Name of Applicant.

Mrs Sarah L. Shamus
Henderson County.

Postoffice *Keip, Texas, At No 2*

Filed *Aug. 30-1913*

Approved

Pension allowed from

Rejected

Geo. W. Kysed
Commissioner of Pensions.

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FORM B

For Use of Widows of Soldiers Who Are In Indigent Circumstances

THE STATE OF TEXAS

County of Henderson

I, Mrs. Sarah Francis Thomas, 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 April 7, A. D. 1913, on the following grounds:

I am the widow of Jonathan Cummings Thomas, deceased, who departed this life on the 4 day of Jan, A. D. 1904, in the county of Henderson, in the State of Texas

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 27 day of May, A. D. 1863, in the county of Marshall, in the State of Tennessee.

My husband, the said Jonathan C. Thomas, 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 January 1, A. D. 1900, 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 \$300.00 per annum, nor do I own in my own right, nor does anyone hold in trust for my benefit or use, estate or property, either real, personal or mixed, either in fee or for life, of the value of one thousand dollars, exclusive of the home of the value of not over \$1,000.00; 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? Marshall Co, Tennessee
3. How long have you resided in the State of Texas? 31 years
4. How long have you resided in the county of your present residence? And what is your postoffice address?
17 years - Post office Hemp, Texas
5. What was your husband's full name? Jonathan Cummings Thomas
6. What was the date of his death? Jan 4, 1904
7. In what State was your husband's command originally organized? Tennessee
8. How long did your husband serve? If known to you, give date of enlistment and discharge.
About 4 years - Do not remember exactly when he was enlisted but I think it was Secession in May 1861 - Discharged in May 1865
9. 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.
I do not remember the letter of the Company in which he enlisted - Some Alexander was the Captain. He was afterwards transferred to 4th Tenn Reg - Paul Anderson was the Colonel
10. 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.
Cavalry - not commissioned by President - but detailed for any special service
11. Have you transferred to other any property of any kind for the purpose of becoming a beneficiary under this law? No

TX

Wherefore your petitioner prays that her application for a pension be approved and such other proceedings be had in the premisses as are required by law.

(Signature of Applicant) Israh F Thomas

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 1 day of Sept, A. D. 1913

[Seal.]

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

AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESSES

[Note.—There must be at least two creditable 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 C. E. Little & M. C. Little, 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. Israh F. Thomas, applicant for a pension as the widow of Jonathan C. Thomas

deceased, is in truth and fact the widow of Jonathan C. Thomas 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 pen-

sion, and that they have no interest in this claim.

(Signature of Witness) C. E. Little

(Signature of Witness) M. C. Little

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 1 day of Sept, A. D. 1913

[Seal.]

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

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County of Henderson }

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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 pension, and that they personally know that the said Israh F. Thomas

has been a bona fide resident citizen of the State of Texas since prior to January 1, A. D. 1900, and that they have

no interest in this claim.

(Signature of Witness) C. E. Little

(Signature of Witness) M. C. Little

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 1 day of Sept, A. D. 1913

[Seal.]

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

AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESSES

(If possible, the two witnesses should have served with the applicant's husband in the army, and, if so, let them, or either of them, state it in their oath; also any information regarding the army service of applicant's husband.)

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 her application are correct and true, to the best of their knowledge and belief, and that they have no interest in this claim. And further make oath to the following facts touching the service of the applicant's husband 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. 191_____

[Seal.]

County Judge _____ County, Texas.

CERTIFICATE OF STATE AND COUNTY ASSESSOR

I, D. F. Henry, State and County Assessor in the County of Henderson, State of Texas, do hereby certify that Mrs. Sarah F. Little

whose name is signed to the foregoing application for a pension, under the Act of the 33rd Legislature, approved April 7, A. D. 1913, 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 480 dollars. (TX)

Given under my hand, this 15 day of Sept, A. D. 1913

D. F. Henry
State and County Assessor.

EX-PARTE

Sarah L. Shamos
Applicant for Confederate Pension.

Pending in *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 evi-
dence upon the hearing of applicant's claim for pension in behalf of applicant; said testimony is material and in-
dispensable to applicant in furnishing the required proof of _____ 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 re-
quired to be proven under the provisions of said act, applicant believes cannot be proven by any witness _____ residing
in the County of _____ and State of Texas, which _____ is a bona fide resident.

(Applicant) Attorney _____ for Applicant.

Direct Interrogatories to be Propounded to the Witness _____.

T. J. Cathey

- 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 *J. C. Shamos* who
_____ is an applicant for pension under Act of *March 26, 1909*?
- INT. 3. How long had you known the said *J. C. Shamos*
and when and where did you first know him?
- INT. 4. Do you personally know that the said *J. C. Shamos*
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 *J. C. Shamos*
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 personally know that *J. C. Shamos*
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 *J. C. Shamos* 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 *T. J. Cathey*

CROSS INTERROGATORY 1. If in answer to the foregoing direct interrogatories, you have stated that you person-
ally know or did know said *J. C. Shamos* 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 *J. C. Shamos* 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 knew of any other soldier or
sailor by the name of *J. C. Shamos* serving in the same company or regiment, or special
service in which you say the said *J. C. Shamos* enlisted, if you have stated that said
J. C. Shamos enlisted and served in the navy of the Confederacy, then state whether or

not you know any other soldier or sailor of the same name as said J. C. Thomas
 applicant serving in the same command, or the special service to which he was assigned?

If you say that you know other soldiers or sailors of the same name of J. C. Thomas
 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 J. C. Thomas
 is the identical person serving as testified by you?

CROSS INT. 3. Do you know whether or not the said J. C. Thomas
 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 J. C. Thomas
 deserted his command, or voluntarily abandoned his post of duty or the service during said war?

THE STATE OF TEXAS

County of Henderson

I, C. O. Owen, 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.

C. O. Owen
 County Judge Henderson County, Texas.

(Applicant) Attorney.....for Appellant.

In Re

Application for Confederate Pension.

FOR USE OF SOLDIERS OR WIDOWS.

County, Texas.

Pending before the County Judge of said County.

EX-PARTE

Applicant.

INTERROGATORIES
 propounded to

Witnesses.

EX PARTE

IN RE APPLICANT FOR CONFEDERATE PENSION

Under Act March 26, 1909, pending

Applicant for Confederate Pension.

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

Answers and depositions of (1)

T. J. Cathey

to the accompanying interrogations (2) and Cross Interrogatories

propounded to him in the above entitled cause taken before (3) E. M. Miller County Court Clerk

in accordance with the accompanying (7)

To the first interrogatory the said

T. J. Cathey

Witness, answers my name is T. J. Cathey, age 72 years, present
place of residence & P. O. Address is Verona Tennessee (Lewisburg
R # 7)To 2nd Interrogatory - yes.To 3rd Interrogatory - Have known him since we were boys
first knew him at or near Verona Tennessee
we went to school together.To 4th Interrogatory - I do. and he did.To 5th Interrogatory - yes sir - He enlisted in the 7th Tennessee
Cavalry - Smith's Regiment & Alexander Company
is my recollection, can't say definitely when or where
but he served till the end of the war.To Int. 6th Don't know about that.To Int. 7th Don't know about that.

X Interrogatories

Cross Interrogatory 1. I was in the 11th Tennessee & he was in
the 7th Tennessee & I often met & saw
him during the war. I did not
know of any other soldier enlisted in the
same Company, Regiment or engaged in
similar service by the same name
He was all the J. C. Thomas that I
knew.Cross Interrogatory 2 - I am positively certain that the said
J. C. Thomas is the identical person
serving as testified by me. (TX)

Cross Interrogatory 3. I do. & he did -

Cross Interrogatory 4 - I never heard of his deserting his command
or voluntarily abandoning his post or duty or service
during the war.

T. J. Cathey

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 9th day of September, 1913
Emmiller County Clerk
of Marshall County Tennessee

THE STATE OF Tennessee
 County of Marshall } I, Emmiller County Clerk of
 (Here give name and official character of officer before whom taken.)
Marshall County Tennessee do hereby certify that T. J. Cathey
 and _____ are personally known to me to be creditable citizens of said
 County and State, and that the foregoing answers of T. J. Cathey
 _____ the witness before named, and _____

_____, whose name appears signed to the foregoing deposition, were made before
 me and were sworn to and subscribed before me, by said witness (4)

Given under my hand and official seal, this the 9th day of September, 1913
 (L. S.) Emmiller Clerk of County Court
Marshall County Tennessee

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 or 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

Applicant for Confederate Pension

DEPOSITION
 of _____

Witness _____ for Applicant.

Filed _____ day

of _____, 1913

_____, Clerk.

By _____, Deputy.

Fee for Taking Deposition, \$ 1.00

TX

- (1) Here give the name and residence of each witness.
- (2) Here state "and cross interrogatories," if any.
- (3) Here give 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.

EX-PARTE

Sarah F. Shamus
Applicant for Confederate Pension.

Pending in *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 evi-
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in the County of _____ and State of Texas, which _____ is a bona fide resident.

(Applicant) Attorney _____ for Applicant.

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Isaac A. Thomas

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the Confederacy? What was the nature of his service, and how long did he serve?

CROSS INTERROGATORIES.



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is your source of such knowledge? And state whether or not you know or at any time knew of any other soldier or
sailor by the name of *J. C. Shamus* serving in the same company or regiment, or special
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Applicant for Confederate Pension.

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

Answers and depositions of (1)

*Isaac A Thomas*to the accompanying interrogations (2) *and Cross Interrogatories*propounded to *him* in the above entitled cause taken before (3) *Emmett Clark County Court*

in accordance with the accompanying (7)

To the first interrogatory the said *Isaac A. Thomas*Witness, answers *my name is Isaac A. Thomas, age 81. Present
place of residence & P.O. address is Lawistburg Tennessee.**To Interrogatory 2nd. Yes sir**To Interrogatory 3rd. Knew him ever since he was born
- first knew him near Farmington Tennessee
where he was born**To Interrogatory 4 - I do.**To Interrogatory 5 - I can't tell you the Company he enlisted in
He went down to West Tennessee the year the
war broke out & he enlisted down there and
came to Nashville & Alexander's Company was
made up here & he was transferred to Alexander's
Company - 4th Tennessee Smith's Regiment.
He served all during the war. He
enlisted about June 1861 & came out about
May 10 1865 -**To Interrogatory 6 - He was just a private.**To Interrogatory 7 - Don't know of such.**X Interrogatories**X Interrogatory 1 - I was with him a good deal during
the war - was not in same Company or Reg-
iment, but was with him in detail duty
with him several times. I did not know
of any other soldier by the name of J. A. Thomas
in that Company & Regiment or anywhere else.**X Interrogatory 2 - I am positively certain.**X Interrogatory 3 - I do. He did.**X Interrogatory 4 - He did not but was always ready
for duty.**Isaac A Thomas*

TX

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 9th day of September, 1913
Emmiller Clerk of County Court
Marshall County Tennessee

THE STATE OF Tennessee }
 County of Marshall } I, Emmiller Clerk of County Court
 (Here give name and official character of officer before whom taken.)
Marshall County Tennessee do hereby certify that Isaac A Thomas
 and Is are personally known to me to be creditable citizens of said
 County and State, and that the foregoing answers of Isaac A Thomas
 the witness before named, and
 whose name appears signed to the foregoing deposition, were made before
 me and were sworn to and subscribed before me, by said witness (4)

Given under my hand and official seal, this the 9th day of September, 1913
 (L. S.) Emmiller Clerk of County Court
Marshall County Tennessee

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File No.

In Marshall County, Texas

Before the Honorable County Judge of Said County.

EX PARTE

Applicant for Confederate Pension

DEPOSITION

of

Witness..... for Applicant.

Filed day

of 191

....., Clerk.

By....., Deputy.

Fee for Taking Deposition, \$ 1.00

E. L. Steck, Printing, Bookbinding, Austin



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