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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.

*J. C. Blake*

County

*Gregg*

Postoffice

*Empire St. R. 7044*

Filed

*JUL 31 1909*

Approved

*AUG 31 1909*

Pension allowed from

Rejected

Commissioner of Pensions.

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FORM A

For use of Soldiers, who are in indigent circumstances

THE STATE OF TEXAS }  
 County of Gregg

I, J. C. Blake, 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

(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 in 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? Seventy one
2. Where were you born? Jackson County Alabama
3. How long have you resided in Texas? About 34 years
4. In what county do you reside? Gregg
5. How long have you resided in said county and what is your postoffice address? Three years Longview Texas - R.F.D.#4

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? Farmer, not able to work

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

9. How long did you serve? Give, if possible, the date of enlistment and discharge. Enlisted Jan. 1st 1862 until discharge May 10th 1865

10. What was the letter of your company, number or name of battalion, regiment or battery? Company "H" Madison's Regiment Cavalry

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

was never transferred



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

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

*was 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?

*no*

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)

*J. P. Blake*

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this *1<sup>st</sup>* day of *July*, A. D. 19 *09*.

[SEAL.]

*J. N. McHaney*  
County Judge *Gregg* County, Texas.

AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESSES

[NOTE.—There must be at least two credible witnesses.]

THE STATE OF TEXAS }

County of *Gregg* }

Before me *J. N. McHaney*, County Judge of *Gregg* County,

State of Texas, on this day personally appeared *C. F. Durickson & M. E. Russell*, who are personally

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

*J. P. Blake* the above named applicant for a pension, and that they personally know that the said

*J. P. Blake* 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)

*C. F. Durickson*

(Signature of Witness)

*M. E. Russell*

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this *2* day of *July*, A. D. 19 *09*.

[SEAL.]

*J. N. McHaney*  
County Judge *Gregg* 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..... }

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 correct

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:

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(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 THE STATE AND COUNTY ASSESSOR

I, J. Math Ovinge, State and County Assessor in the County of Gregg State of Texas, do certify that J. C. Blouse 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 \$530.00 dollars.

Given under my hand, this 1 day of July, A. D. 1907.

J. Math Ovinge  
State and County Assessor.



August 20th, 1917

Hon. E. M. Bramlette,  
Longview, Texas.

My dear Sir:-

Your letter of 18th inst., informing me of the death of pensioner J. C. Blake, # 15296, Gregg County, has been received.

The widow of Mr. Blake cannot collect his pension warrant for the current quarter, should it reach his address, however she should return same at once, should it reach her, and mark it "deceased".

The widow can present claim for Mortuary Warrant account of death of said pensioner, and I am inclosing the necessary application and affidavit to be used in presenting same.

Trusting that if I can serve you further, you will not hesitate to write me, I am,

Yours truly,

J. C. Jones,

Commissioner



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E. M. BRAMLETTE, COUNTY JUDGE  
DUSH SHAW, COUNTY CLERK  
J. H. MCHANEY, COUNTY ATTORNEY  
J. T. BROWN, COUNTY TREASURER

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# THE STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF GREGG

COMMISSIONERS COURT MEETS ON SECOND MONDAY  
IN FEBRUARY, MAY, AUGUST AND NOVEMBER

LONGVIEW, TEXAS

8/18/17.

Hon. J. C. Jones,  
Austin, Texas.

Dear Sir:-

During the last two or three weeks two Confederate pensioners in this county have died. Their names were W. J. Garner and J. C. Blake. I do not know the numbers by which they were designated in your office. It is possible that both of them had made the necessary affidavit to secure warrant from your department on August 31st, but of this I am not sure. The widows of these two men are making application for pensions and their blanks <sup>duly executed</sup> will go in in a day or two.

Please write me whether or not these widows can get pensions for this quarter and the funeral allowance under the new law in addition. I will thank you very much to give me full information in regard to these matters at your earliest convenience.

Yours very truly,



EMB/M

*E. M. Bramlette*  
*Co. Judge*

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DEPOSITION IN PENSION CLAIMS, with Caption and Certificates.

694-609-5m

EX PARTE

IN RE APPLICANT FOR CONFEDERATE PENSION

Under Act March 26, 1909, pending *In*

*J.C. Blake*

*Gregg*

Applicant for Confederate Pension.

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

Answers and depositions of (1)

*R. F. W. #3*

*G. W. Shahan Denton*

to the accompanying interrogations (2) *and cross interrogations* propounded to *them* in the above entitled cause taken before (3) *W. McCormick, J.P.* in accordance with the accompanying (7) *commissary (can be read)*

To the first interrogatory the said *G. W. Shahan, R. F. W. #3.*

Witness, answers. *I personally know J.C. Blake who is an applicant for pension under act of March 26, 1909, ever since Jan 1, 1863. I know him in the army and since Oct 4. I know that J.C. Blake enlisted into the service of the confederate states, performed the duties of a soldier.*

*Q 1. I know that he enlisted in Hendrix, Co. H. Madison regiment Major brigade. Green division*

*Cross interrogations: I know no other person by the name of J.C. Blake that belonged to the same command*

*Cross art 2. Yes.*

*" " 3. Yes.*

*" " 4. No, he served till the war closed.*

*Denton Texas*

*G. W. Shahan*

*Subscribed and sworn to before me This July 20<sup>th</sup> 1809*

*Wm McCormick Justice of the Peace Denton County Texas*



C Luginbyhl being sworn deposes & says;  
 Int 1<sup>st</sup>. C. Luginbyhl my age is seventy seven. residence R. F. D. # 3 box 412.

Int 2<sup>nd</sup>. I know J. C. Blake applicant for pension under act of March 26 1909.

Int 3<sup>rd</sup>. I have known him ever since 1860 at Bolivar Tex.

Int 4<sup>th</sup>. I know that J. C. Blake enlisted in the service of the confederate army and performed the duties of a soldier. He enlisted in Co. H. Hendricks, Madison reg. Major's Brig. Gen. Green's division.

Int 5<sup>th</sup>. He enlisted at Denton Tex. He enlisted Jan 1 1863 and served until the war closed.

Cross Int. 1. I was with him & served with him during the war.

I did not know any other J. C. Blake.

Cross Int 2. Yes he is the identical person.  
 " " 3 I know that the said J. C. Blake applicant for pension served honorably from the date of his enlistment until the close of the civil war.

Cross Int 4. No.

C Luginbyhl

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
 This July 28<sup>th</sup> 1906

Wm McCormick  
 Justice of the Peace  
 Denton County Texas

- (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.







EX PARTE

J.C. Blake  
Applicant for Confederate Pension.

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

The Honorable County Judge of Grey 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 C. Lugenbyhl  
and George W. L. Shohan who reside in the County of Denton 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 Grey and State of Texas, of which he is a bona fide resident.

J.C. Blake  
(Applicant) Attorney for Applicant.

Direct Interrogatories to be Propounded to the Witness.....

- 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. Blake who is an applicant for pension under Act of March 26, 1909?
- INT. 3. How long have you known the said J.C. Blake applicant for pension and when and where did you first know him?
- INT. 4. Do you personally know that the said J.C. Blake 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 J.C. Blake 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 J.C. Blake 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 C. Lugenbyhl and George W. L. Shohan

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 J.C. Blake serving in the same company or regiment or special service in which you say the said applicant J.C. Blake 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 soldier or sailor of the same name as said J. C. Blase 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 J. C. Blase applicant for pension, is the identical person serving as testified by you?

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

**THE STATE OF TEXAS,**

County of Gregg

I, J. H. McTearney, 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 Blase may be attached hereto.

J. H. McTearney  
County Judge Gregg County, Texas.

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

**Application for Confederate Pension.**

FOR USE OF SOLDIERS

Blase County, Texas,  
Pending before the County Judge of said County.

J. C. Blase  
EX PARTE Applicant.

**INTERROGATORIES**

propounded to

C. Ferguson &  
George W. S. Shoben  
Witnesses.

E. L. STECK, AUSTIN

MORTUARY WARRANT

In accordance with Law passed by Thirty-fifth Legislature of Texas in Regular Session

*for year* 1917

Texas,

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STATE OF TEXAS

To *Mrs Elizabeth A Blake* Dr.

WRITE ADDRESS PLAINLY

Account of Death of Pensioner No. 15296, County Gregg

Pensioner's Name in full J. C. Blake

ITEMIZE ACCOUNT NOT TO EXCEED THIRTY DOLLARS.

*(Mrs Elizabeth A Blake has paid \$1000  
thru 650 on J.C. Blake's funeral  
at funeral)*

(TX)

To above account for

if just, due and unpaid.

*and* Aug. 13 - 1917

*last warrant due.*

May 31 - 1917

*Wm J. ...*

Dollars

*Mrs Elizabeth A Blake*

1917

Sworn to and subscribed before me this

*of* day of *June*

*at* *Wm J. ...*

Notary Public

County,

*Wm J. ...*

15296

No. 505

Mrs Elizabeth A Blake

\$30.00

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15296 Gregg

Confederate Pension Fund

Fund

OFFICE OF  
COMMISSIONER OF PENSIONS  
STATE OF TEXAS  
AUSTIN

30.00

Correct, for the sum of \$.....

Confederate Pension Fund

Charge to .....

J. C. Jones

Commissioner of Pensions.

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# THE STATE OF TEXAS

## COUNTY OF GREGG

COMMISSIONERS COURT MEETS ON SECOND MONDAY IN  
 FEBRUARY, MAY, AUGUST AND NOVEMBER

Longview, Texas, 12/01 1917

Hon J.C. Jones,  
 Austin Texas  
 Dear Sir.

Enclosed find application for  
 pension & claim for mortuary done  
 by Mrs Elizabeth A Blaker. Please  
 give these matters your attention  
 at your earliest convenience. If  
 you can possibly allow back pay  
 on pension, please do so.

With best wishes & kindest greetings

Yours very truly

E. M. Bramlette

County Judge



APPLICATION FOR MORTUARY WARRANT.

STATE OF TEXAS,

County of

Gregg

I, *J. C. Blake*

*do hereby certify that I am the person to whom is entrusted the paying of the accounts and indebtedness of the late*

late **J. C. Blake**, who was a pensioner of the State of Texas, and whose file number is **15296** and whose original county is **Gregg**

The said pensioner **J. C. Blake** died on the **13** day of **Aug**, 191**7**, in the town of **Longview**, County of **Gregg**, Texas.

The pensioner died in the home of **himself & offspring** who was related to the pensioner as **wife**

That the warrant which application is hereby made for, shall be applied to paying all or part of the expenses incurred by the said pensioner. **J. C. Blake**

I further certify that the warrant for the current quarter has not been cashed by the pensioner, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

I am related to the pensioner as **(Wife)** and that my home is in the town of **Longview**, County of **Gregg**, State of **Texas**, that my postoffice address is **Longview Texas**

Sworn to this **21** day of **Dec**, 191**7**

Signed *Mrs Elizabeth A Blake*

Before me, *E M Bronnelt* County Judge in and for the County of **Gregg**, State of Texas, personally appeared

*Mrs Elizabeth A Blake*, who being by me duly sworn did certify to, and sign the foregoing statement.

(Seal of Office)

*E M Bronnelt* in and for **Gregg**, Texas.

CERTIFICATE OF UNDERTAKER.

I, *W M Melch* do certify that I am an undertaker in the town of **Longview**, County of **Gregg**, State of **Texas**

that I had charge of the body of **J. C. Blake**, who died in the town of **Longview**, County of **Gregg**, State of **Texas**

on the **13** day of **Aug**, 191**7** That said body was prepared for burial by me on the **13** day of **Aug**, 191**7** That said body was buried in the **Shore Hill** Cemetery, which is located in the County of **Gregg**, State of **Texas**

and that I am of the opinion that warrant herein applied for, should be issued to the said *Mrs Elizabeth A Blake* who makes the foregoing application.

Signed *W M Melch* Undertaker.

CERTIFICATE OF PHYSICIAN.

I, *W M Call* do certify that I am a practicing physician and that I attended **J. C. Blake** in his last illness, and am of the opinion that his ailments were

**Tuberculosis**

I further certify that I am of the opinion that the Mortuary Warrant above requested, should be issued in the name of the aforementioned applicant, in accordance with Act passed by the 35th Legislature, and approved

1917.

Signed *E. G. Derry, M.D.* Physician.

Physician's Address **Longview** TX