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FORM A.

SOLDIER'S APPLICATION FOR A PENSION

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

*R. S. Flatt*

Name of Applicant.

*R. S. Flatt*

*Gregg* County.

Postoffice *Langueur*

Filed *March 8 - 1921*

Approved *May 5 - 1921*

Pension allowed from *March 1 - 1921*

Rejected

*Low A. Smith*

Commissioner of Pensions.

E. L. STECK, AUSTIN

*as per R.*

COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE  
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No.

For Use of Soldiers who are in Indigent Circumstances

THE STATE OF TEXAS

County of Hegg  
 I, R. E. Platt

do hereby make application to the Commissioner of Pensions for a pension to be granted me under the Act passed by the Thirty-third Legislature of the State of Texas, and approved April 7, 1913, 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; or (that I was in the service of the State of Texas during the war, to protect said State against the Indians and Mexicans for more than 6 months.)

That I was honorably discharged or surrendered at Hempstead  
Tex. in 1865 about April - discharge  
when regiment disbanded.  
 (Give date and cause.)

that I have been a bona fide citizen of this State 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 hold any National, State, city or county office which pays me a salary or fees of \$300.00 per annum, nor have I an income from any other employment or other source whatever which amounts to \$300.00 per annum, nor do I 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 any one hold in trust for my benefit or use, nor does my own 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, exclusive of a home of the value of not more than \$1000.00; 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? 77
2. Where were you born? Hardin Co. Tennessee
3. How long have you resided in Texas? Continuously since 1859
4. In what county do you reside? Hegg
5. How long have you resided in said county, and what is your postoffice address?  
about 18 mo. Lagroville, Texas.
6. Have you applied for a pension under the Confederate pension law and been rejected? If rejected, state when and where. no
7. What is your occupation, if able to engage in one? farmer What is your physical condition? Fairly good.
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. about 2 yrs. Apr 62 to 64
10. What was the letter of your company, number of battalion, regiment or battery?  
Co. G. 19th Tex Inf. TX
11. If transferred from one command to another, give time of transfer, name of command and time of service.
12. What branch of the service did you enlist in—infantry, cavalry, artillery or navy?  
Infantry

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

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

15. What is the assessed value of your home, if you own a home? \$1000<sup>00</sup>

16. What is the assessed value of your other property? \$2500

17. 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 a pension be approved and such other proceedings be had in the premises as are required by law.

(Signature of Applicant)

*R S Platt*

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 1 day of Jan A. D. 1920

*E M Brumette*

[Seal.]

County Judge Emm County, Texas.

**AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESSES**

[Note.—There must be at least two creditable witnesses.]

THE STATE OF TEXAS

County of Parker }

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Before me Charlie Sullivan, County Judge of Parker County,

State of Texas, on this day personally appeared G. A. Halcant & John M Hart

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

R S Platt, the above named applicant for a pension, and that they personally know that the

said R S Platt 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 his claim.

(Signature of Witness) + G. A. Halcant

(Signature of Witness) + John M Hart

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 26<sup>th</sup> day of Jan A. D. 1920

*Charlie Sullivan*

[Seal.]

County Judge Parker County, Texas.

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**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 Gregg }

Before me, \_\_\_\_\_, County Judge of \_\_\_\_\_ County,

State of Texas, on this day personally appeared.....

who are personally known to me to be creditable citizens, who, being by me sworn, on oath state that they are per-



EX-PARTE

IN RE APPLICATION FOR CONFEDERATE PENSION

Under Act April 7, 1913, pending

R. S. Flatt

Application for Confederate Pension.

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

Answers and depositions of (1) W. P. McLean,

direct and cross interrogatories to the accompanying interrogatories (2) propounded to him in the above entitled cause taken before (3) Mary M. Davis in accordance with the accompanying (7) commission

To the first interrogatory the said W. P. McLean,

Witness, answers W. P. McLean; 84 years; 316 South Henderson Street, Fort Worth, Texas.

To the second interrogatory the said W. P. McLean,

Witness, answers: Yes

To the third interrogatory the said W. P. McLean

Witness, answers:

About 59 years. Early in the Spring of 1862 in the Confederate Army. He and I were members of the 19th Texas Infantry, Confederate Army. The regiment at that time being in the State of Arkansas.

To the fourth interrogatory the said W. P. McLean

Witness, answers:

I do. He performed the services of a soldier in said regiment.

To the fifth interrogatory the said W. P. McLean

Witness, answers:

He served in Company G, 19 Texas Infantry. He served in said Company Regiment and Army in the Trans-Mississippi Department from early in 1862 until the close of the war

To the sixth interrogatory the said W. P. McLean

Witness, answers:

He was not commissioned as such.

To the seventh interrogatory the said W. P. McLean

Witness, answers:

He only served as a soldier in the ranks and was not conscripted. I have already answered this question. He was a private



CROSS-INTERROGATORIES

To the first interrogatory the said W. P. McLean  
Witness, answers:

I personally know that R. S. Flatt who is making  
this application for pension served as a soldier in the Company and  
Regiment above mentioned. I was Adjutant of said Regiment and was  
with the Regiment and Brigade to which it belonged from early in  
1862 until the close of the war. R. S. Flatt was known as Sam Flatt  
in his Company and has been called by that name at all times since  
then and I know of no other person who bears that name and know that  
he is the identical person who is now applying for the pension

To the second interrogatory the said W. P. McLean  
Witness, answers:

I am.

To the third interrogatory the said W. P. McLean  
Witness, answers:

I personally know from actual observation that he  
made an excellent soldier from the beginning of his enlistment to  
the time of his discharge.

To the fourth interrogatory the said W. P. McLean  
Witness, answers:

He never did







The State of Texas, 9  
 County of Titus,

Before me Sam Porter Justice of the  
 peace in and for precinct no one Titus  
 County Texas, on this day personally appeared, Irvin Tanton,  
 who after being by me duly sworn, State on his oath as follows,

My name is Irvin Tanton, my age is 77 years, My post  
 office address, is Mt, Pleasant Texas, R.F.D.No.3. I have known  
 R.S.Flatt for fifty years, I knew him during the civil war,  
 I was in the same Brigade, and personally know of my own  
 knowledge that he fought in the war for three years, in Kings  
 brigade, and I saw him in the actual service, he served  
 something like three years, I saw him when he was wounded  
 he was shot through both thighs, at Mansfield La. at the  
 battle of Mansfield, I hvae no interest whatever in his claim  
 for pension, and I am no relation to himw whatever, but served  
 with him in the war.

*Irvin Tanton*

Sworn to and subscribed before me this the 2nd, day of March.  
 1921.

*Sam Porter*  
 And Ex-officio Notary Public

Justice of the peace and for precinct, No. one Titus County  
 Texas, exificio Notary public,



OFFICERS:

W. ANDREW RAY, COUNTY JUDGE  
DUSH SHAW, COUNTY CLERK  
JOHN T. BUCKLEY, COUNTY ATT'Y

J. T. BROWN, COUNTY TREASURER  
J. R. GARNER, SHERIFF  
J. C. PERSON, TAX ASSESSOR

D. W. WOOD, DISTRICT CLERK  
E. O. MCWHORTER, TAX COLLECTOR  
S. L. WILSON, SCHOOL SUPT.

The State of Texas  
County of Gregg

COMMISSIONERS COURT MEETS ON THE SECOND  
MONDAY OF EACH MONTH

COMMISSIONERS:

E. B. PENICK, PRECINCT NO. 1  
J. C. JACKSON, PRECINCT NO. 2  
J. B. WILKINS, PRECINCT NO. 3  
A. A. KING, PRECINCT NO. 4

Hongkieu, Texas, March, 4, 1921.

Hon. Lon A. Smith

Austin, Texas.

Dear Sir:-

I am sending herewith pension application of R.S.Flatt.  
As proof of his service in the army I secured the deposition of  
W.P.Mclain of Ft.Worth.and the affidavit of Irvine Tanton of Mt.  
Pleasant.I thought probably this would be sufficient, if not I can  
still get Mr.Tanton's deposition.I sent him ~~###~~ a blank deposition *to file it*  
but for some reason he he sent me the enclosed affidavit instead.  
Just for the sake of saving time I am sending it on.

Yours truly,

*W.A. Ray*

CO.Judge Cregg county Texas.



THE E. L. STEOK CO., AUSTIN



Comptroller's Department  
State of Texas  
Austin

*L. A. Smith*  
M. L. WIGINTON, COMPTROLLER  
T. B. REESE, CHIEF CLERK

To the Adjutant General,  
War Department,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I have the honor to request the military record of *R. S. Platt* who is reported to have enlisted in Company *G*, Regiment *19th Texas Infantry*.

*If you have heretofore mailed a report on this party it has not been received*

in service in the Confederate States Army.

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,



*L. A. Smith*  
Comptroller of Public Accounts.

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Received A. G. O. APR 26 1921

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WAR DEPARTMENT,

*OW* THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

WASHINGTON, APR 29 1921

Respectfully returned to

*Comptroller's Department  
State of Texas  
Austin*

with the information that records show

*R. S. Flatt  
Priv. Co. G, 19 Regt.  
Texas Inf. C. S. A.  
enrolled May 6, 1862  
at Rangerfield and  
enroll Jan & Feb 1864  
(last on file) his  
shown present.  
No further record  
found.*

*P. C. Harris*  
The Adjutant General.

Per *OW*

RECEIVED  
MAY 4 1921  
COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE  
State of Texas

**EX-PARTE**

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

Applicant for Confederate Pension.

The Honorable County Judge of.....County, Texas, will please take notice that, five days after service hereof, applicant herein will apply to the Clerk of the County Court of said County and State for a commission to take the deposition 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 of.....claim for a pension under the act of April 7, 1913, 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 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 Witness.....**

- INT. 1. What is your name? Age? Place of residence and postoffice address?  
.....
- INT. 2. Do you personally know, or did you at any time know....., who  
.....is an applicant for pension under Act of April 7, 1913?
- INT. 3. How long had you known the said.....  
and when and where did you first know him?
- INT. 4. Do you personally know that the said.....  
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.....  
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.....  
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 know further if.....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.....  
CROSS INTERROGATORY 1. If, in answer to the foregoing direct interrogatories, you have stated that you personally know or did know said.....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.....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.....serving in the same company or regiment, or special service in which you say the said.....enlisted, if you have stated that said.....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.....

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.....

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.....

is the identical person serving as testified by you?

Cross INT. 3. Do you know whether or not the said.....

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.....

deserted his command, or voluntarily abandoned his post of duty or the service during said war?

**THE STATE OF TEXAS**

COUNTY OF.....

I, ....., 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.

.....  
County Judge.....County, Texas.

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

*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.