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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.

M. F. Halbrook

Gregg

County

Postoffice *Longview Texas*

Filed *Sept. 1st 1909*

Approved *1911*

Pension allowed from *MAR 1 1911*

Rejected

[Signature]

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, M. F. Hobdross, 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? ~~62~~ 63 years old
2. Where were you born? Trinity County, Tex
3. How long have you resided in Texas? 62 yrs
4. In what county do you reside? Gregg
5. How long have you resided in said county and what is your postoffice address? About 18 years
Longview Tex.
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? Carpenter
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
Enlisted Jan 18 63 +
served throughout
10. What was the letter of your company, number or name of battalion, regiment or battery? Coy Davis'
Company, Ford's Brigade, 2nd re-
Benavides' Regiment
11. If transferred from one command to another, give time of transfer, name of command and time of service. never was 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?

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?

not detailed

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)

M F Holbrook

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this *20* day of *July*, A. D. 19 *09*

[SEAL.]

J. H. Meyers
County Judge *Gregg* County, Texas.

AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESSES

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

THE STATE OF TEXAS }

County of *Comal* }

Before me *J. H. Meyers* a Notary Public, County Judge of *Comal* County,

State of Texas, on this day personally appeared *W. E. Holbrook*, who ^{is} personally

known to me to be a credible citizen, who, being by me duly sworn, on oath states that they personally know *M. F.*

Holbrook the above named applicant for a pension, and that they personally know that the said *M. F.*

Holbrook 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)

W. E. Holbrook

(Signature of Witness)

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

[SEAL.]

J. H. Meyers
Notary Public County Judge *Comal* 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 *Comal* }

Before me *J. H. Meyers* a Notary Public, County Judge of *Comal* County,

State of Texas, on this day personally appeared *W. E. Holbrook*

who ^{is} personally known to me to be a credible citizen, who, being by me sworn, on oath states that they ^{are} personally

acquainted with the foregoing applicant, and that the facts set forth and statements made in his application are correct

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and true, to the best of ^{my} ~~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 J further make oath to the following facts touching the applicant's service in the Confederate Army:

That from family history I know that my father the applicant served in the Confederate Army.

(Signature of Witness) *W E S. [unclear]*

(Signature of Witness) _____

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 2nd day of August, A. D. 1909

[Signature]
Notary Public County Judge Conrad County, Texas.

[SEAL.]

CERTIFICATE OF THE STATE AND COUNTY ASSESSOR

I, _____, State and County Assessor in the County of _____ State of Texas, do certify that _____ 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 _____ dollars.

Given under my hand, this _____ day of _____, A. D. 19 _____

State and County Assessor.



GENERAL AFFIDAVIT

State of Missouri, County of Lawrence, ss:

In the matter of Claim for pension of M. H. Halbrook of Gregg County, Texas for pension under the Laws of

Personally came before me, a Notary Public in and for the aforesaid County and State

Joseph Y. Halbrook, aged 30 years, Name of witness.

citizen of the town of Dallas, Texas, who is now at Mt Vernon, Give Street and No. if in city or town.

County of Lawrence, State of Missouri, or over

made well known to me to be reputable and entitled to credit, and who, being duly sworn, declares in relation to aforesaid case, as follows:

My name is Joseph Y. Halbrook and my home & Post Office address, is Dallas, Texas

NOTE—Affiants should state how they gain a knowledge of the facts to which they testify.

M. H. Halbrook, the claimant, is my father, and I personally well acquainted with him and his business, and property. I also further state that I have read his application for pension under the Laws of Texas, dated July 20th 1909, to which this affidavit is attached, and know and state that the set forth and statements made in his application are correct and true to the best of my knowledge and belief, and that he personally knows M. H. Halbrook the applicant named in said application for pension, dated July 20th 1909, to which this affidavit is attached, and that he knows of his own knowledge, that the said M. H. Halbrook, has been a bona fide Resident Citizen of the State of Texas since prior to January 1, A.D. 1850, and that he knows his military history, his family history, and that he has every reason to believe it is true.

He further declares that he has no interest in said case and is not concerned in its prosecution. per univariately



1 _____
2 _____
If Affiants sign by mark, two witnesses who can write, sign here.

Joseph Y. Halbrook
(Signature of Affiant.)

NOTE.—In the execution of papers and evidence, whenever a person or witness signs by mark (+), two persons who can write must attest the signature by signing their names opposite.
The official before whom papers are executed is not a competent witness to a mark. [OVER.]

Sworn to and subscribed before me this day by the above-named affiant ; and I certify that I read said affidavit to said affiant ; and acquainted *him* with its contents before he executed the same. I further certify that I am in nowise interested in said case, nor am I concerned in its prosecution, and that said affiant *is personally* known to me; that he *is* a credible person ~~and~~ *believed to be* ~~residing in the community in which he resides~~.

Witness my hand and official seal this *16th* day of *August*, 190*9*

My Comm. expires Sept. 6-1910
ADD SEAL HERE. [Sign here.]

William N. Davis
J. [unclear]

This can be executed before any officer authorized to administer oaths for general purposes. If such officer uses a seal, certificate of Clerk of Court is not necessary. If no seal is used, then such certificate must be attached. Write an affidavit just as you would a letter, stating all the facts, circumstances, dates and places near as you can remember, and if of your own personal knowledge and observation, and state how you know what you say to be true.

[Faint, illegible handwritten notes and scribbles]

No

GENERAL AFFIDAVIT.

CASE OF

AFFIDAVIT OF

Date of Execution

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EX PARTE

M. F. Holbrook

Applicant for Confederate Pension.

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

The Honorable County Judge of Gregg 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 W. P. Ridgaway and who reside in the County of Kerr 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 witness residing in the County of Gregg and State of Texas, of which he is a bona fide resident.

M. F. Holbrook

(Applicant) Attorney for Applicant.

Direct Interrogatories to be Propounded to the Witness

W. P. Ridgaway

- 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 M. F. Holbrook who is an applicant for pension under Act of March 26, 1909?
INT. 3. How long have you known the said M. F. Holbrook applicant for pension and when and where did you first know him?
INT. 4. Do you personally know that the said M. F. Holbrook 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 M. F. Holbrook 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 M. F. Holbrook 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 W. P. Ridgaway

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 M. F. Holbrook serving in the same company or regiment or special service in which you say the said applicant M. F. Holbrook 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 M. F. Holbrook 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 M. F. Holbrook applicant for pension, is the identical person serving as testified by you?

Cross INT. 3. Do you know whether or not the said M. F. Holbrook 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 M. F. Holbrook 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. McHaney, 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.

J. H. McHaney
County Judge Gregg County, Texas.
M. F. Holbrook
(Applicant) Attorney for Applicant.

In Re

Application for Confederate Pension.

FOR USE OF SOLDIERS

County, Texas,

Pending before the County Judge of said County.

EX PARTE

Applicant.

INTERROGATORIES

propounded to

Witnesses.

DEPOSITION IN PENSION CLAIMS, with Caption and Certificates.

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EX PARTE

IN RE APPLICANT FOR CONFEDERATE PENSION

M. F. Holbrook

Under Act March 26, 1909, pending *In Gregg*

Applicant for Confederate Pension.

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

Answers and depositions of (1) *Joe Somax*

to the accompanying interrogations (2) *and Cross Interrogatories* propounded to *him* in the above entitled cause taken before (3) *D.C. Barker* in accordance with the accompanying (7) *Agreement*

To the first interrogatory the said *Joe Somax*

Witness, answers - *Joe Somax, Age 66. Harper Gillespie Co. Tex.*

In 2 Inty. He answers - Yes I know M.F. Holbrook and have known him for forty years

Int 3 I have known him forty years

Int 4 I first new him in Gonzales

Int 4 Yes

Int 5 yes in Cap. Clay Davis Co. and regiment Col. Benavides enlisted in 1862. At Beaumont City time of service three years

Int 6 he was a common private

Int 7 he was a Volunteer and served as such About 3 years

(and Cross Interrogatories)

Int 1

cross Int. 1 He answers. My source of knowledge is that we was together during the full 3 years service I did not know of any other soldier or sailor by the name of M.F. Holbrook

cross Int 2 Yes I am

cross Int 3 Yes he did

cross Int 4 I do know he did not



(1st) Joe Lomax Harper Texas
(2)
(3) D.C. Barker J.P. & Ex-officio Notary Public
(4)
(5)

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this the 23 day of Aug, 1909
Joe Lomax ^{his} _{mark}
D.C. Barker J.P. & Ex-officio
Notary Public Gillespie Co Texas

THE STATE OF Texas
County of Gillespie } I, D.C. Barker J.P. & Ex-officio
Notary Public } (Here give name and official character of officer before whom taken.)
do hereby certify that Joe Lomax
and _____ are personally known to me to be credible citizens of said
County and State, and that the foregoing answers of Joe Lomax
_____ the witness _____ before named, and _____

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

Given under my hand and official seal, this the 23 day of Aug, 1909
(L. S.) D.C. Barker Justice of the
Peace & Ex-officio Notary Public
Gillespie 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
Applicant for Confederate Pension
DEPOSITION
OF _____
Witness _____ for Applicant
Filed _____ day
of _____ 190____
Clerk.
By _____ Deputy.
Fee for Taking Deposition, \$ _____
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- (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

M. F. Halbrook

Applicant for Confederate Pension.

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

The Honorable County Judge of Gregg 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 Joe Lomat and Phillip 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 witness residing in the County of Gregg and State of Texas, of which he is a bona fide resident.

M. F. Halbrook

(Applicant) Attorney for Applicant.

Direct Interrogatories to be Propounded to the Witness

Joe Lomat

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INT. 5. Do you personally know in what company and regiment the said M. F. Halbrook 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 M. F. Halbrook 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

Joe Lomat



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THE STATE OF TEXAS,

County of Gregg

I, J. H. McHaney, 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.

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

M. F. Holbrook
(Applicant) Attorney for Applicant

In Re

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Applicant.

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Witnesses.

EX PARTE

IN RE APPLICANT FOR CONFEDERATE PENSION

M. F. Holbrook

Under Act March 26, 1909, pending In Gregg

Applicant for Confederate Pension.

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

Answers and depositions of (1) W. P. Ridgeway

to the accompanying interrogations (2) and X Interrogatories propounded to him in the above entitled cause taken before (3)

in accordance with the accompanying (7) agreement

To the first interrogatory the said W. P. Ridgeway

Witness answers. Sixty four years. He resides in Texas Co Texas & Kerrville

To 1st duty the answers - Sixty four years. He resides in Texas Co Texas & Kerrville

To 2nd duty the answers - Yes I know him he was in the Signal Company with me in Davis Co. Kentucky

To 3rd duty the answers - I have known him since the latter part of the 2nd year of the war

To 4th duty the answers - I know that he did

To 5th duty the answers - Yes - He enlisted as above stated at several times and served until close of the war

To 6th duty the answers - He was a private

To 7th duty the answers - He was not a conscript - do not know that he was detailed to any special duty



To 8th duty the answers - The source of my knowledge is the fact that I was in the same Company with him from the time he enlisted up to the close

of the War - He served in the
Cavalry - I know no other by the
same name -

To X Inty 2nd He answers - I
am positively certain -

To X Inty 3rd He answers - I
know he did because I was
with him during said time -

To X Inty 4th He answers, I know
he did not -

To X Inty 5th He answers

W. P. Ridgeway

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 28 day of Aug, 1909

Lee Wallace
Notary Public

THE STATE OF

County of

Texas
Herr

I,

Lee Wallace
(Here give name and official character of officer before whom taken.)

Judge Kerr Co do hereby certify that

W. P. Ridgeway

County and State, and that the foregoing answers of

W. P. Ridgeway

the witness before named,

whose name appear 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 28 day of Aug, 1909

(L. S.)

Lee Wallace
Notary Public
Kerr Co Texas

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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 _____ 190____
Clerk. _____
Deputy. _____

Fee for Taking Deposition, \$ _____



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