

APR 1957 1010

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. W. Lawrence
Gregg County

Postoffice *Loupview T. R. 2*

2- FEB 1 1910

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Approved..... *a.w.l.*

Pension allowed from.....

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FORM A

For use of Soldiers, who are in indigent circumstances

THE STATE OF TEXAS }

County of Gregg }

I, J. W. Lawrence, 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? 75 years -
2. Where were you born? Biatch County, Alabama
3. How long have you resided in Texas? about 41 years since 1868
4. In what county do you reside? Gregg
5. How long have you resided in said county and what is your postoffice address? about 40 years - Longview Tex. R.F.D. #2
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
8. In what State was the command in which you served organized? Alabama
9. How long did you serve? Give, if possible, the date of enlistment and discharge. Enlisted Jan. 1862 served until the war closed
10. What was the letter of your company, number or name of battalion, regiment or battery? Co. "G" 44th Alabama Regt.
11. If transferred from one command to another, give time of transfer, name of command and time of service. Not transferred
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?

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. M. Lawrence*

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this *6* day of *August*, A. D. 19*09*.

[SEAL.]

J. H. McHaley
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. H. McHaley*, County Judge of *Gregg* County,

State of Texas, on this day personally appeared *M. H. Smitherman & L. Woolley*, who are personally

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

J. W. Lawrence the above named applicant for a pension, and that they personally know that the said.....

J. W. Lawrence 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) *M. H. Smitherman*

(Signature of Witness) *L. Woolley*

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this *16* day of *August*, A. D. 19*09*.

[SEAL.]

J. H. McHaley
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.)

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County of *Gregg* }

Before me *J. H. McHaley*, County Judge of *Gregg* County,

State of Texas, on this day personally appeared *M. H. Smitherman & L. Woolley*

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

M. H. Smitherman & L. Woolley

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 They further make oath to the following facts

touching the applicant's service in the Confederate Army:

The witness N. H. Smithman says -
I personally know that applicant J. W. Lawrence enlisted and served in the Confederate Army 44th Alabama Regiment - I was raised a neighbor to applicant and was with him several times during the war, we were both wounded in same battle and were in hospital together at Smythburg Virginia - I belonged to the 11th Alabama Infantry.
The witness L. Woolley says - I knew applicant before the war he enlisted 1862 and belonged to the 44th Alabama Regt - He served through the war

(Signature of Witness)

N. H. Smithman

(Signature of Witness)

L. Woolley

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 16 day of August, A. D. 1909.

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

[SEAL.]

CERTIFICATE OF THE STATE AND COUNTY ASSESSOR

I, J. Matt Owens, State and County Assessor in the County of Gregg State of Texas, do certify that J. W. Lawrence 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 \$605⁰⁰/₁₀₀ dollars.

Given under my hand, this 16 day of August, A. D. 1909

J. Matt Owens
State and County Assessor.



ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE
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WAR DEPARTMENT

Address: "The Adjutant General,
War Department, Washington, D. C."
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WAR DEPARTMENT,
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,
WASHINGTON, February 17, 1910.

Respectfully returned to the
Commissioner of Pensions,
State of Texas,
Austin.

The records show that J. W. Lawrence, 1st lieutenant, Company G, 44th Alabama Infantry, Confederate States Army, enlisted April 18, 1862. On the roll of the company for July and August, 1864, dated October 31, 1864 (last roll on file), he is reported as absent without leave from August 20, 1864. No later record of him has been found.

[A. G. O. 72-1] Per *b* The Adjutant General.