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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. E. Palmer

Gregg

County

Postoffice.

Hilgore Texas R.F.D. 1

JUL 2 - 1909

Filed.....

AUG 31 1909

Approved.....

Pension allowed from.....

Rejected.....

Commissioner of Pensions.

VON BOECKMANN-JONES CO., PRINTERS, AUSTIN

FORM A

For use of Soldiers, who are in indigent circumstances

THE STATE OF TEXAS }

County of Gregg }

I, J. E. Palmer, 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 surrendered in May 1865

(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? Sixty Eight
2. Where were you born? Honolok County Georgia
3. How long have you resided in Texas? Forty Nine years
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 yrs. Kilgus Texas R.F.D. # one
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 Feb. 1862 + served through the war
10. What was the letter of your company, number or name of battalion, regiment or battery? Company 'D' 15th Texas Regiment - Infantry under Speights
11. If transferred from one command to another, give time of transfer, name of command and time of service. Never transferred
12. What branch of the service did you enlist in—infantry, cavalry, artillery or navy? Infantry

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13. If commissioned direct by the President, what was your rank and line of duty? no

14. If detailed for special service, under the law of conscription, what was the nature of your service and how long did you serve? was not

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) T. E. Palmer

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 30 day of June, A. D. 1909.

[SEAL.]

J. H. McFawcay
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. McFawcay, County Judge of Gregg County,

State of Texas, on this day personally appeared J. B. Nicholas and Martine Wilkins, who are personally

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

T. E. Palmer the above named applicant for a pension, and that they personally know that the said.....

T. E. Palmer 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) J. B. Nicholas

(Signature of Witness) Martine Wilkins

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 30 day of June, A. D. 1909.

[SEAL.]

J. H. McFawcay
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 Gregg

Before me J. H. McFawcay, County Judge of Gregg County,

State of Texas, on this day personally appeared J. M. Crother and Martine Wilkins

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 they further make oath to the following facts

touching the applicant's service in the Confederate Army: The witness further states,

I personally know that the applicant T.E. Palmer enlisted in the Confederate Army in Co. 'D' 15th Texas Infantry - He enlisted in Smith County Texas and served through the war - we served in some Regiment - Palmer enlisted later part 1861 or 1862 -

states

The witness Martinus Wilkins - I personally know that the applicant T.E. Palmer enlisted and served in the Confederate Army through the war - I belonged to the 17th Texas Cavalry and Palmer belonged to the 15th Texas Infantry under Hights - I saw the applicant a great many times during the service - There was hardly a day that I did not see applicant

(Signature of Witness)

J. M. Prothro

(Signature of Witness)

Martinus Wilkins

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 30th day of June, A. D. 1909

J. H. McFarney

County Judge Gregg County, Texas.

[SEAL.]

CERTIFICATE OF THE STATE AND COUNTY ASSESSOR

I, J. Matt Ovingo, State and County Assessor in the County of Gregg State of Texas, do certify that T. E. Palmer 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 \$910.00 dollars.

Given under my hand, this 30 day of June, A. D. 1909

J. Matt Ovingo
State and County Assessor.



No. 46

Marshall Tex. JULY 20th 1865.

Private Theophilus P. Palmer of D Company, 15th D
Regiment, Texas Infantry C. S. A., residing in
Rusk Co. Tex., having been, with the approval of
the proper authorities, paroled, is permitted to return to his home, not to be disturbed by the United States Authorities,
so long as he observes his parole, and the laws in force where he may reside.

By order of



Major General E. R. S. CANBY, U. S. A.,

GEO. L. ANDREWS,

Brig. Gen. and Provost Marshal General.

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OFFICE OF
Commissioner of Pensions

State of Texas

Austin 1900 1909

E. A. BOLMES, Commissioner

To the Adjutant General,

War Department,

Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I have the honor to request the military record
of T. E. Palmer who is reported to have enlisted in
Company D., 15th Regiment Texas Infantry
in the service of the Confederate States Army.

Purpose: The ~~widow of the~~ person above named is an applicant for a
Confederate pension granted by this State, and I desire to verify his
proof of service.

Very respectfully,

E. A. Bolmes

Commissioner of Pensions.



Address: "The Adjutant General,
War Department, Washington, D. C."

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WAR DEPARTMENT,

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

WASHINGTON. August 11, 1909.

Respectfully returned to the

**Commissioner of Pensions,
State of Texas,
Austin.**

The records show that Theophilus
E. Palmer, private, Company D, 15th
Texas Infantry, Confederate States
Army, enlisted March 28, 1862. On
the last company roll on file, dated
February 29, 1864, he is reported
present. No later record of him has
been found.



The Adjutant General.