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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.

Name of Applicant.

J. P. Priddy

County.

Gregg

Postoffice *Springtown, Texas*

Filed *Dec 15, 1913*

Approved *Dec 1, 1913*

Pension allowed from *Mar 1, 1914*

Rejected _____

Geo. L. Stead

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. P. Bridgson do hereby make application to the Commissioner of Pensions for a pension to be granted me under the Act passed by the 33rd 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.....

(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 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? 79 yrs -
2. Where were you born? Conita Co. Ga.
3. How long have you resided in Texas? Since 1882
4. In what county do you reside? Gregg
5. How long have you resided in said county and what is your postoffice address? Since 1882 - 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 before

7. What is your occupation, if able to engage in one? Carpenter - not able to work any more
8. In what State was the command in which you served organized? Georgia
9. How long did you serve? Give, if possible, the date of enlistment and discharge. Enlisted April 1861 and served to close of war in the Army of Virginia Co. "M"
10. What was the letter of your company, number of battalion, regiment or battery? 1st Ga. Regt.

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

wounded in 1862 later part, and then transferred to the Navy Dept. where I continued

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? 2nd Lieut

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? None

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. Bridger

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 22 day of Nov, A. D. 1912

[Seal.] 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. McNairy County Judge of Gregg County,

State of Texas, on this day personally appeared H.J. Thomas & Dick Shaw 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. Bridger, the above named applicant for a pension, and that they personally know that the said J.P. Bridger 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) H.J. Thomas
(Signature of Witness) Dick Shaw

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 12 day of Dec, A. D. 1913

[SEAL.] 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. McNairy County Judge of Gregg County,

State of Texas, on this day personally appeared H.J. Thomas

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 *He* further make oath to the following facts touching the applicant's service in the Confederate Army: (State fully your source of knowledge.)

I personally know that applicant *Jas. P. Bridgman* enlisted and served in the Confederate Army Co. M¹¹ 1st Ga. Regt. Army of Virginia. He enlisted and went out before I did and I know when he went in as we were neighbors. I enlisted and served in the 3rd Ga. Regt. and know that applicant served honorably through the entire war.

(Signature of Witness)

H. J. Thomas
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(Signature of Witness)

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this *12* day of *Dec.*, A. D. 19*13*

[SEAL.]

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

CERTIFICATE OF STATE AND COUNTY ASSESSOR

I, *C. B. Hammett*, State and County Assessor in the County of *Gregg*

State of Texas, do certify that *J. P. Bridgman* 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 33rd Legislature, approved April 7, 1913, is charged on the land and personal property rolls of said county with estate, real personal and mixed, at the assessed value of *Nothing* dollars.

Given under my hand, this *12* day of *December*, A. D. 19*13*

C. B. Hammett
State and County Assessor.

J. H. MCHANEY, County Judge
DUSH SHAW, County Clerk
W. C. SHOULTS, County Attorney
P. B. BARBER, County Treasurer
G. W. LITTLE, Sheriff

COMMISSIONERS
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J. W. GRAVES, District Clerk
ABE BEHYMER, Tax Collector
J. HENRY SMITH, School Supt.

THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF GREGG

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

LONGVIEW, TEXAS 12-12-1913.

Pension Commissioner,

Austin, Texas.

Dear sir;-

I herewith hand you the application of Jas. P. Bridgion of this county; and trust you will find the same satisfactory and take favorable action thereon.

Will you kindly advise me what is the situation with reference to the application of Mr. J.M. Farrell recently sent in by myself; and also if you have mailed any warrant to Mr. D. Bunt of this county.

Thanking you for your attention to this matter I am,

Very truly,



J. H. McHaney
county judge.

The state of Texas

County of Upshur.

Before me the undersigned authority on this day ~~person~~ personally appeared W. T. Pridgeon to me well known who being sworn deposes and says that he was personally acquainted with Jas. P. Pridgeon, being his Brother and from his own personal knowledge he knows that the said Jas P. Pridgeon was a Confederate

Souldier that he enlisted in the 1st Georgia, Thomas Bregade, army of Va.

And that he served through the war and ^{was} honorably discharged at its Close. AD 1865

W. T. Pridgeon

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 23 day of Sep

tembr A. D. 1905

J. W. Wall - Clerk
County Court, Upshur County
By G. H. Shepherd, Dep.

Dear Brother we
have all bin sick but are better now
Mora is not well enuf to go to town
to give a padavid to you being in
the army so I will signe her
Name here Mrs Leonora Pridgeon