

Endorsements Hereon for Comptroller's Use Exclusively.

FORM No. 1—AMENDED.

OCTOBER 1, 1902.

### Confederate Pension Application.

Name of Applicant.

*Joshua L. Smith*

*Gregg* County,

Post Office *Gladewater*

Comptroller's File No. **13325**

I have carefully examined the within application for pension, together with the proof in support thereof, and I recommend that the application be **APPROVED**

this            day of **MAR 21 1908**

A. D. *E. A. Bolmer*  
Chief Pension Clerk

I hereby **APPROVE** the within application for pension, this **MAR 21 1908** day of

*J. W. Stephens* A. D.  
Comptroller

No Application Rejected by County Judge or County Commissioners Should Be Forwarded to Comptroller.

VON BOECKMANN-JONES COMPANY, PRINTERS, AUSTIN, TEXAS.

Compliments of  
East Texas Genealogical Society  
www.rootsweb.com/~txetgs

NOTE—The law provides that pensions can begin only on the first day of April and October of each year.

1246-005-2m.

FORM No. 1. Amended October 1, 1902.

APPLICATION of Indigent Soldier or Sailor of the late Confederacy for pension under the Act of May 12, 1899. Hereafter use no other blank but this.

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

COUNTY OF Gregg

To the Honorable County Judge of Gregg County, Texas.

Your petitioner, J. L. Smith

respectfully represents that he is a resident citizen of Gregg County, in the State of Texas, and that he makes this application for the purpose of obtaining a pension under the act passed by the Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Texas, and approved May 12, A. D. 1899, the same being an act entitled "An act to carry into effect the amendment to the Constitution of the State of Texas, providing that aid may be granted to disabled and dependent Confederate soldiers, sailors, and their widows under certain conditions, and to make an appropriation therefor," and I do solemnly swear that the answers I have given to the following questions are true.

NOTE—Applicant must make answer to all of the following questions, and such answers must be written out plainly in ink.

- Q. What is your name? Answer Jehsay L Smith
- Q. What is your age? Answer Sixty five (65)
- Q. In what County do you reside? Answer Gregg
- Q. How long have you resided in said County and what is your post office address? Answer six months (6) Gladewater
- Q. Have you applied for a pension under the Confederate Pension Law heretofore, and been rejected? If so, state when and where. Answer No
- Q. What is your occupation if able to engage in one? Answer Farming
- Q. What is your physical condition? Answer Not good
- Q. If your physical condition is such that you are unable by your own labor to earn a support, state what caused such disability. Answer My age
- Q. In what State was your command originally organized? Answer Alabama
- Q. How long did you serve? Give date of enlistment and discharge. Answer 1861 March 13 April 1865 June
- Q. What was the name or letter of your company and name or number of your regiment? Answer 15 Reg Ala Volunteers Comp H
- Q. State whether you served in the infantry, artillery, cavalry, or the navy. Answer Infantry
- Q. State whether or not you have received any pension or veteran donation land certificate under any previous law, and if you answer in the affirmative state what pension or veteran donation land certificate you have received. Answer None
- Q. What real and personal property do you now own, and what is the present value of such property? Give list of such property and value. Answer Nothing

(TX)

- Q. What property, and what was the value thereof, have you sold or conveyed within two years prior to the date of this application? Answer Nothing
- Q. What estate has your wife in her own right, real and personal, and what is its value? Answer None. Wife dead
- Q. What income, if any, do you receive? Answer None
- Q. Are you in indigent circumstances; that is, are you in actual want, and destitute of property and means of subsistence? Answer Yes
- Q. Are you unable by your labor to earn a support? Answer Yes
- Q. Have you transferred to others any property of value of any kind for the purpose of becoming a beneficiary under this law? Answer No
- Q. Did you ever desert the Confederacy? Answer No
- Q. Have you been continuously since the first day of January, 1880, a bona fide resident citizen of this State? Answer Yes
- Q. If you originally enlisted in the Confederate service from the State of Texas, were you at the date of the passage of this act a bona fide resident citizen of the State of Texas? Answer \_\_\_\_\_

Wherefore your petitioner prays that his application for pension be approved and that such other proceedings be had in the premises as required by law.

(Signature of Applicant) J. L. Smith

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 21 day of Oct A. D. 1907

(SEAL)

County Judge Hugg County, Texas.

AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESSES.

(NOTE—There must be at least two credible witnesses.)

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

COUNTY OF Hugg

Before me Erwin Leacy

County Judge of Hugg County, State of Texas, on this day personally appeared C. E. Walker and J. Henry Smith

who are personally known to me to be credible citizens, who being by me duly sworn on oath, state that they personally know J. L. Smith the above named applicant for a pension, and that they personally know that the said J. L. Smith is unable to support himself by labor of any sort.

(Signature of Witness) C. E. Walker

(Signature of Witness) J. Henry Smith

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 9 day of Nov A. D. 1907

(SEAL)

County Judge Hugg County, Texas.

PROOF OF SERVICE MUST NOT BE MADE A PART OF THIS AFFIDAVIT.

AFFIDAVIT OF PHYSICIAN.

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

COUNTY OF Murray } Before me Erwin Lacy  
County Judge of Murray County, State of Texas, on this day personally appeared E. L. Walker

who is a reputable practicing physician of this County, who being by me duly sworn on oath, states that he has carefully and thoroughly examined J. L. Smith applicant for a pension, and finds him laboring under the following disabilities which render him unable to labor at any work or calling sufficient to earn a support for himself: Rheumatism and Chronic Prostatitis

(Signature of Physician) E. L. Walker

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 24 day of Oct A. D. 1907

(SEAL)

County Judge Erwin Lacy County, State of Texas.

CERTIFICATE OF COUNTY JUDGE.

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

COUNTY OF Murray } Before me Erwin Lacy  
County Judge of Murray County, State of Texas, do hereby certify that on the 9th day of Nov A. D. 1907

before me came on to be heard the application of J. L. Smith for a pension under the Confederate Pension Law of this State, Approved May 12, A. D. 1899; that the answers of said applicant to the questions propounded were made under oath as the same appear in writing in the foregoing application; that the affidavits of the witnesses who are credible citizens were made before me as the same hereinbefore appear, and that the foregoing affidavit of Doctor E. L. Walker who is a reputable practicing physician of this county, was made before me. I also certify that the said applicant J. L. Walker Smith is not an inmate of the Texas Confederate Home, nor otherwise disqualified under the provision of Section 12, of the Confederate Pension Law. I further certify that after considering all the proceedings had before me relative to the said application for a pension by the said J. L. Smith I find the said applicant is lawfully entitled to the pension provided by the Confederate Pension Law of this State, and I hereby approve said application.

Witness my hand and seal of office at Longview this 9th day of Nov A. D. 1907

(SEAL)

County Judge Erwin Lacy County, State of Texas.

CERTIFICATE OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

COUNTY OF Murray } We, the undersigned members of the Commissioners Court of Murray County, Texas, hereby certify that the foregoing application of J. L. Smith

for a pension, together with the proof in support thereof, was duly submitted by Hon. Erwin Lacy County Judge of this Murray County, to the Commissioners of this Murray County, at a regular term thereof on the 11th day of Nov A. D. 1907, and after a careful consideration of the same we find the said applicant is lawfully entitled to the pension provided for by the Confederate Pension Law of this State, and we hereby approve said application.

Witness our hands and seal of office at Longview this 11th day of Nov A. D. 1907

(SEAL)

(Signature of Commissioners)

W. Woodley  
O. H. Johnston  
E. B. Benge  
J. T. Holt



Cross Interrogatories

1st Cross Int. J. Smith answers & served  
by the side of J. Smith in the war  
and never knew any other man  
by that name

1st Cross Int. G.W. Smith answers &  
served with him in the war. I never  
knew any other man by that name

2nd Cross Int. J. Smith answers I am  
" " " G.W. Smith " " " I am

3rd Cross Int. J. Smith answers I know  
by daily association  
" Cross Int. G.W. Smith answers I know  
by daily association

4th Cross Int. J. Smith answers I never <sup>did</sup>  
" " " G.W. Smith " " I never <sup>did</sup>

Signed  
J. Smith  
G.W. Smith

- (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.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 5th day of Nov. 1907

R. A. Loomis  
County Judge

THE STATE OF TEXAS, )

County of Marion ) I, R. A. Loomis  
County Judge ) (Here give name and official character of officer before whom taken)

do hereby certify that Ed. Smith  
and Ed. Smith are personally known to me to be credible citizens of said  
County and State, and that the foregoing answers of Ed. Smith and  
Ed. Smith respectively  
the witness es before named, and

whose names appear signed to the foregoing deposition, were made before me,  
and were sworn to and subscribed before me, by said witness es

Given under my hand and official seal, this the 5th day of Nov. 1907

(L. S.)

R. A. Loomis  
County Judge

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 the Commissioners Court

OF

Marion County, Texas.

Before the Honorable County Judge of Said County.

EX PARTE

Applicant for Confederate Pension.

DEPOSITION

OF

Witness..... for Applicant.

Filed the ..... day

of ..... 1

Clerk.

Deputy.

By

Fee for Taking Deposition, \$ .....

EX PARTE

IN RE APPLICANT FOR CONFEDERATE PENSION

Under Act May 12, 1899, pending in County Commissioners Court of

Applicant for Confederate Pension.

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

Answers and depositions of (1)

*D Smith and G.W. Smith*

to the accompanying interrogatories (2) propounded to them in the above entitled cause taken before (3)

*And Cross Interrogatories W.D. Loomis County Judge Marion County Texas Commission*

in accordance with the accompanying (5)

To the first interrogatory the said

*D Smith and G.W. Smith*

Witness, answers:

*D Smith, Age 63 Marion County Tex*

*R.O. Ryland.*

*2nd witness answers G.W. Smith Age 47 Marion County Tex R.O. Ryland.*

*2nd Int.*

*D Smith answers D do.*

*2nd Int.*

*G.W. Smith answers D do.*

*3rd Int.*

*D Smith answers 63 years*

*G.W. Smith*

*4th Int.*

*D Smith answers D do.*

*G.W. Smith*

*5th Int.*

*D Smith answers Dr Comp # 16th Ala. Regiment Dnt. June 1861 Barbour Co. Ala. until close of War*

*5th Int.*

*G.W. Smith answers Dr Comp # 16th Ala. Regiment Dnt. June 1861 Barbour Co. Ala. until close of War*

*6th Int.*

*D Smith answers D do.*

*G.W. Smith*

EX PARTE

*J. L. Smith*  
Applicant for Confederate Pension.

Pending in the Honorable Commissioners Court  
of *T. J. Yugg* County, Texas,  
before the Honorable County Judge of said County.

The Honorable County Judge of *T. J. Yugg* 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 *J. L. Smith*  
and *N. B. Smith* who reside in the County  
of *Mauvon* 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  
May 12, 1899, 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 *T. J. Yugg* and State of Texas, of which he is a  
bona fide resident.

*J. L. Smith*  
(Applicant's) Attorney for Applicant.

Direct Interrogatories to be Propounded to the Witness *de*

*J. L. Smith and N. B. Smith*

- INT. 1. What is your name? Age? Present place of residence and postoffice address? *J. L. Smith*
- INT. 2. Do you personally know, or did you at any time know *J. L. Smith* who is an applicant for pension under Act of May 12, 1899?
- INT. 3. How long have you known the said *J. L. Smith* applicant for pension and when and where did you first know him?
- INT. 4. Do you personally know that the said *J. L. Smith* 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 *J. L. Smith* 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 the Confederate navy, then state: When? Where? And how long he so served?
- INT. 6. Do you further know that *J. L. Smith* the said applicant for pension, is unable to support himself by labor of any sort?

CROSS INTERROGATORIES.

To be Propounded to *J. L. Smith and N. B. Smith*

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 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 *J. L. Smith* serving in the same company or regiment in which you say the said applicant *J. L. Smith* 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 sailor of the same name as said J. L. Smith applicant serving in the same command?

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 J. L. Smith applicant for pension, is the identical person serving as testified by you?

CROSS. INT. 3. If you have answered Direct Interrogatory No. 6 in the affirmative, then please state your source of knowledge or information? Is not this your answer simply based on conjecture?

CROSS INT. 4. Do you know whether or not the said J. L. Smith applicant for pension, ever deserted the service in the Confederate army or navy?

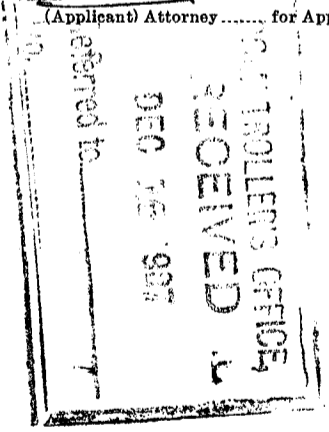
THE STATE OF TEXAS,

County of Tarrant

I, Robert Lacy, 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.

Robert Lacy  
County Judge..... County, Texas.

J. L. Smith  
(Applicant) Attorney..... for Applicant.



In Re  
Application for Confederate  
Pension.

IN COMMISSIONERS COURT,

County, Texas,

Pending before the County Judge of said County.

Ex Parte

Applicant.

INTERROGATORIES,  
PROPOUNDED TO

Witnesses.



## Comptroller's Department,

State of Texas,

Austin.

J. W. STEPHENS, COMPTROLLER.  
JOHN T. SMITH, CHIEF CLERK.

To the Adjutant General

To the Military Secretary,

War Department,

Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I have the honor to request the military record of  
*Joshua L. Smith* who is reported to have enlisted in  
 Company *H*, *15<sup>th</sup>* Regiment *Alabama Infantry*  
 in the service of the Confederate States army.

Purpose: The person above named is an applicant for a Confederate pen-  
 sion granted by this State, and I desire to verify his proof of service.

Very respectfully

*J. W. Stephens*  
 Comptroller.



ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

1351145

1351145

1351145

WAR DEPARTMENT

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

WAR DEPARTMENT, 1351145

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

WASHINGTON, March 10, 1908.

Respectfully returned to the  
Comptroller,

State of Texas,

Austin.

It is shown by the records that  
J. L. Smith, private, Company H, 15th  
Alabama Infantry, C.S.A., was enlisted  
July 3, 1861, and that he was paroled  
April 9, 1865.

Austin, Texas

Mar 6, 1908.


Joshua L. Smith

- Co. H, 15 Ala Infy  
C.S.A.

Military record.

Requested, by

State Comptroller.



The Adjutant General.

(A. G. O. 72-1)