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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:

R B Smith

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County.

Postoffice

Longview P.O. #2

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12/21/23

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No.

L. B. Smith

Commissioner of Pensions.

THE K. L. STECK CO., AUSTIN

WRB 1/2/24

For Use of Soldiers Who are in Indigent Circumstances

THE STATE OF TEXAS

County of Gregg

I, R. D. Smith do hereby make application to the Commissioner of Pensions for a pension to be granted me under the Act passed by the Thirty-third 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

April 1865 surrendered with Confederate Army  
(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 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 \$1,000.00; 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? 77 years
2. Where were you born? Franklin Co. Ga.
3. How long have you resided in Texas? 50 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 50 years  
Longview Texas R # 2
6. Have you applied for a pension under the Confederate pension law and been rejected? If rejected, state when and where Yes Dec, 1922 Gregg Co.
7. What is your occupation, if able to engage in one? No What is your physical condition? Not good
8. In what State was the command in which you served organized? Georgia Franklin Co
9. How long did you serve? Give, if possible, the date of enlistment and discharge. Six months 64
10. What was the letter of your company, number of battalion, regiment or battery? Co F  
Bragans Regiment
11. If transferred from one command to another, give time of transfer, name of command and time of service
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? ✓

14. If detailed for special service, under the law of conscription, what was the nature of your service and how long did you serve? ✓

15. What is the assessed value of your home, if you own a home? \$ 500 00

16. What is the assessed value of your other property? About \$ 200 00

17. 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 a pension be approved and such other proceedings be had in the premises as are required by law.

(Signature of Applicant)

R. D. Smith

Sworn to and subscribed before me this the 13th day of December 1923,

*W. W. Hughes*  
County Judge Gregg County Texas

County of Gregg  
Before me W. W. Massey Notary Public W. W. Massey County Judge of Gregg County, State of Texas,

on this day personally appeared W. W. Massey W. W. Smith known to me to be creditable citizens, who, being, by me duly sworn, on oath state that they personally know R. D. Smith, the above named applicant for a pension, and that they personally know that the said R. D. Smith 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)

W. W. Massey

(Signature of Witness)

W. W. Smith

Sworn to and subscribed before me this the 17th day of December 1923

*W. W. Hughes*  
County Judge Gregg County Texas

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 Franklin  
Before me G. H. D. ... County Judge of Franklin County, State of Texas,

on this day personally appeared E. S. ... J. R. ... who are personally known to me to be creditable 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 his claim, and said applicant's habits are good and free from dishonor. And I further make oath to the following facts touching the applicant's service in the Confederate Army: (State fully your source of knowledge.)

This is to certify that I E. L. Caruth and personally acquainted with B. D. Smith of Bonquien Texas and that I served in the Confederate army 6 months with him in Co F Bryants Regiment in the years 1864 and 1865

This is to certify that I J. R. Fulbright and personally acquainted with B. D. Smith of Bonquien Gregg County Texas that he served in the Confederate army with my Brother H. H. Fulbright in Co F Bryants Regiment in the years 1864 and 1865

(Signature of Witness) E. L. Caruth

(Signature of Witness) J. R. Fulbright

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 3 day of Nov A. D. 1923

G. H. Deane, Jr.

[Seal.]

County Judge Franklin County, Ga 1377 Dist G.M.

CERTIFICATE OF STATE AND COUNTY ASSESSOR



I, Oscar Wood, State and County Assessor in the County of Gregg State of Texas, do certify that B. D. Smith, 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-third Legislature, approved April 7, 1913, is charged on the tax rolls of said county with a homestead of the value of Five Hundred Dollars, and of other property, real or personal, or both, of the value of one hundred & twenty Dollars.

Given under my hand, this 12 day of November, A. D. 1923

Oscar Wood State and County Assessor.

EX-PARTE

R. D. Smith  
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 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 E. L. Cawthon  
and \_\_\_\_\_ who reside in in the County  
of Franklin in the State of Georgia 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 of his claim for a pension under the Act of April 7, 1913, 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 cannot be proven by any witness residing in the County  
of Gregg and State of Texas, which he is a bona fide resident.  
R. D. Smith  
(Applicant) Attorney for Applicant.

Direct Interrogatories to be Propounded to Witness \_\_\_\_\_.

- INT. 1. What is your name? Age? Place of residence and postoffice address?  
Age 75 Laveria Laveria Ga
- INT. 2. Do you personally know, or did you at any time know R. D. Smith whose  
is an applicant for pension under Act of April 7, 1913? yes
- INT. 3. How long had you known the said R. D. Smith  
and when and where did you first know him? throughout the war
- INT. 4. Do you personally know that the said R. D. Smith  
enlisted in the service of the Confederacy, and performed the duties of a soldier or a sailor? yes
- INT. 5. Do you personally know in what company and regiment the said R. D. Smith  
enlisted and served in the Confederate Army? When? Where? And the time of service? If you per-  
sonally knew and so have stated that he enlisted and served in the Confederate navy, then state: When?  
Where? And how long he so served? Co. F. Col Bryant Reg - Yellow Cal. 1864 until war closed.
- INT. 6. Do you personally know that \_\_\_\_\_  
was commissioned as an officer directly by the President of the Confederate States? What was his rank  
and line of duty? no officer
- INT. 7. Do you know further if R. D. Smith 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? Donot know

CROSS INTERROGATORIES



To be propounded to E. L. Cawthon

CROSS INTERROGATORY 1. If in answer to the foregoing direct interrogatories, you have stated that you person-  
ally know or did know said R. D. Smith 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 R. D. Smith 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 knew of any other soldier or  
sailor by the name of no other serving in the same company or regiment, or special  
service in which you say the said R. D. Smith enlisted, if you have stated that said  
R. D. Smith 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 no such other name  
applicant serving in the same command, or the special service to which he was assigned? no

If you say that you know other soldiers or sailors of the same name of.....  
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 R. D. Smith yes.  
is the identical person serving as testified by you?

Cross INT. 3. Do you know whether or not the said R. D. Smith  
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? I think so

Cross INT. 4. Do you know whether or not the said R. D. Smith  
deserted his command, or voluntarily abandoned his post of duty or the service during said war? I do not think  
he did.

THE STATE OF TEXAS ga

COUNTY OF Franklin

I, W. C. Shirley J.P. 213 Dist, 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 an-  
swers to the hereinabove direct and cross interrogatories of the said herein named witness.....may be attached hereto.

E. J. Lawther

County Judge Franklin County, Texas-ga

W. C. Shirley J.P. 213 Dist  
(Applicant) Attorney for Applicant. g.m.

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Application for Confederate Pension

FOR USE OF SOLDIERS OR WIDOWS

County, Texas.

Pending before the County Judge of said County.

EX-PARTE

Applicant.

INTERROGATORIES

propounded to

Witnesses.

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Comptroller's Department  
State of Texas  
Austin

LON A. SMITH, Comptroller.  
W. T. GASTON, Chief Clerk.

To the Adjutant General,  
War Department,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I have the honor to request the military record of R. D. Smith who is  
reported to have enlisted in Company F, Regiment Bryants,  
Glenns Brigade - 1st Ga

in service in the Confederate States Army.

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

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Very respectfully,  
Lon A. Smith  
Comptroller of Public Accounts.

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

O. R. **WAR DEPARTMENT,**  
**THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,**  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 2, 1922.

*Respectfully returned to*

Comptrollers Dept. State of Texas,  
Austin, Texas.

The name R. D. Smith has not been found on rolls on file in this office of Co. F, 16 Regt. Ga., Inf., C. S. A. (Col. Goode Bryan), covering the periods, May & June 1864, and July & Aug. 1864, dated Jan. 31, 1865, nor has record been found of the service, capture or parole of a man of that name and orgn. Col. Bryant has not been identified.

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*Robert C. Davis*  
The Adjutant General.

Per *NW*

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Mr. DeLoach

Director

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