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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.

S. H. West

Navarro County.

Postoffice *Carriacou Texas*
R. F. D. 6

Filed *Aug 31st 1913*

Approved *Sept 1 1913*

Pension allowed from *Dec 1 1913*

Rejected

[Signature]

Commissioner of Pensions.

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FORM A

For Use of Soldiers Who Are In Indigent Circumstances

THE STATE OF TEXAS

County of

Navarro
R. S. A. West

I, R. S. A. West do hereby make application to the Commissioner of Pensions for a pension to be granted me under the Act passed by the 38rd 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 — Exchanged at Mobile Alabama, was at home at the time of surrender and never returns to the 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 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? 67
2. Where were you born? In Atywarda County, Miss.
3. How long have you resided in Texas? Since 1896
4. In what county do you reside? Navarro
5. How long have you resided in said county and what is your postoffice address? Since \$ 1911
P.O. Address Louisiana Texas R. F. B. # 6
6. Have you applied for a pension under the Confederate pension law and been rejected? If rejected, state when and where Never applied before
7. What is your occupation, if able to engage in one? Farming -
8. In what State was the command in which you served organized? Mississippi TX
9. How long did you serve? Give, if possible, the date of enlistment and discharge. One year
10. What was the letter of your company, number of battalion, regiment or battery? Co. "G", Armstrong Regiment Cavalry, 5th Texas was Capt. of the Company.
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? Cavalry

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?
Not so detailed

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) *S. H. West*

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this *16th* day of *August*, A. D. 19*13*

Witness to mark
R. R. Owen

[Seal.] County Judge *Howard* County, Texas

AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESSES

[NOTE.]—There must be at least two credible witnesses.

THE STATE OF TEXAS }

County of *Navarro*
Before me *R. R. Owen* County Judge of *Navarro* County,

State of Texas, on this day personally appeared *M. F. West & J. M. Scott* who are personally

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

S. H. West the above named applicant for a pension, and that they personally know that the

said *S. H. West* 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) *M. F. West*

(Signature of Witness) *J. M. Scott*

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this *16th* day of *August*, A. D. 19*13*

[SEAL.] County Judge *Howard* 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 *Navarro*
Before me *R. R. Owen* County Judge of *Navarro* County,

State of Texas, on this day personally appeared

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

M. S. West further swears: Am 61 years of age I was at home when S. H. West left to go to the Army and know when he came back. He served about 1 year. He was in C. G. Armistead's Regt and Armistead's Brigade. Captain was G. M. Neighbors. So far as I know S. H. West was a good soldier. Was a volunteer and stayed in the service until the close, but was at home on furlough when the surrender was made.

M. S. West

(Signature of Witness)

(Signature of Witness)

Sworn to and subscribed before me this *16th* day of *August*, A. D. 19*13*
County Judge *Novans* County, Texas.

[SEAL.]

CERTIFICATE OF STATE AND COUNTY ASSESSOR

I, *J. H. Bates*, State and County Assessor in the County of *Novans*

State of Texas, do certify that *J. H. West* 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 *No Value* dollars.

Given under my hand, this *1* day of *Sept*, A. D. 19*13*

J. H. Bates
by *M. Jefferson*, State and County Assessor.



EX-PARTE

Pending in _____ County,

Texas, before the Honorable County Judge of said County.

Applicant for Confederate Pension.

The Honorable County Judge of _____ 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 _____ who reside in the County of _____ in the State of _____ 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 _____ claim for a pension under the Act of March 26, 1909, 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 _____ and State of Texas, which _____ is a bona fide resident.

(Applicant) Attorney for Applicant.

Direct Interrogatories to be Propounded to the Witness _____.

W. S. Shumfart

- INT. 1. What is your name? Age? Present place of residence and postoffice address? *S. H. West*
- INT. 2. Do you personally know, or did you at any time know _____ who _____ is an applicant for pension under Act of March 26, 1909? *S. H. West*
- INT. 3. How long had you known the said _____ and when and where did you first know him? *S. H. West*
- INT. 4. Do you personally know that the said _____ enlisted in the service of the Confederacy, and performed the duties of a soldier or a sailor? *S. H. West*
- INT. 5. Do you personally know in what company and regiment the said _____ 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? *S. H. West*
- 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? *S. H. West*
- INT. 7. Do you further know if _____ 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?

CROSS INTERROGATORIES.

To be Propounded to *W. S. Shumfart*

CROSS INTERROGATORY 1. If, in answer to the foregoing direct interrogatories, you have stated that you personally know or did know said _____ 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 _____ 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 _____ serving in the same company or regiment, or special service in which you say the said _____ enlisted, if you have stated that said _____ enlisted and served in the navy of the Confederacy, then state whether or

S. H. West

not you know any other soldier or sailor of the same name as said S. H. West applicant serving in the same command, or the special service to which he was assigned?

If you say that you know other soldiers or sailors of the same name of S. H. West then can you and how do you identify and locate the one from the other or others?

Cross Exr. 2. Are you positively certain that said S. H. West is the identical person serving as testified by you?

Cross Exr. 3. Do you know whether or not the said S. H. West 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?

Cross Exr. 4. Do you know whether or not the said S. H. West deserted his command, or voluntarily abandoned his post of duty or the service during said war?

THE STATE OF TEXAS

County of _____

I, _____ 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.

County Judge _____ County, Texas.

(Applicant) Attorney _____ for Appellant.

In Re
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.

EX PARTE

IN RE APPLICANT for CONFEDERATE PENSION

Under Act March 26, 1909, pending

Applicant for Confederate Pension.

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

Answers and depositions of (1)

to the accompanying interrogations (2)

propounded to _____ in the above entitled cause taken before (3)

in accordance with the accompanying (7)

To the first interrogatory the said

Witness, answers

W. S. Humphreys
My age 73 yrs. C. O. Hunter wife's son C. O. Hunter, R. O.

② *I do.*

③ *I have known him all his life.*

④ *I do.*

⑤ *Being*
 Company I, *Armed Forces Regiment, 4th Cavalry, 1st Regt.*
 Capt. H. M. *Neighbors, Spring 1863, Existed near Cotton Grove*
Miss. all the balance of the war.

⑥ *Private No office.*

⑦ *He served in the fields all the time.*

Answers to the Cross Interrogatories

① *He is my only brother & of course I*
know all about his war service, I know of
no other AN-Mut.

② *I am*

(TX)

③ He did

④ He did not

Shumpert signs here → officer Shumpert

officer must fill out below. ↓

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- (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 19th day of August, 1912

John M. With, Chairman
Court Abstract Co Min.

THE STATE OF Miss.
County of Lee

I John M. With, Chairman
(Here give name and official character of officer before whom taken)

John Co Min. do hereby certify that W. S. Shumpert

are personally known to me to be credible citizens of said

County and State, and that the foregoing answers of W. S. Shumpert

the witness, before named, and

W. S. Shumpert, whose name appears signed to the foregoing deposition, were made before

me and were sworn to and subscribed before me, by said witness (4)

Given under my hand and official seal, this the 19 day of August, 1912

John M. With
Chairman Court Clerk
Lee Co Min.

(Seal L. S.)

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, and Notary Public, or any Commissioner of Deeds of Texas.

File No. _____

In _____ County, Texas,
Before the Honorable Judge of Said County.

EX PARTE

Applicant for Pension

DEPOSITION OF

Witness _____ for Applicant.

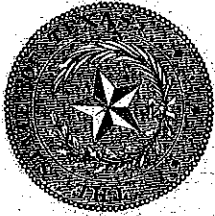
Filed _____ day

of _____, 1912

_____, Clerk.

By _____, Deputy.

Fee for Taking Deposition, \$ _____



OFFICE OF
COMMISSIONER OF PENSIONS
STATE OF TEXAS
AUSTIN

GEO. W. KYSER, COMMISSIONER

To the Adjutant General,

War Department,

Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:—

I have the honor to request the military record of Dr. J. B. Keath, who is
reported to have enlisted in Company C, Regiment Amsted's Mass' Cavalry
in service of 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.

Very respectfully,



G. W. Kyser
Commissioner of Pensions.

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WAR DEPARTMENT,
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THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,
WASHINGTON, Sept. 9, 1913.

Respectfully returned to the

Commissioner of Pensions,
State of Texas, Austin.

The records show that S. H. West,
private, Co. G, 12th (Armistead's)
Mississippi Cavalry, C.S.A., enlist-
ed January 1, 1864. On the roll for
November and December, 1864, last on
file, he was reported present. No
later record of him has been found.

H. D. Hestwood

Adjutant General.

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