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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.

6-2-20

Name of Applicant.

Joe A. Johnson  
Anderson - County.

R. F. W. #3 -  
Postoffice Mala Koff - Texas

Filed 9/27/23

Approved 1/25/24

Pension allowed from 12/1/23

Rejected

Sam A. Smith  
Commissioner of Pensions.

E. L. STECK, AUSTIN

REPRODUCED FROM THE  
HOLDINGS OF THE  
TEXAS STATE ARCHIVES

### For Use of Soldiers Who are in Indigent Circumstances

#### THE STATE OF TEXAS

County of Anderson

I, Joseph Addison Johnson 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 I was in the army until the close of the Civil War in 1865 - and was honorably discharged -  
(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? 84 years old
2. Where were you born? Marion County - Alabama
3. How long have you resided in Texas? Since 1865
4. In what county do you reside? Anderson County - Texas
5. How long have you resided in said county, and what is your postoffice address?  
Resided in Anderson county since 1869 -  
My P.O. address is Joe A. Johnson, R.F.W #3, Malakoff, Texas
6. Have you applied for a pension under the Confederate pension law and been rejected? If rejected, state when and where Applied about 12 years ago, but had too much property at that time - from Anderson County
7. What is your occupation, if able to engage in one? None What is your physical condition? Poor
8. In what State was the command in which you served organized? Louisiana
9. How long did you serve? Give, if possible, the date of enlistment and discharge Served from April 1862 until June 1865
10. What was the letter of your company, number of battalion, regiment or battery?  
Company I - 31st Louisiana Infantry
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



13. If commissioned direct by the President, what was your rank and line of duty? A Private
14. If detailed for special service, under the law of conscription, what was the nature of your service and how long did you serve? Never detailed
15. What is the assessed value of your home, if you own a home? None
16. What is the assessed value of your other property? \$20.00
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)

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this

25

day of

August

A. D. 1923

Joseph A. Johnson  
W. C. Swick

[Seal.]

County Judge Anderson County, Texas.

### AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESSES

[Note.—There must be at least two creditable witnesses.]

THE STATE OF TEXAS

County of

Anderson

Before me

W. C. Swick

County Judge of

Anderson

County,

State of Texas, on this day personally appeared

Clay Cotten and J. C. Harding

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

Joseph A. Johnson, the above named applicant for a pension, and that they personally know that the said Joseph A. Johnson 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)

Clay Cotten

(Signature of Witness)

J. C. Harding

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this

17

day of

Sept

A. D. 1923

W. C. Swick

[Seal.]

County Judge Anderson 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

Before me,

County Judge of

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 per-



WAR DEPARTMENT  
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY  
REFER TO A. G. 201  
(Johnson, Joseph A. 8-31-23) ORD

September 6, 1923.

Honorable Clay Stone Briggs,  
House of Representatives.

My dear Mr. Briggs:

Referring to your letter of the 31st ultimo, with which you inclosed one from Mr. E. V. Swift, of Palestine, Texas, who desires to be furnished with the Confederate record of Joseph Addison Johnston, who it is stated served as a member of Company I, 31st Louisiana Infantry, I have the honor to inform you as follows:

The records of this office show that one Joseph A. Johnson, who was born in Maringe County, Ala., had hazel eyes, auburn hair, and fair complexion, and was 5 feet 11 inches in height, served as a private of Company I, 31st Regiment Louisiana Infantry, Confederate States Army. He enlisted April 29, 1862, at Monroe, La., and on the muster roll for January and February, 1865 (only one on file subsequent to enlistment) he is reported present. He was captured at Vicksburg, Miss., July 4, 1863, and paroled at that place July 9, 1863. No later record of him has been found.

It is proper to add, however, that the collection of Confederate records on file in this Department is far from complete and the failure to find the complete record of any person thereon is by no means conclusive proof that such person did not serve as alleged during some period not covered by the records on file in this Department.

The letter of Mr. Swift is herewith returned.

Very respectfully,

*Robert Cowan*  
The Adjutant General. (TX)

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STATE OF LOUISIANA  
OFFICE OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL  
WASHINGTON ARTILLERY HALL  
NEW ORLEANS

FILE NO. 201

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September  
Eighth  
1923.

Hon. Clay Stone Briggs  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C.

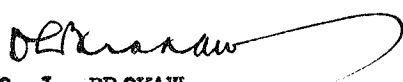
Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of September 5, 1923, in which you desire the war record in the Confederate Army of Joseph Addison Johnston, formerly a member of Company "I", 31st Louisiana Infantry. In reply thereto, it is desired to state that no records of the Confederate Army are on file in this office.

However, you are referred to the Adjutant General of the Army, War Department, Washington, D. C. who will be able to give you the desired information.

Regretting that I am unable to serve you, I am

Very truly yours,

  
O L BROKAW  
Acting The Adjutant General.



CLAY STONE BRIGGS  
7TH DISTRICT OF TEXAS

Congress of the United States  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C.

Sept. 10, 1923.

Hon. E. V. Swift,  
Palestine, Texas.

Dear Mr. Swift:

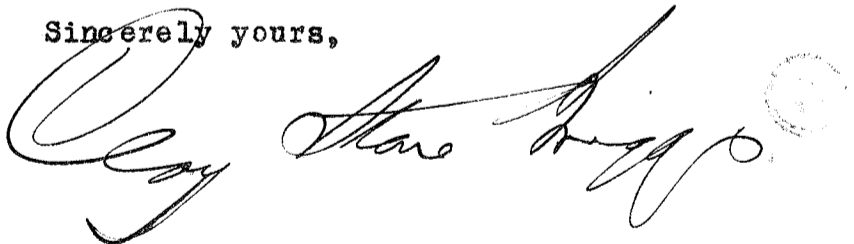
I am just in receipt of the inclosed reply dated September 8, 1923, from General O. L. Brokaw, Adjutant General of the State of Louisiana, which is self explanatory.

You will observe that there are no records in the archives of Louisiana relating to the service of Mr. Joseph Addison Johnston in the Confederate Army.

By this time you have no doubt received the letter from the Adjutant General of the United States which I recently sent you giving the record of service of Mr. Johnson as reflected by the records of the War Department.

Trusting the data forwarded will prove sufficient to enable you to secure Mr. Johnston the pension, I beg to remain, with best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Clay Stone Briggs". To the right of the signature is a circular stamp, partially obscured, which appears to contain the number "21".

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STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF Auderson

Before me W. C. Quirk County

Judge of Auderson, County, Texas on this day personally appeared

Joe A. Johnson, who being by me duly sworn, deposes

and says: That he the said Joe A. Johnson, is an Ex-Confederate Soldier, that he served in Company "D", Regiment 31

"Louisiana Infantry", for more than three (3) months, that as such soldier, he rendered valuable service to the Confederacy, that he did not desert but remained true and loyal to the Confederacy, that he is now indigent and needs the benefit of the Confederate Pension, that he has made diligent search for witnesses who served with him and all witnesses are either dead or their whereabouts are unknown to him.

Wherefore he prays that his application be received and that he be granted a Confederate Pension by the Comptroller of the State of Texas.

Sworn to before me this 22 day of January,

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W. C. Quirk  
County Judge.



# APPLICATION FOR MORTUARY WARRANT



STATE OF TEXAS,

County of Anderson I, A. W. Johnson

do hereby certify that I am the person to whom is entrusted the paying of the accounts and indebtedness of the late J. A. Johnson, who was a pensioner of the State of Texas, and whose file number was 39600 and whose original county was Anderson

The said pensioner J. A. Johnson, died on the 5 day of May, 1925, in the town of Palustine County of Anderson, Texas.

The pensioner died in the home of A. W. Johnson who was related to the pensioner as son

That the warrant, which application is hereby made for, shall be applied to paying all or part of the expenses incurred by the said pensioner J. A. Johnson

I further certify that the warrant for the current quarter has not been cashed by the pensioner, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

I am related to the pensioner as (Friend) son that my postoffice address is 126 E Palustine Ave Palustine City May Street or R. F. D. 2403 Sta 0

Signed A. W. Johnson

Sworn to before me this 6<sup>th</sup> day of June, 1925

Mr. Robinson  
Notary Public in and for Anderson State of Texas.

## CERTIFICATE OF UNDERTAKER

I, A. B. Sage, do certify that I am undertaker in the town of Palustine County of Anderson, State of Texas, that I had charge of the body of Joseph A. Johnson who died in the town of Palustine, County of Anderson, State of Texas on the May day of Fifth, 1925. That said body was prepared for burial by me on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1925, and that I am of the opinion that warrant herein applied for should be issued to the said A. W. Johnson who makes the foregoing application.

Signed A. B. Sage  
Undertaker.

## CERTIFICATE OF PHYSICIAN

I, A. Arthur Spiegel, do certify that I am a practicing physician, and that I attended Joe A. Johnson in his last illness, and am of the opinion that his ailments were Uremia due to or following Renal infection due to enlarged prostate



I further certify that I am of the opinion that the Mortuary Warrant above requested should be issued in the name of the aforementioned applicant, in accordance with Act passed by the Thirty-eighth Legislature and approved March 2, 1923.

Signed A. Arthur Spiegel M.D.  
Physician's Address Palustine, Tex

Must return before 40 days expires from date of Pensioners' death

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May warrants  
as must be returned