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FORM A

Soldier's Application

for a Pension

Dead - (May 1915)

The Commissioner of Pensions reserves the right to call for additional testimony if he deems it necessary.

Name of Applicant.

R. A. Boyd,

Anderson - County.

Postoffice

509 Tacey Street  
Palestine, Texas

Filed

MAR 20 1915

Approved

MAR 28 1915

Pension allowed from

MAR 1 1915

Rejected

J. E. Jones

Commissioner of Pensions.

For Use of Soldiers Who Are in Indigent Circumstances

THE STATE OF TEXAS

County of Anderson

I, Robt. R. Boyd, 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 I was so seriously wounded at Malvern hill in 1862, that I was unfit for any further service, and they did not use me any more after that in active service, (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 whatsoever 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? 73 year of age.
2. Where were you born? Mississippi
3. How long have you resided in Texas? Since 1870 continuously
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 past 16 years; P.O. address 509 Facy St - Palestine, Tex.
6. Have you applied for a pension under the Confederate pension law and been rejected? If rejected, state when and where. No.
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? Mississippi
9. How long did you serve? Give, if possible, the date of enlistment and discharge. Enlisted in 1861 - and served over a year and until Malvern hill. (TX)
10. What was the letter of your company, number of battalion, regiment or battery? Company I - 13th Miss - Wm E. Barksdale; Commanding
11. Give the name of your colonel, lieutenant-colonel and major. Lieut-Colonel - Wm. E. Barksdale; Whitaker
11. If transferred from one command to another, give time of transfer, name of command and time of service. Yes - after I was wounded at Malvern hill I served in Commissary dept after for a year or more
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?  
*of A Private - Color bearer at ten battles of Malvern Hill.*
14. If detailed for special service, under the law of conscription, what was the nature of your service and how long did you serve?  
*No - A Volunteer.*
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?  
*None*
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.) X *R R Boyd*

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this *18* day of *March*, A. D. 191*5*

[Seal.]

County Judge *Anderson* County, Texas.

**AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESSES**

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

THE STATE OF TEXAS

County of *Anderson*

Before me *E. V. Swift*, County Judge of *Anderson* County,

State of Texas, on this day personally appeared *B. M. Hughes M. A. Hughes*

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

*R R Boyd* the above named applicant for a pension; and that they personally know that the said *R R Boyd* 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) *B. M. Hughes*

(Signature of Witness) *M. A. Hughes*

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this *18* day of *March*, A. D. 191*5*

[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-



**E. V. SWIFT**

Attorney-at-Law

COUNTY JUDGE

Anderson County



Palestine, Texas, March 18. 1915.

Hon. J. J. Jones,

Pension Commr.,

Austin, Texas.

Dear Sir:

I herewith enclose to you ~~xxxxxx~~ pension application of Mr. R. R. Boyd, for a Confederate Pension. Mr. Boyd is an honorable and upright man, and I sincerely trust that his application may be granted. He fought hard, and was in some of the biggest battles of the war, and I recommend that his application be granted.

Yours very truly,

*E. V. Swift*  
County Judge.



*Sworn to be answered*

**EX-PARTE**  
*R. R. Boyd*  
Applicant for Confederate Pension.

Pending in *Anderson* County,  
Texas, before the Honorable County Judge of said  
County.

The Honorable County Judge of *Anderson* 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 \_\_\_\_\_  
and \_\_\_\_\_ who reside \_\_\_\_\_ in the County  
of \_\_\_\_\_ in the State of *Miss* 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.

*R. R. Boyd*  
(Applicant) Attorney for Applicant.

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

- INT. 1. What is your name? Age? Present place of residence and postoffice address?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- INT. 2. Do you personally know, or did you at any time know *R. R. Boyd* who  
\_\_\_\_\_ is an applicant for pension under Act of March 26, 1909?
- INT. 3. How long had you known the said *Boyd*  
and when and where did you first know him?
- INT. 4. Do you personally know that the said *Boyd*  
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 *R. R. Boyd*  
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 personally know that *Boyd*  
was commissioned as an officer directly by the President of the Confederate States? What was his rank  
and line of duty?
- INT. 7. Do you know further if *Boyd* 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 \_\_\_\_\_  
CROSS INTERROGATORY 1. If in answer to the foregoing direct interrogatories, you have stated that you person-  
ally know or did know said *R. R. Boyd* 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. R. Boyd* 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 *R. R. Boyd* serving in the same company or regiment, or special  
service in which you say the said *R. R. Boyd* enlisted, if you have stated that said  
*R. R. Boyd* 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 R. R. Boyd 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 R. R. Boyd 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. R. Boyd is the identical person serving as testified by you?

Cross INT. 3. Do you know whether or not the said R. R. Boyd 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 INT. 4. Do you know whether or not the said R. R. Boyd deserted his command, or voluntarily abandoned his post of duty or the service during said war?

THE STATE OF TEXAS

County of Anderson  
I, E. V. Swift

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.

E. V. Swift  
County Judge Anderson County, Texas.  
R. R. Boyd  
(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.

*Form for a return*

EX PARTE

*R R Boyd*

IN RE APPLICANT for CONFEDERATE PENSION

Under Act March 26, 1909, pending

*in Anderson*

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

Applicant for Confederate Pension.

Answers and depositions of (1) *My name is W J Hammond*  
*My age is 73 years my place of Business is*  
*Kosciusko Miss and my P.O. address is Kosciusko*  
*Miss La Miss*

to the accompanying interrogations (2) *Yes I knew R R Boyd well in the Army U.S.A.*  
propounded to *in the above entitled cause taken before* (3) *I have known him 60 yrs*

in accordance with the accompanying (7) *He was in the Regular U.S. Army*

To the first interrogatory the said *W J Hammond a Comrade and*

Witness, answers *I knew R R Boyd, he was a member of Co D*

*13th Miss Regt Braxton's Brigade Army of Northern*  
*Va, and followed the fortunes of Longstreet's*  
*until he was wounded at Malvern Hill. He was a member*  
*of the first Volunteer Co from Attala Co Miss.*  
*Capt L B Fletcher commanded the Co. and it was*  
*named "The Minute Men". He was a Private in*  
*said Co and did regular service. I have known*  
*him since before the Civil war, and I that he enlisted*  
*as a Volunteer in the Confederate Army & left*  
*Kosciusko Miss on the 18th day of May 1861.*  
*Having been mustered into service on the 8th*  
*day of May before leaving. He served with us*  
*and was in all the battles down to Malvern Hill*  
*where he was shot up as badly when he was*  
*dropped from the rolls on account of being*  
*unable for further service. He was not under*  
*the Conscription Law - detailed for any kind of Special*  
*Service in the Fields, Shops, Armory, etc. But was*  
*a Regular Volunteer Soldier. As brave as Julius*  
*Caesar, and as Fearless as a Lion. Can truly*  
*say no braver man ever wore the "Grey" an honorable*  
*clean and manly <sup>man</sup> from start to finish. This is*  
*all personally known to be true of my own personal*  
*Knowledge and I further know C M Fuller and Dr*  
*H. H. Crowder who are soldiers, or was so, in the same*  
*Company, Regt, & Brigade & have known them for a lifetime*  
*and who herein below make affidavits to the same facts*  
*all of whom reside in Kosciusko Miss.*

*Kosciusko Miss March 13th 1915.*

*W J Hammond*  
*C M Fuller Lieut*  
*H W Crowder*

(TX)

*Full in Certificate on Back*

And C. M. Fuller appeared before the undersigned Notary Public and after being duly sworn says that he has carefully read the questions and answers propounded to W. J. Hammond, and says on oath that the same is true in whole and all of its parts. That applicant was a volunteer in the 50th Cavalry, Regiment & Brigade, was well acquainted with R. R. Boyd, before army & since the war, and that applicant makes the questions and answers of W. J. Hammond above those of his own.

Kennett Miss. February 13<sup>th</sup> 1915.

C. M. Fuller 1<sup>st</sup> Lieut

And W. G. Crowder, appeared before the undersigned Notary Public and after being duly sworn says that he has carefully read the questions and answers propounded to W. J. Hammond and says on oath that same is true in whole and all of its parts - that applicant was a volunteer in the 50th Cavalry, Regiment & Brigade, was well acquainted with R. R. Boyd, before army & since the Civil War, and that applicant makes the questions and answers of W. J. Hammond, named above, as those of his own.

Kennett Miss. July 13<sup>th</sup> 1915-

W. G. Crowder

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 13th day of March, 1915  
notary signs here X E. L. Ray notary Public

THE STATE OF Mississippi  
County of Attala

I, E. L. Ray, notary Public  
(Here give name and official character of officer before whom taken)

do hereby certify that W. J. Hammond, C. M. Fuller  
and G. W. Crowder are personally known to me to be credible citizens of said  
County and State, and that the foregoing answers of W. J. Hammond, C. M. Fuller  
and G. W. Crowder, the witnesses 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 respectively.

Given under my hand and official seal, this the 13th day of March, 1915

(L. S.) E. L. Ray notary Public

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 \_\_\_\_\_, 191

By \_\_\_\_\_, Clerk.

By \_\_\_\_\_, Deputy.

Fee for Taking Deposition, \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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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.



OFFICE OF  
 COMMISSIONER OF PENSIONS  
 STATE OF TEXAS  
 AUSTIN

J. C. JONES, COMMISSIONER

J. C. JONES, COMMISSIONER

To the Adjutant General,

War Department,

Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I have the honor to request the military record of Root R. Boyd who is  
 reported to have enlisted in Company D, Regiment 13 Mississippi Inf.  
Com. Wm. E. Barksdale, Lieut. Col. Whitaker

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,

J. C. Jones  
 Commissioner of Pensions.



## WAR DEPARTMENT,

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

WASHINGTON, March 24, 1915.

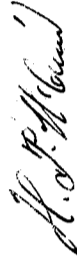
Respectfully returned to the

Commissioner of Pensions,  
State of Texas, Austin.

The records show that one Robert Boyd (name not found as Robert R. Boyd), private, Company I, 13th Reg't Mississippi Infantry (Col. Whitaker), C.S.A., enlisted June 12, 1861. On the muster roll dated April 30, 1862, last on which borne, he was reported present, and a return for September, 1862, shows him discharged on account of disability, September 3, at Richmond.

The records also show that one Robert B. Boyd, corporal, said company and regiment (who may or may not have been the same man), was discharged August 2, 1862, at Richmond, Va., on account of disability, the result of a wound received in the battle of Malvern Hill.

Nothing additional found relative to the inquiry.



The Adjutant General.

Palestine, Texas  
June 28, 1939

Hon. George H. Sheppard  
State Comptroller  
Austin, Texas

Dear Sir:

In regard to Application for Headstone for the  
grave of veteran ROBERT ROSS BOYD, Confederate soldier.

Will you kindly inform me what your record gives  
to the following questions, that I may send in correct  
data in my application?

Enlistment dates ?  
Discharge dates ?  
Pension number ?  
Rank ?  
Company ?  
U S Regiment, State Organization or Vessel ?

Your answer to these questions at your convenience  
will be greatly appreciated by me and my children.

Yours truly,

*Mrs. Sarah R. Boyd*

Mrs. Sarah R. Boyd  
West DeBard Street  
Palestine, Texas



*Anderson,*  
*30843*

July 1, 1939

R. R. Boyd, Deceased  
Confederate Soldier.  
Pension File No. 30843  
Anderson County.

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Mrs. Sarah R. Boyd  
West DeBard Street  
Palestine, Texas.

Dear Mrs. Boyd:

Replying to your letter of June 28, the records of this office show that R. R. Boyd of Anderson County drew a Confederate Pension from the State of Texas under file number 30843.

R. R. Boyd also shown as Robert R. Boyd enlisted June 12, 1861 as a private in Company I, 13th Regiment of Mississippi Infantry (Col. Whitaker), Confederate States Army. He was discharged August 2, 1862 on account of disability, the result of a wound.

The application for pension was approved on a report from the Adjutant General, War Department, Washington, D. C.

Yours very truly,

Geo. H. Sheppard  
Comptroller of Public Accounts.

JHT:EE

