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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.

*John W. Brown*  
*Anderson* - County.

Postoffice *R # 4 -*  
*Palestine, Texas*

Filed *MAY 6 1915*

Approved *MAY 13 1915*

Pension allowed from *SEP 1 1915*

Rejected

*J. C. Jones*  
Commissioner of Pensions.

FORM A

59-1114-500

For Use of Soldiers Who Are in Indigent Circumstances

THE STATE OF TEXAS }

County of Anderson.

I, John W. Brown.

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. — Our Company disbanded in 1865- and I disbanded with them in 1865- at Galveston.  
(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? 70 years.
  2. Where were you born? Mississippi
  3. How long have you resided in Texas? Since 1849, continuously.
  4. In what county do you reside? In Anderson County since 1865-
  5. How long have you resided in said county, and what is your postoffice address?  
Anderson County since 1865; P.O. R #4, Palestine, Texas.
  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? Farm What is your physical condition? Poor
  8. In what State was the command in which you served organized? Texas
  9. How long did you serve? Give, if possible, the date of enlistment and discharge. Enlisted  
Served over a year - I was in siege of Vicksburg - Stayed in
  10. What was the letter of your company, number of battalion, regiment or battery?  
Company G - 2nd Texas Infantry.
- Give the name of your colonel, lieutenant-colonel and major A. Smith - Colonel - (IX)
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 - A Volunteer

15. What is the assessed value of your home, if you own a home? \$ 1000.00

16. What is the assessed value of your other property? \$ 680.00

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.) John W Brown

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 20 day of April, A. D. 1915

E. V. Swift

County Judge Anderson County, Texas.

[Seal.]

### 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 E. T. McCain + M. H. Hardman

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

John W. Brown, the above named applicant for a pension, and that they personally know that the said John W. Brown 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) E. T. McCain

(Signature of Witness) M. H. Hardman

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 20 day of April, A. D. 1915

E. V. Swift

County Judge Anderson County, Texas.

[Seal.]

### AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESSES

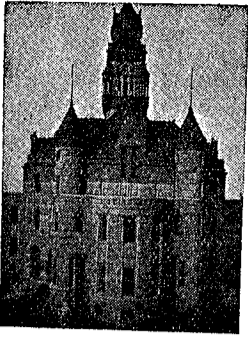
(If possible the two witnesses should have served with the applicant in the army, and if so, let them, or either, state it in their oath, their source of knowledge; also any information regarding applicant's army service.)

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-





Office of

County Judge of Wise County

J. W. Walker, Judge

Decatur, Texas, \_\_\_\_\_ 191\_\_\_\_\_

now comes Robert H. Beall. well known  
to me to be a credible person - proposes  
and says. That he ~~was~~ is well and personally  
acquainted with John W Brown and has been  
for the last 60 years. was with him in  
the confederate army. the affiant further  
states that he the said John W Brown  
on or about 15 day of May 1864 joined  
the army. that the affiant further states  
that he served with the said John W Brown  
served in same Co & Regiment which was  
Co. G. 2<sup>nd</sup> Texas Infantry the captain of  
our Co C C Mc Girtis Colonel.  
as well Smith we was disbanded  
at Galveston Texas about the 15 day of  
May - 1865

R. H. Beall

Subscribed and Sworn to before  
me this the 15 day of Jan 1915

J. W. Walker  
Co Judge  
Wise Co Tex

10/27/1917

Mr. Frank Bolt,  
Burnet, Texas.  
% F. H. Hammond,

My dear Sir:-

Be glad to acknowledge receipt of your oath of 22nd  
inst., informing me of the death of Confederate Pensioner,  
A. R. Brooks, Burnet County, # 31268.

That application for Mortuary Warrant might be properly  
presented, I am inclosing partly filled application and affidavit  
to be used for this purpose.

I shall be pleased to serve you further,

Yours truly,

J. C. Jones,

Commissioner



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Copy filed

EX-PARTE

*John H. Brown*  
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 *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 of *his* 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 *Anderson* and State of Texas, which *his* is a bona fide resident.

*John H. Brown*  
(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 *John H. Brown* who  
\_\_\_\_\_ is an applicant for pension under Act of March 26, 1909?
- INT. 3. How long had you known the said *John H. Brown*  
and when and where did you first know him?
- INT. 4. Do you personally know that the said *Brown*  
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 *Brown*  
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 *Brown*  
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 *John H. Brown* 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 *John H. Brown* 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 *John H. Brown* 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 *John H. Brown* serving in the same company or regiment, or special  
service in which you say the said *John H. Brown* enlisted, if you have stated that said  
*John H. Brown* 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 John W. Brown 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 John W. Brown 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 John W. Brown is the identical person serving as testified by you?

CROSS INT. 3. Do you know whether or not the said John W. Brown 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 John W. Brown 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.

John W. Brown

(Applicant) Attorney for Appellant.

In Re

Application for Confederate Pension

Pension

FOR USE OF SOLDIERS OR WIDOWS

County, Texas

Pending before the County Judge of said County

EX-PARTE

Applicant.

INTERROGATORIES

propounded to

Witnesses.



OFFICE OF  
COMMISSIONER OF PENSIONS  
STATE OF TEXAS  
AUSTIN

J. C. JONES, COMMISSIONER

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To the Adjutant General,

War Department,

Washington, D. C.

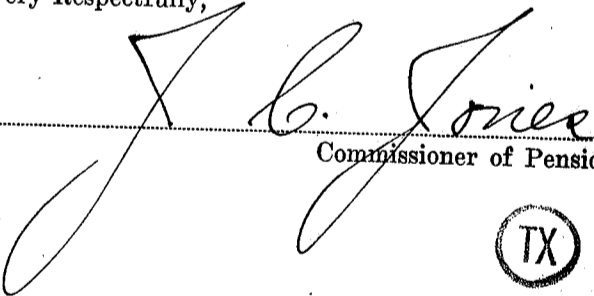
Dear Sir:

I have the honor to request the military record of John W. Brown who is  
reported to have enlisted in Company G, Regiment 2 Texas Infantry  
Col. A. Smith,

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,

  
Commissioner of Pensions.



WAR DEPARTMENT,  
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

WASHINGTON, May 11, 1915.

Respectfully returned to the  
Commissioner of Pensions,  
State of Texas, Austin.

The records show that John W. Brown, private, Company G, 2d Texas Infantry, C.S.A., enlisted April 25, 1864. On April 8, 1865, he asked to be relieved from detail duty as guard on wharf and returned to his company. No later record of him has been found.

*H. J. McLean*  
The Adjutant General.

DEPOSITION IN PENSION CLAIMS, with Caption and Certificates.

160-1212-500

EX PARTE

IN RE APPLICANT for CONFEDERATE PENSION

Under Act March 26, 1909, pending

John W. Brown

Applicant for Confederate Pension.

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

Answers and depositions of (1) J. M. Daniel, aged 76, resides near Harmony Texas, Burleson Co. P.O. Caldwell

to the accompanying interrogations (2) and Cross Interrogatories propounded to him in the above entitled cause taken before (3) W. M. Belliard Co Judge in accordance with the accompanying (7) Agreement To the first interrogatory the said J. M. Daniel

Witness, answers

J. M. Daniel, aged 76, resides near Harmony Burleson Co. P.O. Caldwell

No. 2. Yes I knew John W. Brown

No. 3. I first knew him when he joined my Co. at Galveston, more than 12 months before the close of the war.

No. 4. Yes; he served more than a year.

No. 5. Yes. He enlisted in Co. G. 2nd Texas Infy. Somewhere about the first of 1864 and served to the end of the war. At Galveston. More than a year.

No. 6. He was a Private.

No. 7. No special duty. Just the usual duties of a soldier.

Answers to Cross Inty. No. 1. I was a member of the same Company at the time he joined and served with him until the close of the war. I knew of no other John W. Brown in the said Company. Cross Inty. No. 2 he answers; Yes. Cross Inty No. 3 he answers; Yes.

Cross Inty No. 4, he answers; No.

(IX)

J M Daniel

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 30th day of March, 1915  
W. M. Hilliard Co. Judge  
Burleson County Texas

THE STATE OF Texas  
County of Burleson } I, W. M. Hilliard County  
Judge of Burleson County } (Here give name and official character of officer before whom taken)  
is do hereby certify that J. M. Daniels  
County and State, and that the foregoing answers of J. M. Daniels  
personally known to me to be credible citizens of said  
County and State, and that the foregoing answers of J. M. Daniels  
the witness \_\_\_\_\_ before named, and

whose name appears signed to the foregoing deposition, were made before  
me and were sworn to and subscribed before me, by said witness (4) J. M. Daniels

Given under my hand and official seal, this the 30th day of March, 1915  
W. M. Hilliard County Judge  
Burleson County Texas  
(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 \_\_\_\_\_, 1915

Clerk.

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

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

Lined area for deposition text.

- (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.

