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FORM NO. 1—AMENDED
OCTOBER 1, 1902

Confederate Pension Application

Name of Applicant

John L. Morrison
Anderson County,

Postoffice

Mechee

Comptroller's File No.

11784

I have ~~examined~~ *examined* the within application for pension, together with the proof in support thereof, and I recommend that the application be *approved*

SEP 25 1906

this day of

A. D.

S. A. Garner
Chief Pension Clerk

I herewith ~~approve~~ *approve* within application for pension, this day of

A. D.
Comptroller

No Application Rejected by County Judge or County Commissioners Should Be Forwarded to Comptroller

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NOTE—The law provides that pensions can begin only on the first day of April and October of each year.

FORM No. 1. Amended October 1, 1902.

APPLICATION of Indigent Soldier or Sailor of the late Confederacy for pension under the Act of May 12, 1899. Hereafter use no blank but this.

THE STATE OF TEXAS, }
 COUNTY OF Anderson }

To the Honorable County Judge of Anderson County, Texas.

Your petitioner, Jno. J. Harrison respectfully represents that he is a resident citizen of Anderson County, in the State of Texas, and that he makes this application for the purpose of obtaining a pension under the act passed by the Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Texas, and approved May 12, A. D. 1899, the same being an act entitled "An act to carry into effect the amendment to the Constitution of the State of Texas, providing that aid may be granted to disabled and dependent Confederate soldiers, sailors, and their widows under certain conditions, and to make an appropriation therefor," and I do solemnly swear that the answers I have given to the following questions are true.

NOTE—Applicant must make answer to all of the following questions, and such answers must be written out plainly in ink.

- Q. What is your name? Answer Jno. J. Harrison
- Q. What is your age? Answer 61 years
- Q. In what County do you reside? Answer Anderson
- Q. How long have you resided in said County and what is your postoffice address? Answer Lived in Co. 4 years. P.O. address, Nechea.
- Q. Have you applied for a pension under the Confederate Pension Law heretofore, and been rejected? If so, state when and where. Answer No
- Q. What is your occupation if able to engage in one? Answer Farming
- Q. What is your physical condition? Answer Rheumatic
- Q. If your physical condition is such that you are unable by your own labor to earn a support, state what caused such disability. Answer Rheumatism
- Q. In what State was your command originally organized? Answer Texas
- Q. How long did you serve? Give date of enlistment and discharge. Answer Served about 2 yrs. Enlisted Summer 1863. Served to the end of war
- Q. What was the name or letter of your company and name or number of your regiment? Answer Company "A" Border's Regiment
- Q. State whether you served in the infantry, artillery, cavalry, or the navy. Answer Cavalry
- Q. State whether or not you have received any pension or veteran donation land certificate under any previous law, and if you answer in the affirmative state what pension or veteran donation land certificate you have received. Answer No
- Q. What real and personal property do you now own, and what is the present value of such property? Give list of such property and value. Answer 2 mules, 1 cow, 1 calf all valued at \$60.00

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Q. What property, and what was the value thereof, have you sold or conveyed within two years prior to the date of this application? Answer None

Q. What estate has your wife in her own right, real and personal, and what is its value? Answer None

Q. What income, if any, do you receive? Answer None

Q. Are you in indigent circumstances; that is, are you in actual want, and destitute of property and means of subsistence? Answer Yes, with the exception of the property enumerated above

Q. Are you unable by your labor to earn a support? Answer Yes

Q. Have you transferred to others any property of value of any kind for the purpose of becoming a beneficiary under this law? Answer No

Q. Did you ever desert the Confederacy? Answer No

Q. Have you been continuously since the first day of January, 1880, a bona fide resident citizen of this State? Answer Yes

Q. If you originally enlisted in the Confederate service from the State of Texas, were you at the date of passage of this act a bona fide resident citizen of the State of Texas? Answer Yes

Wherefore your petitioner prays that his application for pension be approved and that such other proceedings be had in the premises as required by law.

(Signature of Applicant) J. J. Harrison

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 6th day of April, A. D. 1906

(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 [Signature]

County Judge of Anderson County, State of Texas, on this day personally appeared

J. R. Harrison and E. D. McGe

who are personally known to me to be credible citizens, who being by me duly sworn on oath, state that they personally know Jos J Harrison the above named applicant for a pension,

and that they personally know that the said Jos J Harrison is unable to support himself by labor of any sort.

(Signature of Witness) J. R. Harrison

(Signature of Witness) E. D. McGe

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 3 day of July, A. D. 1906

(SEAL.)

County Judge Anderson County, Texas.

PROOF OF SERVICE MUST NOT BE MADE A PART OF THIS AFFIDAVIT

AFFIDAVIT OF PHYSICIAN

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

COUNTY OF Anderson } Before me R. E. Erwin

County Judge of Anderson Co. County, State of Texas, on this day personally appeared

J. J. Seal M.D. who is a reputable practicing physician of this County, who being by

me duly sworn on oath, states that he has carefully and thoroughly examined Mr. John J. Harrison applicant for a pension, and finds him laboring under the following disabilities which render him unable to labor at any work or calling sufficient to earn a support for himself: Rheumatism in lower limbs not able to walk or labor

(Signature of Physician) J. J. Seal M.D.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 14 day of July A. D. 1906

(SEAL)

County Judge Anderson County, State of Texas.

CERTIFICATE OF COUNTY JUDGE

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

COUNTY OF Anderson } I, R. E. Erwin

County Judge of Anderson County, State of Texas, do hereby certify that on the 6th day of April A. D. 1906

before me came on to be heard the application of J. J. Harrison for a pension under the Confederate Pension Law of this State, Approved May 12, A. D. 1899; that the answers of said applicant to the questions propounded were made under oath as the same appear in writing in the foregoing application; that the affidavits of the witnesses who are credible citizens were made before me as the same hereinbefore appear, and that the foregoing affidavit of Doctor J. J. Seal who is a reputable practicing physician of this county, was made before me. I also certify that the said applicant J. J. Harrison is not an inmate of the Texas Confederate Home, nor otherwise disqualified under the provision of Section 12, of the Confederate Pension Law. I further certify that after considering all the proceedings had before me relative to the said application for a pension by the said J. J. Harrison I find the said applicant is lawfully entitled to the pension provided by the Confederate Pension Law of this State, and I hereby approve said application.

Witness my hand and seal of office at Palestine this 11th day of August A. D. 1906

(SEAL)

County Judge Anderson County, State of Texas.

CERTIFICATE OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

THE STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF Anderson } We, the undersigned members of the Commissioners Court of Anderson County, Texas, hereby certify that the foregoing application of

J. J. Harrison for a pension, together with the proof in support thereof, was duly submitted by Hon. R. E. Erwin County Judge of this Anderson County,

to the Commissioners of this Anderson County, at a regular term thereof on the day of A. D. and after a careful consideration of the same we find the said applicant is lawfully entitled to the pension provided for by the Confederate Pension Law of this State, and we hereby approve said application.

Witness our hands and seal of office at Palestine this 13 day of Aug A. D. 1906

(SEAL)

(Signature of Commissioners) J. J. Gresh, W. N. Herringford, W. M. Brown



*R. A. Tatum
Baxter Ragsdale*

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 30th day of June A D 1906. ~~XXXX~~

M. L. Earle

Notary Public, Cherokee County, Texas.

THE STATE OF TEXAS,)

County of Cherokee)

I, M. L. Earle, a Notary Public in and
(Here give name and official character of officer before whom taken.)

for Cherokee County, Texas, do hereby certify that ~~R. A. Tatum~~
and ~~Baxter Ragsdale~~ are personally known to me to be credible citizens of said
County and State, and that the foregoing answers of the said R. A. Tatum and Baxter Ragsdale,
the witnesses before named,

~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ and whose genuine
signatures & names ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ appear signed to the foregoing deposition, were made before me,
and were sworn to and subscribed before me, by said ~~witnesses~~ witnesses respectively, on the 30th
day of June A D 1906.

Given under my hand and official seal, this the 30th day of June A D 1906. ~~XXXX~~

(L. S.)

M. L. Earle

Notary Public, Cherokee County, Texas.

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

File No. _____

In the Commissioners Court

OF

Anderson
County, Texas.
Before the Honorable County Judge of Said County.

EX PARTE

J. J. Harrison
Applicant for Confederate Pension.

DEPOSITION
OF

*R. A. Tatum
Baxter Ragsdale*
Witnesses for Applicant.

Filed the _____ day

of _____ 1 _____

By _____ Clerk.

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.

Baxter Ragsdale's Answers.

To the first interrogatory the witness Baxter Ragsdale answers;

My name is Baxter Ragsdale. I am 61 years of age. and my present residence and post office address is Jacksonville, in Cherokee County, Texas.

To 2nd interrogatory he answers: Yes, I personally know John J. Harrison, the applicant.

To 3rd interrogatory he answers:

I have known John J. Harrison personally ever since 1863. I first got acquainted with him in the town of Rusk, in Cherokee County, Texas, in 1863 when we enlisted in the army.

To 4th interrogatory he answers: Yes, I personally know that John J. Harrison enlisted in the Confederate army, and served as a soldier,

To 5th interrogatory he answers: He enlisted and served in Captain Dan Egbert's Company, and John P. Border's Regiment. He enlisted in 1863 and served on the coasts of Texas, from the date of his enlistment until the close of the war in 1865.

To 6th interrogatory he answers: I cannot say whether John J. Harrison is able to support himself by labor of any sort at present, as he now lives out of my neighborhood.

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EX PARTE

Pending in the Honorable Commissioners Court of

Anderson County, Texas,

before the Honorable County Judge of said County.

Geo J Harrison
Applicant for Confederate Pension.

The Honorable County Judge of *Anderson* 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 *R. A. Tatum* and *Bartley Raymond* who reside in the County of *Cherokee* 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 to his claim for a pension under the Act of May 12, 1899, 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 can not be proven by any witness residing in the County of *Anderson* and State of Texas, of which he is a bona fide resident.

J. J. Harrison
(Applicant) Attorney for Applicant.

Direct Interrogatories to be Propounded to the Witnesses.

R. A. Tatum and Bartley Raymond

- 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 *Geo J Harrison* who is an applicant for pension under Act of May 12, 1899?
- INT. 3. How long have you known the said *Geo J Harrison* applicant for pension and when and where did you first know him?
- INT. 4. Do you personally know that the said *Geo J Harrison* applicant for pension 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 *Geo J Harrison* applicant 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 further know that *Geo J Harrison* the said applicant for pension, is unable to support himself by labor of any sort?

CROSS INTERROGATORIES.

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TO BE PROPOUNDED TO *Murray*

CROSS INTERROGATORY 1. If in answer to the foregoing direct interrogatories, you have stated that you personally know or did know said applicant, 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 in which applicant 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 in which you say the said applicant _____ enlisted, or if you have stated that said applicant enlisted and served in the navy of the Confederacy, then state whether or not you

know any other sailor of the same name as said applicant serving in the same command.

If you say that you so knew other soldiers or sailors of the same name of applicant's, 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 applicant for pension, is the identical person serving as testified by you?

Cross INT. 3. If you have answered Direct Interrogatory No. 6 in the affirmative, then please state your source of knowledge or information. Is not this your answer simply based on conjecture?

Cross INT. 4. Do you know whether or not the said applicant for pension, ever deserted the service in the Confederate army or navy?

THE STATE OF TEXAS,)
COUNTY OF Anderson

I, R. G. Guerin 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.

R. G. Guerin
County Judge, Anderson County, Texas.

J. J. Harrison
(Applicant) Attorney for Applicant.

IN RE
APPLICATION FOR CONFEDERATE
PENSION.

IN COMMISSIONERS COURT,

County, Texas,

Pending before County Judge of said County.

EX PARTE

Applicant.

INTERROGATORIES
PROPOUNDED TO

Witnesses.