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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 his 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.)

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FORM A.  
June 24 1917  
Accepted  
Soldier's Application for  
a Pension  
Filed June 24 - 1917

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

Name of Applicant.

S. N. Stearns

Stewart County

Postoffice

Steele City

Filed

June 2 - 1917

Approved

JUN 7 1917

Pension allowed from June 1 - 1917

Rejected

J. C. Howard,  
Commissioner of Pensions.

Greenville Printing Co.

(Seal)

County Judge, County, Texas

CERTIFICATE OF STATE AND COUNTY ASSESSOR

I, *W. H. ...* State and County Assessor in the County of *Stewart*, State of Texas, do certify that *S. N. Stearns* or his wife or his trustee or trustee for his wife, whose name is added to the foregoing application for a pension under the Act of the Thirty-third Legislature, approved April 7 1913 is charged on the tax rolls of said county with a home and of other property, real or personal, or both, of the value of *\$1000* Dollars. Given under my hand this *11* day of *June*, A. D. 1917.

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13. If commissioned direct by the President, what was your rank and line of duty? ..... A. MAJOR

..... *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? .....

15. What is the assessed value of your home, if you own a home? ... *\$ 6,000.00* .....

16. What is the assessed value of your other property? ... *Personal property* .....

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) *S. N. Hammer*

Sworn to and subscribed before me this *28* day of *May*, A. D. 19*17*

(Seal.) County Judge *Hunt* County, Texas

**AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESSES.**

(Note.)—There must be at least two credible witnesses.

**The State of Texas**

County of *Hunt*

Before me *A. J. Gates* County Judge of *Hunt* County, State of Texas,

on this day personally appeared *J. W. Manning and L. J. Allen*

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

*S. N. Hammer*, the above named applicant for a pension, and that they personally know that the said *S. N. Hammer* 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) *J. W. Manning*

(Signature of Witness) *L. J. Allen*

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this *28* day of *May*, A. D. 19*17*

(Seal.) County Judge *Hunt* 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 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



The State of Texas,  
County of Hunt.

Evidence to Perpetuate and Establish the identity and the right of Sanford Newton  
Hammer, a Confederate Veteran, to a Pension under the Laws of the State of Texas, Acts 1909.  
Evidence of W. H. B. Holmes

INT. 1. What is your name? Age? Present place of residence and postoffice address?

ANS. W. H. B. Holmes 70 Honey Grove  
Honey Grove

INT. 2. Do you personally know, or did you at any time know Sanford Newton

ANS. Hammer yes

INT. 3. How long have you known the said Hammer since 1863  
and when and where did you first know him? How long has he resided in Texas, and where has he so  
resided?

ANS. First knew him in Hunt County Texas 1863  
lived always in Hunt County Texas 1863

INT. 4. Do you personally know that the said Sanford Newton Hammer  
enlisted in the service of the Confederacy, and performed the duties of a soldier or a sailor?

ANS. Yes I do. he performed the duties  
of a Confederate Soldier

INT. 5. Do you personally know in what Company and Regiment the said Hammer

enlisted and served in the Confederate army? When? Where?  
And the time of service? If you personally know and so have stated that he enlisted and served in the  
Confederate navy, then state: When? Where? And how long he served?

ANS. Served in Confederate Army enlisted in  
Oct 1864 from 1864 to close of war in 1865  
based in the Army on the frontier of Texas  
about Brownsville Texas

INT. 6. Do you personally know that the said Hammer  
was commissioned as an officer directly by the President of the Confederate States? What was his rank  
and line of duty? was a Private in Rank Co.

ANS. was a Private in Rank  
all the time



INT. 7. Do you further know if the said Sanford Newton Hammer  
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?

ANS. never served on as a Private  
Soldier in Rank





The State of Texas,  
County of Hunt

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Hammer, a Confederate Veteran, to a Pension under the Laws of the State of Texas, Acts 1909.

Evidence of J. J. Oyle

INT. 1. What is your name? Age? Present place of residence and postoffice address?

ANS. J. J. Oyle Ladonia Texas Post office Ladonia Texas

INT. 2. Do you personally know, or did you at any time know Sanford Newton Hammer

ANS. I do personally know Sanford Newton Hammer

INT. 3. How long have you known the said Sanford Newton Hammer since 1862  
and when and where did you first know him? How long has he resided in Texas, and where has he so  
resided?

ANS. in Hunt County Texas first knew him in Hunt County  
Texas in 1862

INT. 4. Do you personally know that the said Hammer  
enlisted in the service of the Confederacy, and performed the duties of a soldier of a battery

ANS. Yes I do

INT. 5. Do you personally know in what Company and Regiment the said Hammer  
enlisted and served in the Confederate army? When? Where?  
And the time of service? If you personally know and so have stated that he enlisted and served in the  
Confederate navy, then state: When? Where? And how long he served?

ANS. Yes enlisted in Capt. Jim White's Company in  
1864 to the close of the war in 1865

INT. 6. Do you personally know that the said Hammer was commissioned as an officer directly by the President of the Confederate States? What was his rank  
and line of duty? Enlisted and served as a Private Soldier

ANS.



INT. 7. Do you further know if the said Hammer  
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?

ANS. he was not

INT. 8. I J. Pyle further make oath to the following statement: (State fully the source of knowledge.)

ANS. I first knew Wassmer in 1861 or 1862 have been personally and intimately acquainted with him ever since and belonged to the same company with him.

I further state that the said Samuel Newton Wassmer is the same Man Wassmer was known as (X) Newton Ladd the name of his step father.

Witnesses:

J. Pyle

THE STATE OF TEXAS

County of Hunt Hamm

Before me E. H. Wassmer in and for Hunt County, Texas, on this day personally appeared J. Pyle whose name is subscribed to the foregoing statement, and who is known to me to be a credible person who being by me duly sworn, on oath states that the above and foregoing statements are true.

E. H. Wassmer  
Notary Public in and for Hunt County, Texas

Evidence of

to Establish the right of

to a Pension under the Laws of Texas.

THE STATE OF TEXAS

The State of Texas, }  
County of Hunt.

Evidence to Perpetuate and Establish the identity and the right of J.R.Methvin  
a Confederate Veteran, to a Pension under the Laws of the State of Texas, Acts 1909.

Evidence of Fred Endy

INT. 1. What is your name? Age? Present place of residence and postoffice address?

ANS. Fred Endy, 73 years old, Greenville Hunt County Texas,

INT. 2. Do you personally know, or did you at any time know J.R.Methvin

ANS. I knew him first in 1861, I know him now, he is present at this time.

INT. 3. How long have you known the said since 1861  
and when and where did you first know him? How long has he resided in Texas, and where has he so resided?

ANS. He has resided in Texas, ever since the war,

INT. 4. Do you personally know that the said J.R.Methvin enlisted in the service of the Confederacy, and performed the duties of a soldier or a sailor?

ANS. Yes, I know he enlisted and served about 4 years as a soldier

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INT. 5. Do you personally know in what Company and Regiment the said ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~,  
J.R.Methvin enlisted and served in the Confederate army? When? Where? And the time of service? If you personally know and so have stated that he enlisted and served in the Confederate navy, then state: When? Where? And how long he served?

ANS. I first met him at Ft. Washita Indian Ter, I am told he joined at Honey Grove under Capt. Piner.

INT. 6. Do you personally know that the said J.R.Methvin was commissioned as an officer directly by the President of the Confederate States? What was his rank and line of duty?

ANS. He was orderly Sargent Co. C. Taylors Reg, afterwards Stephens Reg



INT. 7. Do you further know if the said J.R.Methvin 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?

ANS. Dont think he was,

INT. 8. I Fred Ende further make oath to the following statement: (State fully the source of knowledge.)

ANS. I know that Joe R. Methvin served with our Reg. ~~from 1901 to the time~~ <sup>at least 2 years</sup> during of the war, to the best of my knowledge and belief

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Q. Do you personally know the said J. R. Methvin?

ANS. I know the said J. R. Methvin was a Confederate Veteran, and he served in the Confederate Army, and he served in the Confederate Army, and he served in the Confederate Army.

THE STATE OF TEXAS  
County of Hunt

Before me A. J. Yates in and for Hunt County, Texas, on this day personally appeared Fred Ende whose name is subscribed to the foregoing statement, and who is known to me to be a credible person who being by me duly sworn, on oath states that the above and foregoing statements are true.

A. J. Yates County Judge  
in and for Hunt County, Texas

Q. How long have you known the said J. R. Methvin?

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|             | to a Pension under the Laws of Texas. | <u>J. R. Methvin</u> |

The State of Texas, }  
County of Hunt.

Evidence to Perpetuate and Establish the identity and the right of J.R.Methvin  
....., a Confederate Veteran, to a Pension under the Laws of the State of Texas, Acts 1909.

Evidence of W.M.Arnold.

INT. 1. What is your name? Age? Present place of residence and postoffice address?

ANS. W.M.Arnold, 79 years old, Greenville Texas.

INT. 2. Do you personally know, or did you at any time know J.R.Methvin

ANS. I first knew him in 1861 and have known him since, he is present now.

INT. 3. How long have you known the said ~~XXXXXXXX~~ J.R.Methvin and when and where did you first know him? How long has he resided in Texas, and where has he resided?

ANS. I knew him first in Texas about 1861. He came back to Texas after the war and has since lived here.

INT. 4. Do you personally know that the said J.R.Methvin enlisted in the service of the Confederacy, and performed the duties of a soldier or a sailor?

ANS. Yes, I know he served as much as 3 years or more in the Confederate army.

THE STYLE OF TEXAS?

INT. 5. Do you personally know in what Company and Regiment the said J.R.Methvin enlisted and served in the Confederate army? When? Where? And the time of service? If you personally know and so have stated that he enlisted and served in the Confederate navy, then state: When? Where? And how long he served?

ANS. He enlisted in Co. C. J.W.Piner. Captain, Taylors Reg. afterwards Stephens Reg.

INT. 6. Do you personally know that the said J.R.Methvin was commissioned as an officer directly by the President of the Confederate States? What was his rank and line of duty?

ANS. I think he was orderly Sargeant in Co. C.



INT. 7. Do you further know if the said J.R.Methvin 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?

ANS. I dont know.

**WAR DEPARTMENT,**

**THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,**

2587539 WASHINGTON, May 2, 1917.

Respectfully returned to

Hon. Sam Rayburn,  
House of Representatives.

The name S. N. Hammer, has not been found on the rolls on file in this office of Gidding's Battalion, Texas Cavalry. The records show, however, that Newton Ladd was a private of Captain White's Company, Gidding's Battalion, Texas Cavalry, C.S.A., and that he was surrendered at New Orleans, La., May 26, 1865. The date of his enlistment has not been found of record.

*H. J. Williams*  
The Adjutant General.



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SAM RAYBURN  
4TH DISTRICT TEXAS

GOBER GIBSON  
SECRETARY

House of Representatives U. S.

Washington, D. C.

May 3- 1917.

Mr. S. N. Hammer,  
Route 4,  
Wolfe City, Texas.

My Dear Friend:

I received a letter from our mutual friend Mr. J. W. Manning a few days ago saying that you would like to know how your name appears on the army rolls here. I have just received the enclosed letter from the War Department, Adjutant General's office, which I hope will give you the information desired.

With best wishes, and hoping to be of service to you at all times, I am

Sincerely yours,

  
*Sam Rayburn*

Feb. 15th, 1926.

Mrs. Hattie Hammer,  
520 N. Magnolia St.,  
Palestine, Texas.

Dear Madam:

I am in receipt of your application for confederate pension but cannot approve same on account of your age which is shown in application to be 46 years.

The pension laws of this State require that a widow applicant must have been born prior to the close of the year 1861 to be eligible for confederate pension. Your age as shown in application indicates that you were born much later than the close of the year 1861 and unless affidavits are filed correcting this information application must be rejected.

I regret my inability to approve your application at this time but same will be kept on file in this office and may be renewed at any time in the future should the pension laws of this State be amended so as to permit the approval of same.

Yours very truly,

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219 East Park Ave.  
Palestine, Tex.  
June 29, 1958

State Comptroller  
Comptroller Department  
Capital Station  
Austin, Texas

Dear Sir,

I am the widow of the late Sanford Newton Hammer (pensioner) and desire the following information concerning his military record during the Civil War.

1. Date entered service
2. Service number
3. Date separated from active service
4. Grade, rank, or rating, organization and branch of service.

I would appreciate this information as soon as is possible.

Yours truly,  
*Hattie Mae Hammer*

Mrs. Hattie Mae Hammer  
(Mrs. S. N. Hammer)

July 2, 1958

Mrs. Hattie May Hammer  
219 East Park Avenue  
Palestine, Texas

Dear Mrs. Hammer:

S. N. Hammer or S. N. Hammer, Deceased  
Confederate Soldier, Pension File No.  
34208 Hunt County, Texas.

The records of this office show S. N. Hammer of Hunt County, Wolfe City, Texas, executed an application for Confederate Pension in Texas, May 28, 1917. At that time he stated he was 70 years of age. Date of birth not shown. Place of birth- Kentucky

S. N. Hammer stated his real name was Ladd and he was called Newton Ladd until he applied for a marriage license and it was required that he give his true name. He went into the service under the name of his stepfather. After the war he was known as Hammer.

Hammer stated in his application for pension that he enlisted either in 1863 or 1864 in White's Company, Gidding's Battalion, Texas Cavalry, Confederate States Army. Date of discharge is not stated.

The application for pension of Mr. S. N. Hammer was approved on affidavits and on report from the office of the Adjutant General, War Department, Washington, D. C. The report follows:

"The name of S. N. Hammer, has not been found on the rolls on file in this office of Gidding's Battalion, Texas Cavalry. The records show, however, that Newton Ladd was a private of Captain White's Company, Giddings Battalion, Texas Cavalry, C. S. A., and that he was surrendered at New Orleans, La., May 26, 1865. The date of his enlistment has not been found of record."

Service number is not given.

Yours very truly,

Robert S. Calvert  
Comptroller of Public Accounts

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