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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.

J. A. Sweet

Anderson County.

Postoffice

R# 1 - J. A. Sweet, Anderson

Filed

May 1st 1914

Approved

May 1st 1914

Pension allowed from

March 1st 1914

Rejected

*E. I. Steak*  
Commissioner of Pensions

E. I. Steak, Printing, Bookbinding, Austin  
Commissioner of Pensions

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FORM A

For Use of Soldiers Who Are In Indigent Circumstances

THE STATE OF TEXAS

County of Anderson

I, J. A. Guest do hereby make application to the Commissioner of Pensions for a pension to be granted me under the Act passed by the 53rd 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 at Richmond, Va. at time of surrender in 1865. I 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? 70 years
2. Where were you born? Tallahassee, Florida
3. How long have you resided in Texas? Since 1894. Continuously
4. In what county do you reside? Anderson County
5. How long have you resided in said county, and what is your postoffice address? For past 11 years; R # 1 - Brushy Creek, 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? Georgia
9. How long did you serve? Give, if possible, the date of enlistment and discharge. Enlisted Aug 26 - 1861 - and served until close of war
10. What was the letter of your company, number of battalion, regiment or battery? Company F, 26th Georgia TX
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? Own no home - Have no land at all.
- 16. What is the assessed value of your other property? \$200.00
- 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) J. A. Guest

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 1 day of Sept, A. D. 1914

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 G. M. Carroll & Abner Carroll, who are personally

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

J. A. Guest, the above named applicant for a pension, and that they personally know that the

said J. A. Guest 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) X G. M. Carroll X

(Signature of Witness) X Abner Carroll X

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 1 day of Sept, A. D. 1914

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 .....

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-



W. D. GRIFFIS  
ORDINARY  
PIERCE COUNTY  
BLACKSHEAR, GA.

Personally appeared before the undersigned  
Officer W. E. Riggins, who being sworn,  
says he was in the Civil War with J. A. August.  
he further says he and the said J. A. August  
was both in Company G, in the 26<sup>th</sup> Ga.  
Regiment that they both enlisted in Sept.  
1861, and served through the war together.

Sworn to before me  
the 19<sup>th</sup> day of Aug 1914  
W. D. Griffis Ordinary  
Pierce County Ga.

W. E. Riggins

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W. D. GRIFFIS  
ORDINARY  
PIERCE COUNTY  
BLACKSHEAR, GA.

Personally appeared before the undersigned  
officer, B. J. Guest, who being sworn,  
says he is the Brother of J. A. Guest,  
and to his knowledge the said J. A. Guest  
served in the civil war between the States,  
but does not remember in what branch  
of service.

B J Guest

Sworn to before me.  
the 19<sup>th</sup> day of August 1914

W. D. Griffis

Ordinary Pierce County

Ga.



**E. V. SWIFT**

Attorney-at-Law  
**COUNTY JUDGE**  
Anderson County



Palestine, Texas. Sept. 5th. 1914.

Hon. Geo. W. Keyser,  
Austin, Texas.

Dear Sir:

I herewith enclose pension application of Mr. J. A. Guest.  
I have known Mr. Guest some time and know him to be honest  
and trustworthy, and he can be depended upon. I join in recommending  
that his pension be granted.



Yours very truly,

E. V. Swift, Co. Judge.

May 28, 1957

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Mrs. Mabel Huckaby  
 Confederate Museum  
 Old Land Office Building  
 Austin, Texas

Dear Mrs. Huckaby: J. A. Guest, Deceased  
 Confederate Pensioner.  
 File No. 29079 Anderson Co.

The records show one J. A. Guest of Anderson County, Brushy Creek, Texas, filed application for Confederate Pension in Texas September 1, 1911. At that time he stated he was 70 years old - born in Florida. He had resided in Texas since 1891.

Mr. Guest stated he enlisted August 26, 1861 and served until the close of the war in 1865 in Company F, 26th Georgia Regiment of Infantry, C. S. A. He was at Richmond Va. at the time of the surrender and was honorably discharged.

The application for pension was approved on the affidavits of witnesses who claimed they had personal knowledge of the service of Mr. Guest in the above organization.

The date of death of Mr. Guest is not shown on the application for pension.

Yours very truly,

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Robert S. Calvert  
 Comptroller of Public Accounts

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