

31293

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.

Geo. M. Elrod

Anderson County.

R # 1 -
Postoffice *Bushy Creek, Tex.*

MAY 9 - 1915

Filed

Approved *May 17 1915*

Pension allowed from *Sept 1 1915*

Rejected

J. C. Jones
Commissioner of Pensions.

FORM A

2646-614-1M

For Use of Soldiers Who Are in Indigent Circumstances

THE STATE OF TEXAS

County of Anderson

I, Geo M. Elrod 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 Wp. disbanded in

Raleigh, N.C. - at close of war in 1865

(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? 80 years of age.
2. Where were you born? South Carolina
3. How long have you resided in Texas? Since 1866 - 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? Since 1866 continuously; P.O. is 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. Never applied before -
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? South Carolina
9. How long did you serve? Give, if possible, the date of enlistment and discharge. Enlisted Oct 1862 - and served until end of war in 1865
10. What was the letter of your company, number of battalion, regiment or battery? Company K - 6th South Carolina Cavalry - Aiken war camp Colonel - Butler's Brigade
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? Cavalry



- 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? 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.) Geo. M. Elrod

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 14 day of Nov, A. D. 1914

[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 H. L. Kelton & V. F. Dubore

known to me to be credible citizens, who, being by me duly sworn, on oath state that they personally know Geo. M. Elrod, the above named applicant for a pension, and that they personally know that the said Geo. M. Elrod 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) H. L. Kelton

(Signature of Witness) V. F. Dubore

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 14 day of Nov, A. D. 1914

[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-

Form for Answers

DEPOSITION IN PENSION CLAIMS, with Caption and Certificates.

729-510-1m

EX PARTE

Geo. M. Elrod

IN RE APPLICANT for CONFEDERATE PENSION

Under Act March 26, 1909, pending

in Anderson

Applicant for Confederate Pension.

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

Answers and depositions of (1) **My name is Elias F. Elrod, my present place of residence is Piedmont, Anderson County, my Post Office address is Piedmont, S. C.**

to the accompanying interrogations (2) **I personally know George M. Elrod, I knew him when he was a boy, while he lived with his parents in Anderson County, N.C. propounded to** in the above entitled cause taken before (3)

in accordance with the accompanying (7)

To the first interrogatory the said **Elias M. Elrod, states that he personally knows** Witness, answers **the applicant herein named George M. Elrod, and knew him from childhood, and while he lived with his parents near Piedmont, Anderson County.**

I personally know that the said George M. Elrod enlisted in the service of the Confederacy, and performed the duties of a soldier in said Confederate Army.

I personally know that he enlisted in Company "K" sixth South Carolina Cavalry and at Columbia, South Carolina, September 1862, served from this time to the close of the war, except while he was sick from wounds received during service.

He was never commissioned as an officer, he remained a private during his whole service.

I know that the said George M. Elrod, was not detailed under the provisions of the conscript law for any kind of service.



Fill in Certificate on Back

Cross interrogatories

- 1. - I was with him all the time,
I do not know any other Gen. M. Slack.
- 2. - Yes
- 3. - yes I do.
- 4. - No he never did shrink his duty

Witnesses begin here X G.M. Watson X
 Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 18th day of March, 1915-
 Judge or Notary Public John S. Wigginton

THE STATE OF South Carolina
 County of Anderson

I, John S. Wigginton, Notary Public,
 (here give name and official character of officer before whom taken)

do hereby certify that G. M. Watson
 and W. M. Watson are personally known to me to be credible citizens of said
 County and State, and that the foregoing answers of G. M. Watson
 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)

Given under my hand and official seal, this 18th day of March, 1915-
 (L. S.) John S. Wigginton
 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 _____, Deputy.

Fee for Taking Deposition, \$ _____

E. L. Steck, Printer, Bookbinding, Austin

Lined area for deposition text.

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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.

DEPOSITION IN PENSION CLAIM, with Caption and Certificates.

727-518-1m

Form for Answers

EX PARTE

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in Anderson

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Applicant for Confederate Pension.

Answers and depositions of (1)

to the accompanying interrogations (2)

propounded to in the above entitled cause taken before (3)

in accordance with the accompanying (7)

To the first interrogatory the said *G. M. Watson*

Witness, answers *G. M. Watson, 77 years, Easley, S. C. P. F. D. 4*

- 2, yes, he was a mess mate of mine in the army.*
- 3. I knew him at home before he volunteered for the war.*
- 4. I do.*
- 5. The Sifers regiment, Co. K. Capt. Huff, 6th Regiment, 1862, Adams Run, S. C. - until the end of the war.*
- 6. He was 2nd Sargent Co. K.*
- 7. No.*



Questions for you to answer

EX-PARTE

Geo. M. Elrod.

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 *S. C.* 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

Geo. M. Elrod
(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 *Geo. M. Elrod* who _____ is an applicant for pension under Act of March 26, 1909?
- INT. 3. How long had you known the said *Elrod* and when and where did you first know him?
- INT. 4. Do you personally know that the said *Geo. M. Elrod* 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 *Elrod* 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 *Elrod* 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 *Elrod* 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. In answer to the foregoing direct interrogatories, you have stated that you personally know or did know said *Geo. M. Elrod* 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 *Geo. M. Elrod* 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 *Geo. M. Elrod* serving in the same company or regiment, or special service in which you say the said *Geo. M. Elrod* enlisted, if you have stated that said *Geo. M. Elrod* 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 Geo M. Elrod 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 Geo M. Elrod 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 Geo M. Elrod is the identical person serving as testified by you?

CROSS INT. 3. Do you know whether or not the said Geo M. Elrod 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 Geo M. Elrod 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.

Geo. M. Elrod

(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.

Questions to be Answered

EX-PARTE
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Applicant for Confederate Pension.

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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.
Geo. M. Elrod
(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?
Bliss G. Elrod, Birmingham, Birmingham, S. C.
- INT. 2. Do you personally know, or did you at any time know *Geo. M. Elrod* who
_____ is an applicant for pension under Act of March 26, 1909? *yes.*
- INT. 3. How long had you known the said *Geo. M. Elrod*
and when and where did you first know him? *dec of life, knowing for long time, Anderson Co.*
- INT. 4. Do you personally know that the said *Elrod*
enlisted in the service of the Confederacy, and performed the duties of a soldier or a sailor? *I do*
- INT. 5. Do you personally know in what company and regiment the said *Elrod*
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? *both South Carolina Navy, 1862
Capt. at Columbia, S.C.*
- INT. 6. Do you personally know that _____
was commissioned as an officer directly by the President of the Confederate States? What was his rank
and line of duty? *Elrod He was only a private*
- INT. 7. Do you know further if *Elrod* _____ 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? *He was not
under the conscript law, was a volunteer soldier.*

CROSS INTERROGATORIES

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special service in which *Geo. M. Elrod* so enlisted and served, then please state fully what
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sailor by the name of *Geo. M. Elrod* serving in the same company or regiment, or special
service in which you say the said *Geo. M. Elrod* enlisted, if you have stated that said
Geo. M. Elrod 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 Gen. M. Elrod
 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 Gen. M. Elrod
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 County of Anderson

I, E. V. Swift, County Judge of said County, in said State,
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E. V. Swift
 County Judge, Anderson County, Texas.
Gen. M. Elrod
 (Applicant) Attorney for Appellant.

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County, Texas.

EX-PARTE

Applicant.

INTERROGATORIES
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Witnesses.

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AFFIDAVIT

2113-218-26N

Return this affidavit to J. C. Jones, Commissioner of Pensions, Austin, Texas, at once. (Please return before July 15, 1918.)

STATE OF TEXAS,

County of _____ ORIGINAL COUNTY ANDERSON
APPLICATION NO. 31293

This is to certify that I am the identical person to whom a pension has been granted under Articles 6267-6285, R. S. 1911, an Act approved April 7, 1913.

I also certify that the county in which my application was originally made and the file number of said application, according to the records in the office of the Commissioner of Pensions, are the same as given in the upper right-hand corner of this affidavit.

I further certify that the same conditions exist as did at the time my application for pension was made, that I do not own real or personal property to the value of One Thousand Dollars, exclusive of my homestead, the value of which does not exceed One Thousand Dollars; that my annual income, not including my pension, does not exceed Three Hundred Dollars; that I am a bona fide resident of the State of Texas, and that I am not an inmate of the Confederate Home.

I hereby certify that I am personally acquainted with the pensioner whose signature appears above and that the statements made by _____ are true and correct.
Signature of Pensioner.

Before me, the undersigned authority, personally appeared the above-named parties, well known to me, who state under oath that the statements hereing contained are true and correct.
Sworn to and subscribed before me this _____ day of _____ A. D. 1911.

(SEAL) PENSIONER'S NAME AND ADDRESS _____ in and for _____ County, Texas.

*This is to certify that the undersigned _____ are disinterested, credible witnesses and are in no wise related to the applicant whose signature is

affixed to the above statement; that the applicant resides in _____ County, Texas, P. O. _____ that the applicant is the identical person to whom a pension has been granted, and that the conditions which existed at the time of making said application and on which the pension was originally granted still exist; that the applicant signed the above statement in my presence.

Witness my hand this _____ day of _____ A. D. 1911.

Witnesses, {

Before me, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared _____ known to me to be one of the witnesses who signed the foregoing certificate, and on oath states that the statement of the pensioner above set out was made and signed in _____ presence, and that the statements contained therein are within the knowledge of affiant true and correct.

Sworn to and subscribed this _____ day of _____ A. D. 1911.

(SEAL) _____ Affiant.
in and for _____ County, Texas.

*To be filled out and executed in case applicant cannot go before an officer to make affidavit.
PENSIONER'S NAME AND ADDRESS. _____ Approved for \$ _____

Commissioner of Pensions.



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 Geo. M. Elrod. who is
reported to have enlisted in Company K, Regiment 6 S. Car. Cavalry
Col. Aiken Butlers Brigade.

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.

31293

WAR DEPARTMENT,

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

WASHINGTON. May 14, 1915.

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

The records show that George M. Elrod, private, Company K, 5th South Carolina Cavalry (Col. Aiken), C.S.A., aged 37 years, enlisted November 1, 1862. On roll for September and October, 1864, last on file, he was reported absent sick in hospital at Columbia, South Carolina. No later record of him has been found.

R. P. McLean

The Adjutant General.

S. W. ELROD

GENERAL MERCHANDISE AND DRUGS

ROUTE 4.



PALESTINE, TEXAS

6/4

1918

Mr J. C. James

Dear Sir

I am sending you
my fathers pension
check back; as my father
died April 13 1918; and I
am of many thanks
to you people and the
State of Texas; for the help
he got on his last days

Respectfully
S. W. Elrod



