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FORM NO. 1—AMENDED

OCTOBER 1, 1902

CONFEDERATE PENSION APPLICATION

Name of Applicant

W. G. Piddle

Anderson County

Post Office

Comptroller's File No. 13686

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

this day of

A. D.

E. A. Selmer
Chief Pension Clerk

APPROVE the 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 other blank but this.

THE STATE OF TEXAS

County of Anderson

To the Honorable County Judge of Anderson County, Texas:

Your petitioner W. S. Riddle 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 W. S. Riddle
- Q. What is your age? Answer 80 years of age
- Q. In what county do you reside? Answer Anderson County
- Q. How long have you resided in said county and what is your postoffice address? Answer 3 years, Montalba Tex
- 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 Weak from old age.
- 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 Old age & general disability
- Q. In what State was your command originally organized? Answer Texas
- Q. How long did you serve? Give date of enlistment and discharge. Answer About 4 years, Enlisted Oct. 1861 & served till close of war.
- Q. What was the name or letter of your company and name or number of your regiment? Answer Company "D" 11th Texas Cavalry
- 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 Received a land certificate after the close of the war, which I sold for \$15.00
- 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 1 horse \$40.00, 1 mule \$65.00, 1 cow & calf \$15.00, ~~baggage~~ Total \$120.00

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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 personal 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 the 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 are required by law.

(Signature of Applicant)

W. S. Riddle
August A. D. 1908
(P. Whinn)
Anderson

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 1st day of

[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 R. E. Erwin

County Judge of Anderson county, State of Texas, on this day personally appeared C. J.

who are personally known to me to be credible citizens, who, being by me duly sworn on oath, state that they personally know W. S. Riddle the above named applicant for a pension, and that they personally know that the said W. S. Riddle is unable to support himself by labor of any sort.

(Signature of Witness) C. J. Riddle

(Signature of Witness) R. H. Johnson

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 1st day of August A. D. 1908

[SEAL.]

County Judge Anderson County, Texas.

AFFIDAVIT OF PHYSICIAN.

THE STATE OF TEXAS

County of Anderson

Before me P. E. Ervin

County Judge of Anderson county, State of Texas, on this day personally appeared M. L. Austin

L. Austin, 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 W. S. Riddle

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:

Old age and general disability

(Signature of Physician) M. L. Austin M.D.

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 11th day of Aug A. D. 1908

[SEAL.]

P. E. Ervin
County Judge Anderson County, Texas.

CERTIFICATE OF COUNTY JUDGE.

THE STATE OF TEXAS

County of Anderson

I, P. E. Ervin

County Judge of Anderson county, State of Texas, do hereby certify that on the 12th

day of Aug, A. D. 1908, before me came on to be heard the application of W. S. Riddle

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 M. L. Austin

who is a reputable practicing physician of this county, was made before me. I also certify that the said applicant W. S. Riddle, 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 W. S. Riddle 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 Aug A. D. 1908

[SEAL.]

P. E. Ervin
County Judge Anderson County, 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 W. S. Riddle

for a pension, together with the proof in support thereof, was duly submitted by Hon. P. E. Ervin County Judge of this Anderson

county, to the commissioners of this Anderson county, at a regular term thereof on the 10 day of Aug, A. D. 1908, 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 12

day of Aug A. D. 1908

(Signature of Commissioners)

J. E. Nash
W. H. Farish
W. N. Herrington
W. M. Bonn

(TX)

[SEAL.]

Shens Texas.

March 27 1914

Mr J. C. Jones,
Commissioner, Pension,

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Auston Texas.

Dear Sir. You sent
me some blanks
in regard to Mr. W. S.
Riddle Pension.

Judge Owens did
not know rather to
fill them out or not
as you never stated
that he was intitled
to the march application
or not. I send me
information. Will
be obliged

Yours Reft

J. B. Miller.

Sell them out and send
them in

Yours truly

Commissioner of Railroads

9/30/10

Athens, Texas

March 20, 1916

Mr. J. C. Jones

Commissioner Pension

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Austin Texas

Dear Sir. Am asking
more for information
than anything else.

Ab. S. Riddle was
on the Pension list.

and lived with me
on his farm.

I saw his papers
about Sat. Jan 29, 1916.

was living at that time.
His pension never came.

He died Jan. 31, 1916.

Was he entitled to his
pension for much or

Was he or his nat
L. B. Miller

State of Texas *

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County of Titus * I, Seb F. Caldwell, Co. Judge in and for Titus County Texas, certify that J.O. JUSTISS and G.H. LOW gave answers to the foregoing answers commencing in their numerical order and answering one question at the time without know anything about the contents of any other question, and continueing in this manner until all questions were answered, that they each were first sworn before they gave answer to any question, that they subscribed with their own hands their names to their answers after having given the same, and the foregoing answers are the answers made by the said witnesses to the said interogatories.

Given under my hand and seal of office this Aug. 3rd. 1908.



County Judge Titus County
Texas.

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Ex Parte W.S.Riddle. * Pending In Com.Court
 App.for Confederate * and Co.Judge Anderson
 Pension. * County Texas.

In Obedience to the herewith attached Commission I have caused J.O.Justiss and G. H. Low to appear before me in person and give answer to the Interrogatories and Cross Interrogatories propounded to them.

J.O.Justiss being the first witness after having been first duly sworn by me gave answer as follows:
 To Inter.No.One.My Name is J.O.Justiss,My age is 65 years,my present place of residence is Titus County Texas,My P.O.address is Mt.Pleasant,Texas RFD.#1.
 To Inter.No.Two.Yes I knew W.S.Riddle.
 To Inter No.Three.I first knew W.S.Riddle In Titus County Texas,Several years before the Civil War.
 To Inter.No.Four.Yes I Know that W.S.Riddle enlisted in the service of the Confederacy and performed the duties of a soldier.
 To Inter.Five.W.S.Riddle enlisted in Co.I.11th.Texas My best recollection is that he enlisted in April 1861.He served in the Infantry, Cavalry,and Artillery during his service.his time of service was from date of his enlistment through the entire war.
 Inter No.Six.I have no knowledge with reference to whether this Applicant is able to earn a support by his personal labor.

J.O. Justiss

Subscribed and sworn to before me this Aug.3rd.1908.

W. C. Caldwell
 Co. Judge Titus
 Co. Texas

G.H.Caldwell being first duly sworn by me gives answer to the Interrogatories herewith attached as follows:
 To No One he answers,My Name is G.H.Caldwell,My age is 67,my present place of residence is Mt.Pleasant Texas,P.O.address same as residence.
 To No.Two.he answers.Yes I knew W.S.Riddle.
 To No Three he answers.I first knew W.S.Riddle in 1859 in Mt.Pleasant,Texas and I have known him since then.
 To Inter No Four.Yes I know that W.S.Riddle enlisted in the service of the Confederacy in the First Co. made up in this County.he performed the duties of a soldier.
 To Inter.No.Five.W.S.Riddle enlisted in In Co.I.11th Texas.In 1861,I am not clear now whether it was April or june,but I am very clear that he enlisted in the First Company that was organized in this county.He served from the time of enlistment through the war.
 Inter.No.6.He answers.I have no knowledge about W.S.Riddle's ability to work and earn a support.

G.H. Low

Subscribed and sworn to before me this Aug.3rd.1908.

W. C. Caldwell
 Co. Judge Titus Co. Texas.

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EX PARTE

W. S. Riddle
Applicant for Confederate Pension.

Pending in the Honorable Commissioners Court
of *Anderson* County, Texas,
before the Honorable County Judge of said County.

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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
and who reside ~~in~~ in the County of *Titus* 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~~ residing in the County of *Anderson* and State of Texas, of which he is a bona fide resident.

W. S. Riddle

(Applicant) Attorney for Applicant.

Direct Interrogatories to be propounded to the Witness.....

J. C. Justice's Ed G. McLeod

- INT. 1. What is your name? Age? Present place of residence and postoffice address? *W. S. Riddle*
- INT. 2. Do you personally know, or did you at any time know who
is an applicant for pension under Act of May 12, 1899? *W. S. Riddle*
- INT. 3. How long have you known the said applicant for pension
and when and where did you first know him? *W. S. Riddle*
- INT. 4. Do you personally know that the said applicant for pension
enlisted in the service of the Confederacy, and performed the duties of a soldier or a sailor? *W. S. Riddle*
- INT. 5. Do you personally know in what company and regiment the said
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? *W. S. Riddle*
- INT. 6. Do you further know that the said
applicant for pension, is unable to support himself by labor of any sort? *W. S. Riddle*

CROSS INTERROGATORIES.

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To be Propounded to *W. S. Riddle*

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 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, W. E. Brown

....., 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.

W. E. Brown
County Judge Anderson County, Texas.

W. S. Riddle
(Applicant) Attorney..... for Applicant.

In Re
Application for Confederate
Pension.

IN COMMISSIONERS' COURT,

Anderson
County, Texas,

Pending before County Judge of said County.

EX PARTE

Applicant.

INTERROGATORIES

PROPOUNDED TO

Witnesses.

C. D. OWEN
 COUNTY JUDGE HENDERSON COUNTY
 ATHENS, TEXAS

4/7/16,

Hon. J. C. Jones,
 Austin, Texas,

Dear Sir:

I herewith enclose blanks and return relative to Mr. W. B. Riddle, pensioner, who died Jan 31, 1916. Mr. Miller Son-in-law of Mr. Riddle thinks probably he would be entitled to draw the warrant due March 1st, 1916 and was your concerning same and was sent him total disability blanks. I did not understand your action and Mr. Miller called you again and you tell him again to fill out the disability blanks, and I still do not understand what you mean. Please write fully about this matter.

Yours truly,

C. D. Owen

OS Affidavit was signed Jan 22-1916

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Comptroller's Department

State of Texas

Austin

J. W. STEPHENS, COMPTROLLER
JOHN T. SMITH, CHIEF CLERKAdjutant General
To the Military Secretary,

War Department,

Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I have the honor to request the military record of
W. J. Riddle who is reported to have enlisted in
 Company *I*, *11th* Regiment *Texas Cavalry*
 in the service of the Confederate States army.

Purpose: The person above named is an applicant for a Confederate pension granted by this State, and I desire to verify his proof of service.

Very respectfully,

J. W. Stephens
 Comptroller



Address: "The Adjutant General,
War Department, Washington, D. C."

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WAR DEPARTMENT,

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

WASHINGTON, September 15, 1908.

Respectfully returned to the

Comptroller,
State of Texas,
Austin.

The records show that one W. S. Riddle, private, Company I, 11th Texas Cavalry, Confederate States Army, was enlisted October 2, 1861. On a roll of the company from November 1, 1863, to February 29, 1864, last on file, he is reported present.

The records also show that he was paroled at Talladega, Alabama, May 20, 1865, - date of capture not stated.



The Adjutant General.

(A. G. O. 72-1)

*Austin Texas
Sept 8. 08*

*W. S. Riddle
Co. I - 11 Texas Cav
C.S.A.*

*Texas - State of
B. M. Stephens Capt.*

*For record of service
in application for
State Pension.*

Received A. G. O. SEP 11 1908