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FORM NO. 1.

CONFEDERATE PENSION APPLICATION.

Name of Applicant,

J. M. Stearns

Aransas County.

Post Office

Aransas Pass

Comptroller's File No. 5128

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

I recommend that the application be

Approved

this 25 day of

A. D. 1900

Amos M. Priddy Pension Clerk.

I hereby approve the within application

pension this 25 day of

Jan 1900 A. D. 1900

Samuel D. McKinney Comptroller.

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

BAVERICK-CLARKE LITHO CO., SAN ANTONIO.

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APPLICATION of Indigent Soldier or Sailor of the late Confederacy for pension under the Act of May 12, 1899.

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

COUNTY OF Anderson

To the Honorable County Judge of Anderson County, Texas.

Your petitioner, J. W. Stevens 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 J. W. Stevens
- Q. What is your age? Answer 62 years
- Q. In what County do you reside? Answer Anderson County
- Q. How long have you resided in said County and what is your post office address? Answer 31 years
P. O. Palestine 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 Not able to engage in any
- Q. What is your physical condition? Answer Good except being totally blind
- 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 Loss of eye sight
- Q. State in what company and regiment you enlisted in the Confederate army, and the time of your service? Answer Company "E" 2nd Arkansas Infantry served 3 years
- Q. If you served in the Confederate navy state when and where, and the time of your service. Answer No
- 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 None
- 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 None except my household effects consisting of bedding and furniture value of about fifty dollars



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 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 I am

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

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

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) J. W. Stevens

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 3 day of August A. D. 1899

(SEAL)

G. W. Henderson
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, G. W. Henderson

County Judge of Anderson County, State of Texas, on this day personally appeared B. H. Gardner
and Ed Addington

who are personally known to me to be credible citizens, who being by me duly sworn on oath, state that they personally know J. W. Stevens the above named applicant for a pension, ~~and that they personally know that the said~~ J. W. Stevens enlisted in the service of the Confederacy, and performed the duties of a soldier (or sailor) as claimed by him in the above and foregoing application, and that they further know that he, the said applicant, is unable to support himself by labor of any sort.

(Signature of Witness) B. H. Gardner

(Signature of Witness) Ed Addington

(Signature of Witness) _____

(Signature of Witness) _____

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 10 day of October A. D. 1899

(SEAL)

G. W. Henderson
County Judge Anderson County, Texas.

AFFIDAVIT OF PHYSICIAN.

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

COUNTY OF Anderson

Before me

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

J. M. Colley, 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 J. W. Stevens

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:

He is about 63 years old - Physically sound in health except total blindness in both eyes which renders him unable to earn a livelihood at any vocation.

(Signature of Physician)

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 15th day of Nov A. D. 1899

(SEAL)

County Judge Anderson County, State of Texas.

CERTIFICATE OF COUNTY JUDGE.

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

COUNTY OF Anderson

I, G. W. Henderson

County Judge of Anderson County, State of Texas, do hereby certify that on the 15th

day of Nov A. D. 1899, before me, came on to be heard the application of

J. W. Stevens 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. M. Colley

who is a reputable practicing physician of this County, was made before me. I also certify that the said applicant

J. W. Stevens 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. W. Stevens 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 Texa this 15th

day of Nov A. D. 1899

(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. W. Stevens

for a pension, together with the proof in support thereof, was duly submitted

by Hon. G. W. Henderson County Judge of this Anderson

County, to the Commissioners Court of this Anderson County, at a regular term thereof on the 15th

day of Nov A. D. 1899, 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 Texa this 15th

day of Nov A. D. 1899

(SEAL)

(Signatures of Commissioners.)

Wm. Proyles, R. B. Sparks, Geo. L. Simmons, J. E. Fitzgould



Ex parte J. W. Stevens
Confederate Soldier
application for Pension
under Act May 12, 1899.

Pending before the
Hon. G. H. Hudson Co. Judge
of Anderson County, Tex.

Sir: You will take notice that five days after service hereof I shall apply for a commission to take a deposition of R. H. McFadden and who reside in Pine Bluff, ^{Arkansas} ~~County~~, Texas, in answer to the following interrogatories to be used upon hearing of the application of said J. W. Stevens for a pension under Act May 12, 1899.

To Hon. G. H. Hudson
Co. Judge Anderson Co.

Interrogatories to be propounded
to R. H. McFadden and ~~witnesses~~
for applicant

Int. 1st. What is your name, age, and where do you reside? Robert H. McFadden, 63 years. Pine Bluff Ark

Int. 2nd. Are you each acquainted with the applicant J. W. Stevens and if yea, when, where and how long have you known him? Yes, about 1862, in Army, at ^{McGinnis} ~~McGinnis~~ ^{Cover Ark}

Int. 3rd. If in answer to the foregoing interrogatories you have said that you are personally acquainted with the said J. W. Stevens then please state if you know where he now resides and give your means of information as to his present residence and how long has he resided there? What is his age as near as you can tell? Give a brief description of him, his height, complexion, color of eyes &c. Anderson Co. Tex, from his ^{Wm. Kinney} ~~Wm. Kinney~~, don't know about 5 ft 10 in. Light Hair ^{Blue} ~~Blue~~

Int. 4th. If in answer to the foregoing interrogatories you have said that you are personally acquainted with the said J. W. Stevens then please state if within

your personal knowledge the said J. W. Stevens
 ever enlisted in the service of the Confederate States and
 performed the duties of a soldier in such service,
 and if so in what company and Regiment?
 Where, when and how long did he serve and
 was he honorably discharged from such service,
 and if yea, when and where was he discharged,
 and state fully your means of information.
 Please answer all interrogatories fully. God bless Prof.
 Cross when discharged he was a soldier in service of Confed J. W. Stevens (Affiant,
 State

Cross Interrogatories propounded by the
 Co. Judge of Anderson Co. Texas.

+ Int. 1st Did you or either of you serve in the same com-
 mand with the said J. W. Stevens yea,

+ Int. 2nd Were you or either of you present when said
 J. W. Stevens was discharged from the Confederate
 States Army? If so, when and where was he dis-
 charged? I do not remember

+ Int. 3rd When and where did you see said J. W. Stevens
 last, and if you have said that he now resides in Anderson
 County, how do you know? During the war, learned
 he was in Anderson Co Tex from W. H. Henshaw
 George W. Truiney Son of Capt. M. K. The judge
 R. H. H. Fadden

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 6th day of Oct. 1849
 We hereby avail the five days notice a copy of these
 interrogatories and the issuance of a commission
 and agree the depositions of the within named
 witnesses may be taken by any officer of Pine Bluff
 Arkansas authorized under the law to take same
 and returned to W. Henshaw the judge at
 Polkton's Anderson Co. J. W. Stevens affiant
 W. Henshaw
 the judge

WILLIAM MANN,
Stationer,
Philadelphia.
Linen Abstract.

Exparte J. W. Stevens } Pending before the
Confederate Soldier } Hon. G. H. Hudson Co. Judge
application for Pension } of Anderson County, Texas,
under Act of May 12th 1899

Sir: You will take notice that five days after service hereof I shall apply for a commission to take a deposition of G. W. Jones and _____ who reside in _____ Parish, _____ County, Texas, in answer to the following interrogatories to be used upon hearing of the application of said J. W. Stevens for a pension under Act May 12, 1899.

To Hon. G. H. Hudson }
Co. Judge Anderson Co. }

Interrogatories to be propounded to
G. W. Jones and _____ witnesses for
applicant

Int. 1st. Where do you and each of you reside?

Int. 2nd. Are you each acquainted with the applicant J. W. Stevens and if yes, when, where and how long have you known him?

Int. 3rd. If in answer to the foregoing interrogatories you have said that you are personally acquainted with the said J. W. Stevens then please state if you know where he now resides and give your means of information as to his present residence and how long has he resided there? What is his age as near as you can tell, Give a brief description of him, his height, complexion, color of eyes &c.

Int. 4th. If in answer to the foregoing interrogatories you have said that you are personally acquainted with the said J. W. Stevens then please state if within your personal knowledge the said J. W. Stevens ever enlisted

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in the service of the Confederate States and performed the duties of a soldier in such service, and if so in what Company and Regiment? When, where and how long did he serve and was he honorably discharged from such service, and if yes, when and where was he discharged, and state fully your means of information. Please answer all interrogatories fully.

J. W. Stevens
Applicant

Cross Interrogatories propounded by the Co. Judge of Anderson Co. Texas.

+ Int. 1st. Did you or either of you serve in the same Command with the said J. W. Stevens

+ Int. 2nd. Were you or either of you present when said Stevens was discharged from the Confederate States Army? If so, when and where was he discharged?

+ Int. 3rd. When and where did you see said J. W. Stevens last and if you have said that he now resides in Anderson County, how do you know?

L. W. Hodson
Co. Judge

We hereby waive the five days notice, copy of these interrogatories and the issuance of a commission and agree that the depositions of the within named parties may be taken by any officer of Brown Parish La. authorized under the law to take same

J. W. Stevens
Applicant
L. W. Hodson
Co. Judge

State of La.
Parish of Union.

Deposition of witness, G.W. Jones, a resident of Union Parish

Louisiana, a material and competent witness to me well known as such, produced and sworn by virtue of the annexed commission in the matter of "exparte J.W. Stevens confederate soldier, application for pension under act of May 12, 1899, (state of Texas) pending before the Hon G.W. Henderson County Judge of Anderson Co. Tex. said depositions of said witness to be used as evidence therein.

In answer to the several direct and cross interrogatories said witness doth depose and say as follows to wit:-

To first Interrogatory said witness answers:

I reside in Union parish Louisiana.

To second Inty.:- I am acquainted with applicant J.W. Stevens. Since 1855, in Mississippi, and Arkansas and I saw him in La. in 1898.

To third Inty:- He resides in Texas so applicant informs me and I have seen letters to his brother from him, He has lived in Tex. to the best of my recollection since about 1869. His age as near as I could tell from observation and from my long acquaintance would be, say sixty years. He is, I suppose about 5 feet ten inches high, red complected, blue eyes, hair is white and is blind, or was when I saw him in 1898.

To 4th, Inty:- He enlisted and performed the duties of a confederate soldier. He enlisted in the Second Regiment of Ark, Vols. I have forgotten his company. He served in Tennessee and Ky. under Bragg. I cant say how long he served, I was only with him about fourteen days in the war, but from what I know of him and his people and others and from general hearsay I am morally certain that he served during a good part of the war. I think he was dis-banded in Ga. I am not certain. I dont know whether he was honorably discharged or not. My source of information, I married his sister and have known his people and have discussed the matter with he and his family, and was with him in the army awhile myself and saw him doing guard duty and performing other duties as a soldier under orders from the commanding officers.

To first cross Inty he answers:-

I was with him only fourteen days and was in the blacksmith department.

To second cross Inty. I was not present.

To Third cross Inty :- I saw Stevens at my home in Union Parish La., in July or August 1898. I have no proof other than what he told me that he lived in Anderson County Texas, and have seen letters purporting to be from him to his brother, which said letters were dated Palestine Texas.

Sworn to and subscribed
before me on this the 5th,
day of Oct. A. D. 1899

G. W. Jones

By Clerk of Court, Union Parish La.



APPLICATION FOR MORTUARY WARRANT

STATE OF TEXAS,

County of Anderson }

I, Mrs J. W. Stevens

do hereby certify that I am the person to whom is entrusted the paying of the accounts and indebtedness of the late J. W. Stephens, who was a pensioner of the State of Texas, and whose file number is 5128 and whose original county is Anderson

The said pensioner J. W. Stephens died on the 25th day of January, 1923, in the town of Palestine, County of Anderson, Texas.

The pensioner died in the home of in his home who was related to the pensioner as

That the warrant, which application is hereby made for, shall be applied to paying all or part of the expenses incurred by the said pensioner

I further certify that the warrant for the current quarter has not been cashed by the pensioner, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

I am related to the pensioner as (Wife) and that my home is in the town of Palestine County of Anderson State of Texas, that my postoffice address is

Palestine, Texas, 915 N. Jackson

Signed Mrs J. W. Stevens

Before me, J. F. Supply, Notary Public in and for the County of Anderson, State of Texas, personally appeared Mrs J. W. Stevens who being by me duly sworn, did certify to and sign the foregoing statement.

(Seal of Office)

J. F. Supply, Notary Public in and for Anderson County, Texas.

CERTIFICATE OF UNDERTAKER

I, A. B. Sagar, do certify that I am an undertaker in the town of Palestine, County of Anderson, State of Texas that I had charge of the body of J. W. Stephens, who died in the town of Palestine, County of Anderson, State of Texas on the 25 day of January, 1923. That said body was prepared for burial by me on the 28 day of January, 1923. That said body was buried in the Concord Cemetery, which is located in the County of Anderson State of Texas and that I am of the opinion that warrant herein applied for should be issued to the said Mrs J. W. Stephens, who makes the foregoing application.

Signed A. B. Sagar Undertaker.

CERTIFICATE OF PHYSICIAN

I, R. M. Dunn, do certify that I am a practicing physician, and that I attended Mr J. W. Stevens in his last illness, and am of the opinion that his ailments were Acute Pulmonary Congestion



I further certify that I am of the opinion that the Mortuary Warrant above requested should be issued in the name of the aforementioned applicant, in accordance with Act passed by the Thirty-fifth Legislature, and approved March 2, 1917.

Signed R. M. Dunn Physician.

Physician's Address Palestine Tex

