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FORM NO. 1—AMENDED  
OCTOBER 1, 1902

**CONFEDERATE PENSION APPLICATION**

Name of Applicant

*W. S. Vance*  
*Studson* County,

Post Office *Tenn. Colony*

Comptroller's File No. *18690*

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 \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_

A. D. \_\_\_\_\_

*E. A. Galtner*  
Chief Pension Clerk.

I hereby APPROVE the within application for pension, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_

A. D. \_\_\_\_\_  
*[Signature]*  
Comptroller.

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

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, M. J. C. Tance 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 M. J. C. Tance
- Q. What is your age? Answer 69 years
- Q. In what County do you reside? Answer Anderson
- Q. How long have you resided in said County and what is your postoffice address? Answer 10 years  
P. O. Address, Fern. Colony, 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 Farmer
- Q. What is your physical condition? Answer Tolerable Weak
- 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 Served about 4 yrs.  
Enlisted in April 1862 & served till close of war.
- Q. What was the name or letter of your company and name or number of your regiment? Answer Company "C" 17th Texas Regiment
- Q. State whether you served in the infantry, artillery, cavalry, or the navy. Answer Infantry
- 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

(IX)

- 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 cow & calf valued at \$15.00

- 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
- 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. J. C. Vance

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 16th day of May A. D. 1908

[SEAL]

P. H. Minn

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

J. A. M. Reynolds

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

(Signature of Witness)

J. A. M. Reynolds

(Signature of Witness)

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 12 day of Aug A. D. 1908

(SEAL)

P. H. Minn

County Judge

Anderson

County, Texas.

DAVIT OF PHYSICIAN.

Before me P. H. Minin  
ty, State of Texas, on this day personally appeared.....  
is a reputable practicing physician of this County, who being by  
fully and thoroughly examined W. C. Rouse  
ing under the following disabilities which render him unable to  
a support for himself: ACL

Signature of Physician) E. L. Rose M.D.  
12 day of Aug A. D. 1908  
P. H. Minin  
County Judge Anderson County, Texas.

STATE OF COUNTY JUDGE.

I P. H. Minin  
ty, State of Texas, do hereby certify that on the 12  
....., before me came on to be heard the application of.....  
..... for a pension under the Confederate Pension Law of this  
answers of said applicant to the questions propounded were made  
the foregoing application; that the affidavits of the witnesses who  
are same hereinbefore appear, and that the foregoing affidavit of  
able practicing physician of this county, was made before me. I  
....., is not an inmate of the Texas  
under the provision of Section 12, of the Confederate Pension  
all the proceedings had before me relative to the said application  
..... I find the said applicant is lawfully entitled to the pension  
his State, and I hereby approve said application.  
of office at Palestine this 12  
just A. D. 1908  
P. H. Minin  
County Judge Anderson County, Texas.

OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

We, the undersigned members of the Commissioners  
as, hereby certify that the foregoing application of.....  
, together with the proof in support thereof, was duly submitted  
..... County Judge of this Anderson  
Anderson County, at a regular term thereof  
..... A. D. 1908, and after a careful consideration of the  
entitled to the pension provided for by the Confederate Pension  
application.  
seal of office at Palestine this 12  
just A. D. 1908  
ners) J. F. Vash (TX)  
W. M. Brown

Application of W. J. C. Vance for a Confederate Pension before the  
Hon. Commissioners' Court of Anderson County, Texas.

The State of Texas |

County of Anderson | Before me R. E. Erwin County Judge in and for said  
County and State on this day personally appeared James Arthurs who  
after being by me duly sworn on oath says, that his name is James  
Arthurs and that ~~his~~ he is 67 years of age, and that his P. O. Address  
is Palestine, Texas, and is personally acquainted with W. J. C. Vance  
applicant for a Confederate pension only a short while, have known him  
only in Anderson County, I do not know of my own knowledge in what  
Company and Regiment he served during the war, but from incidents  
and circumstances it is my belief that he and I were in the same  
fights during the war. I come to this conclusion however only from  
talking to him, I know that the applicant is unable to earn a support  
by labor of any sort.

James Arthurs

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 16th day of May 1908.

R. E. Erwin  
Co. Judge of Anderson County, Texas.



EX PARTE

*N. J. C. Vance*  
Applicant for Confederate Pension.

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

The Honorable County Judge of *N. J. C. Vance* 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 *M. D. L. Price*  
and *Renderson* who reside in the County  
of *Renderson* 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 in the County of *Auferson* and State of Texas, of which he is a  
bona fide resident.

*N. J. C. Vance*  
(Applicant) Attorney for Applicant.

Direct Interrogatories to be Propounded to the Witness

*M. D. L. Price*

- INT. 1. What is your name? Age? Present place of residence and post office address?
- INT. 2. Do you personally know, or did you at any time know *N. J. C. Vance* who is an applicant for pension under Act of May 12, 1899?
- INT. 3. How long have you known the said *N. J. C. Vance* applicant for pension and when and where did you first know him?
- INT. 4. Do you personally know that the said *N. J. C. Vance* applicant for pension 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 *N. J. C. Vance* 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?
- INT. 6. Do you further know that *N. J. C. Vance* the said applicant for pension, is unable to support himself by labor of any sort?

CROSS INTERROGATORIES.



To be Propounded to

*Married*

~~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 time 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?

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THE STATE OF TEXAS, }

County of Anderson }

I, W. E. Erwin, 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. Erwin  
County Judge, Anderson County, Texas.

W. J. C. Vance  
(Applicant) Attorney ..... for Applicant.

In Re  
Application for Confederate  
Pension.

IN COMMISSIONERS COURT,  
Anderson County, Texas,  
Pending before the County Judge of said County.

EX PARTE  
W. J. C. Vance  
Applicant.

INTERROGATORIES,  
PROFOUNDLY  
W. D. S. Price  
Witnesses.

*M. D. L. Price*

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 30th day of May, 1903

*J. R. Blades* County Judge,  
Henderson County, Texas.

THE STATE OF TEXAS }  
COUNTY OF Henderson }

I, J. R. Blades, *County Judge*  
(Here give name and official character of officer before whom taken.)

do hereby certify that M. D. L. Price

and \_\_\_\_\_ are personally known to me to be credible citizens of said  
County and State, and that the foregoing answers of M. D. L. Price

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) M. D. L. Price

Given under my hand and official seal, this the 30th day of May, 1903

(L. S.)

*J. R. Blades* County Judge,  
Henderson County, Texas.

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, any Notary Public, or any Commissioner of Deeds of Texas.

File No. \_\_\_\_\_  
In the Commissioners Court  
OF  
Henderson County, Texas.  
Before the Honorable County Judge of said County.

EX PARTE  
M. D. L. Price  
Applicant for Confederate Pension

DEPOSITION  
OF  
M. D. L. Price

Witness for Applicant

Filed \_\_\_\_\_ day

of \_\_\_\_\_ 190

Clerk.

By \_\_\_\_\_ Deputy.

Fee for taking Deposition, \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Lined area for deposition text.



- (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 CLAIMS, WITH CAPTION AND CERTIFICATES.

EX PARTE

IN RE APPLICANT FOR CONFEDERATE PENSION  
Under Act May 12, 1899, pending in County Commis-  
sioners Court of Anderson

W. J. C. Vance

Applicant for Confederate Pension.

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

Answers and depositions of (1) *M. D. L. Price of Athens, Texas*

to the accompanying interrogations (2) \_\_\_\_\_  
propounded to him in the above entitled cause taken before (3) \_\_\_\_\_  
in accordance with the accompanying (5) agreement

To the first interrogatory the said M. D. L. Price

Witness, answers M. D. L. Price, Age 68 years, address, Athens, Texas.

2nd. Intg. I personally knew W.J.C. Vance, during the war .

3rd. I have known W.J.C. Vance since 1861. First knew him in Smith County.

4th. I personally know that W.J.C. Vance enlisted in the service of the  
Confederacy and performed the duties of a soldier.

5th. I personally know that W.J.C. Vance served in Company "C" 17th. Tex Reg.  
He enlisted in 1861 in Smith County & served till close of war.

6th. I know nothing about the physical condition of applicant.

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EX PARTE

*N. J. Vance*  
Applicant for Confederate Pension.

Pending in the Honorable Commissioners Court  
of *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 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 *H. J. Seastreek* and *H. J. Seastreek*  
who reside in the County  
of *Harrison* 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 in the County of *Anderson* and State of Texas, of which he is a  
bona fide resident.

*N. J. Vance*  
(Applicant) Attorney for Applicant.

Direct Interrogatories to be Propounded to the Witness.....

*H. J. Seastreek*

- 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 *N. J. Vance* who is an applicant for pension under Act of May 12, 1899?
- INT. 3. How long have you known the said *N. J. Vance* applicant for pension and when and where did you first know him?
- INT. 4. Do you personally know that the said *N. J. Vance* applicant for pension 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 *N. J. Vance* 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?
- INT. 6. Do you further know that *N. J. Vance* the said applicant for pension, is unable to support himself by labor of any sort?

CROSS INTERROGATORIES.



To be Propounded to *W. Vance*

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 time 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?

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THE STATE OF TEXAS, }

County of Anderson }

I, W. E. Erwin, 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. Erwin  
County Judge Anderson County, Texas.

W. J. C. Vance  
(Applicant) Attorney ..... for Applicant.

*sp. of*

In Re  
Application for Confederate  
Pension.

IN COMMISSIONERS COURT,

Anderson County, Texas,

Pending before the County Judge of said County.

W. J. C. Vance  
Ex Parte  
Applicant.

INTERROGATORIES,

PROPOSED TO

W. J. C. Vance

Witnesses.

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Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 13<sup>th</sup> day of June 1908

H. H. Johnson  
County Judge  
Harrison Co.  
Texas

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

County of Harrison

I, H. H. Johnson County Judge  
(Here give name and official character of officer before whom taken)

Harrison Co. Texas do hereby certify that H. H. Johnson  
is personally known to me to be credible citizens of said  
County and State, and that the foregoing answers of H. H. Johnson

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 the 13<sup>th</sup> day of June 1908

(L. S.)

H. H. Johnson  
County Judge  
Harrison Co.  
Texas

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File No. \_\_\_\_\_

In the Commissioners Court  
OF  
County, Texas.  
Before the Honorable County Judge of Said County.

EX PARTE

Applicant for Confederate Pension.

DEPOSITION  
OF

Witness for Applicant.

Filed the \_\_\_\_\_ day  
of \_\_\_\_\_ 1908

By \_\_\_\_\_ Clerk.  
Deputy.

Fee for Taking Deposition, \$ \_\_\_\_\_

- (1) Here give the name and residence of each witness.
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- (4) Here state "respectively," if more than one witness.
- (5) Here state whether "Commission, or agreement," if Commission was waived.

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EX PARTE

IN RE APPLICANT FOR CONFEDERATE PENSION

*N. J. Vance*

Under Act May 12, 1899, pending in County Commissioners Court of *Harrison*

Applicant for Confederate Pension

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

Answers and depositions of (1)

*H. P. Seastrom*

to the accompanying interrogatories (2)

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

*H. P. Seastrom*  
*County Judge of Harrison County Texas*

in accordance with the accompanying (5)

To the first interrogatory the said

*H. P. Seastrom*

Witness, answers:

*My name is H. P. Seastrom, Age 64 years, Residence Marshall Texas P. O. Marshall Tex.*

*To the 2nd he answers - Yes, I knew him during the war. Have not seen since.*

*3rd. Have known him about 50 years. First knew him in Starville Smith County Texas about 1858.*

*To the 4th he answers - Yes he was a good soldier.*

*To the 5th he answers - Yes, in Co C 14th Texas Cavalry. Enlisted, I think, in 1862. In Smith County Texas. He served to the close of the war.*

*To the 6th he answers - I do not know. I have not seen him of late years.*

*H. P. Seastrom*

(TX)



## Comptroller's Department

State of Texas  
Austin

SEP 8 - 1908

J. W. STEPHENS, COMPTROLLER  
JOHN T. SMITH, CHIEF CLERK

To the Military Secretary,

War Department,

Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I have the honor to request the military record of  
*Mr. J. C. Vance* who is reported to have enlisted in  
 Company *C*, *14<sup>th</sup>* Regiment *Texas Infantry*  
 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."

**WAR DEPARTMENT,**  
1424454

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,  
WASHINGTON, Sept. 15, 1908.

*Respectfully returned to the*

Comptroller,  
State of Texas,  
Austin.

The records show that William J. C. Vance, private, Company C, 17th Texas Cavalry, Confederate States Army (not found on rolls of Company C, 17th Texas Infantry), was enlisted February 26, 1862, at Tyler, Texas, and on the muster roll of the company for the months of March and April, 1864, latest on file, he is reported present. Nothing later has been found of record relative to this soldier.

*Austin Texas*

*Sept 8 '08*

*W. J. C. Vance*

*Co. C. 17 Texas Inf.*

*Texas - State of*

*John Stephens Compt.*

*Records of Service*

*available for*

*State Division*

*W. W. Winnick*  
The Adjutant General.

[A. G. O. 72-1]

Received A. G. O. SEP 11 1908