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FORM A.  
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**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.

W. F. Higginbotham

Navarro County.

Postoffice Corsicana, Texas.

Filed APR 10 1915

Approved MAY 8 1915

Pension allowed from SEP 1 1915

Rejected

*J. C. ...*  
Commissioner of Pensions.

For Use of Soldiers Who Are in Indigent Circumstances

THE STATE OF TEXAS

County of Navarre

I, W. F. Higginbotham 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 Tallegige, Alabama,  
account of war being ended.

(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? 68 years.
2. Where were you born? Randolph County, Alabama
3. How long have you resided in Texas? 29 years.
4. In what county do you reside? Navarro County, Texas.
5. How long have you resided in said county, and what is your postoffice address?  
2 years Corsicana, Texas. General Delivery.
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? Farming What is your physical condition? Poor
8. In what State was the command in which you served organized? Alabama
9. How long did you serve? Give, if possible, the date of enlistment and discharge. Nearly 4 years
10. What was the letter of your company, number of battalion, regiment or battery?  
Co. "A" 7th Alabama Regt. General Forrest's command. McClintock, Capt. Hodson, Major
11. If transferred from one command to another, give time of transfer, name of command and time of service.  
Not so 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?.....

Private soldier

14. If detailed for special service, under the law of conscription, what was the nature of your service and how long did you serve?.....

Not so detailed

15. What is the assessed value of your home, if you own a home?.....

Have no home

16. What is the assessed value of your other property?.....

About \$50

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.) *W. J. Higgins-Coffey*

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 4th day of February, A. D. 1915

*R. A. Owen*

[Seal.]

County Judge Navarro County, Texas.

**AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESSES**

[Note.]—There must be at least two credible witnesses.

X THE STATE OF TEXAS }

County of..... }

Before me....., County Judge of..... County,

State of Texas, on this day personally appeared.....

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

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

said..... 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).....

(Signature of Witness).....

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this..... day of....., A. D. 191.....

[Seal.]

County Judge..... 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-



PROOF OF SERVICE IN THE CONFEDERATE ARMY OF W. F. HIGGINBOTHAM

Questions propounded to J. C. CRWWFORD

1. What is your name, age, race and place of residence?

Answer. J C Crawford 71 years old white

2. Did you ever serve in the Confederate Army? If so, give the letter of your company and the number of your regiment and the length of your service.

Answer. Company A No of Regiment 7 Alabama Cavalry

3. Do you personally know whether <sup>W.F.Higginbotham</sup> served in the Confederate Army? If so, give the letter of his company and the length of his service; if possible, give the date of enlistment and discharge; give the name of his Colonel, Captain and name any battles in which he took part.

Answer. W F Higginbotham served in the Army with me his Company was Company A he served from May 63 to May 65

4. How do you know the facts you have state in answer to question 3?

Answer. because he was in the Army with me

5. Did you know any other soldier by the name of W.F.Higginbotham?

Answer. I did not

6. What was the rank of W.F.Higginbotham ? How was he regarded as a soldier?

Answer. he was a Private

7. Did you ever hear or know that he deserted or abandoned a post of duty? If so, state fully and in detail all you have heard.

Answer. he was a faithful good soldier

<sup>his</sup>  
J C Crawford  
Signature of witness.

I, J M Campbell J P for said County, State of Ala, do certify that the witness, J C Crawford who made and signed the above answers is knownto me to be a credible persona and worthy of belief; and I further certify that his answers were made and subscribed and sworn to by said witness before me this day.

Witness my hand and seal of office, this 18 day of Feb A. D. 1915.

J M Campbell J P  
County Judge \_\_\_\_\_ County, TX

PROOF OF SERVICE IN THE CONFEDERATE ARMY OF W. F. HIGGINBOTHAM

Questions propounded to A. L. A. HIGGINBOTHAM

1. What is your name, age, race and place of residence?

Answer. A. L. Higginbotham, 69, Oxford Ala Col White

2. Did you ever serve in the Confederate Army? If so, give the letter of your company and the number of your regiment and the length of your service.

Answer. yes, Co A 1st Ala, served about one year

3. Do you personally know whether W.F. Higginbotham served in the Confederate Army? If so, give the letter of his company and the length of his service; if possible, give the date of enlistment and discharge; give the name of his Colonel, Captain and name any battles in which he took part.

Answer. yes, 7th Ala, Co A, served about two years

4. How do you know the facts you have state in answer to question 3?

Answer. From the fact I was with him there

5. Did you know any other soldier by the name of W.F. Higginbotham?

Answer. I did not

6. What was the rank of W.F. Higginbotham ? How was he regarded as a soldier?

Answer. Private, he was a good soldier

7. Did you ever hear or know that he deserted or abandoned a post of duty? If so, state fully and in detail all you have heard.

Answer. never

A. L. Higginbotham  
Signature of witness.

I, Joshua Draper Notary Public, Calhoun County,  
State of Alabama, do certify that the witness, A. L. Higginbotham  
who made and signed the above answers is known to me to be a credible  
persona and worthy of belief; and I further certify that his answers  
were made and subscribed and sworn to by said witness before me this day.

Witness my hand and seal of office, this 20th day of Feb

A. D. 1915.

Joshua Draper Notary Public  
County Judge in Calhoun County, Ala

THE STATE OF ALABAMA #

COUNTY OF CALHOUN #

Before me John M. Orms County Judge of Calhoun

County, State of Alabama, on this day personally appeared A. L.

or N. E. Higginbotham, known to me to be credible

citizens, who, being by me duly sworn, on oath state that they personally know W. F. Higginbotham, the above named applicant for a pension, and that they personally know that the said W. F.

Higginbotham 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) A. L. Higginbotham

(Signature of Witness) N. E. Higginbotham

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 7<sup>th</sup> day of

April, A. D. 1915.

John M. Orms

County Judge, Calhoun Couty, Alabama.

(TX)



OFFICE OF  
COMMISSIONER OF PENSIONS  
STATE OF TEXAS  
AUSTIN

J. C. JONES, COMMISSIONER

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To the Adjutant General,

War Department,


Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I have the honor to request the military record of W. F. Higginsbotham who is  
reported to have enlisted in Company A, Regiment 7 Ala. Reg. Cav.  
Gen. Forrest, Capt. M. C. Clincock,  
Maj. Hudson  
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.

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WAR DEPARTMENT,  
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,  
WASHINGTON. April 14, 1915.

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

The records show that W. F. Higginbotham, private, Company A (Captain McClintock), 7th Alabama Cavalry (Colonel Hodgson), Confederate States Army, enlisted June 1, 1863. On the muster roll dated June 30, 1864, last on file, he was reported present. No later record of him has been found.



The Adjutant General.

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July 26, 1919

Mrs. L. J. Higginbotham  
c/o Royal National Bank  
Palestine, Texas

Dear Madam:

Replying to your favor of July 24:

I am enclosing a widows application blank  
for your use, which you will take before the County  
Judge of the county of your residence and have filled  
out, after which you will return to this Department  
and same will be given prompt consideration.

Yours very truly

Comptroller.



KR:GS  
encl

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J.W. WRIGHT, VICE PRES'T.  
HAMPSON GARY, VICE PRES'T.

TUCKER ROYALL, PRESIDENT.

P. H. HUGHES, VICE PRES'T.  
C. W. HANKS, CASHIER.

No. 7170.

**ROYALL NATIONAL BANK**

N. R. ROYALL, FOUNDER  
CAPITAL \$100,000.00.  
SURPLUS (EARNED) \$150,000.00

PALESTINE, TEXAS,  
July 24th., 1919.

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*31106*

*W. F. Higginbotham*

Hon. H. B. Terrell,  
Austin, Texas.

Dear Mr. Terrell:

Will you be kind enough to forward the necessary blank pension papers to Mrs. L. J. Higginbotham, Palestine, Texas. Her husband died on March 8th., 1919 and drew a pension and she now wants papers so she can draw the pension.

Yours very truly,

*C. W. Hanks*



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Cashier.

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R. R. OWEN

COUNTY JUDGE, NAVARRO COUNTY

CORSICANA, TEXAS

Hon. J. C. Jones  
Austin Texas

Dear Sir: I am pleased to recommend  
the granting of the pension application  
herewith enclosed.

Yours truly,

R. R. Owen,

County Judge.



No.

1816

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Fund

OFFICE OF  
COMMISSIONER OF PENSIONS  
STATE OF TEXAS  
AUSTIN

Correct, for the sum of \$

Charge to

Commissioner of Pensions.

E. L. STOKER, AUSTIN

MORTUARY WARRANT

In accordance with Law passed by Thirty-fifth Legislature of Texas in Regular Session

*Palmer* Texas, *March 28th* 1919

STATE OF TEXAS

To *W. A. Huggins* Dr.

WRITE ADDRESS PLAINLY

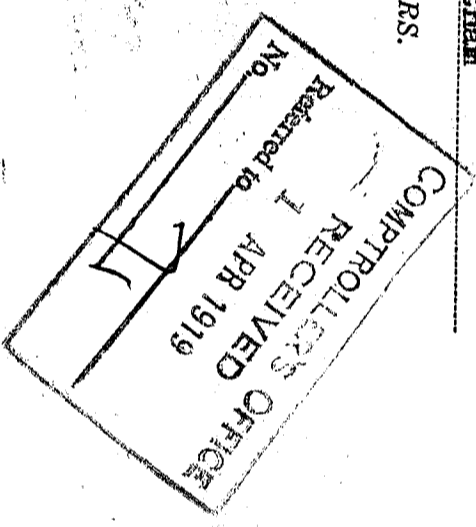
Account of Death of Pensioner No. **31306**, County **NAVARRO**

Pensioner's Name in full **W. F. HLEINBOOTHAN**

ITEMIZE ACCOUNT NOT TO EXCEED THIRTY DOLLARS.

*1 copy*

*Recd Mar 8-19*



*\$ 30.00*

To above account for *Thirty* Dollars is just, due and unpaid.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this *31* day of *March* 1919

Notary Public, *Anderson* County, *Texas*

*W. A. Huggins* (IX)

*OK*  
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# APPLICATION FOR MORTUARY WARRANT

STATE OF TEXAS,

County of \_\_\_\_\_

I, W. A. Higginbotham

do hereby certify that I am the person to whom is entrusted the paying of the accounts and indebtedness of the late W. F. Higginbotham

of the State of Texas, and whose file number is 31106 and whose original county is Navarro, who was a pensioner

The said pensioner W. F. Higginbotham died on the 8th day of March, 1919, in the town of Palertine

County of Anderson Texas.

The pensioner died in the home of Mrs Gate Savage who was related to the pensioner as no relation

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. W F Higginbotham

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 (Friend) Son and that my home is in the town of Palertine, County of Anderson

State of Texas, that my postoffice address is Palertine Texas

Signed W A Higginbotham

Before me W L Horn of Palertine County of Anderson State of Texas, personally appeared W A Higginbotham, who being by me duly sworn did certify to, and sign the foregoing statement.

(Seal of Office)

W L Horn Notary Public in and for Anderson Co, Texas.

## CERTIFICATE OF UNDERTAKER

I, P B Zell, do certify that I am an undertaker in the town of Palertine, County of Anderson, State of Texas that I had charge of the body of W F Higginbotham, who died in the town of Palertine, County of Anderson, State of Texas on the 8 day of March, 1919. That said body was prepared for burial by me on the 8 day of March, 1919. That said body was buried in the East Hill 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 W A Higginbotham, who makes the foregoing application.

Signed P B Zell Undertaker.

## CERTIFICATE OF PHYSICIAN

I, Guy D. Small, do certify that I am a practicing physician and that I attended W. F. Higginbotham in his last illness, and am of the opinion that his ailments were Pneumonia + Cystitis

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 \_\_\_\_\_ 1917.

Signed Guy D. Small M.D. Physician.

Physician's Address Palertine Texas Box 9

