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FORM NO. 1.

CONFEDERATE PENSION APPLICATION.

Name of Applicant,

*W. J. Hollans*

*Anderson* County.

Post Office *Palustrine*

Comptroller's File No. *9424*

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 *16* day of *February*

A. D. *1903*

*E. A. Bolinas*  
Pension Clerk.

I hereby *Approve* the within application

for pension, this *16* day of

*February* D. *1903*

*J. W. Jones*  
Comptroller.

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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, W. J. Collins 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. J. Collins
- Q. What is your age? Answer 71 years
- Q. In what County do you reside? Answer Anderson at Present
- Q. How long have you resided in said County and what is your post office address? Answer Twelve years  
Palustrine 512 Church Street
- 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 Minister of the Gospel
- Q. What is your physical condition? Answer Feeble from 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 Age and Paralysis
- Q. State in what company and regiment you enlisted in the Confederate army, and the time of your service? Answer The "C" 55<sup>th</sup> Georgia Infantry about 2 years
- Q. If you served in the Confederate navy state when and where, and the time of your service. Answer
- 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 No?
- 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



- 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 Twenty five dollars a year from old pension fund
- 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) W. J. Collins

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 19<sup>th</sup> day of January A. D. 1903

(SEAL)

W. H. Anderson  
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, W. H. Anderson

County Judge of Anderson County, State of Texas, on this day personally appeared U. W. Lounsford  
and Theo Reeves

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. Collins the above named applicant for a pension, and that they personally know that the said W. J. Collins 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) U. W. Lounsford

(Signature of Witness) Theo Reeves

(Signature of Witness) \_\_\_\_\_

(Signature of Witness) \_\_\_\_\_

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 26<sup>th</sup> day of January A. D. 1903

(SEAL)

W. H. Anderson  
County Judge Anderson County, Texas.

AFFIDAVIT OF PHYSICIAN.

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

COUNTY OF Anderson } Before me G.M. Anderson  
County Judge of Anderson } County, State of Texas, on this day personally appeared

F.B. Moore, 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.J. Collins 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:

Partial Paralysis which is permanent making him an invalid for the remainder of his life

(Signature of Physician) F.B. Moore M.D.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 20 day of January A. D. 1903

(SEAL)

G.M. Anderson  
County Judge Anderson County, State of Texas.

CERTIFICATE OF COUNTY JUDGE.

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

COUNTY OF Anderson } I, G.M. Anderson  
County Judge of Anderson } County, State of Texas, do hereby certify that on the 9<sup>th</sup>

day of February A. D. 1903 before me came on to be heard the application of W.J. Collins

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 F.B. Moore

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

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.J. Collins 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 Texas this 9<sup>th</sup> day of February A. D. 1903

(SEAL)

G.M. Anderson  
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 W.J. Collins

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

County, to the Commissioners Court of this Anderson County, at a regular term thereof on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of February A. D. 1903, 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 11<sup>th</sup> day of February A. D. 1903

(Signatures of Commissioners.)

(SEAL)

Wm Broyles  
Edw Elrod  
Dan Parker  
J. R. Johnson



EX PARTE

*W. J. Collins*  
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 *Jessie M. Collins*  
and ..... who reside ..... in the County of ..... in  
the State of ..... 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.

*W. J. Collins*  
Applicant, Attorney for Applicant.

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

*Jessie M. Collins*

- 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 *W. J. Collins* who  
is an applicant for pension under Act of May 12, 1899?
- INT. 3. How long have you known the said *W. J. Collins* applicant for pension  
and when and where did you first know him?
- INT. 4. Do you personally know that the said *W. J. Collins* applicant for pension,  
enlisted in the service of the Confederacy, and performed the duties of a soldier or sailor?
- INT. 5. Do you personally know in what company and regiment the said *W. J. Collins*  
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 *W. J. Collins* the said  
applicant for pension, is unable to support himself by labor of any sort?

CROSS INTERROGATORIES.

To be Propounded to *Jessie M. Collins*

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 *W. J. Collins* serving in the same company  
or regiment in which you say the said applicant, *W. J. Collins* 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 W. J. Collins 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 W. J. Collins 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 W. J. Collins applicant for pension, ever deserted the service in the Confederate army or navy?

[Empty dotted lines for handwritten answers to interrogatories]

THE STATE OF TEXAS, }

County of Anderson }

I, W. H. Anderson, 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. H. Anderson  
County Judge Anderson County, Texas.

W. J. Collins  
(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

W. J. Collins  
Applicant.

INTERROGATORIES  
PROPOUNDED TO

Jesse M. Collins

Witnesses.

EX PARTE

IN RE APPLICANT FOR CONFEDERATE PENSION

W. J. Collins

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

Anderson

Applicant for Confederate Pension.

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

Answers and depositions of (1)

Mrs Kate D. Stafford  
who resides in Kaufman Co Tex

to the accompanying interrogatories (2)

& cross interrogatories

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

H. M. Cornubee  
County Judge of Kaufman County Texas  
in accordance with the accompanying (5) agreement

To the first interrogatory the said

Witness, answers:

my name is Kate D. Stafford. I am

forty nine years of age. I live near the town of Kaufman, which town is my post office. To the 2<sup>nd</sup> Int she answers. I personally know & have known W. J. Collins all my life. To 3<sup>rd</sup> Int she answers above, & says she first knew him in Georgia from her early childhood. To 4<sup>th</sup> Int she answers. I do. To 5<sup>th</sup> Int she answers. He enlisted in Co. C. I do not know the Regiment but it was commanded by Col. Hardie. He enlisted in the year 1861. I think in the summer. He enlisted in Dooly County Georgia. He served two years in Confederate Army. He did not serve in the navy. On answer to 6<sup>th</sup> Int she says. Yes he is unable to support himself by labor of any sort

Kate D. Stafford

To the 1<sup>st</sup> Cross Int. she answers - because I lived with him, visited the camp where his Company was camped, saw him there, & know he marched from there with his Company & know no other soldier or sailor of his name. To 2<sup>nd</sup> Cross Int she answers. yes. To 3<sup>rd</sup> Cross Int she answers. Because I personally know he is 71 years of age, & paralyzed on one side.



To the H<sup>th</sup> Cross I believe I know  
he never deserted the Confederate  
Army.

Kate D. Stafford.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 4<sup>th</sup> day of February 1903

H. M. Crunahan  
County Judge of Kaufman  
Co. Texas

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

County of Kaufman

I, H. M. Crunahan  
(Here give name and official character of officer before whom taken.)

County Judge of Kaufman Co. do hereby certify that Kate D. Stafford

and is personally known to me to be credible citizen of said  
County and State, and that the foregoing answers of Kate D. Stafford

the witness is before named, and

whose name is appears signed to the foregoing deposition, were made before me,  
and were sworn to and subscribed before me, by said witness (4) Kate D. Stafford

Given under my hand and official seal, this the 4<sup>th</sup> day of February 1903

(L. S.)

H. M. Crunahan  
County Judge Kaufman Co. Tex

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

Andrews County, Texas,  
Before the Honorable County Judge of said County.

EX PARTE

W. J. Addicks  
Applicant for Confederate Pension.

DEPOSITION  
OF

Mrs. Kate D. Stafford

Witness ..... for Applicant.

Filed the 9<sup>th</sup> day  
of February 1903  
W. J. Addicks Clerk.  
By W. J. Addicks Deputy.

Fee for Taking Deposition, \$ .....



EX PARTE

W. F. Collins  
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 Mrs. Kate Staffan  
and who reside in the County of Kaufman 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.

W. F. Collins  
(Applicant,) Attorney for Applicant.

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

Mrs. Kate Staffan

- 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 W. F. Collins who is an applicant for pension under Act of May 12, 1899?
- INT. 3. How long have you known the said W. F. Collins applicant for pension and when and where did you first know him?
- INT. 4. Do you personally know that the said W. F. Collins applicant for pension, enlisted in the service of the Confederacy, and performed the duties of a soldier or sailor?
- INT. 5. Do you personally know in what company and regiment the said W. F. Collins 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 W. F. Collins the said applicant for pension, is unable to support himself by labor of any sort?

CROSS INTERROGATORIES.

To be Propounded to Mrs. Kate Staffan

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 W. F. Collins serving in the same company or regiment in which you say the said applicant, W. F. Collins 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 W. J. Collins 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 W. J. Collins 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 W. J. Collins applicant for pension, ever deserted the service in the Confederate army or navy?

[Empty dotted lines for answers to interrogatories]

THE STATE OF TEXAS, }

County of Anderson

I, W. Henderson, 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. Henderson  
County Judge Anderson County, Texas.  
W. J. Collins  
(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

W. J. Collins  
Applicant.

INTERROGATORIES  
PROPOUNDED TO

James H. Hester & Stephen

Witnesses.

[Empty lines for witnesses]

EX PARTE

IN RE APPLICANT FOR CONFEDERATE PENSION

W. J. Collins

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

Anderson

Applicant for Confederate Pension.

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

Answers and depositions of (1)

Jessie M. Collins, residing in Moore County Texas

to the accompanying interrogatories (2)

and cross interrogatories

propounded to him

in the above entitled cause taken before (3) R. P. Gresham

County Judge of Moore Co. Texas

in accordance with the accompanying (5)

Agreement

To the first interrogatory the said

Jessie M. Collins,

Witness, answers:

Name is Jessie M. Collins, age sixty six years, reside with my son A. L. Collins Post Office Dumas Moore Co., Tex

To 2nd Interrogatory, Witness answers: Answer.

I have known Applicant J. Collins all my life.

To Interrogatory 3rd Witness answers.

My answer to 2nd question cover this except as to place, for which I answer in the State of Georgia

To Interrogatory 4th Witness.

I do and he performed service in Confederate Army as a soldier

To Interrogatory 5th Witness answers:

I think it was in 1863 It was in the 55 Georgia Regiment Company B. He served until discharged for disability, don't remember date of discharge

To Interrogatory 6th



6<sup>th</sup> Int.

Writing Answers

I know the applicant was paralyzed about <sup>seven or eight</sup> ~~ten~~ years ago and from letters and communications since seen say that he is at present unable to support himself as questioned

Cross Interrogatories

Go 1<sup>st</sup> Writing Answers

I myself served in the same regiment as Staff officer and I know no other soldier in the regiment of the same name as the Applicant.

Go 2<sup>nd</sup>

Writing Answers

I am positively certain.

Go 3<sup>rd</sup>

Writing Answers

It is not a matter of conjecture. My reasons for this is given in direct examination.

Go 4<sup>th</sup> Int.

Writing Answers

I know he never did.

Signed by

J. M. Ballin

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Subscribed and sworn to before me, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 190\_\_\_\_\_

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

County of Moore  
Judge of Moore Co.

I, R. P. Gresham County  
(Here give name and official character of officer before whom taken.)

do hereby certify that Jessie M. Collins  
and \_\_\_\_\_ are personally known to me to be credible citizens of said  
County and State, and that the foregoing answers of Jessie M. Collins

\_\_\_\_\_ the witness \_\_\_\_\_ before named, and \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ whose name \_\_\_\_\_ appear \_\_\_\_\_ signed to the foregoing deposition, were made before me,  
and were sworn to and subscribed before me, by said witness (4) Jessie M. Collins

Given under my hand and official seal, this the 24 day of January 1903

(L. S.)

R. P. Gresham, Co. Judge  
Moore Co. 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  
Anderson County, Texas,  
Before the Honorable County Judge of said County.

EX PARTE  
M. J. Collins  
Applicant for Confederate Pension.

DEPOSITION  
OF  
Jessie M. Collins

Witness \_\_\_\_\_ for Applicant.

Filed the 9<sup>th</sup> day  
of February 1903  
by M. J. Collins Clerk.  
R. O. Addington Deputy.

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

[Faint, illegible handwritten text and markings on lined paper]

- (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.



Affidavit of Physician.

The State of Texas,\*

County of Anderson \*

Before me, Jno. R. Moore, County Judge of Anderson County, State of Texas, on this day personally appeared E. L. Rose

who is a physician in good standing, who, being by me duly sworn, on oath says that he has carefully examined W. J. Collins

and finds him laboring under the following disabilities:

(If a soldier, state fully whether he lost a limb, or limbs, or is blind or totally disabled; in the latter case stating specifically the personal ailment and conditions that render him entirely helpless and incapacitated, physically or mentally, for any work or business; if the widow of a soldier, "for any kind of work suitable for her sex.")

*Disable as to any manual labor due to his age and general debility.*

*E. L. Rose M.D.*

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 27 day of May, TX

A. D. 1912

Jno R. Moore  
County Judge of Anderson County, Texas.

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