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FORM A.

Soldier's Application for a Pension

The Commission on Pensions reserves the right to call for additional testimony if it deems it necessary.

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Name of Applicant.

W. M. Miller
Cassville County.

Postoffice

Belton, Texas

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Approved

Dec. 1, 1913

Pension allowed from *Mar. 1, 1914*

Rejected

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FORM A

For Use of Soldiers Who Are In Indigent Circumstances

THE STATE OF TEXAS

County of Angelina

I, J. M. Mills lo hereby make application to the Commissioner of Pensions for a pension to be granted me under the Act passed by the 53rd 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 at the close of the war

(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? I am 72 years of age
2. Where were you born? I was born in Fayette County Georgia
3. How long have you resided in Texas? I have resided in Texas Forty years.
4. In what county do you reside? I reside in Angelina County,
5. How long have you resided in said county, and what is your postoffice address? Eleven months my post office address is Keltys, Texas.
6. Have you applied for a pension under the Confederate pension law and been rejected? If rejected, state when and where. Have never applied
7. What is your occupation, if able to engage in one? Preaching what is your physical condition? fairly good for my age TX
8. In what State was the command in which you served organized? Georgia
9. How long did you serve? Give, if possible, the date of enlistment and discharge. I enlisted in May 1862 and served till the close of the war
10. What was the letter of your company, number of battalion, regiment or battery?
Company "F" 2nd Georgia Cavalry
11. If transferred from one command to another, give time of transfer, name of command and time of service
Was never 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?.....

No

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

No

15. What is the assessed value of your home, if you own a home? About \$350.00 in Anderson County, Texas.

16. What is the assessed value of your other property? None

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) J. M. Mills

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 24th day of November, A. D. 1913.



[Seal.]

County Judge E. B. Robb County, Texas.

AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESSES

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

THE STATE OF TEXAS }

County of Angelina

Before me E. B. Robb County Judge of Angelina County,

State of Texas, on this day personally appeared A. L. Burke & J. J. Milam, who are personally

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

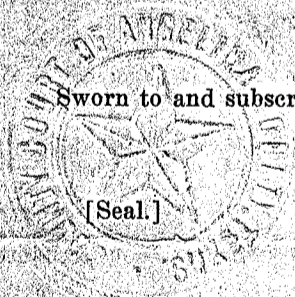
J. M. Mills, the above named applicant for a pension, and that they personally know that the said J. M. Mills has been a bona fide resident citizen of the State of Texas since prior

to January 1, A. D. 1900, and that they have no interest in his claim.

(Signature of Witness) A. L. Burke

(Signature of Witness) J. J. Milam

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 24 day of November, A. D. 1913.



[Seal.]

County Judge E. B. Robb 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.....

EX-PARTE

Pending in Angelina County,
Texas, before the Honorable County Judge of said
County.

J. M. Mills

Applicant for Confederate Pension.

The Honorable County Judge of Angelina County, Texas, will please take notice that, five days after 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. P. Strickland J.L.H. Waldrop and W. L. Watterson who reside in the County of Clayton in the State of Georgia 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 of his claim for a pension under the Act of March 26, 1909, 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 cannot be proven by any witness residing in the County of Angelina and State of Texas, which is a bona fide resident.

J. M. Mills
(Applicant) Attorney for Applicant.

Direct Interrogatories to be Propounded to the Witness

- 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 J. M. Mills who is an applicant for pension under Act of March 26, 1909?
- INT. 3. How long had you known the said J. M. Mills and when and where did you first know him?
- INT. 4. Do you personally know that the said J. M. Mills 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 J. M. Mills 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 personally know that J. M. Mills was commissioned as an officer directly by the President of the Confederate States? What was his rank and line of duty?
- INT. 7. Do you know further if J. M. Mills was, under the provisions of the conscript law, detailed for any kind of special service in the field, shops, armories, etc., of the Confederacy? What was the nature of his service, and how long did he serve?

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CROSS INTERROGATORIES

To be propounded to H. P. Strickland, J. L. H. Waldrop and W. L. Watterson

CROSS INTERROGATORY 1. If, in answer to the foregoing direct interrogatories, you have stated that you personally know or did know said J. M. Mills 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, or special service in which J. M. Mills 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 knew of any other soldier or sailor by the name of J. M. Mills serving in the same company or regiment, or special service in which you say the said J. M. Mills enlisted, if you have stated that said J. M. Mills enlisted and served in the navy of the Confederacy, then state whether or

not you know any other soldier or sailor of the same name as said J. M. Mills applicant serving in the same command, or the special service to which he was assigned?

If you say that you know other soldiers or sailors of the same name of J. M. Mills 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 J. M. Mills is the identical person serving as testified by you?

CROSS INT. 3. Do you know whether or not the said J. M. Mills served honorably from the date of his enlistment until the close of the late Civil War between the States or until he was discharged from said company and regiment, or the special service to which he had been assigned?

CROSS INT. 4. Do you know whether or not the said J. M. Mills deserted his command, or voluntarily abandoned his post of duty or the service during said war?

THE STATE OF TEXAS }
County of Angelina }

I, E. B. Robb, 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.

E. B. Robb

County Judge Angelina County, Texas.

(Applicant) Attorney.....for Appellant.

In Re

Application for Confederate Pension

Pension

FOR USE OF SOLDIERS OR WIDOWS.

County, Texas.

Pending before the County Judge of said County.

EX-PARTE

Applicant.

INTERROGATORIES

propounded to

Witnesses.

EX PARTE. | IN-RE APPLICATION FOR CONFEDERATE PENSION.
 | Under Act April 7th. 1913. Pending in Angelina
 J. M. Mills, | County, Texas. Before the Honorable County Judge
 Application for Confederate | of said County.
 Pension. |

Answers and depositions of W. L. Watterson
 and H. P. Strickland, who reside in the County of Clayton
 in the State of Georgia to the accompanying direct and cross interrogatories
 propounded to them in the above entitled cause taken before
Jno. M. Mundy Clerk of the Supr Court in and for said County, in
 accordance with the accompanying agreement.

To the First Interrogatory the said W. L. Watterson,
 and H. P. Strickland, witnesses answer:

To 1st Direct Interrogatory ^{both} Witnesses answer:

W. L. Watterson age 69 years; H. P. Strickland age 72 years;
 present place of residence of both witness Clayton County Ga
 Postoffice address - Jonesboro - Ga.

To 2nd Direct Interrogatory both witnesses answer:

We were well acquainted with J. M. Mills from about the
 1860 on before up to about the year 1870 or the time he left this
 State for the State of Texas.

To 3rd Direct Interrogatory both witnesses answer:

As answered to 2nd Interrogatory about ten years. In
 Clayton County Georgia and in the Confederate Army in
 the Civil War between the States of the U.S. 1864 to 1865

To 4th ^{Direct} Interrogatory both witnesses answer:

We personally know that J. M. Mills enlisted in the Service
 of the Confederacy, and performed the duties of a Soldier.

To 5th Direct Interrogatory both witnesses answer:

Second Georgia Cavalry, Company F, J. M. Mills enlisted
 and served in the Confederate Army, enlisted in 1861 and
 served until the surrender in 1865 - service was from the
 Coast of Georgia on through the Western Army ^{States of} Tenn,
 Ky - Miss, Ala, N.C. S.C

To 6th Direct Interrogatory both witnesses answer:

J. M. Mills was a private and not a Commissioned
 officer.

To 7th Direct Interrogatory both witnesses answer:

J. M. Mills was not detailed for any special service
 in the field.

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To 1st as Interrogation, both witnesses answers:

Personal knowledge being well acquainted with J. M. Mills and served with him in the Confederate Army in same regiment and Company - never knew any other Soldier or man by that name - knew of no other Soldier of the name of J. M. Mills.

To 2nd Cross Interrogation, both witnesses answers:

We are morally certain that J. M. Mills is the identical person serving as testified by us.

To 3rd Cross Interrogation both witnesses answers:

J. M. Mills served honorably from the date of his enlistment until the close of the late Civil War between the States.

To 4th Cross Interrogation both witnesses answers:

J. M. Mills did not desert his Command or abandon his post of duty during his entire service in the late Civil War between the States - nor do we believe that there was any more honorable and faithful Soldier in the Confederate Service and Army than J. M. Mills who enlisted from Clayton County Georgia, and known by us then as "Mose" Mills.

W. L. Watterson
H. P. Strickland

Sworn to and subscribed before me on this the 16 day of December, A. D. 1914

The State of Georgia, I, Jud. M. Mundy Clerk Supr. Court said County, County of Clayton,

do hereby certify that W. L. Watterson, H. P. Strickland are personally known to me to be credible citizens of said County and State, and that the forgoing answers of W. L. Watterson and H. P. Strickland, the witnesses before

named and whose names appear signed to the forgoing deposition, were made before me, and were sworn to and subscribed before me, by said witnesses. 2626

Given under my hand and seal of office, this Jan 16 day of Dec, 1914
Jud. M. Mundy Clerk Supr. Court

(TX)

Mrs. J. L. Abraham
2145 Brentwood
Houston
Texas



November 21, 1949

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Mrs. Mabel Huckaby, Registrar
Albert Sidney Johnson Chapter, U. D. C.
1205 Nueces Street
Austin, Texas

Dear Mrs. Huckaby: Confederate Pensioner
File No. 26208 Angelina Co.

The records of this office show J. M. Mills of Angelina County, Keltys, Texas filed application for Confederate Pension in February, 1914. At the time he filed application he stated his age was 72 years, born in Fayette County, Georgia, but had lived in Texas for 40 years. He was a minister by profession.

He was a private in Company F, 2nd Georgia Cavalry, Confederate States Army, enlisting in May, 1862 and serving until the close of the war in 1865.

The application for pension was approved on the affidavits of witnesses.

Yours very truly,

Robert S. Calvert
Comptroller of Public Accounts



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August 26, 1949

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Mrs. J. L. Worsham
2145 Brentwood
Houston, Texas

Dear Mrs. Worsham:

J. M. Mills, Deceased
Confederate Pensioner
File No. 26206 Angelina Co.

The records of this office show J. M. Mills of Keltys, Angelina County, Texas, filed application for Confederate pension in February, 1914. The application was approved under Pension File No. 26206 and he drew a pension until his death in March, 1929.

At the time J. M. Mills filed application for pension in 1914 he stated he was 72 years of age, born in Fayette County, Georgia. He had resided in Texas forty years. His occupation was preaching.

He enlisted May, 1862 in Company F, 2nd Georgia Cavalry, Confederate States Army and served until the close of the war in 1865. A private.

The application for pension was approved on the affidavits of witnesses.

Yours very truly,

Robert S. Calvert
Comptroller of Public Accounts



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