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FORM A

Soldier's Application for Pension

The Commissioner of Pensions reserves the right to call for additional testimony if he deems it necessary.

Name of Applicant.

J. M. Betts
Leon County.

Postoffice.

Jewett, R.F.D. #1.

Filed.

Jan 23rd 1912.

Approved.

MAY 4 1912

Pension allowed from

June 1-12.

Rejected.

R. A. Buford

Commissioner of Pensions.

VON BOECKMANN-JONES CO., PRINTERS, AUSTIN

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R. H. [unclear]

FORM A

For Use of Soldiers, Who are in Indigent Circumstances

THE STATE OF TEXAS }
 County of Leon }

I, J. M. Betts, do hereby make application to the Commissioner of Pensions for a pension to be granted me under the Act passed by the Thirty-first Legislature of the State of Texas, and approved March 26, A. D. 1909, 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; that I was honorably discharged or surrendered I was discharged at Marshall, Texas, in the spring of 1865-

(Give date and cause.)

that I have been a bona fide citizen of this State since prior to January 1, A. D. 1880, 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 in salary or fees one hundred and fifty dollars per annum, nor have I an income from any other employment or other source whatever which amounts to one hundred and fifty dollars per annum, nor do I receive from any source whatever money or other means of support amounting in value to the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars 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; 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? 82 years
2. Where were you born? in Macon Co. Ga.
3. How long have you resided in Texas? Since 1865-
4. In what county do you reside? Leon
5. How long have you resided in said county and what is your postoffice address since 1865-
Jewett, R. F. D. No. 1.
6. Have you applied for a pension under the Confederate pension law and been rejected? If rejected, state when and where This is my first application
7. What is your occupation, if able to engage in one? Not able to follow any
8. In what State was the command in which you served organized? Arkansas
9. How long did you serve? Give, if possible, the date of enlistment and discharge. 1862 to 1865-
10. What was the letter of your company, number or name of battalion, regiment or battery? C "G"
1st Trans Mississippi Reg. Fagan's Brigade TX
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? Infantry

13. If commissioned direct by the President, what was your rank and line of duty?

Was never Commissioned

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

Was never detailed for any special service

15. Have you transferred to others any property of any kind for the purpose of becoming a beneficiary under this law?

I have not

Wherefore your petitioner prays that his application for pension be approved and such other proceedings be had in the premises as are required by law.

(Signature of Applicant)

J. M. Betts

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 24th day of October, A. D. 1911

W. D. Lacey

[SEAL.]

County Judge Leon County, Texas.

AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESSES

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

THE STATE OF TEXAS }

County of Leon }

Before me W. D. Lacey, County Judge of Leon County,

State of Texas, on this day personally appeared J. E. Anderson & M. J. Taylor, 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.

Betts the above named applicant for a pension, and that they personally know that the said J. M.

Betts has been a bona fide resident citizen of the State of Texas since prior to January 1, A. D.

1880, and that they have no interest in this claim.

(Signature of Witness)

J. E. Anderson

(Signature of Witness)

M. J. Taylor

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 24th day of October, A. D. 1911

W. D. Lacey

[SEAL.]

County Judge Leon 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 personally acquainted with the foregoing applicant, and that the facts set forth and statements made in his application are correct

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

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WAR DEPARTMENT.

Address: "The Adjutant General,
War Department, Washington, D. C."

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WAR DEPARTMENT,

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

WASHINGTON, January 31, 1912.

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

The records show that J. M. Betts, private, Company G, 37th Regiment Arkansas Infantry (also known as the 1st Regiment Trans-Mississippi Infantry), Confederate States Army, enlisted March 6, 1863. On the roll for January and February, 1864, last on file, he was reported absent on furlough for eight days from the 20th of February, 1863. No later record of him has been found.



The Adjutant General.

(A. G. O. 72-1)

Per #

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The State of Texas, I, Thomas J. Gibson, a
 Limestone County, Notary Public in & for said
 County do hereby certify that O. J. Harris (who
 is personally well known to me) this day per-
 sonally appeared before me and made answer
 to the foregoing & attached direct & cross inter-
 rogatories. That I wrote said answers down
 in his presence and he subscribed and
 swore to the same as shown above. I
 further certify that he is the identical per-
 son named in said Interrogatories.

Given under my hand & seal of office this
 18th day of Dec. 1911. at office in Mexico Tex.

Thos. J. Gibson,
 Notary Public Limestone County



- (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.

EX PARTE

Jas. M. Betts
Applicant for Confederate Pension.

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

The Honorable County Judge of *Leon* 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 *C. J. Harris*
and *Freestone* in the County
of *Freestone* 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 of *his* claim for a pension under the Act of March 26, 1909, the applica-
tion 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
Leon and State of Texas, of which *he* is a bona fide resident.

J. M. Chatham
(Applicant) Attorneyfor Applicant.

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

C. J. Harris

- 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 *Jas. M. Betts* who
..... is an applicant for pension under Act of March 26, 1909?
- INT. 3. How long had you known the said *Jas. M. Betts*
and when and where did you first know him?
- INT. 4. Do you personally know that the said *Jas. M. Betts*
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 *Jas. M. Betts*
enlisted and served in the Confederate army? When? Where? And the time of service? If you person-
ally 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 *Jas. M. Betts*
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 further know if *Jas. M. Betts* 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?

CROSS INTERROGATORIES.



To be Propounded to *C. J. Harris*

CROSS INTERROGATORY 1. If, in answer to the foregoing direct interrogatories, you have stated that you personally
know or did know said *Jas. M. Betts* 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 *Jas. M. Betts* 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 *Jas. M. Betts* serving in the same company or regiment, or special
service in which you say the said *Jas. M. Betts* enlisted, if you have stated that said
Jas. M. Betts 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 James M. Betts applicant serving in the same command, or the special service to which he was assigned?

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

Cross INT. 3. Do you know whether or not the said Jas. M. Betts 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 Jas. M. Betts deserted his command, or voluntarily abandoned his post of duty or the service during said war?

THE STATE OF TEXAS, }

County of Leon

I, W.D. Lacey, 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.D. Lacey
County Judge Leon County, Texas.

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

In Re

Application for Confederate Pension.

FOR USE OF SOLDIERS OR WIDOWS.

Leon County, Texas.

Pending before the County Judge of said County.

EX PARTE

Jas. M. Betts
Applicant.

INTERROGATORIES

propounded to

C. Y. Hamner

Witnesses.

EX PARTE

IN RE APPLICANT FOR CONFEDERATE PENSION

James M. Betts

Under Act March 26, 1909, pending *in*
Leon

Applicant for Confederate Pension.

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

Answers and depositions of (1) *Joe Newell*

to the accompanying interrogations (2) *and Cross Interrogatories*
propounded to *him* in the above entitled cause taken before (3)
in accordance with the accompanying (7) *agreement*

To the first interrogatory the said *Joe Newell*

Witness, answers *My name is Joe Newell, reside at Teague, Texas, P.O. is Teague,*
Texas.

To the 2nd. Inst. he answers.

I am personally acquainted with Jas M. Betts, I first knew him in
Arkansas, in Jany. 1865.

Int. No. 3. I first knew him in Arkansas in 1865, first portion of the year.

Int. No. 4. Yes, I know he enlisted and served as a soldier in the confederate
army.

Int. No. 5, he ans. In Harris Co., Bells regiment. I don't know when he enlisted
~~ed or where~~ but enlisted in State of Ark. I don't know how long he served
but am of the impression and recollection that he served during the entire war.

I am unable to state exactly when he enlisted, nor where he served all of the
service. I knew he served as a soldier from Jany. 1st. 1865 to the close of
the war.

Int. No. 6. He was a private soldier.

Int. No. 7. I don't think he was a conscript, do know he was a soldier and
a good one at that.

Cross Interrogatories her ans.

I know because I served as a soldier with him. I did not know of any other
Jas M. Betts, except the one I speak of.

Cros. Int. no. 2., he ans.

Yes, positively.



Cross Int. No. 3, I personally knew that he served honorable from Jany. 1st.
1865 to the date of discharge, and I have been satisfactory informed that the
said Jas M. Betts served honorable all during the war.

Int. No. 4. he ansr.

I do not know, have no reasons to so believe, but do
believe that the said Betts fully performed his duty honorable and did not
desert or abandon any of the duties
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EX PARTE

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

Jas. M. Betts

Applicant for Confederate Pension.

The Honorable County Judge of Leon 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 Joe Newell

and Freestone who reside in the County of Freestone 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 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 can not be proven by any witness residing in the County of Leon and State of Texas, of which he is a bona fide resident.

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

Direct Interrogatories to be Propounded to the Witness

Joe Newell

- 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 Jas. M. Betts who is an applicant for pension under Act of March 26, 1909?
- INT. 3. How long had you known the said Jas. M. Betts and when and where did you first know him?
- INT. 4. Do you personally know that the said Jas. M. Betts 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 Jas. M. Betts 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 Jas. M. Betts 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 further know if Jas. M. Betts 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?

CROSS INTERROGATORIES.

To be Propounded to Joe Newell



CROSS INTERROGATORY 1. If, in answer to the foregoing direct interrogatories, you have stated that you personally know or did know said Jas. M. Betts 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 Jas. M. Betts 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 Jas. M. Betts serving in the same company or regiment, or special service in which you say the said Jas. M. Betts enlisted, if you have stated that said Jas. M. Betts 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 James M. Betts
applicant serving in the same command, or the special service to which he was assigned?

If you say that you so know other soldiers or sailors of the same name of Jas. M. Betts
then can you and how do you identify and locate the one from the other or others?

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is the identical person serving as testified by you?

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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 Jas. M. Betts
deserted his command, or voluntarily abandoned his post of duty or the service during said war?

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

County of Lewis
I, W D Lacey, 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 D Lacey
County Judge Lewis County, Texas.
J. M. Chatham
(Applicant) Attorney.....for Applicant.

In Re
**Application for Confederate
Pension.**

FOR USE OF SOLDIERS OR WIDOWS.

Lewis County, Texas.

Pending before the County Judge of said County.

EX PARTE

James M. Betts
Applicant.

INTERROGATORIES

propounded to

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Witnesses.

This is to certify that the following is a true and correct statement of the condition and the circumstances of the aged ex-confederate soldier, Mr. J. M. Betts.

He is as helpless as a baby, is entirely deaf and practically blind. He has exhausted all of his means and he and his family are dependent on what his friends and neighbors may do.

He has been confined to his bed for the past eight years-his knees having given a-way eight or ten years ago. His condition is familiar to me, I having been his family physician, constantly, for the last sixteen years.

J. J. Shruell

Subscribed and sworn to before me the undersigned authority this 20th., day of July 1912

Ed L. Craven

Notary Public in and for Leon County, Texas.

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~~*J. J. Shruell*~~



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Jewett, Texas., 7, 17, 1912.

Hon. R. A. Buford, Com., Of Pensions,
Austin, Texas.

Dear Sir:-

We the undersigned business men and citizens of Jewett and vicinity, knowing the ~~XXXXXXXX~~ absolute helpless and needy condition of Mr. J. M. Bett's and his worthyness of any and all favors that could be bestowed upon him, most respectfully ask that his pension be raised to the full amount. For a long time he has been and invalid and all his means have been exhausted and he and his family are left helpless. We hope and humbly ask that you give his case your prompt attention, for no worthier subject could be found any where.

Respectfully Yours,

Anderson, Evans & Evans
Cockey Evans Druggist
J. H. Bais
F. M. Evans
O. M. H. Jr
A. P. Johnson
W. A. Hill
J. W. Atkinson
W. D. Evans & Co. Druggists
H. Laganon
E. A. D. Murt & Dalton
J. W. Kennedy
J. B. Kirsh
M. Harrison
J. Kirsh
E. J. Battison
Chas. Byrno
J. P. Robinson
J. H. Jettison
Sam Campbell
Barron Bros. Ken Mass
J. M. Besson

Chas B Kisco
W. Kennedy
E. L. Bryant
H. Robinson
Dare Bailey
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R. Evans
J. E. Mattison
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D. J. Boucher

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J. E. Anderson

Ed. L. Evans

R. H. Evans

ANDERSON EVANS & EVANS
GENERAL MERCHANDISE

Jewett, Texas.

5, 15, 1912.

Com. Of Pensions,
Austin, Texas.

Dear Sir:-

At the solicitation of his many friends I am writing you in regard to the claim of J. M. Betts for a confederate pension. I would not under take this if it were not true that his family is in destitute circumstances and he himself is a inviled and helpless as a baby and an awful care on his neighbors and friends. I understand from his family that his claim was filed some time ago and that all the necesary pproofs were made and surely if there ever was a worthy object that th state should care for, uncle Jimmie as he is commonly known is that man. For many years he was one of the formost citizens here and his home was always open to the rich and poor a like. He was the pillow of the ~~KKK~~ church, the supporter of every good cause and formost in every good work. He served his country in the civil war to the best of his ability and freely gave some of the best of his days for the cause of the south. His family are at a lost to understand why they cannot hear fro your department in regard to his pension and I hope you will not consider me an intruder for writing you but on the other hand will see the matter as it is and give his claim attention at the earliest possible moment. Such action on your part will not only be appreciated by his aged wife but by his hundreds of friends as well.

Hoping o hear from you soon, I am,

You rs very truly,

Ed. L. Evans

OK
to writer

ED L. EVANS

R. H. EVANS

Anderson Evans & Evans

General Merchandise

JEWETT, TEXAS,

7, 19, 1912.

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Mr. Carter Hirven,
Austin, Texas.

Dear Friend:-

I am enclosing you a petition signed by the business men and others of this town and I want you if you possibly can to do me this favor. The party in whose behalf ~~the~~ the petition is sent is most worthy of the help ask for. Uncle Jimmie Betts, as he is commonly called, has been an invalid for a long time, unable to work or even to walk. He is very old, is blind and as helpless as a baby. He is so large that it is impossible for his wife to lift him and yet some body must lift ^{him} on and off of the bed at all times. He is diseased in many ways and has to have medical attention almost daily. He has no means and only has a little humble home that ~~is~~ is old and dilapidated. He has been intitled to a pension for a long time but never secured one until lately and then he only got \$10.50. The churches, the Masonic lodge, his friends and neighbors have all contributed to his support for the last two years. The lodge has completely exhausted its treasury. They hired a man to wait on him until they spent the last dollar in their treasury. Now he is entirely dependent on what his neighbors choose to do for him.

Now Carter, what I want you to do, if you will, is to take ^{the} matter up with Mr. Buford and get him if you possibly can to raise his pension to the full limit for surely if there is a man in the state who is entitled to it he is. By doing this you will do him and his aged wife a great blessing and all of his friends a lasting favor.

Hoping to enlist your aid in this worthy cause, I am,
Your friend,

Ed L. Evans



J.M. Batts
J.M. Batts
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Dear Friend:-

I am enclosing for you a copy of the report of the
Committee on the Administration of the Government
of Texas, which was published in 1911. It is a
very interesting and valuable document, and
I hope you will find it so. It contains
a full and complete account of the
administration of the government of Texas
from 1901 to 1911, and is a most
valuable source of information on the
subject. It is a most interesting and
valuable document, and I hope you will
find it so. It contains a full and
complete account of the administration
of the government of Texas from 1901
to 1911, and is a most valuable
source of information on the subject.

Very truly yours,
J.M. Batts

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