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FORM A.

### 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. J. Watts  
Anderson*

County.

Postoffice

*# 36 Queen St.,  
Palestine, Texas*

Filed

*Mar. 1<sup>st</sup> 1914*

Approved

*Geo. Wheeler*

Pension allowed from

*Mar. 1<sup>st</sup> 1914*

Rejected

*Geo. W. Kyle*

Commissioner of Pensions.  
~~Commissioner of Pensions~~

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COMMISSIONER OF STATE AND COUNTY PENSIONERS

FORM A

For Use of Soldiers Who Are In Indigent Circumstances

THE STATE OF TEXAS

County of Anderson

I, H. J. Watts 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 I surrendered April 9 - 1865 - at App Comatas Court House, at close of Civil War, with Hood's Brigade -

(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? 72 years old
2. Where where you born? Sumpter, S. C.
3. How long have you resided in Texas? Since 1856 - continuously
4. In what county do you reside? Anderson County
5. How long have you resided in said county, and what is your postoffice address? Since 1856 continuously, P.O. # 36 Queen St - Palestine, Texas
6. Have you applied for a pension under the Confederate pension law and been rejected? If rejected, state when and where. never applied before
7. What is your occupation, if able to engage in one? Farm, when able
8. In what State was the command in which you served organized? Texas
9. How long did you serve? Give, if possible, the date of enlistment and discharge. Enlisted in 1861, and served until close of war
10. What was the letter of your company, number of battalion, regiment or battery? Company G, 1st Texas Infantry, Hood's Brigade
11. If transferred from one command to another, give time of transfer, name of command and time of service. never transferred
12. What branch of the service did you enlist in—infantry, cavalry, artillery or navy? Infantry



I have a home valued at \$950.00 - Other property valued at \$100.00  
no other property -

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

A Private -

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

A Volunteer - Never detailed for special service -

15. 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 pension be approved and such other proceedings be had in the premises as are required by law.

(Signature of Applicant) *W. J. Watts*

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 21 day of March - A. D. 1914

*E. V. Swift* -

[Seal.]

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 *E. V. Swift* - County Judge of *Anderson* County,

State of Texas, on this day personally appeared *Ben H. Jackson + I. F. Huber*, 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. Watts*, the above named applicant for a pension, and that they personally know that the said

*W. J. Watts* - 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) *Ben H. Jackson*

(Signature of Witness) *I. F. Huber*

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 21 day of March - A. D. 1914 -

*E. V. Swift* -

[SEAL.]

County Judge *Anderson* 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 and true, to the best of their knowledge and belief, and that they have no interest in this claim, and said



Application of W. J. Watts 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 Anderson County, Texas, on this day personally appeared B. Y. Milam who after being by me duly sworn on oath says, that his name is B. Y. Milam, that he is 63 years of age and that his P. O. Address is Palestine, Texas, that he is personally acquainted with W. J. Watts have known him for about 50 years, first knew him in Anderson County, Texas, he and I served in the same Company and Regiment during the war, and I personally know that he enlisted in Company "G" 1st Texas Regiment in the summer of 1861 and performed the duties of a soldier till the close of the war.

6 B. Y. Milam

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 15th day of Feb. 1908.

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



**E. V. SWIFT**

Attorney-at-Law  
**COUNTY JUDGE**  
Anderson County



Palestine, Texas, March 21st. 1914.

Hon. Geo. W. Kyser,  
Pension Commr.,  
Austin, Texas.

Dear Sir:

It gives me pleasure to enclose the pension application of Mr. W. J. Watts for a Confederate Pension. Mr. Watts was with Hood's Brigade throughout the war; enlisted from this County, and saw a great deal of hard fighting. Many veterans are drawing pensions who never were in a battle, but this cannot be said of Mr. Watts. He was in the battles of Gaines Mill, Malvern Hill, Sharpsburg, 2nd Bull Run, Wilderness, Gettsburg, and a great many others. He saw the thickest of the fighting, and for this reason it gives me pleasure to send in his application. I cannot say this much of all applications. I join in asking that his application be approved. He can furnish any additional proof you may require. However I know him personally, and am sure that you can depend on his application speaking the truth. You will find affidavits attached. Mr. Watts secured these affidavits some years ago when these veterans were living, thinking that perhaps some day he would apply for a pension.



Yours very truly,

*E. V. Swift*  
County Judge.

Certificate of State and County Assessor.

I, O. B. Rogers, State and County Assessor in the County of Anderson  
 State of Texas, do certify that W. J. Watts, or his wife, or his trustee,  
 or trustee for his wife, whose name is signed to the foregoing application for a pension, under the Act of the  
 Thirty-third Legislature, approved April 7, 1913, is charged on the tax rolls of said county with a homestead  
 of the value of Nine Hundred & Fifty (950.) Dollars,  
 and of other property, real or personal, or both of the value of One Hundred (100.00)  
 Dollars.

Given under my hand, this 21 day of Mar A. D. 1914



O. B. Rogers  
 State and County Assessor.

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Application of W.J. Watts 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  
Anderson County, Texas, on this day personally appeared E. Newsom  
who after being by me duly sworn on oath says, that his name is  
E. Newsom, that he is 67 years old, and that his P. O. address is  
Palestine, Texas, says he is personally acquainted with W. J. Watts  
applicant for a confederate pension and has known him continuously  
for 50 years, first knew him in Anderson County, he and I served in the  
same Company and Regiment during the war and I know that he enlisted in  
Company G 1st Texas Infantry in the summer of 1861 and performed the  
duties of a soldier for about 4 years. I further know that he never  
deserted the confederacy.

E. Newsom

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 8th day of Feb. 1908.

R. E. Erwin

Co. Judge of Anderson County, Texas.

