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FORM A.

Soldier's Application for a Pension

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

Name of Applicant.

William G. Gentry

Smith County.

Postoffice Mt. Sylvan, Texas.

Filed

Sept. 12th 1914

Approved

Sept. 12th 1914

Pension allowed from

Dec 1st 1914

Rejected

George W. Kyles

Commissioner of Pensions.

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For Use of Soldiers Who Are in Indigent Circumstances

THE STATE OF TEXAS

County of Smith

I, William G. Gentry 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 in May 1865

(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
2. Where were you born? in Alabama in 1843
3. How long have you resided in Texas? since Feb. 1846
4. In what county do you reside? Smith
5. How long have you resided in said county, and what is your postoffice address? 23 years, Mt. Sylvan Texas, R.F.D. # 1
6. Have you applied for a pension under the Confederate pension law and been rejected? If rejected, state when and where. never applied before for pension
7. What is your occupation, if able to engage in one? farmer What is your physical condition? not good
8. In what State was the command in which you served organized? Smith County Texas
9. How long did you serve? Give, if possible, the date of enlistment and discharge. Three years
10. What was the letter of your company, number of battalion, regiment or battery? Company D 14th. Texas Infantry TX
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

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

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?

never detailed

15. What is the assessed value of your home, if you own a home? \$1000.00

16. What is the assessed value of your other property? \$320.00

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.)

William G. Gentry

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 16th day of September, A. D. 1914

Jesse F. Odom

[Seal.]

County Judge Smith County, Texas.

AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESSES

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

THE STATE OF TEXAS

County of Smith

Before me, Jesse F. Odom, County Judge of Smith County,

State of Texas, on this day personally appeared S.P. Veasey and W.C. Head

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

William G. Gentry, the above named applicant for a pension, and that they personally know that the said William G. Gentry 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)

S.P. Veasey

(Signature of Witness)

W.C. Head

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 16th day of September, A. D. 1914

Jesse F. Odom

[Seal.]

County Judge Smith 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 Smith

Before me, Jesse F. Odom, County Judge of Smith County,

State of Texas, on this day personally appeared J.P. Gilliam and James Perryman

who are personally known to me to be credible citizens, who being by me sworn, on oath state that they are per-

sonally 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 his claim, and said applicant's habits are good and free from dishonor. And they further make oath to the following facts touching the applicant's service in the Confederate Army: (State fully your source of knowledge.)

We served with William G. Gentry in the confederate war, and know that he was a private soldier in Company D, Captain Robt. Wily, 14th. Texas Infantry Col. Clark Regiment. Walkers Division, Ranel's Bigade.

Both of us were members of the same company and regiment, and served with applicant. He made a good soldier and did not desert.

(Signature of Witness) *J. P. Gilliam*
(Signature of Witness) *James Berryman*

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 16th. day of September, A. D. 1914

James P. Odum
County Judge Smith County, Texas.

[Seal.]

CERTIFICATE OF STATE AND COUNTY ASSESSOR

I, H. B. Matthews, State and County Assessor in the County of Smith

State of Texas, do certify that W. G. Gentry, 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 \$1000.00 Dollars, and of other property, real or personal, or both, of the value of \$320.00 Dollars.

Given under my hand, this 17th day of September, A. D. 191⁴

H. B. Matthews
State and County Assessor. TX

By Wm H Day
Officer Deputy