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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.

W. J. Bell

Anderson County

Postoffice *Palestine Rt. #1*

Filed *Sept. 20, 1909.*

Approved **FEB 28 1910**

Pension allowed from.....

Rejected.....

Commissioner of Pensions.

FORM A

For use of Soldiers, who are in indigent circumstances

THE STATE OF TEXAS }
 County of *Anderson* }

I, *U. J. Bell*, 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 at Fort Delaware at close of War*

(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? *70*
2. Where were you born? *Fairfield District S. Car.*
3. How long have you resided in Texas? *Since 1871*
4. In what county do you reside? *Anderson*
5. How long have you resided in said county and what is your postoffice address? *27 yrs*
Post Office, Palestine Tex Route 1
6. Have you applied for a pension under the Confederate pension law and been rejected? If rejected, state when and where. *never applied*
7. What is your occupation, if able to engage in one? *Farming*
8. In what State was the command in which you served organized? *Texas* (TX)
9. How long did you serve? Give, if possible, the date of enlistment and discharge. *From July 62 to Oct 64*
10. What was the letter of your company, number or name of battalion, regiment or battery? *Company "K" of 18th Texas Regiment*
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?

Non 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. 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)

U J Bell

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this *19* day of *Aug*, A. D. 19 *09*

[SEAL.]

Jno. R. Moore Dist Clk
~~County Judge~~ *Anderson* County, Texas
By E. Morris, Dpty.

AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESSES

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

THE STATE OF TEXAS

County of *Anderson*

Before me *O B Funderburk*, County Judge of *Anderson* County,

State of Texas, on this day personally appeared *G. J. Smith & U. J. Bell*, who are personally

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

U. J. Bell the above named applicant for a pension, and that they personally know that the said *U. J. Bell*

U. J. Bell 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)

G. J. Smith

(Signature of Witness)

U. J. Bell

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this *14* day of *Sept*, A. D. 19 *09*

[SEAL.]

O B Funderburk
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 *Anderson*

Before me *O B Funderburk*, County Judge of *Anderson* County,

State of Texas, on this day personally appeared *G. J. Smith & H. G. Neal*

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 applicant's habits are good and free from dishonor. And He further make oath to the following facts touching the applicant's service in the Confederate Army:

I personally know the applicant U. J. Bell. I first knew him in 1862. I personally know that he enlisted and performed the duties of a soldier in the Confederate Army. He enlisted in 1862 in Company "K" 18 Texas Infantry. He served about 18 months and was taken prisoner. I know these facts for the reason I was a member of the same company with him.

(Signature of Witness) J. J. Smith

(Signature of Witness) W. J. West

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 16th day of September, A. D. 1909

O. J. Anderson

County Judge Anderson County, Texas.

[SEAL.]

CERTIFICATE OF THE STATE AND COUNTY ASSESSOR

I, Ben D Jackson, State and County Assessor in the County of Anderson

State of Texas, do certify that U. J. Bell 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-first Legislature, approved March 26, A. D. 1909, is charged on the land and personal property rolls of said county with estate, real, personal and mixed, at the assessed value of \$340.00 dollars.

Given under my hand, this 17 day of Sept, A. D. 1909

Ben D Jackson
State and County Assessor.





OFFICE OF
Commissioner of Pensions

State of Texas

Austin

FEB 7 1917

E. A. BOLMES, Commissioner

To the Adjutant General,
War Department,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I have the honor to request the military record
of W. J. Bell who is reported to have enlisted in
Company K, Regiment 18th Texas Infantry
in the service of the Confederate States Army.

Purpose: The _____ person above named is an applicant
for a Confederate pension granted by this State, and I desire to verify
his proof of service.

Very respectfully,



E. A. Bolmes

Commissioner of Pensions.

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT,

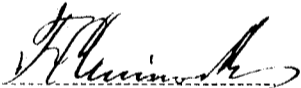
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

WASHINGTON, February 11, 1910.

Respectfully returned to the

Commissioner of Pensions,
State of Texas,
Austin.

The records show that U. J. Bell, private, Company K, 18th Texas Infantry, Confederate States Army, enlisted June 28, 1862; that he was captured at Richmond, Louisiana, June 15, 1863, and was released on taking the oath of allegiance at Fort Delaware, Delaware, May 11, 1865.



The Adjutant General.

[A. G. O. 72-1]

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