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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.

*Phonon V. Hassell*

*Anderson* County

Postoffice *Castaline, Monty*

*Box 31*

Filed *Sept 30, 1909.*

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Approved

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, Spencer J. Hassell, 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 on the bank of the Trinity River in Ellis County, Tex.  
 My recollection is: I ~~surrendered~~ <sup>was</sup> in - day of April 1865. at close of war between the States, because the war was ended. (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 And that I am totally disabled from doing any work because of a broken hip 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? my age is Will be 84 years old the 27th day of Sept 1909
2. Where were you born? In Hickman County, Missouri
3. How long have you resided in Texas? Since the 5th day of Jan'y 1845-
4. In what county do you reside? In Anderson County
5. How long have you resided in said county and what is your postoffice address? have resided in Anderson County 64 years P.O. Palestine, Texas, Box 7
6. Have you applied for a pension under the Confederate pension law and been rejected? If rejected, state when and where. Have not appl'd for a pension
7. What is your occupation, if able to engage in one? a farmer
8. In what State was the command in which you served organized? In Texas
9. How long did you serve? Give, if possible, the date of enlistment and discharge. about 3 years - enlisted in the fall of 1861.
10. What was the letter of your company, number or name of battalion, regiment or battery? Co. "E" Crump's Battalion Texas Cavalry - later in Co. "E" Drrell's Regiment. Do not remember letter of company.
11. If transferred from one command to another, give time of transfer, name of command and time of service. Was ~~not~~ discharged for disability for about 8 months - re-enlisted in Co. "E" in Drrell's Regiment in the C.S. a
12. What branch of the service did you enlist in—infantry, cavalry, artillery or navy? as Cavalry

13. If commissioned direct by the President, what was your rank and line of duty? Was not  
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 not 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) Spencer J. Hassell

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 10<sup>th</sup> day of September, A. D. 1909.

[SEAL.]

O. B. Funderburk

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 O. B. Funderburk, County Judge of Anderson County,

State of Texas, on this day personally appeared J. F. Watts & J. W. Moore, who are personally known to me to be credible citizens, who, being by me duly sworn, on oath state that they personally know Spencer J. Hassell

J. Hassell the above named applicant for a pension, and that they personally know that the said Spencer J. Hassell 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. F. Watts

(Signature of Witness) J. W. Moore

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 28<sup>th</sup> day of Sept, A. D. 1909.

[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 J. F. Watts & J. W. Moore

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 each further make oath to the following facts touching the applicant's service in the Confederate Army:

*I personally know that the applicant Spencer J Russell enlisted in the service of the Confederate States and performed the duties of a soldier. He enlisted about '63 in Company C 34 Texas Cavalry and served to the close of the war. He and I were members of the same company and served together.*

(Signature of Witness) *Jos F Watts*

(Signature of Witness) *Y W Moore*

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 28<sup>th</sup> day of Sept, A. D. 1909

*O B Funderburk*  
County Judge Auderson County, Texas.

[SEAL.]

CERTIFICATE OF THE STATE AND COUNTY ASSESSOR

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

State of Texas, do certify that Spencer J Russell 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 510<sup>00</sup> dollars.

Given under my hand, this 11 day of Sept, A. D. 1909

*Ben D Jackson*  
State and County Assessor.





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DEPARTMENT

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

WAR DEPARTMENT,  
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THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

WASHINGTON, February 11, 1910.

*Respectfully returned to the*

Commissioner of Pensions,  
State of Texas,  
Austin.

The name Spencer E. Hassell has not been found on the rolls, on file in this office, of any company of Grump's 1st Battalion Texas Cavalry, nor on the rolls of Company E, Terrell's Regiment (37th) Texas Cavalry, Confederate States Army, nor has any record been found of the capture or parole of a man of that name as of either of the organizations named.

The records show, however, that on Spencer T. Hassell, sergeant, Company E, 37th (Terrell's) Regiment, Texas Cavalry, Confederate States Army, enlisted July 11, 1863. On the roll of the company for January and February, 1864, the only roll on file, he is reported absent, "Detailed to horse camp Feb. 3, 1864."

No later record of him has been found.



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Per

The Adjutant General.