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Soldier's Application for a Pension

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

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2-23-28

Name of Applicant:

A. Johns.

Anderson - County.

Postoffice *Palestine*
1102. magnolia st.

Filed *Apr. 1914*

Approved *J. M. [unclear]*

Pension allowed from *June 1914*

Rejected

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Commissioner of Pensions.

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FORM A

1252-913-3M

For Use of Soldiers Who Are In Indigent Circumstances

THE STATE OF TEXAS

County of Anderson

I, Alfred Johns

do hereby make application to the Commissioner of Pensions for a pension to be granted me under the Act passed by the 53rd 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 at the end of the war
I was paroled at Jackson, Miss, with my battery.

(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? 69 years -
2. Where were you born? Hinds County, Miss -
3. How long have you resided in Texas? Since 1891 - continuously.
4. In what county do you reside? Anderson County, Tex.
5. How long have you resided in said county, and what is your postoffice address? Since 1891 - continuously; P.O. A. Johns, 1102 Magnolia St. Palestine, Tex.
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 What is your physical condition? Poor.
8. In what State was the command in which you served organized? Mississippi -
9. How long did you serve? Give, if possible, the date of enlistment and discharge. Enlisted in May 1862 - and served until 1865 - the close of the war
10. What was the letter of your company, number of battalion, regiment or battery? Company A - 1st Mississippi Artillery; Ratliff's Battery.
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? Artillery.



- 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? Never detailed - a Volunteer.
- 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? \$25.00
- 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) A. Johns

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

E. V. Swift
County Judge Anderson County, Texas.

[Seal.]

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 V. F. New Bond & J. A. McReynolds who are personally

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

A. Johns, the above named applicant for a pension, and that they personally know that the

said A. Johns 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) V. F. New Bond

(Signature of Witness) J. A. McReynolds

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

E. V. Swift
County Judge Anderson County, Texas.

[Seal.]

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 per-

The State of Mississippi
Hinds County -
At Jackson.



Personally appeared before me John T. Harris and Frank Johnston, both of Jackson, Mississippi, who being by me first duly sworn, do each of them state as follows:

That the said affiants were members of "Company A First-Mississippi Light-Artillery", Ratliff Battery, from 1862 to the surrender of the Confederate Armies. That they knew Alfred Johns, personally and well, and that he was a member of said command subsisting at the organization of the Battery, and serving continuously in said Battery to the close of the war, that is from 1862 to the surrender.

Alfred Johns was a brave, faithful and true soldier. His record as a soldier is excellent. He served in this Battery from the time of the organization of the same, until the surrender, when he was paroled with the Battery at Jackson, Mississippi.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this the 18th day of May 1914.

Frank Johnston
John T. Harris

Geo. C. Myers
Chief Supreme Court
of Miss.



OFFICE OF
Treasurer of Hinds County

W. D. LEE, SR., TREASURER

Raymond, Miss., *April 25th 1914*

This is to certify that Alfred
 Johns a citizen of Hinds Co
 Miss, enlisted as a Soldier in
 Company "A" of First Miss^{Lighty} Battery,
 on the 22nd of March 1862,
 at the age of 18, and that he
 served as a member of said
 Co, until the close of the war,
 and was discharged by
 parole, at Jackson Miss,
 on the 1st day of May 1865.
 I further state that I was
 a member of said Co from TX
 the time of its organization
 and its commanding officer
 from Sept 8th 1863, until May
 the 1st 1865. N J Ratliff Late
 Capt Commanding

April 25th 1914.
 27831

E. V. SWIFT

Attorney-at-Law
COUNTY JUDGE
Anderson County



Palestine, Texas, May 21st. 1914.

Hon. Geo. W. Keyser,
Austin, Texas.

Dear Sir:

I herewith enclose to you pension application of Mr. A. Johns, of this city for a confederate pension. I have known Mr. Johns several years and know him to be a good citizen, and worthy. I have investigated his application, and believe it speaks the truth. He is a member of the Camp here and has been for many years. I sincerely recommend that his pension be granted.

Yours very truly,

E. V. Swift,
County Judge.



APPLICATION FOR MORTUARY WARRANT

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

County of Cherokee } I, W. C. Denby
do hereby certify that I am the person to whom is entrusted the paying of the accounts and indebtedness of
the late A. Johns, who was a pensioner of the

State of Texas, and whose file number was 27831 and whose original county was Anderson
The said pensioner A. Johns, died on the
6 day of March, 1928, in the town of Beaumont
County of Jefferson, Texas.

The pensioner died in the home of Mrs. Edward Gildart
who was related to the pensioner as Daughter

That the warrant, which application is hereby made for, shall be applied to paying all or part of the
funeral expenses incurred by the said pensioner.

I further certify that the warrant for the current quarter has not been cashed by the pensioner, to the
best of my knowledge and belief. Warrant

I am related to the pensioner as (Friend) son in law
that my postoffice address is

Jacksonville Street or R. F. D. Bejar
City State

Signed W. C. Denby
Sworn to before me this 16 day of April, 1928
Justice Cooper

Notary Public in and for Cherokee State of Texas.

CERTIFICATE OF UNDERTAKER

I, K. T. Hotchkiss, do certify that I am undertaker in the
town of BEAUMONT, County of JEFFERSON, State of TEXAS,
that I had charge of the body of A. Johns, who died in the
town of BEAUMONT, County of JEFFERSON, State of TEXAS,
on the MARCH day of SIXTH, 1928. That said body was prepared for burial by me
on the SIXTH day of MARCH, 1928, and that I am of the opinion that
warrant herein applied for should be issued to the said W. C. DENBY
who makes the foregoing application.

Signed K. T. Hotchkiss Undertaker.

CERTIFICATE OF PHYSICIAN

I, A. B. Leary, do certify that I am a practicing
physician, and that I attended A. Johns in his last illness, and
am of the opinion that his ailments were Debility
General arterio-sclerosis
Cerebral hemorrhage



I further certify that I am of the opinion that the Mortuary Warrant above requested should be issued
in the name of the aforementioned applicant, in accordance with Act passed by the Thirty-eighth Legislature
and approved March 2, 1923.

Signed A. B. Leary
Physician's Address Beaumont, Texas