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FORM A.

*Dead Head*  
2-16-35  
**SOLDIER'S APPLICATION  
FOR A PENSION**

The Comptroller of Public Accounts reserves the right to call for additional testimony if he deems it necessary.

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Name of Applicant.

*W. T. Cotten*  
*Hudson* County.

R. F. D. or Street No.

Postoffice

*Wingusboro*  
*Box 25*

Filed Oct. 15th, 1931.

Approved Oct. 28, 1931

Pension allowed from Nov. 1st, 1931.

Rejected

*Geo H. Sheppard*  
Comptroller of Public Accounts.





## Soldier's Application for Confederate Pension

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

County of

Henderson

I,

W. T. Cotton,

do hereby make application for a pension pursuant to the provisions of Articles 6204 to 6227, inclusive, of the Revised Civil Statutes of 1925, as amended by H. B. No. 150, passed by the Forty-second Legislature at its Regular Session, and all other laws of this State relating thereto.

I served as a Confederate soldier (or sailor) in the war between the States of the United States; or (that I was a soldier who under special laws of the State of Texas during said war served in organizations for the protection of the frontier against Indian raiders or Mexican marauders); or (that I was a soldier

of the militia of the State of Alabama who was in active service during said war).

I served honorably from the date of my enlistment until the close of the war (or until I was discharged or paroled in some military organization regularly mustered into the army or navy of the Confed-

erate States until the surrender). I was honorably discharged or surrendered Ozark

Dale County Alabama  
in the Spring of 1865 at Close  
of War  
(Give date and cause.)

That I have been a bona fide resident of this State continuously since the 1 day of

December A. D. 1871

1. What is your age? 84 years

2. In what county do you reside? Henderson County

3. How long have you resided in said county? 59 years

4. What is your postoffice address? Brownsville Texas

5. Have you applied for a pension under the Confederate pension law and been rejected? no

6. If rejected, state when and where —

7. In what State was the command in which you served organized? Alabama

8. What was your postoffice address at the time of enlistment? Ozark, Ala.

9. How long did you serve? 8 months

10. Give, if possible, the date of enlistment and discharge August 1864

April or May 1865

11. What was the letter of your company, number of battalion, regiment or battery? I was

mustered in service as house guard

12. If transferred from one command to another, give time of transfer, name of command and time of

service not transferred. House guard under Capt. Bonner  
and Lieut. Bonner

13. What branch of the service did you enlist in—infantry, cavalry, artillery or navy? land

14. Have you a wife with whom you are living? yes If so, give date of marriage July 2-1912

second marriage - Sept 1912

15. To what Race do you belong? White

second marriage

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)

W. T. Cotton

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 14 day of October A. D. 1931.

A. B. Baker

[Seal]

County Judge Henderson County, Texas.



AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESSES

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

THE STATE OF TEXAS,  
County of Hudson

Before me, W. B. Baker, County Judge of Hudson County,  
State of Texas, on this day personally appeared Will Lee

W. E. Splawn, who are personally known to me to be creditable citi-

zens, who, being by me duly sworn, on oath state that they personally know W. I. Batten

the above named applicant for pension, and that they personally know that the said W. I. Batten

has been a bona fide resident citizen of the State of Texas since  
1890, and that they have no interest in this claim.

(Signature of Witness) Will Lee

(Signature of Witness) W. E. Splawn

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 14 day of October, A. D. 1921.

W. B. Baker

[Seal.]

County Judge Hudson County, Texas.

## AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESSES

(If possible the one witness should have served with the applicant in the army, and if so, let him state in his oath his source of knowledge, also any other information regarding applicant's army service.)

THE STATE OF TEXAS,  
County of Henderson

Before me, A. B. Baker, County Judge of Henderson County,

State of Texas, on this day personally appeared D. A. Ard

\_\_\_\_\_, who is personally known to me to be a creditable citizen, who, being by me sworn, on oath states that (he or she) is 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 <sup>his</sup> knowledge and belief, and that (he or she) has no interest in this claim, and said applicant's habits are good and free from dishonor. And further make oath to the following facts touching the applicant's service in the Confederate Army: (Witnesses must state fully the source of <sup>his</sup> knowledge of

applicant's service) W. T. Carter I lived in the same  
community in Dall County Alabama, and  
in the summer of 1864 we were mustered  
into the service of the Confederate Army  
under Capt Edward H. Borne, at Borne Cross Roads  
as Heavy Guards in the 'Militia', we served  
in the same company until we were discharged in  
the spring of 1865 served about 8 or 10 months  
I know that W. T. Carter was in said and  
captured prisoners and was a good soldier

(Signature of Witness) D. A. Ard

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 14 day of October, A. D. 1931.

[Seal.]

County Judge A. B. Baker County, Texas.







GEO. H. SHEPPARD, COMPTROLLER  
J. M. EDWARDS, CHIEF CLERK

Comptroller of Public Accounts  
State of Texas  
Austin

October 15th, 1931.

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

Sir:

I have the honor to request the military record  
of W.T.Cotten,, who is  
reported to have enlisted in Company \_\_\_\_\_  
Regiment \_\_\_\_\_.

Alabama Cavalry, under Capt. Edward Barnes and Lieu.  
Bridges.

in service in The Confederate States Army.

Very respectfully,

*Geo H. Sheppard*  
COMPTROLLER OF STATE OF TEXAS.



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WASHINGTON, D.C.

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

IN REPLY  
REFER TO

O.R.D.

WASHINGTON

October 23, 1931.

Respectfully returned to

Comptroller,  
State of Texas,  
Austin, Texas.



The name W. T. Cotten has not been found on the rolls on file in this office of any Confederate Cavalry Organization from the State of Alabama. Nor have the officers mentioned been identified as having served in any Confederate Cavalry Organization from the State of Alabama.

It is deemed proper to state, however, that the collection of Confederate States Army records on file in this office is incomplete, and the failure to find the name of any person thereon, is by no means conclusive evidence, that such person did not serve at some period, not covered by the records.



*C. H. Bridges*  
Major General,  
The Adjutant General,  
By:

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Henderson  
50312  
\$25 list

Dallas Tex  
February the 24  
1933

Mr John Shepherd Comptroller  
of Public Accounts

Dear Mr Shepherd my husband  
Mr W J Cottrell made application  
for and got a bonus of 26.00 dollars  
a month for being in the service  
of the old home guards.  
I understood that the  
law covering this is 26.00 dollars  
a month or 50.00 a month for two  
at the time my husband had  
out this application we did not  
know this Mr Cottrell and I  
are not living together at the  
present time but it is not  
because of any trouble we  
have had between our selves  
but that we are both old and  
not able to take care of our  
selves just been living  
among our children to keep  
from being a burden on any  
of them and I will appreciate  
it very much if you will kindly

advise me as how to go about  
getting this adjusted

Sincerely yours  
Mrs W J Cottrell

H 802 Parry St  
Dallas Tex



COMPTROLLERS OFFICE  
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Division #17

R.V. Cotton  
4318 - Sycamore St.  
Dallas Tex

Mr George H. Sheppard  
Comptroller of Public Accounts  
Austin Texas

Dear Mr Sheppard in reply to your letter  
of recent date, in which you stated that  
my mother Mrs W.T. Cotton was not  
entitled to become a Pensioner.  
And which you referred me to the law  
covering this, and now after looking  
up this said law and studying it I  
under advise of an attorney I am  
in clined to believe that my mother  
is duly entitled to draw my Father's  
Pension.

All though my mother & Father was  
not living together they were not  
divorced and she is there fore  
under the law still a lawful  
widow.

And the law article that you referred me  
too plainly said that to say to any  
lawful widow if they were married  
prior to January 1910, and they  
were married in 1902 and so  
if I don't hear from you on  
the matter I shall turn it to an attorney

Respectfully yours

R.V. Cotton

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COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE

Mr. Taylor did not answer the letter told,  
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Dallas Texas  
March 27-1935

Mr George K. Sheppard  
Austin Tex

Dear Mr Sheppard

I write you in regard to Pension #17 that was  
being paid to Mr W. T. Cotton of Brownboro  
Henderson County. Now Mr Sheppard you  
know all ready that Mr Cotton has been  
claimed in death. Now Mr Sheppard Mr  
Cotton was my Father. Which will explain  
me writing you: but here is what I want to say  
due to financial reason my Father and  
mother did not live to gether in the last years  
of his life. but split up & lived among their  
childrens

Now what I want to know is: how would I go  
about securing the Pension for my mother  
I would appreciate any information that  
you might give me on the matter  
or if you want to take it up with my mother  
you may communicate with her at  
4802 Perry Ave Dallas Tex  
Thanking you in advance for any favor  
you might perform for me I am

W. T. Cotton

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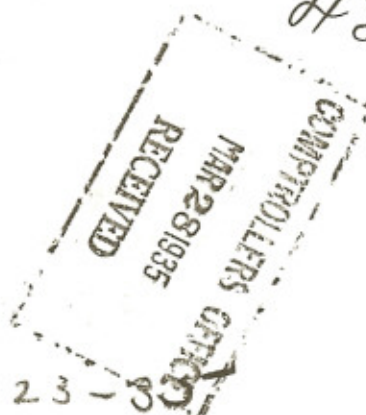
Henderson

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Respectfully yours

R. V. Cotton  
4318 Sycamore st  
Dallas  
Tex



notwary arrived 2-23-35



THELMEY BASS, SUPT.  
E. D. COTTON, PRIN.

I. A. BARTON, PRES.  
WADE TINDEL, SEC'Y

**Brownsboro Public Schools**  
Brownsboro, Texas

Oct. 31, 1934

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STATE COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE

To the Honorable Geo. H. Shepherd,  
State Comptroller,  
Austin, Texas

Dear Sir:-

I would like to know the amount that the Confederate soldier who has a living wife is allowed on the pension.

My reason for this information is that my father, Mr. W. T. Cotton, who is drawing \$25.00 per month and his wife is not getting any. I understand that she should also get \$25.00 per month. In the application I think the question was answered that they were not living together which is right, but they are not separated, and are on good terms. The reason for them not living together all the time is that they were not able to live alone, and the children were separated and he lives here with his boys, while she lives with her girls at Dallas.

If she is intitled to any amount I would be glad you would let me know just what procedure I should make to get it fixed up for her.

With best regards.

I am very truly yours.

*E. D. Cotton*



Box 145, Brownsboro, Texas.

*Henderson*

*50312*



November 2, 1932.

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Mr. E. D. Cotton,  
Box 145,  
Brownsboro, Texas.

Dear Mr. Cotton:

I am in receipt of your letter of October 31st, which is in regard to the amount of pension payment being made Mr. W. T. Cotton. You further state it is your understanding that the wife of Mr. Cotton should also receive \$25.00 per month.

This is to advise there is no law by which the wife of a Confederate soldier could become a pensioner until she is the widow of such soldier.

According to the information given in the application for pension filed by Mr. W. T. Cotton he is only entitled to \$25.00 per month as a pensioner, as his statement is that his at that time was by a second marriage and that they were separated.

The requirement of the law is as follows:

"On the first day of each calander month the Comptroller shall pay to every married veteran who is living with his wife a pension of \$50.00 per month for as long as they may both live."

It is on account of the requirement of the above law and the facts as stated in the application of Mr. Cotton that he was placed on the roll of pensioners who were entitled to only \$25.00 per month. For further information, I call your attention to Section 3, Article 6221, General Laws of Texas, 1931 Regular Session.

Yours very truly,

JHT:E.



Comptroller of Public  
Accounts.



November 2, 1932.

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Mr. E. D. Cotton,  
Box 145,



February 27, 1933.

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Mrs. W. T. Cotton,  
4802 Parry Street,  
Dallas, Texas.

Dear Mrs. Cotton:

I am in receipt of your letter of February 24th, and wish to advise the wife of a Confederate soldier is never eligible for pension until she becomes the widow of such soldier.

At the time of the filing of the application for pension by Mr. W. T. Cotton his application showed that he had a wife from whom he was separated. Under such a condition he would only be entitled to \$25.00 per month.

In order for a Confederate soldier who is a pensioner to receive \$50.00 per month, he must have a wife with whom he is living.

It is for the above reason that Mr. Cotton can receive only \$25.00 per month.

Yours very truly,

JHF:E.

Comptroller of Public  
Accounts.





March 28, 1935.

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Mr. R. V. Cotton,  
4318 Sycamore Street,  
Dallas, Texas.

Dear Mr. Cotton:

Replying to your letter of March 27 in which you request information as to the right of Mrs. W. T. Cotton as a pensioner.

At the time Mr. Cotton filed application for Confederate pension, on Oct. 15, 1931 he stated he at that time had a living wife which was from a second marriage and with whom he was not living, they being separated.

According to the above information Mr. Cotton was only entitled to \$25.00 per month as a pensioner, and according to the plain wording of the law this wife would not be eligible for pension under the present law of Texas.

In order that you may be fully advised as to the law, I refer you to Article 6205, page 435, General Laws of Texas, 1931, passed by the Forty-second Legislature in regular session.

Yours very truly,

JHT:E

Comptroller of Public  
Accounts.





# APPLICATION FOR MORTUARY WARRANT

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

County of Henderson

I, E.D. Cotten,

do hereby certify that I am the person to whom is entrusted the paying of the accounts and indebtedness of the late W. T. Cotton, who was a pensioner of the State of Texas, and whose file number was 50312 and whose original county was Henderson

The said pensioner W.T. Cotten, died on the 10 day of February, 1935, in the town of Brownsboro, County of Henderson, Texas.

The pensioner died in the home of J.S. Cotten who was related to the pensioner as Son

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 W.T. Cotten \$100.00

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

I am related to the pensioner as Son that my postoffice address is Brownsboro, Texas

Brownsboro

Street or R. F. D.

Texas

City

State

Signed E. D. Cotten

Sworn to before me this 19 day of Feb., 1935

**Must return before  
40 days expires from  
date of Pensioners' death**

Notary Public in and for Henderson State of Texas.

## CERTIFICATE OF UNDERTAKER

I, \_\_\_\_\_, do certify that I am undertaker in the town of \_\_\_\_\_, County of \_\_\_\_\_, State of \_\_\_\_\_ that I had charge of the body of \_\_\_\_\_, who died in the town of \_\_\_\_\_, County of \_\_\_\_\_, State of \_\_\_\_\_ on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 19\_\_\_\_. That said body was prepared for burial by me on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 19\_\_\_\_, and that I am of the opinion that warrant herein applied for should be issued to the said \_\_\_\_\_ who makes the foregoing application.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Undertaker.

## CERTIFICATE OF PHYSICIAN

I, A. C. Horton, do certify that I am a practicing physician, and that I attended W. T. Cotton in his last illness, and am of the opinion that his ailments were Chronic Nephritis beginning

May 14 1933

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. C. Horton

Physician's Address Brownsboro Texas

(TX)

Feb. 16, 1935

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