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FORM NO. 1 AMENDED
 OCTOBER 1, 1902

Confederate Pension Application.

Name of Applicant,

S. P. Shaffer
 Henderson County,

Post Office Athens Texas

Comptroller's File No. 9631

I have carefully examined the within application for pension, together with the proof in support thereof, and I recommend that the application be

Approved
 this 30 day of March
 A. D. 1903

E. A. Polmes
 Chief Pension Clerk.

I hereby Approve the within application for pension, this 30 day of

March, A. D. 1903
 R. M. Love
 Comptroller.

No Application Rejected by County Judge or County Commissioner's Should be Forwarded to Comptroller.

V. J. BOECKMANN, SCHUTZE & CO., PRINTERS, AUSTIN, TEXAS.

NOTE—The law provides that pensions can begin only on the first day of April and October of each year.

1550-1002-4m.

FORM No. 1. Amended October 1, 1902.

APPLICATION of Indigent Soldier or Sailor of the late Confederacy for pension under the Act of May 12, 1899. Hereafter use no other blank but this.

THE STATE OF TEXAS, }

COUNTY OF HendersonTo the Honorable County Judge of Henderson County, Texas.

Your petitioner, S. P. Shaffer respectfully represents that he is a resident citizen of Henderson County, in the State of Texas, and that he makes this application for the purpose of obtaining a pension under the act passed by the Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Texas, and approved May 12, A. D. 1899, the same being an act entitled "An act to carry into effect the amendment to the Constitution of the State of Texas, providing that aid may be granted to disabled and dependent Confederate soldiers, sailors, and their widows under certain conditions, and to make an appropriation therefor," and I do solemnly swear that the answers I have given to the following questions are true.

NOTE—Applicant must make answer to all of the following questions, and such answers must be written out plainly in ink.

- Q. What is your name? Answer Samuel P. Shaffer
- Q. What is your age? Answer Sixty three years
- Q. In what County do you reside? Answer Henderson
- Q. How long have you resided in said County and what is your post office address? Answer about 8 years, Post office - Athens Texas
- Q. Have you applied for a pension under the Confederate Pension Law heretofore, and been rejected? If so, state when and where. Answer No
- Q. What is your occupation if able to engage in one? Answer Farmer
- Q. What is your physical condition? Answer Feeble
- Q. If your physical condition is such that you are unable by your own labor to earn a support, state what caused such disability. Answer Rupture, Chronic Piles
- Q. In what State was your command originally organized? Answer Texas
- Q. How long did you serve? Give date of enlistment and discharge. Answer Served near 3 years, Enlisted Apr - 1862, disbanded at close of war
- Q. What was the name or letter of your company and name or number of your regiment? Answer Company Howell's Battery, Albert G. Pikes Command
- Q. State whether you served in the infantry, artillery, cavalry, or the navy. Answer Artillery
- Q. State whether or not you have received any pension or veteran donation land certificate under any previous law, and if you answer in the affirmative state what pension or veteran donation land certificate you have received. Answer No
- Q. What real and personal property do you now own, and what is the present value of such property? Give list of such property and value. Answer Two head cattle and two head horses valued at \$1000

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Q. What property, and what was the value thereof, have you sold or conveyed within two years prior to the date of this application? Answer none

Q. What estate has your wife in her own right, real and personal, and what is its value? Answer none

Q. What income, if any, do you receive? Answer none except little personal labor

Q. Are you in indigent circumstances; that is, are you in actual want, and destitute of property and means of subsistence? Answer yes

Q. Are you unable by your labor to earn a support? Answer yes

Q. Have you transferred to others any property of value of any kind for the purpose of becoming a beneficiary under this law? Answer no

Q. Did you ever desert the Confederacy? Answer no

Q. Have you been continuously since the first day of January, 1880, a bona fide resident citizen of this State? Answer yes

Q. If you originally enlisted in the Confederate service from the State of Texas, were you at the date of the passage of this act, a bona fide resident citizen of the State of Texas? Answer yes

Wherefore your petitioner prays that his application for pension be approved and that such other proceedings be had in the premises as are required by law.

(Signature of Applicant)

S. P. Shaffer

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 9th day of Jan - A. D. 1903

W. F. Freeman

(SEAL.)

County Judge Henderson County, Texas.

AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESSES.

(NOTE—There must be at least two credible witnesses.)

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

COUNTY OF

Henderson

Before me

W. F. Freeman

County Judge of Henderson County, State of Texas, on this day personally appeared

W. B. Watters & A. S. Gentry

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

know S. P. Shaffer the above named applicant for a pension,

and that they personally know that the said S. P. Shaffer is unable

to support himself by labor of any sort.

(Signature of Witness)

W. B. Watters

(Signature of Witness)

A. S. Gentry

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 6th day of July A. D. 1903

W. F. Freeman

(SEAL.)

County Judge Henderson County, Texas.

AFFIDAVIT OF PHYSICIAN.

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

COUNTY OF Henderson }
 County Judge of Henderson County, State of Texas, on this day personally appeared Dr Percy Larkin, who is a reputable practicing physician of this County, who being by me duly sworn on oath, states that he has carefully and thoroughly examined S. P. Shaffer ^{at times} applicant for a pension, and finds him laboring under the following disabilities which render him unable to labor at any work or calling sufficient to earn a support for himself: He is suffering from palsy & he is also ruptured on one side

(Signature of Physician)

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 4th day of Jan A. D. 1903

(SEAL.)

County Judge Henderson County, State of Texas.

CERTIFICATE OF COUNTY JUDGE.

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

COUNTY OF Henderson } I, W. F. Freeman
 County Judge of Henderson County, State of Texas, do hereby certify that on the 6th day of Feb A. D. 1903, before me came on to be heard the application of S. P. Shaffer for a pension under the Confederate Pension Law of this State, approved May 12, A. D. 1899; that the answers of said applicant to the questions propounded were made under oath as the same appear in writing in the foregoing application; that the affidavits of the witnesses who are credible citizens were made before me as the same hereinbefore appear, and that the foregoing affidavit of Doctor Percy Larkin who is a reputable practicing physician of this county, was made before me. I also certify that the said applicant S. P. Shaffer is not an inmate of the Texas Confederate Home, nor otherwise disqualified under the provision of Section 12, of the Confederate Pension Law. I further certify that after considering all the proceedings had before me relative to the said application for a pension by the said S. P. Shaffer I find the said applicant is lawfully entitled to the pension provided by the Confederate Pension Law of this State, and I hereby approve said application.

Witness my hand and seal of office at Atkins Tex. this 6th day of February A. D. 1903

(SEAL.)

County Judge Henderson County, State of Texas.

CERTIFICATE OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

COUNTY OF _____ } We, the undersigned members of the Commissioners Court of _____ County, Texas, hereby certify that the foregoing application of _____ for a pension, together with the proof in support thereof, was duly submitted by Hon. _____ County Judge of this _____ County, to the Commissioners of this _____ County, at a regular term thereof on the _____ day of _____ A. D. _____, and after a careful consideration of the same we find the said applicant is lawfully entitled to the pension provided for by the Confederate Pension Law of this State, and we hereby approve said application.

Witness our hands and seal of office at Atkins Tex. this 12th day of February A. D. 1903

(Signature of Commissioners)

(SEAL.)



Thos. Gantt
H. C. Hitchman
W. H. Bowdwell
J. P. Welbner

Ex parte
 W. J. Shaffer
 Applicant for
 Confederate Pension

In Honorable
 court of Henderson
 County

Before me the undersigned authority personally appeared W. J. Shaffer and Fessie Stroud witnesses for the applicant who after being by me duly sworn to tell the truth the whole truth and nothing but the truth in answer to the direct and cross interrogatories;

In pursuance to the agreement thereto attached I took and caused to be ~~took~~ reduced to writing signed and sworn to the answers of the said witnesses

Answers of the witness Fessie Stroud
 To the 1st direct interrogatory he answers. My name is Fessie Stroud I am 59 years old I reside near Carlton P. O. in Hamilton Co.

To the 2nd interrogatory he answers I know him and have known him since 1863.

To 3rd interrogatory he answers I first knew him in the army in the ^{Ind.} Territory

To 4th interrogatory he answers. I know he was in the army and served as a soldier. (TX)

To 5th interrogatory he answers.

He was in Howards artillery.

I served with him from 1863 to

close of war.

To 6th interrogatory he answers.

I am not acquainted with his present physical or financial condition.

To 7th interrogatory he answers

I was with him two years in service No.

To 2nd cross interrogatory he answers

I am

3rd - I do not know.

To 4th interrogatory he answers.

He did not.

signed J. B. Strong

Sworn to and subscribed
before me on this the 16th day of
January 1903 J. M. Warren Co. Judge
Hemillon Co. Tex

Ex parte
 S. P. Shaffer } In Han Commissioner
 Application for } Court of Henderson &
 Confederate Pension } Tex.

Before me the undersigned
 authority on this day personally
 appeared W. J. Shaffer and
 Jessie Stand witnesses for
 the applicant - who after being by me
 duly sworn to tell the truth and the
 whole truth and nothing but the truth
 in answer to the direct and cross
 interrogatories:

In pursuance to the agreement
 thereto attached I took and caused
 to be reduced to writing signed
 and sworn to the answers of the
 said witnesses:

Answers of the witness W. J. Shaffer

To the 1st direct - I answer:

My name is W. J. Shaffer I
 am 67 yrs old, I reside Buckle
 P.O. in Hamilton Co. Tex.

To the 2d direct - I answer:

I know him and have known
 him all his life

To the 3d interrogatory he answers
 I have known him all his life
 I knew him in Va. when an
 infant.

To 4th interrogatory he answers
 I do.

To 5th interrogatory he answers (ans)

(TX)

In Capt. Howells 1st Artillery Co.
about April 1862. In Hamilton Co Tex
a little over three years.
To 6th interrogatory.

I live a distance from him and
have not seen him for 10 years.

To 1st Cross Interrogatory he answers.
I was personally with him
through the entire service.

I did not or never have.

To 2nd & 4th interrogatory he answers
I am.

To 3rd I do not know.

To 5th interrogatory he answers.

Positively no
signed W. J. Shaffer.

Sworn and subscribed before me
on this the 16th day of January 1903

J. M. Warren Co. Judge
Hamilton Co. Tex.

EX PARTE

S. P. Shaffer
Applicant for Confederate Pension.

Pending in the Honorable Commissioners' Court
of *Henderson* County, Texas,
before the Honorable County Judge of said County.

The Honorable County Judge of _____ County, Texas,
will please take notice that, five days after the service hereof, applicant herein will apply to the Clerk of
the County Court of said County and State, for a commission to take the depositions of _____
and _____
who reside _____ in the County of _____ in the State of _____
in answer to the following interrogatories and such cross-interrogatories as may be propounded by the County
Judge of said County, which will be read in evidence upon the hearing of applicant's claim for pension in
behalf of applicant; said testimony is material and indispensable to applicant in furnishing the required proof
to his claim for a pension under the Act of May 12, 1899, the application for which is now pending before
the Honorable County Judge, and the facts necessary and required to be proven under the provisions of said act,
applicant believes can not be proven by any witness _____ residing in the County of _____
and State of Texas, of which he is a bona fide resident.

(Applicant,) Attorney _____ for Applicant.

Direct Interrogatories to be Propounded to the Witness *et*

W. J. Shaffer and Jesse Strand

- INT. 1. What is your name? Age? Present place of residence and postoffice address?
- INT. 2. Do you personally know, or did you at any time know *S. P. Shaffer* who
is an applicant for pension under Act of May 12, 1899?
- INT. 3. How long have you known the said *S. P. Shaffer* applicant for
pension, and when and where did you first know him?
- INT. 4. Do you personally know that the said *S. P. Shaffer* applicant for
pension, enlisted in the service of the Confederacy, and performed the duties of a soldier or sailor?
- INT. 5. Do you personally know in what company and regiment the said *S. P. Shaffer*
applicant, enlisted and served in the Confederate army? When? Where? And the time of service? If
you personally knew and so have stated that he enlisted and served in the Confederate navy, then state:
When? Where? And how long he so served?
- INT. 6. Do you further know that *S. P. Shaffer*, the said
applicant for pension, is unable to support himself by labor of any sort?

CROSS INTERROGATORIES.



TO BE PROPOUNDED TO

W. J. Shaffer and Jesse Strand

CROSS INTERROGATORY 1. If, in answer to the foregoing direct interrogatories, you have stated that you
personally know or did know said applicant, and that you know that he enlisted in the service of the Confederacy
and performed the duties of a soldier or sailor, and having named the company and regiment in which applicant,

so enlisted and served, then please state fully what is your source of such knowledge? And state whether or not you know or at any time you knew of any other soldier or sailor by the name of S. P. Shaffer serving in the same company or regiment in which you say the said applicant, S. P. Shaffer, enlisted? or if you have stated that said applicant enlisted and served in the navy of the Confederacy, then state whether or not you know any other sailor of the same name as said S. P. Shaffer applicant, serving in the same command?

If you say that you so knew other soldiers or sailors of the same name as applicant's, then can you and how do you identify and locate the one from the other or others?

CROSS INT. 2. Are you positively certain that said S. P. Shaffer applicant for pension, is the identical person serving as testified by you?

CROSS INT. 3. If you have answered Direct Interrogatory No. 6 in the affirmative, then please state your source of knowledge or information? Is not this your answer simply based upon conjecture?

CROSS INT. 4. Do know whether or not the said S. P. Shaffer applicant for pension, ever deserted the service in the Confederate army or navy?

THE STATE OF TEXAS, }
County of Henderson }

I, W. F. Freeman, County Judge of said County, in said State, do hereby waive copy of interrogatories, notice, time and issuance of commission, and it is hereby agreed that the answers to the hereinabove direct and cross interrogatories of the said herein named witness.... may be attached hereto.

W. F. Freeman
County Judge Henderson County, Texas.

(Applicant,) Attorney.....for Applicant.

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In Re
Application for Confederate
Pension.

IN COMMISSIONERS' COURT,

COUNTY, TEXAS.

Pending before County Judge of said County.

EX PARTE

Applicant.

INTERROGATORIES

PROPOUNDED TO

WITNESSES.

*Attestation of
Jesse Shivers and
W. F. Shaffer*