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FORM A

### Soldier's Application for a Pension

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

Name of Applicant

T. L. Reed

County

Postoffice Smithville

Filed

Nov. 10<sup>th</sup> 1914

Approved

Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> 1914

Pension allowed from

Mar. 1<sup>st</sup> 1915

Rejected

Commissioner of Pensions

Geo. W. Stephens

Witness at  
Smithville

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For Use of Soldiers Who Are in Indigent Circumstances

THE STATE OF TEXAS

County of Gregg  
I, T. J. Ray

do hereby make application to the Commissioner of Pensions for a pension to be granted me under the Act passed by the 33rd 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

(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? 71 yrs.
- 2. Where were you born? Autauga Co. Ala.
- 3. How long have you resided in Texas? Since 1859
- 4. In what county do you reside? Gregg
- 5. How long have you resided in said county, and what is your postoffice address? 24 yrs - Longview - Tex.

6. Have you applied for a pension under the Confederate pension law and been rejected? If rejected, state when and where. Have never applied

7. What is your occupation, if able to engage in one Colporteur What is your physical condition? fairly good

8. In what State was the command in which you served organized? Texas

9. How long did you serve? Give, if possible, the date of enlistment and discharge. Enlisted March, 1864 and discharged June, 1865

10. What was the letter of your company, number of battalion, regiment or battery? Co. "I" 35th Texas Regt. Col. J. B. Lister. Capt. Mullens. Lieut. Moore

11. If transferred from one command to another, give time of transfer, name of command and time of service. Not transferred

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

13. If commissioned direct by the President, what was your rank and line of duty?

*High 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?

*Was not*

15. What is the assessed value of your home, if you own a home?

*\$750<sup>00</sup>*

16. What is the assessed value of your other property?

*nothing*

17. Have you transferred to others any property of any kind for the purpose of becoming a beneficiary under this law?

*None not*

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.)<sup>x</sup>

*J. J. Roy*

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this *7* day of *Nov.*, A. D. 191*4*

*J. H. McHaley*  
County Judge *Gregg* County, Texas.

[Seal.]

**AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESSES**

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

THE STATE OF TEXAS

County of *Gregg* }  
Before me *J. H. McHaley*, County Judge of *Gregg* County,  
State of Texas, on this day personally appeared *R. F. Echols*

known to me to be credible citizens, who, being by me duly sworn, on oath state that they personally know *J. J. Roy*, the above named applicant for a pension, and that they personally know that the said *J. J. Roy* 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) *R. F. Echols*

(Signature of Witness) *W. S. Marshall*

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this *7* day of *Nov.*, A. D. 191*4*

*J. H. McHaley*  
County Judge *Gregg* 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 *Gregg* }  
Before me, *J. H. McHaley*, County Judge of *Gregg* County,  
State of Texas, on this day personally appeared *R. F. Echols* & *J. J. Victory*

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

sonally 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 his 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: (State fully your source of knowledge.)

*I personally know that applicant T. J. Ray enlisted and served in the army Co. "9" 35<sup>th</sup> Tex Cavalry from Mch. 1864 to June 1865 - I enlisted & served with the applicant in some Company under Col. Likens - we were honorably discharged - we followed the Banks retreat down Red river - witness J. T. victory says - I personally know that applicant T. J. Ray served in the Confederate Army under Col. J. B. Likens - I belonged to Lone's Regt. 1<sup>st</sup> Texas Partisan Rangers and frequently saw applicant while we were both in the service.*

(Signature of Witness) *R. F. Echols*

(Signature of Witness) *J. J. [unclear]*

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this *7* day of *Nov.*, A. D. 191*4*

*J. H. McHenry*  
County Judge *Gregg* County, Texas.

[Seal.]

**CERTIFICATE OF STATE AND COUNTY ASSESSOR**

*C. B. Hamilton*

I, ~~*E. O. [unclear]*~~ State and County Assessor in the County of *Gregg*

State of Texas, do certify that *T. J. Ray*, 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-third Legislature, approved April 7, 1913, is charged on the tax rolls of said county with a homestead of the value of *\$750<sup>00</sup>* Dollars, and of other property, real or personal, or both, of the value of *Nothing* Dollars.

Given under my hand, this *7* day of *Nov.* A. D. 191*4* TX

*C. B. Hamilton*  
State and County Assessor.

November 23, 1959

Mrs. Mabel Huckaby  
4617 Sinclair  
Austin, Texas

T. J. Ray, deceased  
Confederate Pensioner  
File No. 30054 Gregg Co.

Dear Mrs. Huckaby:

The records of this office show one T. J. Ray, not shown as Thomas J. Ray, executed an application for Confederate Pension in Texas on November 7, 1914. At that time he stated he was 71 years of age. Date of birth is not given. He was born in Autauga County, Alabama and had resided in Texas since 1859.

T. J. Ray stated he enlisted in March, 1864 in Company "I", 35th Texas Regiment of Cavalry, C. S. A. He stated the officers under whom he served was Col. J. B. Likens, Capt. Mullens, and Lieut. Moore. He was discharged in June, 1865. A private.

The application for pension of Mr. Ray was approved on the affidavit of R. F. Echols who claimed to have served in the same organization with Mr. Ray, and on the affidavit of J. T. Victory who stated he saw T. J. Ray frequently in the service but he was not in the same organization with him.

Mr. Ray drew a Confederate Pension until his death in September, 1932.

At the time of filing application for pension he was a resident of Longview, Texas and had lived in Gregg County, Texas for 24 years.

No further information as to the service of Mr. Ray is given.

Yours very truly,

Robert S. Calvert  
Comptroller of Public Accounts



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THE STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF GREGG

COMMISSIONERS COURT MEETS ON SECOND MONDAY IN  
FEBRUARY, MAY, AUGUST AND NOVEMBER

LONGVIEW, TEXAS, 11-7-1914

Hon. Geo. W. Myser,  
Austin, Texas.

My Dear Sir;-

I send you herewith application of Mr. T. J. Ray. He can only furnish one witness here, but if you require another witness, please telephone to the "Home" and get Mr. T. J. (Tom) Turner to sign an affidavit; he and Mr. Echols were both in same company with Mr. Ray.

Trusting you will find this satisfactory and will place Mr. Ray on rolls, I am,

Very truly,

*J. H. McHaney*  
County Judge.

*I return this application having procured the testimony of Mr. Victory - Please approve & place Mr. Ray on rolls - 12-15-14 J.H.M.*

APPLICATION FOR MORTUARY WARRANT

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

County of Upshur } I, Hollie Sheppard

do hereby certify that I am the person to whom is entrusted the paying of the accounts and indebtedness of the late T. J. Ray, who was a pensioner of the State of Texas, and whose file number was 30054 and whose original county was Gregg

The said pensioner T. J. Ray, died on the 29<sup>th</sup> day of August, 1932, in the town of Big Sandy County of Upshur, Texas.

The pensioner died in the home of George Morris who was related to the pensioner as Nephew

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 T. J. Ray

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.

I am related to the pensioner as (Friend) Nephew

that my postoffice address is Big Sandy Route No. 2 Street or R. F. D. Texas State

Sworn to before me this 15 day of Sept, 1932

Signed Hollie Sheppard  
John A. Minge  
Notary Public in and for Upshur County State of Texas.

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

CERTIFICATE OF UNDERTAKER

I, W. Clyde Minge do certify that I am undertaker in the town of Big Sandy County of Upshur, State of Texas that I had charge of the body of T. J. Ray, who died in the town of Big Sandy, County of Upshur, State of Texas on the 29 day of Aug. 1932. That said body was prepared for burial by me on the 29 day of Aug. 1932, and that I am of the opinion that warrant herein applied for should be issued to the said Hollie Sheppard who makes the foregoing application.

(TX) Signed W. Clyde Minge Undertaker.

CERTIFICATE OF PHYSICIAN

I, P. D. Reynolds M.D.; do certify that I am a practicing physician, and that I attended Mr. T. J. Ray in his last illness, and am of the opinion that his ailments were Mitral Regurgitation & old age

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 P. D. Reynolds M.D.  
Physician's Address Box 205 - Big Sandy Texas

Sept. 6, 1932

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APPLICATION FOR MORTUARY WARRANT

LEGISLATIVE COMMISSIONERS OFFICE THE STATE OF TEXAS

I, John A. Mingo } County 81

do hereby certify that I am the person to whom is entrusted the paying of the accounts and indebtedness of the late Harold Mingo, who was a pensioner of the State of

Texas, and whose file number was 1032 and whose original county was Wheeler

The said pensioner Harold Mingo died on the 24 day of Dec, 1932, in the town of Wheeler County of Wheeler Texas.

The pensioner died in the home of Harold Mingo who was related to the pensioner as brother

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.

I am related to the pensioner as (Friend) brother

that my postoffice address is Wheeler, Texas

Signed John A. Mingo day of Dec, 1932

Notary Public in and for Wheeler County State of Texas

CERTIFICATE OF UNDERTAKER

I, John A. Mingo do certify that I am undertaker in the town of Wheeler County of Wheeler State of Texas

that I had charge of the body of Harold Mingo who died in the town of Wheeler County of Wheeler State of Texas

on the 24 day of Dec, 1932. That said body was prepared for burial by me on the 24 day of Dec, 1932, and that I am of the opinion that

warrant herein applied for should be issued to the said Harold Mingo who makes the foregoing application.

Signed John A. Mingo Undertaker

CERTIFICATE OF PHYSICIAN

I, Dr. P. A. Reynolds do certify that I am a practicing physician, and that I attended Harold Mingo in his last illness, and

am of the opinion that his ailments were illness

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, 1932. Signed Dr. P. A. Reynolds

Physician's Address Wheeler, Texas