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FORM B

Widow's Application for Pension

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

Name of Applicant.

Mr. Louise Thompson

County.

Gregg

Postoffice

Wigmore, Texas

Filed

AUG 21 1909

Approved

AUG 31 1909

Pension allowed from

Rejected

Commissioner of Pensions.

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FORM B

For Use of Widows of Soldiers Who are in Indigent Circumstances

THE STATE OF TEXAS }

County of Gregg

I, Mrs Louisa Thompson, 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 am the widow of Mathew Thompson, deceased, who departed this life on the 8 day of Oct, A. D. 1894 in the county of Rusk, in the State of Texas

I have not remarried since the death of my said husband, and I do solemnly swear that I was never divorced from my said husband, and that I never voluntarily abandoned him during his life, but remained his true, faithful and lawful wife up to the date of his death. I was married to him on the 31 day of December, A. D. 1871 in the county of Rusk, in the State of Texas

My husband, the said Mathew Thompson, enlisted and served in the military service of the Confederate States during the war between the States of the United States, and that he did not desert the Confederate Service. I have been a resident of the State of Texas since prior to March 1, A. D. 1880, and have been continuously since a citizen of the State of Texas. I do further state that I do not 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, 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 I do further state that the answers given to the following questions are true:

1. What is your age? 78 yrs
2. Where were you born? Henry County Alabama
3. How long have you resided in the State of Texas? 44 years
4. How long have you resided in the county of your present residence? And what is your postoffice address? Since Jan 1909. ~~Liggins~~ Kilgore, Texas
5. What was your husband's full name? Mathew Thompson
6. When and where were you married? Dec. 31st 1871 Rusk Co. Texas
7. What was the date of his death? Oct. 8. 1894
8. In what State was your husband's command originally organized? Alabama
9. How long did your husband serve? If known to you, give date of enlistment and discharge. Enlisted 1861 and served through the war
10. What was the name or letter of the company, or name or number of the battalion, regiment or battery of artillery in which your husband served? If he was transferred from one branch of service to another, give time of transfer, description of command and time of service. Co. "E" 6th Alabama Regt.

11. Name branch of service in which your husband served, whether infantry, cavalry, artillery or the navy, or if commissioned as an officer by the President, his rank and line of duty, or if detailed for special service, under the law of conscription, the nature of such service, and time of service. Cavalry



12. 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 her application for a pension be approved and such other proceedings be had in the premises as are required by law.

(Signature of Applicant) *Louisa Thompson*

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this *11th* day of *August*, A. D. 19 *09*

J. H. McHaney
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. McHaney*, County Judge of *Gregg* County,

State of Texas, on this day personally appeared *W. E. McHaney, Mrs. Howard Lawrence*, who are personally

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

Louisa Thompson, applicant for a pension as the widow of *Mathew Thompson*

deceased, is in truth and fact the widow of *Mathew Thompson* deceased; that they personally know

that she has not remarried since the death of her husband, for whose service in the army she claims a pension, and that they have no interest in this claim.

(Signature of Witness) *W. E. McHaney*

(Signature of Witness) *Mrs. Howard Lawrence*

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this *11* day of *August*, A. D. 19 *09*

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

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

named applicant for a pension, and that they personally know that the said *Louisa Thompson*

has been a bona fide resident citizen of the State of Texas since prior to March 1, A. D. 1880, and that they have no interest in this claim.

(Signature of Witness) *W. E. McHaney*

(Signature of Witness) *Mrs. Howard Lawrence*

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this *11* day of *August*, A. D. 19 *09*

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

[SEAL.]

AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESSES

(If possible, the two witnesses should have served with the applicant's husband in the army, and, if so, let them, or either of them, state it in their oath; also any information regarding the army service of applicant's husband.)

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 personally acquainted with the
foregoing applicant, and that the facts set forth and statements made in her application are correct and true, to the
best of their knowledge and belief, and that they have no interest in this claim. And further make oath to the follow-
ing facts touching the service of the applicant's husband in the Confederate Army:

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(Signature of Witness).....

(Signature of Witness).....

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this.....day of....., A. D. 19.....

County Judge.....County, Texas.

[SEAL.]

CERTIFICATE OF STATE AND COUNTY ASSESSOR

I, J. Math Owens....., State and County Assessor in the County of
Gregg....., State of Texas, do hereby certify that Mrs. Louisa Thompson
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 the said county, in her name, or the
name of a trustee, with estate, real, personal and mixed, at the assessed value of Nothing dollars.

Given under my hand, this 20 day of August, A. D. 1909.

J. Math Owens
State and County Assessor.



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E. A. BOLMES, Commissioner

OFFICE OF
Commissioner of Pensions

State of Texas

Austin AUG 26 1909

To the Adjutant General,

War Department,

Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I have the honor to request the military record
of *Matthew Thompson* who is reported to have enlisted in
Company *E*, *6th* Regiment *Alabama Cavalry*
in the service of the Confederate States Army.

Purpose: The widow of the person above named is an applicant for a
Confederate pension granted by this State, and I desire to verify his
proof of service.

Very respectfully,

E. A. Bolmes

Commissioner of Pensions.



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

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WAR DEPARTMENT,

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

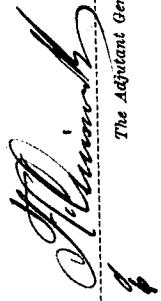
WASHINGTON, August 31, 1909.

Respectfully returned to the

Commissioner of Pensions,
State of Texas,
Austin.

Neither the name Matthew Thompson nor the name M. Thompson has been found on the rolls, on file in this office, of Company E, 6th Alabama Cavalry, Confederate States Army.

The Union records of prisoners of war show that one M. Thompson, private, said company and regiment, surrendered at Citronelle, Alabama, May 4, 1865, and was paroled at Gainesville, Alabama, May 14, 1865.



The Adjutant General.

(A. G. O. 72-1)

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U.S. DEPT. OF WAR
WASHINGTON, D.C.

DEPOSITION IN PENSION CLAIMS, with Caption and Certificates.

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EX PARTE

IN RE APPLICANT FOR CONFEDERATE PENSION

Mrs Mathew Thompson

Under Act March 26, 1909, pending

In Gregg

Applicant for Confederate Pension.

County, Texass, before the Honorable County Judge of said County.

Answers and depositions of (1) T. J. Howerton and W.C.H. Vann

to the accompanying interrogations (2) and Cross Interrogatories

propounded to them in the above entitled cause taken before (3) X

in accordance with the accompanying (7) Agreement

To the first interrogatory the said T. J. Howerton

Witness, answers

T. J. Howerton, age 61 yrs, Abbeville Henry Co Ala and post office address Abbeville Ala

To 2nd. Intg. He Answers.-

Did know Mathew Thompson while in, and before and also since the Civil war between the states of the U.S. of 1861-5

To 3rd. Intg. He Answers.-

Knew him first in 1860.

To 4th. Intg. He Answers.-

He did enlist and served as a soldier 1861-5

To 5th. Intg. He Answers.-

Enlisted in Company E, Ala Cav'y - 1863. Henry Co Ala

To 6th. Intg. He Answers.-

Private Soldier

To 7th. Intg. He Answers.-

He was not conscripted according to my knowledge

Cross Interrogatories

To 1st. X Intg. He Answers.-

The said Mathew Thompson was the only man of that name serving in a special Company, and I served with him - both in the capacity of private.

To 2nd. X Intg. He Answers.-

From the information I have I believe said Mathew Thompson to be the identical man I knew in the said war.

To 3rd. X Intg. He Answers.-

He served from enlistment to close of war, when we all were honorably discharged.

To 4th. X Intg. He Answers.-

He did perform good honorable services throughout his enlistment in said war.



Answers and Depositions of the witness W.C.H. Vann.

To 1st. Intg. He Answers.-

W.C. Vann, Abbeville Henry Co Ala Age 64 years,

To 2nd. Intg. He Answers.- I knew the said Matthew Thompson during the Civil war 1861-5 between the States

To 3rd. Intg. He Answers.- I first knew him when I joined the Confederate army in 1863

To 4th. Intg. He Answers.- I know that the said Matthew Thompson was rendering services in the Confederate army as a soldier when I joined the army

To 5th. Intg. He Answers.- When I joined the Company E 6th Ala Cav, the said Matthew Thompson was then serving in said Command of the Confederate Army

To 6th. Intg. He Answers.- I knew the said Matthew Thompson as a private soldier

To 7th. Intg. He Answers.- Not conscripted as I am aware

Cross Interrogatories.

To 1st. X Intg. He Answers.- My source of knowledge herein given, is from actual service in said Command with said Matthew Thompson as private and that he was the only one in said Command of that grade

To 2nd. X Intg. He Answers.- I believe from information obtained that this Matthew Thompson herein named is the identical person who rendered service in the Confederate army as a private

To 3rd. X Intg. He Answers.- The said Matthew Thompson did render good honorable army service during the term of my service in said army and was a member of said Company when I was captured March 27/1865

To 4th. X Intg. He Answers.- So far as I am aware the said Matthew Thompson did render good honorable service throughout his term of enlistment in said army and did not desert said service

Lined area for deposition text.

(Witness signature) X J. J. Rowton
X W. C. H. [unclear]

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this _____ day of _____, 190_____

officer

X
X

THE STATE OF Alabama }
County of Henry }
in and for said County do hereby certify that J. J. Rowton & W. C. H. [unclear]
(Here give name and official character of officer before whom taken.)

and _____ are personally known to me to be credible citizens of said County and State, and that the foregoing answers of the said interrogatories were prepared to the witness as before named, and that they J. J. Rowton & W. C. H. [unclear], whose name appears signed to the foregoing deposition, were made before me and were sworn to and subscribed before me, by said witness (4) respectively

Given under my hand and official seal, this the 17 day of Aug, 1909
(L. S.) officer, full and this certificate J. J. Rowton
Henry C. Allen

NOTE.—In Texas, any Clerk of the District Court, any Judge and Clerk of the County Court, or any Notary Public or Justice of the Peace, within their respective Counties, are authorized to take depositions. Out of the State and within the United States—any Clerk of a Court of Record having a seal, any Notary Public, or any Commissioner of Deeds of Texas.

File No. _____
In Gregg County, Texas,
Before the Honorable County Judge of said County.

EX PARTE

Louisa Thompson
Applicant for Confederate Pension

DEPOSITION
OF

Witness _____ for Applicant

Filed _____ day
of _____ 190_____
Clerk.
By _____ Deputy.

Fee for Taking Deposition, \$ _____

[Lined area for deposition text]

- (1) Here give the name and residence of each witness.
- (2) Here state "and cross interrogatories," if any.
- (3) Here give the name and official character of the person taking the deposition.
- (4) Here state "respectively," if more than one witness.
- (5) Here state whether "Commission, or agreement," if Commission was waived.



EX PARTE

Pending in Gregg County, Texas, before the Honorable County Judge of said County.

Mrs. Louisa Thompson Applicant for Confederate Pension.

The Honorable County Judge of Gregg 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 T. J. Howerton and W. C. H. Vann who reside in the County of Henry in the State of Alabama 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 of her claim for a pension under the Act of March 26, 1909, 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 Gregg and State of Texas, of which she is a bona fide resident.

Louisa Thompson (Applicant) Attorney for Applicant.

Direct Interrogatories to be Propounded to the Witness es.

T. J. Howerton and W.C.H. Vann

- 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 Mathew Thompson whose widow is an applicant for pension under Act of March 26, 1909?
INT. 3. How long had you known the said Mathew Thompson and when and where did you first know him?
INT. 4. Do you personally know that the said Mathew Thompson enlisted in the service of the Confederacy, and performed the duties of a soldier or a sailor?
INT. 5. Do you personally know in what company and regiment the said Mathew Thompson 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 personally know that Mathew Thompson was commissioned as an officer directly by the President of the Confederate States? What was his rank and line of duty?
INT. 7. Do you further know if Mathew Thompson was, under the provisions of the conscript law, detailed for any kind of special service in the field, shops, armories, etc., of the Confederacy? What was the nature of his service, and how long did he serve?

CROSS INTERROGATORIES.



To be Propounded to T. J. Howerton and W.C.H. Vann

CROSS INTERROGATORY 1. If, in answer to the foregoing direct interrogatories, you have stated that you personally know or did know said Mathew Thompson 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, or special service in which Mathew Thompson 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 Mathew Thompson serving in the same company or regiment, or special service in which you say the said Mathew Thompson enlisted, if you have stated that said Mathew Thompson enlisted and served in the navy of the Confederacy, then state whether or

not you know any other soldier or sailor of the same name as said Mathew Thompson
applicant serving in the same command, or the special service to which he was assigned?

If you say that you so know other soldiers or sailors of the same name of Mathew Thompson
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 Mathew Thompson
is the identical person serving as testified by you?

Cross INT. 3. Do you know whether or not the said Mathew Thompson
served honorably from the date of his enlistment until the close of the late Civil War between the States, or until he was
discharged from said company and regiment, or the special service to which he had been assigned?

Cross INT. 4. Do you know whether or not the said Mathew Thompson
deserted his command, or voluntarily abandoned his post of duty or the service during said war?

THE STATE OF TEXAS, }

County of Gregg

I, J. H. McHaney, 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 as may be attached hereto.

J. H. McHaney
County Judge Gregg County, Texas.
Louisa Thompson
Mar (Applicant) Attorney for Applicant.

Application for Confederate Pension.

In Re

FOR USE OF WIDOWS.

Gregg County, Texas.
Pending before the County Judge of said County.

EX PARTE

Louisa Thompson
Applicant.

INTERROGATORIES
propounded to

J. H. McHaney
W. H. McHaney
Witnesses.