this county for pension. I trust that you will be most generous and liberal in the consideration of this application, and grant same if possible.

Capt. Todd is one of our most respected and worthy citizens, he is very feeble, and in reduced circumstances and in great need of this assistance. The old gentleman has been Very sick, not expected to live for a long time, but is now some better. He is a fine old southern gentleman, was a most faithful soldier, and in every way deserves this State aid.

Please grant the application if possible.

Very truly,

J. T. Williams

County Judge

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Dyer County, Tenn. and was elected Captain of the militia and served with commission from Governor Harris as Captain and enlisted in the Forty-seventh Tennessee Regiment, Wynne Company, Company C., March 12th or 14th, in the year of sixty-two, in Cheatham Division. I was detailed and put in Cheatham's Headquarter Black-smith Shop, which consisted of three forges and one wood-work wagon. our force consisted of about twelve men; a man by name of Tom Smith was put over us a Captain and I served in that all the time I was out until the Murfreesburg battle. after the battle of Shiloh we fell back down into Mississippi and was there, I think, until some time in July, of the same year. Then we broke camp and sailed out through Mississippi, Alabama.

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by the Yankees and there we had a fight in or about Lexington, I think. Then we captured a Fort, I think, of about five thousand soldiers, I think. that was not far from a place called Bacon Creek. The night was the Perryville fight - and we retreated from there and it was a running fight until we crossed the mountains into Tennessee, then we came on down to Murphysburg, Tenn. I think it was the last day of December of the same year they sent me back to my regiment to take part in the Murphysburg fight - we went out the day before and formed our lines and was aroused next morning just (TX) at day-break - it was just between day-light and sunup that we made the first charge (We could have got us a fine breakfast of fried chicken and good coffee if I had had the time to eat it) That was

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do it and if I do say it my-self I stayed right in the front. I think it was about three o'clock in the after-noon. they threw a heavy force against us and our orders were to fall back and form a new line. we were pretty well scattered and the reason I did not hear the command I was in the advance and before I noticed they were right on us and they got nine of us there was no possible chance of escape as they had us surrounded they carried us from there to Nash-ville, Tenn. and then to Chicago as prisoners. I think we got to (IX) Chicago some time in January year sixty-three, they treated me so powerful bad and did not give me enough to eat, just about enough for one light meal a day. Word came into the Barracks that they were going to send us to

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came back into Tennessee. I think it was about six-hundred and fifty miles from there to where I lived in West Tennessee. I travelled right down the Central Illinois rail-road to Cairo on the Mississippi river without a nickel in my pocket: if it hadn't been for the rebel hands which were all Irish I could never have made it. they stripped me of my old Confederate uniform and gave me a good suit of citizens clothes. I was so crippled up in one hip from a fall I got, that I could hardly walk I had to walk the whole way through and some places I had to hide out all night. I think it was some time in Sixty-four before I made the trip through. General Forrest came through and I was going out with him - but there was a black-smith in the county and the citizens asked him to leave

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They never called for one and I remained there the balance of the war. If I do say it my self I was never sick a day while I was out and never missed a roll-call that I can remember of and I never disobeyed an order I was handed to obey all orders given.

Signed W. H. Todd

The State of Texas,
County of Brazoria. } Before me, the undersigned authority on this day personally appeared W. H. Todd, known to me to be a credible citizen, and after being by me duly sworn deposes and says that the matters and things set forth in the above narative are, within his knowledge, true and correct.

Sworn to and Subscribed before me, this the 16th day of April 1914

D. Ellinson
County Judge, Brazoria
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