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VERIFICATION OF WITNESSES

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WIDOW'S APPLICATION
FOR A PENSION

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

Name of Applicant

Mrs J R Brown
Cragg
County

R. F. D. or Street No.

Postoffice *Sanger, Tex.*

Filed May 19th, 1930.

Approved May 29th, 1930.

Pension allowed from *March 1st, 1930.*

Rejected

W. L. Johnson
Comptroller of Public Accounts.

Compliments of
East Texas Genealogical Society

Widow's Application for Confederate Pension

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

County of Gregg
I, Mrs. J. K. Bevins

do hereby make application for a pension, pursuant to the provisions of the First Section of Title 109, Revised Civil Statutes, 1925, providing for Confederate Pension, amended by Chapter 95, General Laws of the Fortieth Legislature, as amended by Senate Bill 287, Acts of the Regular Session of the Forty-first Legislature of the State of Texas, approved March 5, 1929, on the following ground:

I am a widow of J. K. Bevins deceased, who departed this life on the 21st day of May, A. D. 1881, in the county of Gregg 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 28th day of December, A. D. 1882, in the county of Cass in the State of Texas

My husband, the said J. K. Bevins, enlisted and served in the military service of the Confederate States during the war between the States of the United States and he did not desert the Confederate service. I have been a resident of the State of Texas since prior to January 1, A. D. 1920, 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 above the sum of \$300.00 per annum, nor do I own in my own right, nor does anyone hold in trust for my benefit or use, estate or property, either real, personal or mixed, either in fee or for life, of the value of one thousand dollars, exclusive of the home of the value of not over \$2000; nor do I receive any aid or pension from any other State of the United States, and I do further state that the answers given to the following questions are true:

- 1. What is your age, and date of birth? 59 years - 1871
- 2. Where were you born? Cass County Texas
- 3. How long have you resided in the State of Texas? all life
- 4. How long have you resided in the county of your present residence? 25 years
- 5. What is your postoffice address? Seaford Texas
- 6. Have you applied for a pension under the Confederate pension law and been rejected? no

If rejected, state when and where

- 7. Did your husband draw a pension? no If so, give his file number -
- 8. Give, if possible, the postoffice address of your deceased husband at the time of his enlistment Glenn, Upshur County Texas
- 9. What is your husband's full name?

10. In what State was your husband's command originally organized? Texas

11. How long did your husband serve? throughout war If known to you, give date of enlistment and discharge Served full 4 years discharged 4-76-1865

12. What was the name or letter of the company, or number of the regiment 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. (If applicant's husband was a pensioner give his file number, which is evidence sufficient for proof of service.) Co. B. 7th Texas Infantry

13. 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 Infantry

14. Do you own any property other than that rendered for taxes in your county? If so, state value of same and county where located no

15. Have you transferred to another 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 may be approved and such other proceedings be had in the premises as required by law.

(Signature of Applicant) Mrs. J. K. Bevins

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 14th day of May A. D. 1920

County Judge Gregg County, Texas.

*Where applicant has remarried it is necessary that she state facts covering particulars of last marriage, date, to whom married, and date of last husband's death. She must also state that she is now a widow.

AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESSES

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

THE STATE OF TEXAS,
County of gregg

Before me, W.R. Hughes, County Judge of gregg County,
State of Texas, on this day personally appeared Dush Shaw and

E.O. Newhater, 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. J.K. Bevinis, applicant for a pension as the widow of J.K. Bevinis deceased, is in truth and fact the widow of J.K. Bevinis deceased; that they personally know that she has not remarried since the death of her husband, for whose services in the army she claims a pension, and that they have no interest in this claim.*

(Signature of Witness) Dush Shaw

(Signature of Witness) E.O. Newhater

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 14th day of may, A. D. 1930

W.R. Hughes

[Seal.]

County Judge gregg County, Texas.

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State of Texas, on this day personally appeared Dush Shaw and

E.O. Newhater, who are personally known to me to be creditable citizens, who, being by me duly sworn, on oath state that they personally know the above named applicant for pension, and that they personally know that the said Mrs. J.K. Bevinis has been a bona fide resident citizen of the State of Texas since prior to January 1, A. D. 1920, and that they have no interest in this claim.

(Signature of Witness) Dush Shaw

(Signature of Witness) E.O. Newhater

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 14th day of may, A. D. 1930

W.R. Hughes

[Seal.]

County Judge gregg County, Texas.

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 other information regarding the army service of applicant's husband.)

THE STATE OF TEXAS,
County of Cherokee

Before me, [Signature], Notary Public Cherokee County, State of Texas, on this day personally appeared J. G. Templeton

who is personally known to me to be creditable witnesses, 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 following facts touching the service of applicant's husband in the Confederate Army: (Witnesses must state fully the source of their knowledge of service of applicant's husband)

Knew applicants husband the late J.K. Bivens as a true and tried Confederate soldier having served with him in the Texas Division of Confederates that served East of the Miss. river, he having been a member of Granberrys Brigade and myself a member of Ectors Brigade from Texas. Applicants husband done much to look after keeping a correct history of the Southern side of the Civil War, and was frequently honored by his surviving Comrades by being elected Commander of the Texas Division and discharged his duties as Commanding officer in a dignified and honorable way.

(Signature of Witness) x [Signature]
(Signature of Witness) [Signature]

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 3rd day of May, A. D. 1930.

[Seal.]

[Signature] Notary Public Cherokee County, Texas.



CERTIFICATE OF STATE AND COUNTY ASSESSOR

I, Oscar Wood, State and County Assessor in the County of Gregg State of Texas, do certify that Mrs. J. K. Bivens whose name is signed to the foregoing application for a pension is charged on the tax rolls of said county with a homestead of the value of None Dollars, and, in addition to homestead, of other property, real or personal, or both, of the value of None Dollars.

Given under my hand, this 14 day of May, A. D. 1930.

[Signature] Oscar Wood State and County Assessor.

District Court Meets on the 2nd Monday in February; 1st Monday in June and the 1st Monday in October.

THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF GREGG

County Court Meets on the 2nd Monday in January, April, July and September

OFFICERS:

WILLIAM R. HUGHES, County Judge
DUSH SHAW, County Clerk
B. CLAY TODD, Com., Precinct No. 1
J. H. JONES, Com., Precinct No. 2
LEO BRADSHAW, Com., Precinct No. 3
J. S. KING, Com., Precinct No. 4
R. F. McSWAIN, County Agent

COMMISSIONERS COURT MEETS ON THE SECOND MONDAY IN EACH MONTH

OFFICERS:

D. S. MERIDITH, Jr., Co. and Dist. Attorney
MRS. MAUDE WOOD, District Clerk
MARTIN HAYS, Sheriff
E. O. McWHORTER, Tax Collector
OSCAR WOOD, Tax Assessor
WALTER E. JONES, County Supt.
B. B. BROWN, County Treasurer
J. I. CHOICE, County Surveyor



LONGVIEW, TEXAS

May 14th, 1930

My dear Mr Sheppard:

I beg to hand you herewith petition of Mrs. J.K.Bivins for Confederate Widow's pension, which I trust meets with your ready approval. Mrs Bivins has for twentyfive years been a faithful worker here for every interest and welfare of Confederate soldiers and their widows, At once time President of the Daughters of Confederacy-Texas Divsion-But owing to reverses financially she stands now in need of this relief-

I am familiar with the facts of her case, and unqualifiedly recommend this petition-

Thanking you in advance for your favorable consideration I remain

Very truly yours

W. R. Hughes
County Judge



Here must be a mistake:

(XVI)

Should it read: 71 years of age,
born 1859?

*He could not have been married
when 11 years old?*

B. B.



Comptroller's Department

State of Texas

Austin

May 19th, 1930.

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

Dear Sir:-

I have the honor to request the Military
record of J.K.Bivins,, who is
reported to have enlisted in Company "B"
Regiment 7th, Texas Infantry.

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MAY 23 1930
OLD RECORDS DIVN.
U.S. ARMY

in service in the Confederate States Army.

Very respectfully,

G. H. Sheppard

Comptroller of State of Texas.

Mrs. J.K.Bivins.

To Received A. G. O. MAY 22 1930

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State of Texas

Austin



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WAR DEPARTMENT
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE
WASHINGTON May 24, 1930.

Respectfully returned to

Comptroller,
State of Texas,
Austin, Texas.

The records show that J. K. Bivins, (also founds as James K. Bivins,) Co. B, 7th. Texas Infantry, C.S.A., enlisted September 10, 1861, at Camp Clark.

Muster roll March & April 1864, (the latest on file,) shows him absent. Taken prisoner at Raymond, Miss., May 12, 1865, a Private.

Prisoner of War records show that he was captured May 12, 1865, at Raymond, Miss., and released June 14, 1865, at Elmira, N.Y., on taking the Oath of Allegiance to the United States, a Private. Residence: Marshall, Texas.

(TX)

E. H. Bridges,
Major General,
The Adjutant General.
By *gpc*

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Gress

Longview, Texas
Sept 19, 1951Mr. Robert Calvert
State Comptroller
Austin, Texas

Dear Sir -

This is to notify you that
my mother Mrs. J. K. Bivins Sr, who was
drawing a Confederate Widow's Pension,
died Sept 14, 1951.

Yours Truly

Jessie Bivins Turner
(Mrs. M. M.)

TX

May 20, 1930.

Hon. W. R. Hughes,
County Judge,
Longview, Texas.

Dear Judge Hughes:

Replying to your letter of May 14th enclosing application for pension by Mrs. J. K. Bivins.

You are advised that before this application may be approved, I would like to have a report on the military record of Mr. J. K. Bivins as a Confederate soldier, which report I am requesting today from the office of the Adjutant General, War Department, Washington, D. C.

You will be advised on receipt of the report from Washington.

Yours very truly,

JHT:E.

State Comptroller of Public
Accounts.



November 1, 1957

Miss Mildred Webb
602 West 9th Street
Austin 1, Texas

Dear Miss Webb: Mrs. J. K. Bivins, Deceased
widow of J. K. Bivins, Deceased
Confederate Soldier. Pension
File No. 46558 Gregg County.

The records of this office show Mrs. J. K. Bivins, widow of J. K. Bivins, executed an application for Confederate Pension in May, 1930. She stated she was born in 1871 in Cass County, Texas. She was married to J. K. Bivins December 28, 1882 in Cass County and his death occurred May 21, 1921 in Gregg County, Texas.

Mrs. Bivins stated her deceased husband served in Company B, 7th Texas Infantry, Confederate States Army.

The application for pension was approved on the following report furnished this office by the Adjutant General, War Department, Washington, D. C.

"The records show that J. K. Bivins, (also found as James K. Bivins,) Co. B, 7th Texas Infantry, C. S. A., enlisted September 10, 1861 at Camp Clark. Muster roll March & April 1864, (the latest on file,) shows him absent. Taken prisoner at Raymond, Miss., May 12, 1863, a Private.

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Yours very truly,

Robert S. Calvert
Comptroller of Public Accounts



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Rains & Talley Funeral Home
414 North Fredonia Street
Longview, Texas

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Robert A. Calvert
Comptroller of Public Accounts
State of Texas
Austin, Texas

Dear Sir:

On September 15, 1951, we conducted the Funeral Services of Mrs. J. K. (Viola C.) Bivins, Sr., who was the widow of a Confederate War Veteran, J. K. Bivins, Sr.,

Will you please furnish us with the necessary forms whereby we may make proper application for a Mortuary Warrant in the amount of Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) for the family of the deceased.

Also please inform us as to what accompanying papers are necessary to complete this application for benefits.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Very Truly Yours,



~~RAINS AND TALLEY FUNERAL SERVICE, INC.~~

46558 *(Handwritten signature)*
Lloyd Harlow
Gregg Mortuary Blank
& Notice
Sept. 20 - 1951

Rains & Talley Funeral Home
 414 North Fredonia Street
 Longview, Texas

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To: Comptroller of Public Accounts
 State of Texas
 Austin, Texas

Complete Funeral Service: Mrs. J. K. Bivins, Sr.,
 September 15, 1951

Monoseal Metal Casket & Service	\$ 825.00
12 Gauge Clark Bronze Vault	225.00
Flesh Chiffon Burial Garment	32.50
Hairdressing	5.00
Orchid Corsage	10.00
Cemetery Charges Advanced: City of Longview Greenwood Cemetery Open and Close Grave	15.00
Engraving 300 Acknowledgement Cards	9.00

COMPLETE FUNERAL SERVICE EXPENSE \$ 1,121.50 :

"I certify that the above itemized statement
 of Funeral Service rendered on the above date is
 true and correct."

Lloyd Marlow
 RAINS AND TALLEY FUNERAL SERVICE
 414 North Fredonia Street
 Longview, Texas

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 22
 day of September 1951:

Nelson Prothro
 Notary Public in and for Gregg County, Texas

Please have application for Mortuary Warrant properly executed and have the Undertaker attach to it a sworn itemized statement showing the cost of the funeral. Return at once to Robert S. Calvert, State Comptroller Austin, Texas

STECK-AUSTIN

APPLICATION FOR MORTUARY WARRANT

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

County of Gregg I, Mrs. M. M. Turner

do hereby certify that I am the person to whom is entrusted the paying of the accounts and indebtedness of the late Mrs. J. K. Bivins, Sr., who was a pensioner of the State of Texas, and whose file number was 46558 and whose original county was Gregg

The said pensioner Mrs. J. K. Bivins, Sr., died on the 14th day of September, 19 51, in the town of Longview County of Gregg, Texas.

The pensioner died in the home of Own Residence who was related to the pensioner as

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 Mrs. J. K. Bivins, Sr.,

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 Daughter that my postoffice address is 615 East Melton Street

Street or R. F. D.

Longview, City

Texas State

Signed Mrs. M. M. Turner

Sworn to before me this 22nd day of September 19 51

Notary Public in and for Longview, Gregg Co., State of Texas.

CERTIFICATE OF UNDERTAKER

I, Lloyd Marlow, do certify that I am undertaker in the town of Longview, County of Gregg, State of Texas

that I had charge of the body of Mrs. J. K. Bivins, Sr., who died in the town of Longview, County of Gregg, State of Texas

on the 14th day of September 19 51 That said body was prepared for burial by me on the 14th day of September 19 51, and that I am of the opinion that

warrant herein applied for should be issued to the said Mrs. M. M. Turner who makes the foregoing application.

Signed Lloyd Marlow Undertaker.

Rains & Talley Funeral Service, Inc.,

CERTIFICATE OF PHYSICIAN

I, _____, do certify that I am a practicing physician, and that I attended _____ in his last illness, and am of the opinion that his ailments were _____

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 _____ Physician's Address _____

September 20, 1951. Execute and return at once.