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FORM No. 2.

CONFEDERATE PENSION APPLICATION

Name of Applicant

Mary E. Duesett
Gregg County

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Comptroller's File No.

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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 15 day of July

A. D. 1900

[Signature]
Pension Clerk.

I hereby approve the within application for pension, this

5 day of July
A. D. 1900
[Signature]
Comptroller

No Application Rejected by County Judge or County Commissioners Should be Forwarded to Comptroller.

WATERICK-CLARKE LITHO CO., SAN ANTONIO

COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,
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APPLICATION of Indigent widow of Soldier or Sailor of the late Confederacy for pension under the Act of May 12, 1899.

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

COUNTY OF

Gregg

To the Honorable County Judge of *Gregg* County, Texas.

Your petitioner, Mrs. *Mary E. Duckett* respectfully represents that she is a resident citizen of *Gregg* County, in the State of Texas; that she is the widow of *W. J. Duckett*, deceased, who was a Confederate soldier (or sailor), and that she makes this application for the purpose of obtaining a pension as the widow of said *W. J. Duckett*, deceased, 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 *Mary E. Duckett*
- Q. What is your age? Answer *71 years*
- Q. In what County do you reside? Answer *Gregg*
- Q. How long have you resided in said County and what is your post office address? Answer *6 months, Post Office Agistha*
- 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 *not able to work*
- Q. What is your physical condition? Answer *not able to work*
- Q. What was the name of your deceased husband? Answer *W. J. Duckett*
- Q. Were you married to him anterior to March 1, 1866? If so, on what date were you married, and where? Answer *married him Jan 7 1854 in Alabama*
- Q. What was the date of his death? Answer *he died March 10 1894*
- Q. Are you unmarried, and have you so remained unmarried since the death of your said husband for whose services you claim a pension? Answer *yes*
- Q. State in what company and regiment your deceased husband for whose services you claim a pension enlisted in the Confederate Army, and the time of his service therein? Answer *Co. "A" Hollands Regt, under Genl. Magruder served about 3 years*
- Q. If your deceased husband served in the Confederate Navy, state when and where, and the time of such service? Answer *no*
- 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 so received. Answer *no*

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W. J. DUCKETT
MAY 12 1899
PENSION OFFICE



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.....

own no property

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 income, if any, do you receive? Answer.....

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 your deceased husband for whose services you claim a pension, 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

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

(Signature of Applicant) *Mary E. Duckett*

Sworn to and subscribed before me this *5* day of *July* A. D. *1899*

(SEAL)

County Judge *J. N. Campbell* County, Texas *Gregg*

AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESSES.

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

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

COUNTY OF *Gregg* } Before me, *J. N. Campbell*

County Judge of *Gregg* County, State of Texas, on this day personally appeared *A. J. Munden and Mrs E. D. Munden*

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. *Mary E. Duckett*, applicant for a pension as the widow of

W. J. Duckett, deceased, is in truth and fact the widow of the said

W. J. Duckett, deceased; ~~that they personally know that the said~~

~~deceased, enlisted in the service of the Confederacy, and~~

~~performed the duties of a soldier (or sailor) as claimed by his said widow in the above and foregoing application, and that they further~~

know that the said Mrs. *Mary E. Duckett*, widow of the said

W. J. Duckett, deceased, is unable to support herself by labor of any sort.

(Signature of Witness) *A. J. Munden*

(Signature of Witness) *Mrs. E. D. Munden*

(Signature of Witness)

(Signature of Witness)

Sworn to and subscribed before me this *15* day of *Nov* A. D. *1899*

(SEAL)

County Judge *J. N. Campbell* County, Texas *Gregg*

CERTIFICATE OF COUNTY JUDGE.

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

COUNTY OF

Gregg } I, *J. N. Campbell*
Gregg County, State of Texas, do hereby certify that on the *15th*

County Judge of

day of

Nov A. D. *1899* before me came on to be heard the application of

Mrs. *Mary E. Duckett* widow of

W. J. Duckett deceased, 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. I also certify that the said applicant *Mrs Mary E. Duckett*

is not disqualified under any of the provisions of Section 12, of the Confederate Pension Law. I further certify that after considering all

of the proceedings had before me relative to the said application for a pension by the said Mrs. *Mary E.*

Duckett as widow of *W. J. Duckett*

deceased, I find the said applicant is lawfully entitled to the pension provided for by the Confederate Pension Law of this State, and I

hereby approve said application.

Witness my hand and seal of office at *Longview* this *15th*

day of *Nov* A. D. *1899*

J. N. Campbell
County Judge *Gregg* County, State of Texas.

(SEAL)

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CERTIFICATE OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

COUNTY OF

Gregg } We, the undersigned members of the Commissioners Court of
Gregg County, Texas, hereby certify that the foregoing application of Mrs. *Mary E.*

Duckett widow of *W. J. Duckett* deceased, for a pension,

together with the proof in support thereof, was duly submitted by Hon. *J. N. Campbell*

County Judge of this *Gregg* County, to the Commissioners Court of this *Gregg*

County, at a regular term thereof on the *15th* day of *Nov* A. D. *1899*, 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 *Longview* this *15th*

day of *Nov* A. D. *1899*

W. B. Bevel (TX)
E. B. Pouch
O. J. Bruce

(Signatures of Commissioners.)

(SEAL)

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XXXXXX In the matter of the application of Mary E. Duckett, for pension, now pending before J. N. Campbell, county judge of Gregg county and state of Texas, under the Confederate pension law of the state of Texas, passed by the Twenty-Sixth Legislature and approved May the 12th, 1899.

The county number of said application being

No. -----

To J. N. Campbell, county judge of Gregg county and state of Texas.:-

You will take notice that, five days after service hereof, I will apply to the clerk of the county Court of Gregg county Texas for a commission to take the depositions of W. P. Blocker who resides in ----- Parish and state of Louisiana in answer to the accompanying interrogatories to be used as evidence in the hearing of the above application for pension.

Interrogatories to be propounded to W. P. Blocker of *Harrison County* parish and state of *Louisiana*.

Int. 1st.- State your name, residence, age and occupation?.

Int. No. 2nd.- Were you personally acquainted with W. J. Duckett deceased, husband of the aforesaid applicant Mary E. Duckett, whose application is now pending before the county Judge of Gregg county Texas?.

Int. 3rd.- If you state that you knew W. J. Duckett, then state whether or not you personally know of his having performed any service in the Confederate Army, and if so state what service he performed, in what company and regiment did he enlist; state the date of his enlistment and the length of time that he served in the Confederate Army?.

Int. 4th.- State whether or not you know the applicant Mary E. Duckett is the widow of W. J. Duckett about whom you are testifying, if you state that she is, then state how you know. Give all the information within your knowledge concerning the services of W. J. Duckett in the Confederate army. State all the facts fully concerning said service.

Mary E. Duckett, - Applicant for pension.

By Turner Messner her attorney

We hereby waive time, service, copy, filing and commission and agree that the answers of the witness may be taken at once on the original interrogatories and cross interrogatories and attached to and returned with the original interrogatories and cross interrogatories to the court clerk of Gregg county Texas.

This the 5th, day of September 1899.

J. N. Campbell County Judge
Mary E. Duckett.- Applicant

By Turner Messner her attorney

In the matter of the application of Mary E. Duckett for a pension

No. -----

Cross interrogatories propounded by the county judge of Gregg county Texas to the witness W. P. Blocker.

1st, Cross Int. - State how long you have resided in *Harrison County* parish and state of *Louisiana*. Where did you reside when you knew W. J. Duckett?.

2nd, Cross Int. - If you state in answer to 2nd, direct interrogatory that you were personally acquainted with W. J. Duckett, state when you first made his acquaintance?



3rd, Cross Int.- If in answer to direct, interrogatory 3rd, you state that W. J. Duckett, performed military service in the Confederate Army, state how you know that he performed said service. State when said service begun and when it ended.

4th, Cross Int.- State any other knowledge that you may have concerning the services of W. J. Duckett and his identity.

J. N. Campbell County Judge.

In the matter of the application of Mary E. Duckett, for pension now pending before J. N. Campbell, county Judge of Gregg county and state of Texas, under the Confederate pension law of the state of Texas, passed by the 26th, Legislature and approved May the 12, 1899.

The county number of said application being, No. -----;

Depositions and answers of W. P. Blocker who resides in *Harrison County* parish and state of ~~Louisiana~~ *Texas* to the accompanying direct, interrogatories and cross interrogatories propounded to him in the above entitled and numbered application for pension, taken before -----

----- in and for ----- parish and state of Louisiana in accordance with the accompanying agreement of J. N. Campbell, county judge of Gregg county ~~Texas~~, and Mary E. Duckett, applicant for pension, waiving time, service, copy, filing and commission.

; ANSWERS OF THE WITNESS:

To the first interrogatory he answers, *W P Blocker*
Harrison Co Texas, Farmer

To the second interrogatory he answers;
I was personal ~~W P Blocker~~
acquainted with ~~Harrison County Texas~~
W J Duckett Farmer

To the 3rd, interrogatory he answers;
I was personal acquainted with W J Duckett
he belong to my company A Col Holland
regiment and under Gen Bankhead
Magruder who was in the command of
the Gulf Coast in Texas. he enlisted in
1863 or 1864 he served one year

To the 4th, interrogatory he answers;
Mary E Duckett was wife W J Duckett
while living in this country, he died
after leaving this country I know
that he perform service as a private
in the confederate army



ANSWERS OF THE WITNESS W. P. BLOCKER TO THE CROSS INTGS.

To first cross interrogatory he answers;

I have resided in Harrison County, Tex
sixty one. In Harrison Co Texas

To second cross interrogatory he answers;

I made his acquaintance before the
war between the States

To third cross interrogatory he answers;

By enrolling him as a soldier
in my company. I have nothing to
retract. My friend he was enlisted
for one year

To fourth cross interrogatory he answers;

he served as a private in my
company and perform all the duties
as a soldier

Signature of witness W. P. Blocker
 State of ~~Louisiana~~ Texas
 Parish of ~~Louisiana~~ Harrison I, D. L. Hill
~~County of~~ County of Harrison Notary Public
 in and for the parish of Harrison in the state of Texas
 hereby certify that the foregoing answers of W. P. Blocker the witness before
 named, who is a credible person, were made before me, after being by me duly sworn,
 and were signed and sworn to before me by the said witness on the 13 day of
September 1899.
D. L. Hill
 Notary Public
Harrison Co Tex



IN THE MATTER of the application of Mrs. Mary E. Duckett, for pension, now pending before J. N. Campbell, county Judge of Gregg county and state of Texas, under the Confederate pension law of the state of Texas, passed by the Twenty-Sixth Legislature and approved May the 12, 1899.

The county number of said application being
No. -----

To J. N. Campbell county Judge of Gregg county and state of Texas.:-

You will take notice that 5 days after service hereof, I will apply to the clerk of the county court of Gregg county, Texas for a commission to take the depositions of *Mrs. S. A. Cunningham* who resides in *Case* ~~Harrison~~ county and state of Texas in answer to the accompanying interrogatories to be used as evidence on the hearing of the above application for pension.

Mrs. S. A. Cunningham

Interrogatories to be propounded to ~~D. H. Kay~~ of ~~Case~~ county, Texas.

Int. 1st.- State your name, residence, age and occupation.

Int. 2nd.- Were you personally acquainted with W. J. Duckett, deceased, husband of Mary E. Duckett, applicant for a pension, and whose application is now pending before the county Judge of Gregg county Texas?

Int. 3rd.- If you state that you knew W. J. Duckett, then state whether or not you personally know of his having performed any service in the Confederate army, and if so, state what service he performed; in what company and regiment did he enlist; state the date of his enlistment, and the length of time he served in the Confederate Army?

Int. 4th.- State whether or not you know that Mary E. Duckett applicant, is the widow of W. J. Duckett about whom you are testifying. Give all the information within your knowledge concerning him, in regard to his service in the Confederate army. State all the facts fully concerning said service?

Mary E. Duckett ----- Applicant.
by *Turner & McHenry* ----- her attorneys

We hereby waive time, service, copy, filing and commission and agree that the answers of the witness may be taken at once on the original interrogatories and cross interrogatories and attached to and returned with the original interrogatories and cross interrogatories to the county clerk of Gregg county Texas.

This the 5th, day of September 1899.

J. N. Campbell ----- County Judge.
Mary E. Duckett ----- Applicant.
by *Turner & McHenry* ----- her attorneys.



In the matter of the application of Mary E. Duckett for a pension,
 No. -----

Cross interrogatories propounded by the county Judge of Gregg county, Texas to the witness ~~D. McKay~~ *Ms. S. A. Cunningham* *Cass*

1st, Cross Int. - State how long you have resided in ~~Harrison~~ *Harrison* county and state of Texas. Where did you reside when you knew W. J. Duckett?

2nd, Cross Int. - If you state in answer to 2nd, direct interrogatory that you were personally acquainted with W. J. Duckett, state when you first made his acquaintance. State how you know the applicant, Mary E. Duckett, is the widow of W. J. Duckett, about whom you are testifying?

3rd, Cross Int. - If in answer to direct interrogatory 3rd, you state that W. J. Duckett performed military service in the Confederate army, state how you know that he performed said service. State when said service begun and when it ended?

4th, Cross Int. - State any other knowledge that you may have concerning the services of W. J. Duckett and his identity?

J. N. Campbell County Judge

In the matter of the application of Mary E. Duckett for pension now pending before J. N. Campbell, county judge of Gregg county and state of Texas, under the Confederate pension law of the state of Texas, passed by the 26th, legislature and approved May 12, 1899.

The county number of said application being,

No. ----- *Ms. S. A. Cunningham* *Cass*

Depositions and answers of ~~D. McKay~~ *Ms. S. A. Cunningham* who resides in ~~Harrison~~ *Harrison* county and state of Texas to the accompanying direct interrogatories and cross interrogatories propounded to ~~her~~ *her* in the above entitled and numbered application for pension, taken before -----

----- *Cass* in add for ~~Harrison~~ *Harrison* county Texas, in accordance with the accompanying agreement of J. N. Campbell, county Judge of Gregg county Texas and Mary E. Duckett applicant for pension, waiving time, service, copy, filing and commission.

; ANSWERS OF THE WITNESS:

To the first interrogatory she answers; *Laura A. Cunningham*
Living in Cass co. Age 45. Boarding Mistress.

To the second interrogatory she answers; *I was*

To the third interrogatory she answers; *I did*
his capt. Pres Blocker. Hall's Regiment
in Summer of '63. Served about 2 years



To the fourth interrogatory she answers; *I know she is*

J. A. Cunningham

ANSWERS OF THE WITNESS ~~D. McKay~~ to the CROSS INTGS.

To first cross interrogatory she answers; *in Cass co. 6 months, was enlisted in Texa¹, in Red River co, Tex*

To second cross interrogatory she answers; *when a child I have known Mrs W J Dockett from childhood and know her to be the widow W J Dockett*

To third cross interrogatory she answers; *I know that he enlisted in Harrison co Tex in '63, about 2 years 4th I know that while in Harrison co W J Docks come home on Detail for 4th month, a Disarter, and captured him and carried him off to the army.*

To fourth cross interrogatory she answers;

Signature of Witness *J. A. Cunningham*

State of Texas, I, *Springer, Cass Tex*

County of *Cass* Harrison, in and for the county

of Harrison and state of Texas do hereby certify that the foregoing answers of ~~D. McKay~~ the witness before named, who is a credible person, were made before me, after being by me duly sworn, and were signed and sworn to before me by the said witness on the *19* day of September 1899

R. P. Attello J.P.
in presence of & ex parte
Cass co Tex

