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FORM B.

### Widow'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.

*Bama Echale*

County.

Postoffice

*Gregg*  
*Longview Tex*

Filed

*11/24/16*

Approved

**MAR 16 1917**

Pension allowed from

*3/1/17*

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*J. E. Jones*  
Commissioner of Pensions.

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For Use of Widows of Soldiers who are in Indigent Circumstances

THE STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF Gregg  
Barna Echols

I, Mrs. Barna Echols, do hereby make application to the Commissioner of Pensions for a pension, to be granted me under the Act passed by the Thirty-third Legislature of the State of Texas, and approved April 7, A. D. 1913, on the following grounds:

I am the widow of R. F. Echols, deceased, who departed this life on the 9 day of November, A. D. 1916, 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 21 day of November, A. D. 1895, in the county of Gregg, in the State of Texas

My husband, the said R. F. Echols, 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 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 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 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 \$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 I do further state that the answers given to the following questions are true:

1. What is your age? 59 years - 60 in February 1917.
2. Where were you born? In Ephraim County, Texas
3. How long have you resided in the State of Texas? All of my life
4. How long have you resided in the county of your present residence? And what is your postoffice address? Since 1871 except 2 yrs in Russia. My P. O. address is Longview Texas.
5. Did your husband draw a pension? If so, give his file number. NO.
6. What was your husband's full name? Robert Finis Echols
7. What was the date of his death? November 9th 1916.
8. In what State was your husband's command originally organized? In Texas
9. How long did your husband serve? If known to you give date of enlistment and discharge. Enlisted in early part of 1864 - Feb 15 - 1864 - Discharge date May 25 - 1865
10. What was the name or letter of the company, 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. Member of Co. I. 35th Texas Cavalry - This man was not transferred.

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.

He was a Corporal - Was in regular service.



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 may be approved and such other proceedings be had in the premises as are required by law.

(Signature of Applicant) Barna Echols

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 213 day of November A. D. 1916

E. M. Bracquette  
Gregg  
County Judge, Gregg County, Texas.

[Seal.]

AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESSES

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

THE STATE OF TEXAS, )  
COUNTY OF Gregg }

Before me, E. M. Bramlette, County Judge of Gregg County, State of Texas, on this day personally appeared J. J. Ray and M. E. Keimard, who are personally known to me to be creditable citizens, who, being by me duly sworn, on oath state that they personally know that Mrs. Berna Echols, applicant for a pension as the widow of R. F. Echols deceased, is in truth and fact the widow of R. F. Echols 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) \* J. J. Ray

(Signature of Witness) M. E. Keimard

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 23 day of November, A. D. 1916

E. M. Bramlette  
Gregg  
County Judge..... County, Texas.

[Seal.]

AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESSES

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

THE STATE OF TEXAS, )  
COUNTY OF Gregg }

Before me, E. M. Bramlette, County Judge of Gregg County, State of Texas, on this day personally appeared J. B. Brown and W. S. Mayfield, 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 Berna Echols 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 this claim.

(Signature of Witness) J. B. Brown

(Signature of Witness) W. S. Mayfield

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 23 day of November, A. D. 1916

E. M. Bramlette  
Gregg  
County Judge..... 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 Gregg

Before me, E.M. Bramlette, County Judge of Gregg County,

State of Texas, on this day personally appeared T.J. Ray and J.E. Kennard, who personally

known to me to be creditable 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 following facts touching the service of the applicant's husband in the Confederate Army; (State fully your source of knowledge):

Said T.J. Ray says he served with said R.F. Echols in 1864 and 1865 in Company I - of 35th Texas Cavalry of the Confederate Army. He says that he saw said R.F. Echols in the actual service in Texas and Louisiana during practically all of 1864 and a portion of 1865 and that he served with him until the end of the war.

J.E. Kennard says he was in same Brigade as R.F. Echols but not in same regiment. He says R.F. Echols served as stated by T.J. Ray and widow of deceased -

(Signature of Witness) T.J. Ray

(Signature of Witness) J.E. Kennard

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 23 day of November A. D. 1916

E.M. Bramlette

Gregg

[Seal.]

County Judge County, Texas.

CERTIFICATE OF STATE AND COUNTY ASSESSOR

I, O.B. Hamilton State and County Assessor in the County of Gregg,

State of Texas, do certify that Mrs. Bama Echols whose name is signed

to the foregoing application for a pension, under the Act of the Thirty-third Legislature, approved April 7, 1913,

owns 1/2 interest in homestead is charged on the tax rolls of said county with a homestead of the value of valued at \$2000.00

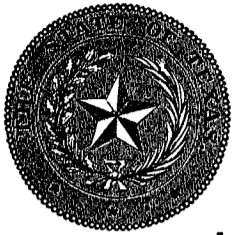
making her part \$666 2/3 dollars Dollars, and of other property, real or personal, or both, of the value of nothing Dollars.

Given under my hand, this 23 day of November A. D. 1916

O.B. Hamilton

State and County Assessor.





J. C. JONES, Commissioner

OFFICE OF  
COMMISSIONER OF PENSIONS  
STATE OF TEXAS  
AUSTIN

To the Adjutant General,

War Department,

Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I have the honor to request the military record of R. F. Echols who is reported to have enlisted in Company D, Regiment 35 Texas Dismounted Cavalry, was a Corporal

in service in the Confederate States Army.

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

Very respectfully,



J. C. Jones  
Commissioner of Pensions.

*Topt. 11/24*

WAR DEPARTMENT,

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

WASHINGTON, *Nov. 28. 1916*

Respectfully returned to *Comr of*  
*Pensions*  
*State of Tex.*  
*Austin.*

with the information that the name mentioned within has not been found on the rolls, on file in this Department, of the organization to which reference is made, which rolls partly cover the period from *Jan 1*, 1864, to *Feb. 29*, 1864, and that nothing has been found in the official records concerning the service, capture or parole of a man of that name and organization.

*Co. D. 35 Tex Cav Regt. (Brown's.)*

*There are no rolls on file for Likens 35 Tex Cav. Regt.*

*H. J. Wilton*

The Adjutant General.

Form No. 580-A. G. O.  
Ed. July 17-16-5,000.

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Mrs. Bama Echols  
Gregg County  
Longview, Texas  
Rej. 22/4/1916



12/2/1916

Mrs. Bama Echols,  
Longview, Texas.

My dear Madam:-

Before I can approve your application, I will have to be informed by the Tax Assessor, just how much you are assessed with, not what part of the assessment you own, want to know only how much homestead, and how much personal property you are assessed with, in your own name.

Yours truly,

J. O. Jones,

Commissioner

Lis





Longview, Texas.

11/23/16.

Hon. J. C. Jones,  
Commissioner of Pensions,  
Austin, Texas.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed you will find application of  
Mrs. Bama Echels, surviving widow of R. F. Echels,  
deceased, for pension. I trust that you will  
find this application and the attached affidavits  
in proper form. If anything additional shall be  
desired by you before passing upon this appli-  
cation, please let me know what it is and I  
will see if it can be provided.

Thanking you in advance for your kind  
and prompt attention to this matter, I am,

Yours very truly,

EMB/M

*E. M. Drayton*  
County Judge, Gregg County.



The State of Texas#  
#  
County of Gregg#

I, C. B. Hamilton, State and County Assessor in the County of Gregg, State of Texas, do hereby certify that Mrs. Bama Echols, who has made application for a pension, under the Act of the 33rd Legislature, approved April 7th, 1913, such application being made as the widow of Robert F. Echols, is charged on the tax rolls of said County with an interest in and to a homestead, her interest being valued at \$666.66  $\frac{2}{3}$ , and of other property, real or personal, or both, of the value of nothing. Her interest in the homestead is the only property assessed to her and the only property she owns.

Given under my hand, this 13th day of March, A.D.  
1917.

C. B. Hamilton  
State and County Assessor.



Duplicate

APPLICATION FOR MORTUARY WARRANT

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

County of Gregg } I, Amelia Echols  
do hereby certify that I am the person to whom is entrusted the paying of the accounts and indebtedness of  
the late Mrs Alabama Echols, who was a pensioner of the State of  
Texas, and whose file number was 33881 and whose original county was Gregg

The said pensioner Mrs Alabama Echols, died on the  
28 day of November, 1932, in the town of Longview  
County of Gregg, Texas.

The pensioner died in the home of Amelia + Fannie Echols  
who was related to the pensioner as children

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 Alabama Echols

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) daughter  
that my postoffice address is 123 Houston St.  
Longview City Texas State

Sworn to before me this 25 day of January, 1933  
Signed Amelia Echols  
Dora Dutt  
Notary Public in and for Gregg State of Texas.

CERTIFICATE OF UNDERTAKER

I, B. R. Pierce, 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 Alabama Echols, who died in the  
town of Longview County of Gregg, State of Texas  
on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of October, 1932. That said body was prepared for burial by me  
on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of October, 1932, and that I am of the opinion that  
warrant herein applied for should be issued to the said Miss Amelia Echols  
who makes the foregoing application.

Signed B. R. Pierce

CERTIFICATE OF PHYSICIAN

I, Dr. E. J. Helton, do certify that I am a practicing  
physician, and that I attended Mrs Alabama Echols in her last illness, and  
am of the opinion that her ailments were Hypertensive Heart Disease  
+ Cardiac Hypertrophy and Heart Failure

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 Dr. E. J. Helton  
Physician's Address 123 1/2 E. Tyler St.  
Longview, Texas TX

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My name is \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

and approved March 2, 1852

I further certify that I am of the opinion that the following warrants were issued in pursuance of the act of the Legislature...

and of the opinion that the warrants were...

COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC LANDS

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

who makes the foregoing application...

and of the opinion that the warrants were...

of the \_\_\_\_\_

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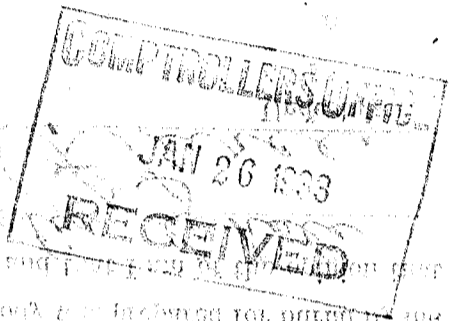
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COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC LANDS

My name is \_\_\_\_\_

State of Texas

I was related to the person...

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

that my possession and title...

I was related to the person...

next of my knowledge and belief...

I further certify that the warrants were issued in pursuance of the act of the Legislature...

and of the opinion that the warrants were...

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THE STATE OF TEXAS

APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC LANDS