

RECORDS DIV RECEIPT # 9457
DATE 12-1-60
X for OMAR BARKER

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STATE OF TEXAS

DEPARTMENT OF WITNESSES

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29405

FORM B

Living out of State
Cancelled-12-10-1958

WIDOW'S APPLICATION
FOR A PENSION

CANCELLED

12-10-58

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

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Name of Applicant

Mrs. Jess Ferrell
Gregg County

R. F. D. or Street No.

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Postoffice

Gregg County Texas

Filed March 10th, 1931.

Approved March 10th, 1931.

Pension allowed from Apr. 1st, 1931.

Rejected

[Signature]
Comptroller of Public Accounts.

Widow's Application for Confederate Pension

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

County of Gregg

I, Mrs. Mrs Gussie Farrell 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.M. Farrell deceased, who departed this life on the 24th day of February, A. D. 1931, 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 10th day of September, A. D. 1896, in the county of Beinville in the State of Louisiana

My husband, the said J.M. Farrell, enlisted and served in the military service of the Confederate States during the war btween 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? 58- Sept 10th 1872
2. Where were you born? Beinville Parrish La.,
3. How long have you resided in the State of Texas? 38 years
4. How long have you resided in the county of your present residence? 28 years
5. What is your postoffice address? Longview Texas
6. Have you appiled for a pension under the Confederate pension law and been rejected? no

If rejected, state when and where no

- 7. Did your husband draw a pension? yes If so, give his file number 25-877
8. Give, if possible, the postoffice address of your deceased husband at the time of his enlistment

9. What is your husband's full name? James Monroe Farrell

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

11. How long did your husband serve? four years If known to you, give date of enlistment and discharge

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.) See facts stated in J.M. Farrells application for pension under file NO 25877

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. See explanation under item 12.

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 none

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 Gussie Farrell

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 3rd day of March A. D. 1931

49405 W. H. Hughes County Judge Gregg County, Texas

*licant has remarried it is necessary that she state facts covering particulars of last marriage, date, to whom married 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 Sam Bruton and Irving Hargrove, 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. Gussie Ferrell, applicant for a pension as the widow of J.M. Ferrell deceased, is in truth and fact the widow of J.M. Ferrell 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) Irving Hargrove

(Signature of Witness) Sam Bruton

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 6th day of March, A. D. 1931

W.R. Hughes

[Seal.] 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 Sam Bruton and Irving Hargrove, 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. Gussie Ferrell 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) Irving Hargrove

(Signature of Witness) Sam Bruton

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 6th day of March, A. D. 1931

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 Gregg

Before me, W. R. Hughes, County Judge of Gregg County, State of Texas, on this day personally appeared Sam Bruton and Irving Hargrove

....., who are 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)

Note. See facts as to military record in application for pension of J.M. Ferrel of record in Comptroller's office under NO 25877

(Signature of Witness) Irving Hargrove

(Signature of Witness) Sam Bruton

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 6th day of March, A. D. 1931

W. R. Hughes
County Judge Gregg County, Texas.

[Seal.]

CERTIFICATE OF STATE AND COUNTY ASSESSOR



I, Oscar Traud, State and County Assessor in the County of _____ State of Texas, do certify that Mrs. Gene Ferrel

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 ~~Five hundred~~ Dollars, and, in addition to homestead, of other property, real or personal, or both, of the value of ~~One hundred~~ Three hundred Dollars.

Given under my hand, this 6th day of March, A. D. 1931.

Oscar Traud
State and County Assessor.

Letters of Guardianship

The State of Texas

County of Gregg

IN THE COUNTY COURT

Gregg County, Texas

March Term A. D. 1945

I, DUSH SHAW, Clerk of the County Court of Gregg County, Texas, do hereby certify that on the

3rd day of May A. D. 1945,

R. O. Kenley, Jr.

by said court duly granted Letters of Guardianship of the Estate of

Gussie Farrell, N. C. M.

~~XXXXX~~

and that he qualified as such Guardian of said ~~XXXXX~~
non compos mentis

on the 3rd day of May A. D. 1945 as the law requires,

and that appointment is still in full force and effect.

Witness my hand and seal of office, at Longview, Texas, this 9th day of

May A. D. 1945



DUSH SHAW, Clerk of County Court,
Gregg County, Texas

(IS)

By Mary Ash Deputy

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[Handwritten signature]

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WHAT CONSTITUTES LETTERS

Letters Testamentary or of Administration shall be a certificate of the Clerk of the Court granting the same, attested by the seal of such Court, and stating that such Executor or Administrator, as the case may be, has duly qualified as such as the law requires, the date of such qualification and the name of the deceased.

No. <u>1731</u>	ESTATE OF	<u>XXXXXXXXXX</u>
	<u>GUSSIE FARRELL, N.C.M.</u>	
	LETTERS OF GUARDIANSHIP	
	To	
	<u>R. O. KENLEY, JR.</u>	
	As	
	<u>GUARDIAN</u>	
	Issued the <u>9</u> day of <u>May</u> A. D. 19 <u>45</u> .	
	<u>DUSH SHAW, Clerk, County Court</u> <u>Gregg County, Texas</u>	
	By <u>MARY ASH</u> Deputy	

P. F. HAGEE CO.

The State of Texas,
County of Gregg

I, DUSH SHAW, County Clerk, Gregg County, Texas, hereby certify that the within and foregoing matter of writing constitutes a full, true and correct copy of original, as same appears filed for record in this office. Vol. 38

page 114, Probate Minutes

Given under my hand and seal of office, at Longview Texas on the 26th day of September A. D., 19 45.

DUSH SHAW, County Clerk
GREGG COUNTY, TEXAS

By Mary Ash Deputy

Cost of photostats



26 @ 75¢ = \$ 19.50

5 @ 80¢ = 4.00

2 @ 90¢ = 1.80

Total \$25.30

T. B. STINCHCOMB (1874-1939)
R. O. KENLEY, JR.
EARL SHARP
JOHN BEN SHEPPERD

STINCHCOMB, KENLEY & SHARP
ATTORNEYS AT LAW
LONGVIEW, TEXAS

October 7, 1943

OCT 9 1943

Mr. George H. Sheppard
State Comptroller
Austin, Texas

RE: CONFEDERATE PENSION OF MRS. GUSSIE
FARRELL, NON COMPOS MENTIS

Dear sir:

Enclosed please find copy of the Order discharging R. Matt Dawson as guardian for Mrs. Gussie Farrell, copy of the Order appointing the writer, together with bond and oath.

I will appreciate it very much if you would change your records immediately and henceforth send her check in care of the writer, Box 312, Longview, Texas.

Thanking you for your prompt attention to this matter, I am,

Very truly yours,

John Ben Shepperd
John Ben Shepperd.

49405
Gregg

Oct. 1943

JBS;dh
Encls.

new address

*Mrs Gussie Farrell
c/o John Ben Shepperd - Guardian
Box 312
Longview, Texas*



T. B. STINCHCOMB (1874-1939)
R. O. KENLEY, JR.
EARL SHARP
JOHN BEN SHEPPERD

STINCHCOMB, KENLEY & SHARP
ATTORNEYS AT LAW
LONGVIEW, TEXAS

December 22, 1945

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State Comptroller
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NO 2

Mr. George H. Sheppard
State Comptroller of Public Accounts
Austin, Texas

Re: Mrs. Gussie Farrell No. 49405 -
Confederate Pension Fund.

Dear Sir:

On November 7th I wrote you advising that I had succeeded John Ben Shepperd as guardian of the above named party and requested that checks be thereafter issued to Mrs. Farrell in care of the writer as guardian, and the one that came today is still issued in care of John Ben Shepperd as guardian and we request the same to be changed in care of the writer at the same address.

Very truly yours,

STINCHCOMB, KENLEY & SHARP

BY: *R. O. Kenley, Jr.*
R. O. Kenley, Jr.

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December 27, 1945.

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Messrs. Stinchcomb, Kenley & Sharp
Attorneys At Law
Longview, Texas.

Attention R. O. Kenley, Jr.

Gentlemen:

Re: Mrs. Gussie Farrell No. 49405
Confederate Pension Fund.

I acknowledge receipt of your letter of December 22 in which you state you succeeded John Ben Sheppard as guardian of the estate of Mrs. Gussie Farrell, a Confederate Pensioner, and that you advised this office of this change of guardianship on November 7 and your appointment as guardian.

You are advised that your letter of December 22 is the first notice the Confederate Pension Division of the Comptroller's Department has had of your appointment as guardian of Mrs. Farrell.

In order that Confederate Pension warrants may be mailed in your care as guardian, you should file with the Confederate Pension Division, a certified copy of the Order appointing you guardian of the estate of Mrs. Gussie Farrell. If this request is complied with at once warrants in the future will be mailed to Mrs. Farrell in your care as guardian to any address given by you.

Yours very truly,

Geo. H. Sheppard
Comptroller of Public Accounts

JHT:EE





Comptroller of Public Accounts
State of Texas
Austin

ROBERT S. CALVERT, COMPTROLLER
GUS FARRAR, CHIEF CLERK

IN YOUR REPLY PLEASE REFER
TO DIVISION NO. _____
FILE NO. _____

Mrs. Gussie Farrell Pension File No. 49405
Gregg County

First monthly payment of \$100.00 per month began in May 1949, and she received \$100.00 per month continuously since then, with the exception of December warrant for \$100.00 year 1958.

From May 1949 thru December 1949 inclusive	\$ 800.00
One hundred dollars a month for the years 1950, 1951, 1952, 1953, 1954, 1955, 1956 and all of 1957.	9,600.00
Eleven months for current year 1958.	1,100.00
Grand Total Total	\$11,500.00

*R O Kerley Jr
Longview.*

Kerley, Deary, Little & Bayland.

*Have to pay this
Harrison 10/11/58*

6/11/58

December 15, 1958

Mr. R. O. Kenley, Jr.
Kenley, Sharp, Ritter & Boyland
Longview, Texas

Dear Mr. Kenley:

After talking with you the other day I read the Attorney General's opinion covering Pension File No. 49405, Mrs. Gussie Farrell, Gregg County, Texas, and from my interpretation there is no relief for you. I tried to call you on the telephone to discuss the matter with you but you were out of town at the time. I am showing below a statement of the Confederate Pension warrants issued to Mrs. Farrell:

First monthly payment of \$100.00 per month began in May, 1949 and she has received \$100.00 per month continuously since then, with the exception of the December warrant for \$100.00 for this year, 1958.

From May, 1949 through December, 1949 the amount paid was \$ 800.00

One hundred dollars per month was paid for the years 1950, 1951, 1952, 1953, 1954, 1955, 1956, and 1957, totaling 9,600.00

One hundred dollars per month for eleven months of the current year (1958), totaling 1,100.00

Grand total \$ 11,500.00

Very truly yours,

Gus Farrar
Chief Clerk

GF/g



January 22, 1959

Mr. R. O. Kenley, Jr.
Kenley, Sharp, Ritter & Boyland
Longview, Texas

Dear Mr. Kenley:

At the request of our Mr. Gus Farrar, Chief Clerk, of this department, I am enclosing a xerox copy of the application for Confederate Pension which was approved of J. M. Farrell on whose record Mrs. Gussie Farrell drew a Confederate Pension from the State of Texas.

If Mrs. Farrell is going to make application for a pension from the federal government, then the following information will probably be of some benefit in filing a claim:

The application for Confederate Pension of Mrs. Gussie Farrell, file No. 49405 shows the following information:

Date of Birth of Mrs. Gussie Farrell - Sept. 10, 1872.
Place of Birth - Beinville Parrish, Louisiana. Her maiden name is not shown.

Date of Marriage to James Monroe Farrell, also shown as J. M. Farrell - September 10, 1896 in Beinville, Louisiana (Parrish)

Marriage to Mr. Farrell ended by his death on February 24, 1931 in Gregg County, Texas.

Mrs. Farrell's application for Confederate Pension was approved on the military service record of her deceased husband and on the sworn statements made by her. There are no certified copies of the marriage of Mr. & Mrs. Farrell on file or death certificate of Mr. Farrell.

Mrs. Farrell drew a Confederate Pension from Texas until she became a resident of another State.

I trust the information furnished will be of some assistance to you in making application for a federal pension. I suggest that if you can obtain a certified copy of Mrs. Farrell's marriage to Mr. Farrell and also a certified copy of his death, it will be of great importance in passing on her application for federal pension. This office does not have such copies on file. We accepted the sworn statements of the applicant.

Yours very truly,

Robert S. Calvert
Comptroller of Public Accounts

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Living Mrs Bessie Farnell
Out of State Canceled 12-10-58
Nov 30 1958 but checks
issued

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Austin, Texas

T. B. STINCHCOMB (1874-1939)
R. O. KENLEY, JR.
EARL SHARP
JOHN BEN SHEPPERD

STINCHCOMB, KENLEY & SHARP
ATTORNEYS AT LAW
LONGVIEW, TEXAS

December 29, 1945

Comptroller of Public Accounts
Austin, Texas

Re: - Division No. 17 - Mrs. Gussie
Farrell No. 49405, Confederate
Pension Fund.

Gentlemen:

In compliance with your request of December
27th we enclose herewith letters of guardianship
of the writer in connection with the above ward.

Very truly yours,

STINCHCOMB, KENLEY & SHARP



BY: *R. O. Kenley Jr.*
R. O. Kenley, Jr.

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49405-
Gregg

Living out of State

Cancelled

Mrs Gussie Farrell 49405
90 R O Kenley Jr. Guardian

First \$100.00 monthly - May 1949

10 months

7 months all of 1949

\$700.00 - 1949

100.00 month for years 1950, 51, 52,
53, 54, 55, 56, 57, and 11 months
for 1958.

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*Mr. R. Matt Dawson
Guardian
in Oct 1943
John Bon Sheppard appointed
in Oct 1943.*

October 8, 1941

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Hon. R. Matt Dawson, Guardian
First National Bank Building
Longview, Texas

Re: Mrs. Gussie Farrell
Confederate Pensioner

Dear Mr. Dawson:

Complying with promise made you in my letter of September 25, 1941, I am today mailing to Mrs. Gussie Farrell, in your care as Guardian, eight Confederate Pension Warrants beginning with the month of February, 1941 up to and including September, 1941 in the amount of \$25.00 each.

Mrs. Farrell's October, 1941 will be mailed to her in your care on October 31, 1941.

Thanking you for your cooperation in this matter, I am

Yours very truly,

Geo. H. Sheppard
Comptroller of Public Accounts.

JHT:EE



October 7, 1941

Mr. Tom Leach,
Pay Collector
State Board of Control
Austin, Texas

RE: Board and treatment
of Mrs. Gussie Farrell
at the Rusk State
Hospital.

Dear Mr. Leach:

I am enclosing herewith check in the amount of \$593.11 in complete settlement of charges against Mrs. Gussie Farrell for treatment in the Rusk State Hospital as of September 25, 1941. This payment is in accordance with your letter of September 25, 1941.

I would greatly appreciate your getting in touch with Mr. Taylor of the pension division of the Comptrollers Department and have him forward to me the checks due this estate for pension payments. It will be necessary that I have these amounts and I am depending on them to meet other obligations, for this payment to you just about exhausts the reserves of the estate. Thanking you for an early reply, I am,

Very truly yours,

R. Matt Dawson

RMD:FKC

Attachment



September 25, 1941

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Hon. R. Matt Dawson, Attorney
First National Bank Building
Longview, Texas.

Dear Mr. Dawson:

I acknowledge receipt of your letter of September 24, 1941 in regard to Confederate Pension payments which you claim should be made Mrs. Gussie Farrell, a non compos mentis, who is confined in the State Hospital at Rusk, Texas.

According to your letter of recent date, in January, 1941 Mrs. Farrell's estate was indebted to the State of Texas in the sum of \$450.00, balance due for hospitalization at the Rusk State Hospital.

I am informed by the Board of Control that the amount of charge against pay patients in this hospital is \$21.67 per month.

Since January, 1941 Mrs. Farrell has been in the Rusk State Hospital seven months at the rate of \$21.67 per month, making a total of \$151.69. This added to the \$450.00 would make a balance of \$601.69 due the State.

If it should be agreed by the Board of Control that \$450.00 is the correct amount she owed the State up to and including January, 1941, then if the indebtedness which she now owes the State should be paid, pension warrants will be issued to her beginning with the month of February, 1941.

If the amount of pension which now might be due Mrs. Farrell should be paid and credited on this claim her indebtedness to the State would still be \$428.69.

The statute clearly defines the duty of the Comptroller of the State of Texas with reference to issuing warrants to persons indebted to the State. I call your attention to Article 4350, page 1159, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, 1925, Volume 1.

Yours very truly,

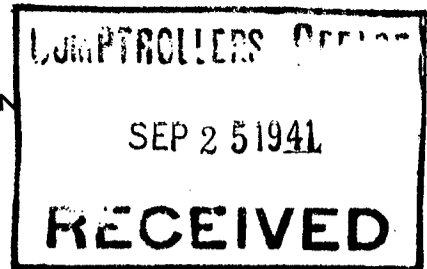
JHT:RE

Geo. H. Sheppard
Comptroller of Public Accounts.



MERRITT H. GIBSON
A. V. McCALL
R. MATT DAWSON

GIBSON, McCALL & DAWSON
ATTORNEYS-AT-LAW
FIRST NATIONAL BANK BUILDING
LONGBVIEW, TEXAS



September 24, 1941

Mr. George H. Sheppard
Comptroller of Public Accounts
Austin, Texas

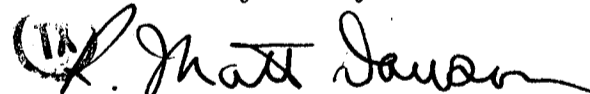
Dear Mr. Sheppard

This acknowledges receipt of your letter of September 23, 1941, in which you state that you have withheld Confederate Pension Payments for the reason that Mrs. Farrel is indebted to the state of Texas, in the sum of \$901.00.

In January of this year, I was appointed guardian of Mrs. Gussey Farrel. My first act after appointment, was to attempt to clear up any unpaid indebtedness, and I wrote Mr. Tom Leach of the State Board of Control, inquiring of the amount owed by her to the Rusk State Hospital. He sent a statement for about \$1750.00 and after some correspondence relative to the correctness of these charges, we settled on the amount of \$1450.00. I was very anxious to see that the state get all the money which it was due, and I paid \$1000.00 of this account which was just about all of the funds in the estate at that time. I also wrote Dr. Wheeler and Mr. Leach that I would pay the balance as soon as sufficient funds came in to take care of it, and I have always intended to do this. For these reasons I would appreciate your checking on this correspondence and having payments resumed on the Pension.

It is not my intention to withhold any amounts that are due the state of Texas, and I certainly feel that Mrs. Farrel is entitled to the payments that are due to her from the state.

Yours very truly


R. Matt Dawson

RMD:ev

September 23, 1941

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Hon. H. Matt Dawson, Attorney
First National Bank Building
Longview, Texas.

Dear Mr. Dawson:

I acknowledge receipt of your letter of September 17, 1941 in which letter you request information in regard to Confederate Pension payments under the application granted Mrs. Gussie Farrell in 1931. Mrs. Farrell is a non Compos Mentis and is confined in the Rusk State Hospital.

Our records show that Mrs. Farrell received Confederate Pension payments from April 1, 1931 up to and including January, 1941.

The records in the office of the State Board of Control shows that Mrs. Farrell was admitted to the Rusk State Hospital as a pay patient. I am advised by Mr. Tom Leach of the Board of Control that as a pay patient Mrs. Farrell is now indebted to the State of Texas in the amount of \$901.00.

If Mrs. Farrell's estate would pay to the State Treasurer at Austin, Texas through the Board of Control the above amount, then she would be entitled to receive Confederate Pension payments beginning with the month of February, 1941 up to and including August, 1941 and she would be entitled to receive monthly pension payments in the future so long as she is not indebted to the State.

Yours very truly

JHT:EE

Geo. H. Sheppard
Comptroller of Public Accounts.



GIBSON, McCALL & DAWSON

ATTORNEYS-AT-LAW

FIRST NATIONAL BANK BUILDING

LONVIEW, TEXAS

September 17, 1941

MERRITT H. GIBSON
A. V. McCALL
R. MATT DAWSON

Mr. George H. Sheppard
Comptroller Of Public Accounts
Austin, Texas

Re: Division #17, Mrs. Gussie
Farrell, Confederate Pensioner

Dear Sir:

In February of this year we had some correspondence with you relative to the payment of the above pension. Since then we have heard nothing from you, although we supplied you information to the effect that Mrs. Gussie Farrell is a non compos mentis and is residing as a pay patient in the Rusk State Hospital.

We would appreciate your informing us of the present status of this matter and in sending her back pension checks and resuming payment on checks in the future.

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Gregg

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Very truly yours,

Matt Dawson
Matt Dawson

COMPTROLLERS OFFICE
SEP 18 1941
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MERRITT H. GIBSON

A. V. McCALL

R. MATT DAWSON

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ATTORNEYS AT LAW
FIRST NATIONAL BANK BUILDING
PHONE 1320
LONGVIEW, TEXAS
February 26, 1941

COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE
FEB 27 1941
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Re: Division No. 17

Mr. Geo. H. Sheppard
Comptroller of Public Accounts
Austin, Texas

Dear Sir:

This acknowledges receipt of your letter of February 24, 1941. In answer to your inquiry Mrs. Farrell is now confined in one of the State hospitals, and it is our understanding that she is paying the expenses. We have written Mr. Tom Leach of the Board of Control requesting that he make a claim for any amounts owed by her and when we hear from him we will know more about this angle.

With best regards, I am

Very truly yours,

R. Matt Dawson



R. Matt Dawson

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Gregg

RMD:mrp

Hold warrant until we receive notice from Board of Control, in state hospital.

February 24, 1941.

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Hon. R. Matt Dawson,
Attorney At Law
First National Bank Building
Longview, Texas.

Dear Sir:

I acknowledge receipt of your letter of February 20 enclosing copy of Letters of Guardianship of the estate of Mrs. Gussie Farrell n.e.m.

I would like to know whether or not Mrs. Farrell has been or will be confined in any State hospital, and if so, will she be in the hospital at the expense of the State of Texas.

I will appreciate hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

Yours very truly,

JHT:EE

Geo. H. Sheppard
Comptroller of Public Accounts.



Letters of Guardianship

The State of Texas

IN COUNTY COURT.

County of **GREGG**

GREGG County, Texas

JANUARY Term A. D. 19 **41**

I, **DUSH SHAW** Clerk of the County Court of

GREGG County, Texas do hereby certify that on the **24TH**

day of **JANUARY** A. D. 19 **41**

R. MATT DAWSON, was

by said court duly granted Letters Guardianship of the Estate of

MRS. GUSSIE FARRELL, Non Compos Mentis

and that he qualified as such **GUARDIAN** of said minors

on the **3RD** day of **FEBRUARY** A. D. 19 **41** as the law requires,

and that said appointment is still in full force and effect.

Witness my hand and seal of office, at **LONGVIEW, TEXAS** this

18TH day of **FEBRUARY** A. D. 19 **41**

DUSH SHAW Clerk, TX

County Court, **GREGG** County, Texas.

By *Magui P. [Signature]* Deputy.

WHAT CONSTITUTES LETTERS

Letters Testamentary or of Administration shall be a Certificate of the Clerk of the Court granting the same, attested by the seal of such Court, and stating that such Executor or Administrator, as the case may be, has duly qualified as such as the law requires, the date of such qualification and the name of the deceased.

NO. 1751	ESTATE OF MRS. GUSSEIE FARRKIL NON COMPOS MENTIS DECEASED	LETTERS TESTAMENTARY	To L. WATSON GUARDIAN	AS	Issued the 10 day of FEB. A. D. 19 42	W. S. GAY Clerk	County Court, County, Texas	By <i>Margaret G. Gay</i> Deputy
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GOVERNING BOARD
For Eleemosynary Institutions
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And Departments

STATE BOARD OF CONTROL
AUSTIN

October 8, 1941

Hon. R. Matt Dawson, Guardian
Longview, Texas

Re: Board and Treatment
Mrs. Gussie Farrell, at the
Rusk State Hospital

Dear Mr. Dawson:

I wish to thank you for your check as guardian in the amount of \$593.11 which pays the board and treatment of the above patient at the Rusk State Hospital to October 1, 1941 instead of September 25, 1941 as stated in your letter. This is in accordance with my letter of September 25, 1941.

I shall be glad to inform Mr. J. H. Taylor, Chief Pension Clerk of the Comptroller's Department, of this payment and request him to forward pension warrants to you as guardian.

The State Board of Control appreciates your kindness and cooperation in this matter.

Yours very truly,

Tom Leach
Tom Leach, Pay Collector
for the
State Board of Control

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cc- Dr. A. T. Hanretta, superintendent
Rusk State Hospital

encl. chk. \$593.11

✓ cc- Mr. J. H. Taylor, Chief Pension Clerk
Comptroller's Department

Dear Mr. Taylor: Hon. R. Matt Dawson, guardian, has just favored this office with his check as guardian for \$593.11 which pays the board and treatment account of



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STATE BOARD OF CONTROL
AUSTIN

September 25, 1941

Hon. R. Matt Dawson,
First National Bank Building,
Longview, Texas

Re: Board and Treatment
Mrs. Gussie Farrell, at the
Rusk State Hospital

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Dear Mr. Dawson:

Mr. Taylor of the Pension Division of the Comptroller's Department has recently visited me twice with reference to the pension checks issued and to be issued to this patient's estate.

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We never did close the matter of the claim of the Rusk State Hospital for board and treatment of this patient. In order that the pension checks may not longer be held I am willing to recommend to the State Board of Control that charges be not made for the first commitment of this patient, although I feel confident that she and her husband owned the land at that time which was afterwards developed for oil, and clearly both under the old statute and the new, she would be classified as a non-indigent patient.

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On the basis of charges for the last commitment only, which was August 8, 1935, allowing seven days for furlough, and if there are more furloughs I do not have the record, to October 1, 1941, in order to allow for the September warrant, would be six years, one month and sixteen days, your ward will owe \$1593.11, less \$1,000 paid, leaving \$593.11. You have not received the February pension warrant. By the end of September, eight could be issued. I am willing to recommend that the Board of Control accept \$593.11 in complete settlement of charges owing by the patient and that these \$200.00 in warrants be accepted at face value on the account.

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I am making this proposition in order that you may comply with Article 6260 and permit the pension warrants to issue.

Yours very truly,

Tom Leach
Tom Leach, Pay Collector
for the
State Board of Control



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cc- Mr. Taylor,
Comptroller's Department

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Mrs. Gussie Farrell, a Confederate Pensioner, to October 1, 1941. This is in full of all charges due the State for her board and treatment, care and maintenance up to that time, she thereby qualifying under Article 6260 Revised Civil Statutes.

Yours very truly,

Tom Leach

Tom Leach, Pay Collector
for the
State Board of Control

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MERRITT H. GIBSON

A. V. McCALL

R. MATT DAWSON

GIBSON, McCALL & DAWSON

ATTORNEYS AT LAW

FIRST NATIONAL BANK BUILDING

PHONE 1320

LONGVIEW, TEXAS

February 20, 1941

Mr. Geo. H. Sheppard
Comptroller of Public Accounts
Austin, Texas

Re: Gussie Farrell,
Confederate Pensioner

Dear Sir:

We are enclosing herewith copy of Letters of Guardianship for the estate of Gussie Farrell n.c.m. Hereafter all checks received in this estate will be endorsed by me as Guardian and all business will be carried on by and through me.

Very truly yours,



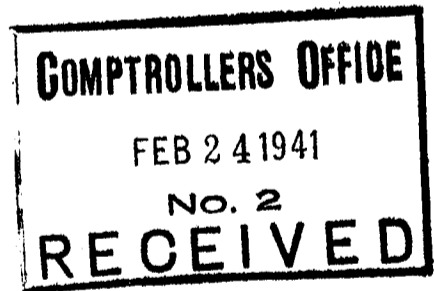
R. Matt Dawson



RMD:mrp

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*Confidential Pension
File no. 49405
Gregg Co. NO. 1731*

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF | IN THE COUNTY COURT
MRS. GUSSIE FARRELL, | OF
NON COMPOS MENTIS | GREGG COUNTY, T E X A S

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ON THIS, the eighteenth day of June, 1943, came on to be heard the application of R. Matt Dawson, Guardian of the Estate of Mrs. Gussie Farrell, non compos mentis, for leave to resign his guardianship, together with the accompanying account for final settlement, and it appearing to the Court that due notice has been given of same, and the court being of the opinion that such application should be granted, and it appearing to the Court that John Ben Sheppard is not disqualified by law and is entitled to be appointed Guardian, that it will be to the benefit and interest of such non compos mentis that he be so appointed, and that the rights of persons and property are to be protected, and that this court has jurisdiction:

It is, therefore, ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that the application of R. Matt Dawson for leave to resign his guardianship be granted, and that the said guardian deliver the estate remaining in his possession to his successor, and that upon compliance with the foregoing order and the surrender of his letters of guardianship to the Clerk, and after final order shall have been rendered approving his final account, such Guardian, R. Matt Dawson, shall be discharged, and he and his sureties released on his bond.

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NO. 1731

ESTATE OF MRS. GUSSIE		IN THE COUNTY COURT OF
FARRELL, NON COMPOS		GREGG COUNTY, T E X A S
MENTIS		AUGUST 4, 1943

TO THE HONORABLE MERRITT H. GIBSON, SPECIAL JUDGE OF THE COUNTY COURT OF GREGG COUNTY, T E X A S:

NOW COMES John Ben Shepperd, Guardian in the above styled cause, and would respectfully show that he has duly qualified as such guardian, and that the estate of Mrs. Gussie Farrell has been turned over to him by his predecessor, R. Matt Dawson, and that all such estate has been delivered to this Guardian, and a true and correct account has been made to this Guardian and to the Court of the affairs of such estate during the period in which the said R. Matt Dawson served as Guardian.

WHEREFORE, this Guardian prays that the said R. Matt Dawson be released and discharged as well as the sureties on his bond.

(Signed) John Ben Shepperd.
John Ben Shepperd, Guardian

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(Endorsed) No. 1731 Filed Aug. 7, A. D. 1943, Dush Shaw, County Clerk of Gregg County, Texas. By Margie Reynolds, Deputy.

The State of Texas, }
County of Gregg }

I, DUSH SHAW, County Clerk, Gregg County, Texas, hereby certify that the within and foregoing matter of writing constitutes a full, true and correct copy of original, as same appears ~~book~~ record in this office
Volume 35, Page 366, Probate Minutes

Given under my hand and seal of office, at Longview, Texas, this the 7 day of October A. D., 1943.

DUSH SHAW, County Clerk
GREGG COUNTY, TEXAS

By [Signature] Deputy

(Endorsed) No. 1731 In the County Court of Gregg County, Texas.
Re: Estate of Mrs. Gussie Farrell, Non Compos Mentis. Order
Accepting Resignation of R. Matt Dawson as Guardian and Appoint-
ing John Ben Shepperd as Successor. Filed June 18, A. D. 1943.
Dush Shaw, County Clerk of Gregg County, Texas. By Margie Reynolds,
Deputy.


The State of Texas, }
County of Gregg }

I, DUSH SHAW, County Clerk, Gregg County, Texas, hereby certify
that the within and foregoing matter of writing constitutes a full, true and
correct copy of original, as same appears ~~filed for~~ record in this office
Volume 35, Page 354, Probate Minutes.

Given under my hand and seal of office, at Longview, Texas, this the 7
day of October A. D., 1943.

DUSH SHAW, County Clerk
GREGG COUNTY, TEXAS

By Margie Reynolds Deputy

CLERK COUNTY, TEXAS
SPECIAL AGENT OF THE COUNTY CLERK
(Signed) MERRILL H. GRAON 

when he was qualified according to law.

These letters of Qualification to the said John Ben Shepperd

It is further ordered that the Clerk of this County
shall

showed as required by law and seeing the over margin amount
and of three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00) balance and condt-
and that letters be issued to him on the estate bond in the
of the estate of Mrs. Gussie Farrell, non compos mentis
said John Ben Shepperd be and is hereby appointed guardian.

It is further ordered, adjudged and decreed that the
\$300.00 N. C. B.

of the filing of the final account in accordance with statute

It is further ordered that the Clerk issue notice

NO. 1731

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF MRS. | IN THE COUNTY COURT
 GUSSIE FARRELL, NON COMPOS | OF
 MENTIS | GREGG COUNTY, T E X A S

THE STATE OF TEXAS |
 COUNTY OF GREGG | KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

That we, John Ben Shepperd, as Principal, and MASSACHUSETTS BONDING & INSURANCE COMPANY, as surety, are held and firmly bound unto Honorable Matt Dawson, County Judge of Gregg County, Texas, and his successors in office, in the sum of \$3,000.00, conditioned that the above bound, John Ben Shepperd, who has been appointed by the County Court of Gregg County, Texas, guardian of the person and estate of Mrs. Gussie Farrell, non compos mentis, a person for whom it is necessary to have a guardian appointed, will faithfully discharge the duties of guardian of the estate of the said Mrs. Gussie Farrell, according to law.

WITNESS our signatures, this 4th day of August,
 A. D., 1943.

(signed) John Ben Shepperd
 Principal

(CS)

MASSACHUSETTS BONDING & INSURANCE
 COMPANY

BY: (signed) Leroy T. Zeigler
 Sureties Attorney-in-fact

APPROVED, this 4th day of August, A. D., 1943.


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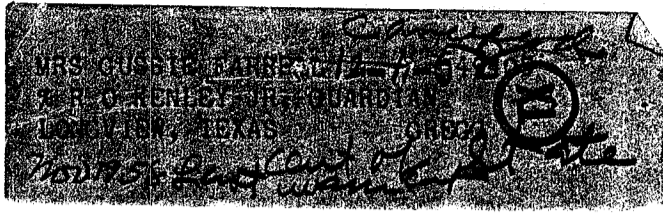
Matt Dawson
 County Judge, Gregg County, Texas.

KENLEY, SHARP, RITTER & BOYLAND

ATTORNEYS AT LAW
Suite 500 Petroleum Building
LONGVIEW, TEXAS

R. O. KENLEY, JR.

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THE STATE OF TEXAS |
COUNTY OF GREGG |

I, John Ben Shepperd, do solemnly swear that I will faithfully discharge the duties of guardian of the estate of Mrs. Gussie Farrell, non compos mentis, a person for whom it is necessary to have a guardian appointed, according to law.

John Ben Shepperd
Guardian

Subscribed and sworn to, before me, this 4th day of August, A. D., 1943.

Dush Shaw, County Clerk

(LS)

by: Margie Reynolds, Deputy.

(Endorsed) No. 1731 In Probate Court of Gregg County, Texas. Bond & Oath of Guardian, John Ben Shepperd. Filed Aug. 10, A. D. 1943, Dush Shaw, County Clerk of Gregg County, Texas. By Margie Reynolds, Deputy.

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The State of Texas, }
County of Gregg }

I, DUSH SHAW, County Clerk, Gregg County, Texas, hereby certify that the within and foregoing matter of writing constitutes a full, true and correct copy of original, as same appears ~~filed for~~ record in this office Volume 35, Page 372, Probate Minutes.

Given under my hand and seal of office, at Longview, Texas, this the 7 day of October A. D., 1943.

DUSH SHAW, County Clerk
GREGG COUNTY, TEXAS

By [Signature] Deputy