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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.

*Mrs. Aurelia Lord*

*Gray* County.

Postoffice *Kilgus, Tex*

Filed *July 17 1914*

Approved *March 4 1914*

Pension allowed from *March 4 1914*

Rejected

*George Kyall*

Commissioner of Pensions.

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FORM B

For Use of Widows of Soldiers Who Are In Indigent Circumstances

THE STATE OF TEXAS

County of Gregg  
 I, Mrs. Aurelia Laird

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

I am the widow of R. N. Laird, deceased, who departed this life on the 9 day of Feb., A. D. 1906, in the county of Gregg, in the State of

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 2 day of Sept., A. D. 1873, in the county of Smith, in the State of Texas

My husband, the said R. N. Laird, 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 \$1,000.00; 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? 61 years
2. Where were you born? Wilson Co. Tenn.
3. How long have you resided in the State of Texas? about 60 years
4. How long have you resided in the county of your present residence? And what is your postoffice address?  
Since 1895 - Kilgore, Texas Box 344
5. What was your husband's full name? Robert Houston Laird
6. What was the date of his death? Feb. 9<sup>th</sup> 1906
7. In what State was your husband's command originally organized? Texas
8. How long did your husband serve? If known to you, give date of enlistment and discharge. Enlisted  
Mich. 1<sup>st</sup> 1862 and served until July 30<sup>th</sup> 1862 - Discharged of  
disability
9. What was the name or letter of the company, or name 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 Co "F" 17<sup>th</sup> Tex Cavalry



10. 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  
Cavalry

11. Have you transferred to other any property of any kind for the purpose of becoming a beneficiary under this law?  
not transferred

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

(Signature of Applicant) *Mrs. Aurelia Laird*

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this *17* day of *June*, A. D. 191*4*

*J. H. McNaney*  
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, *J. H. McNaney*, County Judge of *Gregg* County,

State of Texas, on this day personally appeared *P. E. Barton & V. Florence*, 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. *Aurelia Laird*, applicant for a pension as the widow of *R. H. Laird* deceased, is in truth and fact the widow of *R. H. Laird* 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) *P. E. Barton*

(Signature of Witness) *V. Florence*

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this *17* day of *June*, A. D. 191*4*

*J. H. McNaney*  
County Judge *Gregg* County, Texas.

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THE STATE OF TEXAS }

County of *Gregg*

Before me, *J. H. McNaney*, County Judge of *Gregg* County,

State of Texas, on this day personally appeared *P. E. Barton & V. Florence*, who are personally known to me to be credible 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. Aurelia Laird* 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) *P. E. Barton*

(Signature of Witness) *V. Florence*

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this *17* day of *June*, A. D. 191*4*

*J. H. McNaney*  
County Judge *Gregg* 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, J. M. Massey, County Judge of Gregg County,

State of Texas, on this day personally appeared Mortimer Wilkins, who are personally

known to me to be <sup>a</sup>credible 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.)

I enlisted with R. W. Laird husband of applicant, in Co. F 17<sup>th</sup> Texas Cavalry at Henderson Texas. about March 1862. The said Laird served a few months and was discharged about the latter part of July 1862 on account of disability. I have personal knowledge of his service in said Co. of the Confederate Army because I was with him.

(Signature of Witness) Mortimer Wilkins

(Signature of Witness) \_\_\_\_\_

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 7 day of July, A. D. 1914

[Seal.]

J. M. Massey  
County Judge Gregg County, Texas.

CERTIFICATE OF STATE AND COUNTY ASSESSOR

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

Gregg, State of Texas, do hereby certify that Mrs. W. A. Laird TX

whose name is signed to the foregoing application for a pension, under the Act of the 33rd Legislature, approved April 7, A. D. 1913, is charged on the land and personal property rolls of the said county, in her name, or the name of a trustee, with estate, real, personal and mixed, at the assessed value of \$250.<sup>00</sup> dollars.

Given, under my hand, this 8 day of July, A. D. 1914

C. B. Hamilton  
State and County Assessor.

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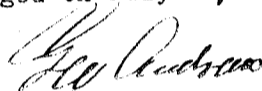
WAR DEPARTMENT,

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,  
WASHINGTON, May 1, 1914.

Respectfully returned to

Hon. James Young,  
House of Representatives.

The records of this office show that Robert H. Lard, name also borne as R. H. Laird, enlisted March 1, 1862, at Henderson, as a private of Company F, 17th Texas Cavalry, Confederate States Army. On the muster roll of the company dated June 30, 1862, the last roll on which his name appears, he was reported present. Other records show that on July 30, 1862, a certificate was granted to the soldier showing that he was entitled to discharge by reason of disability. The records indicate that he was discharged on July 30, 1862.



The Adjutant General.



STATE OF TEXAS

COMPTROLLER GENERAL

TO THE HONORABLE THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE LAND OFFICE

FROM THE COMPTROLLER GENERAL

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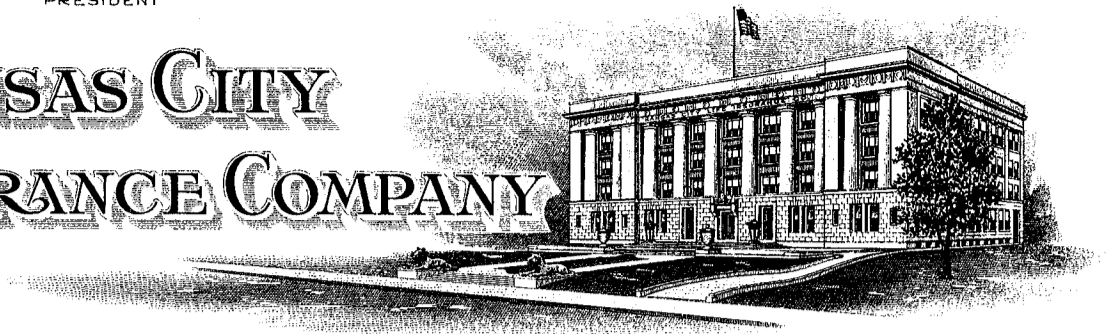
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J. B. REYNOLDS,  
PRESIDENT

# KANSAS CITY LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY



Kilgore, Texas, Sept. 15th, 1930.


Mr. Geo. H. Sheppard, Comptroller,  
Austin, Texas.

Dear Sir:

With reference to your letter of Sept. 10th.

I herewith attach reinstatement blank sent  
me for signature of Mrs. Aurelia Laird, pensioner No.  
28,320.

Thanking you, I am,

*Roy W. Laird*   
Roy W. Laird.



The State of Texas, |  
County Of Gregg. |

Before me, L. N. Crim, a Notary Public, in and for Gregg County, Texas, on this day personally appeared Mrs. Aurelia Laird, to me well known, and who, after being duly sworn, deposes and says that during the year 1914, she was granted a Confederate Pension, being Numbered 28,320; that she received said pension under the then law until January, 1928, at which time <sup>she</sup> came into possession of property in excess of the allowance, by law, at that time; that on or about July 1st, 1930, the pension act became effective wherein the amount of annual income is not a consideration, that she is now entitled to again receive a Confederate Pension under the Laws of the State of Texas, having resided in Texas, continuously, since the year, 1914.

Witness:

*Aurelia Laird* *Mrs. Aurelia Laird* IX  
*L. N. Crim* NOTARY PUBLIC  
L. N. CRIM  
SEP 28 1930

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 22nd day of September, A. D. 1930.

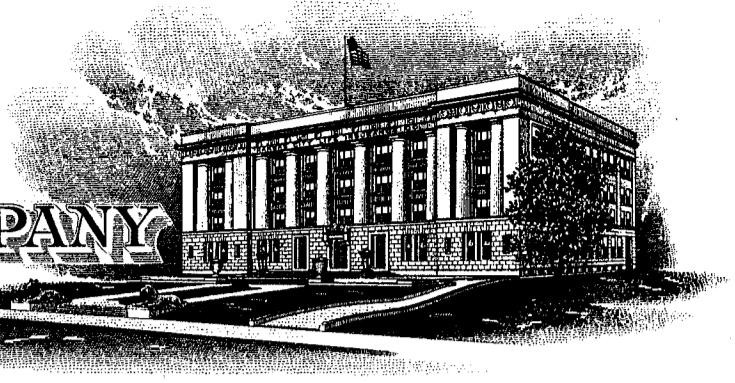
*L. N. Crim*  
A Notary Public, in and for Gregg County, Texas.

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J. B. REYNOLDS,  
PRESIDENT

# KANSAS CITY LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY



Kilgore, Texas, Sept. 6th, 1930.

Mr. Geo. H. Sheppard, Comptroller,  
Austin, Texas.

Dear Sir:

For several years prior to 1927, my mother, Mrs. Aurelia Laird, received a Confederate Pension. She was dropped from the list after the last quarter in 1928, having heired property in excess of the amount allowed pensioners at that time. I understand, under recent legislation, she is now entitled to again receive a pension. Kindly advise me of the limits, if any, and whether or not she is entitled to pension.

Thanking you, I am,

Yours very truly,

*Roy H. Laird.* (TX)  
Roy H. Laird.

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Gregg.

The State of Texas.

County of *Smith*

Before me, the undersigned authority on

this day personally appeared, kn- *J.M. Smith* - - - - - known

to me to be a credible citizen, who being by me duly sworn, on oath says, that he ~~is~~ <sup>was</sup> personally acquainted with *R.H. Laird, husband of*

~~the~~ *the applicant*, who is a resident of Gregg county

Texas and an applicant before the county judge of said county, for a pension as *the widow of said R.H. Laird* - - - ; that he has no inter-

est in said claim; and states the following facts touching the services of the said *R.H. Laird* - - - - - in the Confed-

erate Army, which he knows of his own personal knowledge, to wit; -

*I enlisted with applicant at Henderson Texas March 1862 in Co. "F" 17th Cavalry. He served until July 1862 when he was discharged for disability. He was a good and faithful soldier*

(signed) *J.M. Smith*

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this the *25* day of June 1914.

*seal here*

*J.D. Collins*  
Notary Public *Smith County Texas*

The State of Texas.

County of *Smith*

I, *Jesse F. Odum*

county judge, of *Smith Co.* - Texas, do hereby certify th at

*J.M. Smith* - - - - - whose name is subscribed to the

foregoing affidavit, is a resident citizen of said *Smith*

county Texas and that said witness <sup>is</sup> of trustworthy character and en-

titled to credit.

Given under my hand and seal of office this the *27* day of June

A.D. 1914.

*seal here*

*Jesse F. Odum*  
County Judge - *Smith* County, Texas.

September 10, 1930

Mr. Roy H. Laird,  
Kilgore, Texas.

Dear Mr. Laird:

Replying to your favor of September 6th which is in regard to the application for pension granted your mother in 1914, and who later was dropped from the roll on account of her annual income.

You are advised that applicants for pension are no longer required to show the amount of their income, and if your mother desires to be reinstated as a pensioner she may execute the enclosed reinstatement blank and return to this office and her rights as a pensioner under the present law will have due consideration.

If this application for reinstatement is not applicable to the conditions under which pension payments being made Mrs. Laird were discontinued, you may file such petition as you see fit asking for the reinstatement of Mrs. Laird.

Yours very truly,



Comptroller of Public  
Accounts

Taylor/m  
Encl.

March 12, 1928.

Mr. Roy H. Laird,  
Kilgore, Texas.

Dear Mr. Laird:

We have your letter of March 10th,  
in regard to an inheritance by your Mother,  
Mrs. Aurelia Laird, a Confederate Pensioner.

You are advised that under the facts  
stated in your letter Mrs. Laird would  
no longer be entitled to a Pension from this  
State under the Confederate Pension Law. A  
requirement of the Statute is that no one owning  
property of the value of more than \$1000.00 in  
addition to homestead is entitled to pension,  
provided the homestead is not valued at more than  
\$2000.00, and for this reason Mrs. Laird's Appli-  
cation is being cancelled.

JHT/E

Yours very truly,

Comptroller of Public  
Accounts.



UNITED STATES OFFICE  
85 MAIDEN LANE  
NEW YORK.

GAYLE T. FORBUSH  
UNITED STATES MANAGER

ARTHUR WALLER  
ASSISTANT MANAGER



SOUTHWESTERN DEPARTMENT

TREZEVANT & COCHRAN  
GENERAL AGENTS.  
DALLAS, TEXAS.

**ROYAL EXCHANGE ASSURANCE.**

ROY H. LAIRD  
Agent  
KILGORE, TEXAS

March 10th, 1928.

Hon: Sam H. Terrell, Comptroller,  
Austin, Texas.

Dear Sir:

Re: Confederate Pension - File #28,320  
Mrs. Aurelia Laird - Gregg County.

The above pensioner has recently inherited an estate of about \$12,000.00, which will probably yield an income in excess of the amount set out by the laws that a pensioner may receive to be entitled to a pension, surely more than she was receiving at the time she made application for pension and the amount she has received since that time, until now.

This pensioner, my mother, is an invalid - helpless - and has been entirely incapacitated for more than five years, during which time it has required the constant care of a nurse for her, which is, as you must know, of considerable expense.

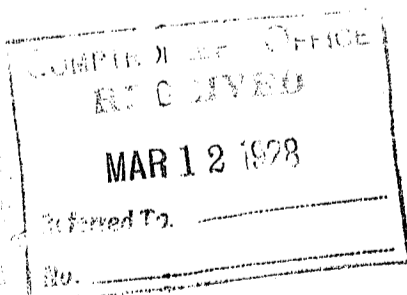
Now, Mr. Terrell, I am giving you these facts, and ask that you advise me if she may continue to file an affidavit for pension, without violating the law, which we will not do, knowingly.

If additional information, or affidavits in case, is desired, kindly advise me.

Thanking you, I am

Yours very truly,

*Roy H. Laird*  
Roy H. Laird.



September 18, 1930.

Mr. Roy H. Laird,  
Kilgore, Texas.

Dear Mr. Laird:

I have your favor of September 15th in which you enclosed an application for re-instatement as a pensioner, signed by Mrs. Aurelia Laird.

This instrument is not such an application or petition as gives me information as to why the pension of Mrs. Laird was dis-continued or information as to why she should again be placed on the Pension Roll.

If Mrs. Laird should file application for re-instatement which gives this information, then her right as a pensioner will at that time have further consideration.

Yours truly,

STATE COMPTROLLER   
OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS.

JHT/b



September 24, 1930.

Mr. Roy H. Laird,  
Kilgore, Texas.

Dear Mr. Laird:

I have your letter of September 22nd, enclosing application for reinstatement of Mrs. Aurelia Laird, as a Confederate pensioner, File No. 28320.

You are advised that on this petition Mrs. Laird is being reinstated on the pension roll and I am enclosing an affidavit to be executed and returned by Mrs. Laird covering issuance of first monthly warrant to which she is entitled, which warrant will be for the month of October and will be issued on or about October 31st.

Please have Mrs. Laird execute and return her affidavits each month as soon as possible as pension payments are now being issued monthly instead of quarterly and their affidavits must be returned to this office before the 15th of each month in order to receive payments when due.

Yours very truly,

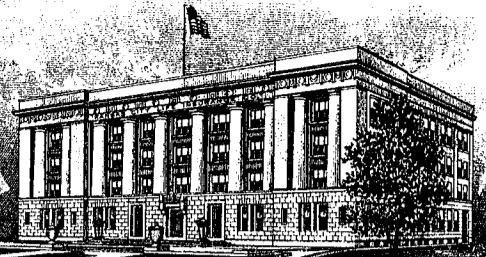


Acting State Comptroller of Public  
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J. B. REYNOLDS,  
PRESIDENT

# KANSAS CITY LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY



Kilgore, Texas, September 22nd, 1930.

Hon. Geo. H. Sheppard, Comptroller,  
Austin, Texas.

Dear Sir:

Re: No. 28,320 - Mrs. A. Laird, Pensioner.

I have your letter of the 18th in which you state that application of Mrs. A. Laird, for re-instatement as pensioner is such that it cannot be considered.

I herewith attach another affidavit from Mrs. Laird, setting out the facts in her case, which, I trust, will now be such that she can again receive pension.

Thanking you, I am,

Yours very truly,

*Roy H. Laird*  
Roy H. Laird.



APPLICATION FOR MORTUARY WARRANT

RECEIVED  
OCT 5 - 1931  
COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

County of Gregg } I, Roy H. Laird

do hereby certify that I am the person to whom is entrusted the paying of the accounts and indebtedness of the late Mrs. Aurelia Laird, who was a pensioner of the State of Texas, and whose file number was 78370 and whose original county was Gregg

The said pensioner Mrs. Aurelia Laird, died on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of Sept, 1931, in the town of Kilgore County of Gregg, Texas.

The pensioner died in the home of Roy H. Laird who was related to the pensioner as son

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. Aurelia Laird

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 son (Friend) that my postoffice address is Box 848

Kilgore Street or R. F. D. 7400  
City State

Sworn to before me this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of October, 1931  
Trustee Parker Roy H. Laird  
Signed Roy H. Laird

Must return before 40 days expires from date of Pensioners' death

Notary Public in and for Gregg State of Texas.

CERTIFICATE OF UNDERTAKER

I, Thomson, do certify that I am undertaker in the town of Henderson, County of Renick, State of Texas that I had charge of the body of Mrs. Aurelia Laird, who died in the town of Kilgore, County of Gregg, State of Tx on the 25 day of Sept, 1931. That said body was prepared for burial by me on the 25 day of Sept, 1931, and that I am of the opinion that warrant herein applied for should be issued to the said Roy H. Laird who makes the foregoing application.

Signed Thomson Undertaker.

CERTIFICATE OF PHYSICIAN

I, J. E. Adams m.d., do certify that I am a practicing physician, and that I attended Mrs. Aurelia Laird in her last illness, and am of the opinion that her ailments were uremic poison and old age

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 J. E. Adams m.d.  
Physician's Address Kilgore Tex Box 1516

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