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WIDOW'S APPLICATION FOR A PENSION

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

[Signature]

Name of Applicant

Mrs. D. C. Laird

Gregg County.

Postoffice *Kilgore*

Filed *Jan. 27-1921*

Approved *Feb. 10-1921*

Pension allowed from *March 1-1921*

Rejected

Comptroller of Public Accounts.

E. L. STECK, AUSTIN

For Use of Widows of Soldiers Who Are In Indigent Circumstances

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

COUNTY OF

Gregg

I, Mrs.

D. C. Laird

do hereby make application to the

Comptroller of Public Accounts 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 Capt. D. C. Laird, deceased, who departed this life on the 16th day of June, A. D. 1883, in the county of Williamson 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 5th day of Nov. A. D. 1868, in the county of Smith in the State of Texas

My husband, the said Capt. D. C. 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 \$1000; 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? 73
- 2. Where were you born? Auburn Alabama
- 3. How long have you resided in the State of Texas? 56
- 4. How long have you resided in the county of your present residence? And what is your postoffice address? Wilmer Texas
- 5. Did your husband draw a pension? If so, give his file number. No
- 6. What was your husband's full name? Capt. Dacot Carrall Laird
- 7. What was the date of his death? June 16th 1883
- 8. In what State was your husband's command originally organized? Texas

9. How long did your husband serve? If known to you, give date of enlistment and discharge. About 3 years, to the best of knowledge

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. Co. G, 14 Col. Tex. Infantry

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. Capt. Co. G, 14 Col. Tex. Infantry

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) Mrs. D. C. Laird

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 8th day of Jan. A. D. 1921

County Judge W. B. Ray, Gregg County, Texas.

[Seal.]

*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. A. Ray, County Judge of Gregg County, State of Texas, on this day personally appeared R. H. Still & J. A. Knowles,

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. D. C. Laird, applicant for a pension as the widow of Capt. D. C. Laird deceased, is in truth and fact the widow of Capt. D. C. Laird 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)

R. H. Still

(Signature of Witness)

J. A. Knowles

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 20 day of Jan, A. D. 1921

W. A. Ray

[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. A. Ray, County Judge of Gregg County, State of Texas, on this day personally appeared J. A. Knowles, R. H. Still,

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 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)

R. H. Still

(Signature of Witness)

J. A. Knowles

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 20 day of Jan, A. D. 1921

W. A. Ray

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

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

COUNTY OF _____

Before me, _____, County Judge of _____ County, State of Texas, on this day personally appeared _____, 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 applicant's husband in the Confederate Army: (State fully your source of knowledge) _____

(Signature of Witness) _____

(Signature of Witness) _____

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this _____ day of _____ A. D. 19 _____

[Seal.]

County Judge _____ County, Texas.



CERTIFICATE OF STATE AND COUNTY ASSESSOR

I, J. E. Person State and County Assessor in the County of Greene State of Texas, do certify that Mrs. P. C. Leving whose name is signed to the foregoing application for a pension, under the Act of the Thirty-third Legislature, approved April 7, 1913, is charged on the tax rolls of said county with a homestead of the value of She has none Dollars, and of other property, real or personal, or both, of the value of No Property Returned Dollars.

Given under my hand, this 21 day of Jan A. D. 1921

J. E. Person
State and County Assessor.

It seems the Applicant must be laboring under a mistake. She signs her name as Mrs V. J. Joiner and claims a pension ~~under~~ as being the wife of Capt Laird. I can't understand it.

Heard, Kyser
Comm' of Pensions

FORM B

Widow's Application for Pension.

The Commissioner of Pensions reserves the right to call for additional testimony if he deems it necessary.

Name of Applicant

Mrs. V. J. Joiner

Wm. J. Joiner - Comm

Postoffice

342 S. Adams

Filed

MAY 16th 1913

Approved

Jan 8th 1921

Pension allowed from

Rejected

~~Application returned~~

W. J. Hearse

Commissioner of Pensions

JAN 13 1921

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FORM B

Referred to _____

No. _____

For Use of Widows of Soldiers who are in Indigent Circumstances

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

COUNTY OF _____

Gregg Co.

I, Mrs. *Joynes, W. D. 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 March 26, A. D. 1909, on the following grounds:

I am the widow of *Capt. D. C. Laird*, deceased, who departed this life on the *16th* day of *June*, A. D. *1883*, in the county of *Williamson*, 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 *5th* day of *March*, A. D. *1868*, in the county of *Smith*, in the State of *Texas*.

My husband, the said *Capt. D. C. 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 March 1, A. D. 1880, 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 one hundred and fifty dollars 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 over one thousand dollars; 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? *65 yrs.*
2. Where were you born? *Auburn, Alabama.*
3. How long have you resided in the State of Texas? *47 yrs.*
4. How long have you resided in the county of your present residence? And what is your postoffice address?
Have resided six years in Tarrant Co. Ft. Worth Tex.
5. What was your husband's full name? *Dacon Canoll Laird*
6. What was the date of his death? *June 16th 1883.*
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.
about three years to the best of my recollection.
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. *Company G. 14th Clarks Texas Infantry.*
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. *Infantry - Capt. of Company G. Clarks Texas Infantry.*
11. 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 be approved and such other proceedings be had in the premises as are required by law.

(Signature of Applicant)

Mrs. D. C. Laird,
Mrs. C. J. Joyner

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 8th day of Jan 1921, A. D. 1921

R. E. Bratton
County Judge, Tarrant County, Texas.

[SEAL.]

Affidavit of Witnesses.

[NOTE.—There must be at least two credible witnesses.]

THE STATE OF TEXAS,
COUNTY OF _____

Before me, _____, County Judge of _____ County, State of Texas, on this day personally appeared _____, 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. _____, applicant for a pension as the widow of _____ deceased, is in truth and fact the widow of _____ 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. P. Gilliam

(Signature of Witness)

W. G. Gentry

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 30 day of Apr, A. D. 1913

Sam Ferguson
County Judge, Smith County, Texas.

[SEAL.]

Affidavit of Witnesses.

[NOTE.—There must be at least two credible witnesses.]

THE STATE OF TEXAS,
COUNTY OF _____

Before me, _____, County Judge of _____ County, State of Texas, on this day personally appeared _____, 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 a pension, and that they personally know that the said _____ has been a bona fide resident citizen of the State of Texas since prior to March 1, A. D. 1880, and that they have no interest in this claim.

(Signature of Witness)

J. P. Gilliam

(Signature of Witness)

W. G. Gentry

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 30 day of Apr, A. D. 1913

Sam Ferguson
County Judge, Smith 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 Smith

Before me, Sam P. Ferguson ^{Wap}, County Judge of Smith County,

State of Texas, on this day personally appeared Gilman and Gentry, who are personally known to me to be 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 was with Capt. C. G. Brubaker all through the Civil war for three years and will claim for his widow her request

(Signature of Witness) J. D. Gilliam

(Signature of Witness) W. G. Gentry

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 30 day of Apr, A. D. 1913

Sam P. Ferguson
County Judge Smith County, Texas.

[SEAL.]

Certificate of State and County Assessor

I, _____, State and County Assessor in the County of _____, State of Texas, do hereby certify that Mrs. _____, whose name is signed to the foregoing application for a pension, under the Act of the Thirty-first Legislature, approved March 26, A. D. 1909, 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 _____ dollars.

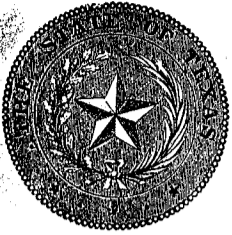
Given under my hand, this _____ day of _____, A. D. 191_____

State and County Assessor.



THE E. L. STECK CO., AUSTIN

2717-320-1M



Comptroller's Department
State of Texas
Austin

~~33333~~
~~N. W. WIGINGTON, COMPTROLLER~~
~~W. E. REESE, CHIEF CLERK~~

Lon A. Smith
W. T. Gaston

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

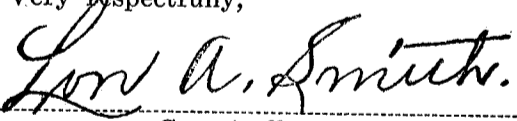
Dear Sir:

I have the honor to request the military record of D. C. Laird, who is
reported to have enlisted in Company G, Regiment 14 Clarks Texas Infantry

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in service in the Confederate States Army.

Purpose: The Widow 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,

Comptroller of Public Accounts. TX

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WAR DEPARTMENT,
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,
 WASHINGTON. 2-3-21.

Respectfully returned to
 Comptroller's Department,
 State of Texas,
 Austin, Texas.

with the information that the records
 show that J. C. Laird,
 1st Lt. & Capt., Co. G, 1st
 Tex. Inf., C.S.A. (Clark's
 Regt.) Ent. May 6/12
 Jamestown. Roll
 for Jan & Feb. 64 (last
 on file) showing the
 presence. Other records
 show that he was
 captured at Ft. DeBussy,
 La. Mar. 14/64 and ex-
 changed at Red River Land-
 ing, July 27, 1864. A Regt.
 Return of above orgn for Apr
 1865 shows absent during
 the month reported sick
 since. No record of
 subsequent capture or
 release.

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The Adjutant General.

Per

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on this the...22nd,...day of.....December,.....A. D. 1920... it being the...4th...Monday in said month, there was begun and holden a regular term of the District Court of.....Gregg.....County, at the Court House thereof, in the City of....Longview,.....

Present: Hon....Chas. L. Brachfield,....Judge,.....J. P. Anderson,..... District, XX County Attorney,....J. R. Garner,.....Sheriff,.....D. W. Wood.....

District Clerk; when the following proceedings were had and entered of record, to-wit:

.....Mrs. V. J. Joiner,.....) On this the...22nd,.....day of..December,.... No...3346..... vs.) 1920,...., this cause coming on to be heard, the plaintiffT. H. Joiner,.....) appeared in person and by attorney, and the defendant, although having.....Waives service.....

as required by law, failed to appear and answer in this behalf, but wholly made default; whereupon, a jury being waived, plaintiff announced ready for trial, and the Court, having heard the pleadings, evidence and argument of counsel, is of the opinion that the material allegations in plaintiff's petition are true. It is therefore ordered, adjudged and decreed by the Court that the bonds of matrimony heretofore existing between said plaintiff and defendant be and the same are hereby annulled and dissolved, and that the said plaintiff be and...S.he is hereby divorced from the said defendant. It is further ordered by the Court that the said plaintiff ...Mrs. V. J. Joiner,..... do have and recover of the said defendant.....T. H. Joiner,.....

all costs in this behalf expended, for which .S. he may have her...execution. It is further ordered that execution may issue in favor of the officers of Court against each party, r espectively, for all costs by him or her in this behalf incurred.

THE STATE OF TEXAS, }



COUNTY OFGregg..... I,.....D. W. Wood,.....

Clerk of the District Court in and for said County and State, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Decree of Divorce rendered by said Court in Cause No. 3346.....entitled.....

Mrs. V. J. Joiner..... vs.T. H. Joiner,.....

as the same appears from the Minutes of said Court, in Volume.....ONE.....on page..397,....in my office.

Given under my hand and the seal of said Court, at my office in....Longview,....., Texas, on this the....22nd,.....day of.....December,.....A. D. 1920...

.....D. W. Wood..... Clerk

District Court, ..Gregg..County, Texas.

By, Deputy.

No. 3346.

..... Mrs V. J. Joiner.

vs.

..... T. H. Joiner.

COPY OF DECREE OF DIVORCE

FROM DISTRICT COURT

..... Gregg County.

Issued.. 22, ...day of... Dec, 1920.

..... *D. W. Wood* Clerk.

By, Deputy.

APPLICATION FOR MORTUARY WARRANT

STATE OF TEXAS, } County of Gregg } I, Mary J. Knowles, do hereby certify that I am the person to whom is entrusted the paying of the accounts and indebtedness of the late Mrs. D. C. Laird, who was a pensioner of the State of Texas, and whose file number is 37178 and whose original county is Gregg

The said pensioner Mrs. D. C. Laird, died on the 23rd day of March, 1923, in the town of Kiegoe, County of Gregg, Texas.

The pensioner died in the home of Mrs. J. A. Knowles who was related to the pensioner as niece

That the warrant, which application is hereby made for, shall be applied to paying all or part of the expenses incurred by the said pensioner Mrs. D. C. 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 (Friend) niece and that my home is in the town of Kiegoe County of Gregg State of Texas, that my postoffice address is Box 334, Kiegoe Texas

Signed Mary J. Knowles

Before me, the undersigned authority in and for the County of Gregg, State of Texas, personally appeared Mary J. Knowles, who being by me duly sworn, did certify to and sign the foregoing statement.

Raymond Rotary Public in and for Gregg, Texas

(Seal of Office)

CERTIFICATE OF UNDERTAKER

I, John T. Crum, do certify that I am an undertaker in the town of Kiegoe, County of Gregg, State of Texas that I had charge of the body of Mrs. D. C. Laird, who died in the town of Kiegoe, County of Gregg, State of Texas on the 23rd day of March, 1923. That said body was prepared for burial by me on the 23rd day of March, 1923. That said body was buried in the Greenwood Cemetery, which is located in the County of Tarrant State of Texas, and that I am of the opinion that warrant herein applied for should be issued to the said Mary J. Knowles, who makes the foregoing application.

Signed John T. Crum



CERTIFICATE OF PHYSICIAN

I, J. E. Adams, do certify that I am a practicing physician, and that I attended Mrs. D. C. Laird in her last illness, and am of the opinion that her ailments were myocarditis Hemiplegia following the Flu.

Signed Joseph E. Adams

Physician.

Physician's Address Kiegoe, Texas

Mar 23rd OK

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