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FORM B.

Widow's Application for a Pension

The Commissioner of Pensions reserves the right to ~~call for~~ ^{AP} additional testimony if he deems it necessary.

Name of Applicant.

Mrs M. E. Smith

Gregg County.

Postoffice Longview, R.F.D. 2 - Box 71.

Filed Mar. 20th 1914

Approved Geo. W. Dea. Au

Pension allowed from Mar. 1st 1914

Rejected

Geo. W. Dea. 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. M. E. Smith

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 John Smith, deceased, who departed this life on the 28 day of Feb., A. D. 1914, 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 28 day of May, A. D. 1866, in the county of Upshur (now Gregg) in the State of Texas

My husband, the said John Smith, 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? 68 years
2. Where were you born? Marion Co. Ala.
3. How long have you resided in the State of Texas? Since 1849
4. How long have you resided in the county of your present residence? And what is your postoffice address? all the time - Longview Texas R.F.D. #2 Box 71
5. What was your husband's full name? John Smith
6. What was the date of his death? Feb. 28 - 1914
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. I think he enlisted in 1862 and served until close of war
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. I can't give full data as to this, but he was in Walker's Division - Infantry - I respectfully refer to the testimony accompanying his application # 19324 on which he was drawing the pension - His warrant came the day he died, but was returned -

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11. Have you transferred to other any property of any kind for the purpose of becoming a beneficiary under this law? None not

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 M. E. Smith*

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

J. H. McVaneey
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. McVaneey*, County Judge of *Gregg* County, State of Texas, on this day personally appeared *Callie White & T. J. Reese*, 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. *M. E. Smith*, applicant for a pension as the widow of *John Smith* deceased, is in truth and fact the widow of *John Smith* 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) *Callie White*

(Signature of Witness) *T. J. Reese*

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

J. H. McVaneey
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. McVaneey*, County Judge of *Gregg* County, State of Texas, on this day personally appeared *T. J. Reese & W. A. Reese*, 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. M. E. Smith* 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) *T. J. Reese*

(Signature of Witness) *W. A. Reese*

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

J. H. McVaneey
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.....}

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 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.).....

(Signature of Witness).....

(Signature of Witness).....

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this.....day of....., A. D. 191.....

[Seal.]

County Judge.....County, Texas.



CERTIFICATE OF STATE AND COUNTY ASSESSOR

I, OB Hammetton, State and County Assessor in the County of
Gregg, State of Texas, do hereby certify that Mrs. M E Smith
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 \$275.00 dollars.

Given under my hand, this 19 day of March, A. D. 1914

OB Hammetton
State and County Assessor.

COMMISSIONERS

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THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF GREGG

COMMISSIONERS COURT MEETS ON SECOND MONDAY IN
FEBRUARY, MAY, AUGUST AND NOVEMBER

LONGVIEW, TEXAS, 3-17-1914

Pension Commissioner,

Austin, Texas.

Dear Sir;-

I herewith hand you application of Mrs M. E. Smith, widow of Jehu Smith, who was dwareing pension under application No. 13324; ~~and~~ and who died on Feb. 28th, 1914. I simply refer to His application for testimony on the point of service in the army. I trust you will promptly approve this application and send Mrs. Smith the warrant ^{that} was mailed to Her husband, but reached here the day He was buried. Mrs. Smith is really in needy circumstances and I feel her application is in such shape that you can approve same promptly.

Yours truly,

J. H. McHaney
Co. Judge (TX)