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Widow's Application for a Pension

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

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Name of Applicant.

Martha J. Spears

Gregg County.

Postoffice *Helgare, Tex*

Filed *Feb. 6 1914*

Approved *Dec. 1. 1913*

Pension allowed from *Mar. 1. 1914*

Rejected

George Kysed

Commissioner of Pensions.

E. L. Steck, Printing, Houston, Texas

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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. Margaret J. Spears, 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. H. Spears, deceased, who departed this life on the 30 day of July, A. D. 1864, in the county of Rusk, 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 15 day of January, A. D. 1854, in the county of Rusk, in the State of Texas

My husband, the said R. H. Spears, 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? 82 years
2. Where were you born? Murry Co. Tenn.
3. How long have you resided in the State of Texas? Since 1839
4. How long have you resided in the county of your present residence? And what is your postoffice address? Since its organization - Wilgore Texas
5. What was your husband's full name? Redwood Henry Spears
6. What was the date of his death? July 30, 1864
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 April 1863 and served 13 months - came home sick on furlough & died without recovering
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. "C" Col. Camp's Regt. Capt. Wallace
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
11. Have you transferred to other any property of any kind for the purpose of becoming a beneficiary under this law? I have 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) Martha J. Spears
Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 2 day of Feb., A. D. 1914

[Seal.]

J. N. McHaley
County Judge Gregg County, Texas.

AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESSES

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

THE STATE OF TEXAS }

County of Gregg }

Before me, J. N. McHaley, County Judge of Gregg County, State of Texas, on this day personally appeared P. B. Barber & J. P. Nicholson, 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. Martha J. Spears, applicant for a pension as the widow of R. H. Spears deceased, is in truth and fact the widow of R. H. Spears 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. B. Barber

(Signature of Witness) J. P. Nicholson

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 2 day of Feb., A. D. 1914

[Seal.]

J. N. McHaley
County Judge Gregg County, Texas.

AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESSES

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

THE STATE OF TEXAS }

County of Gregg }

Before me, J. N. McHaley, County Judge of Gregg County, State of Texas, on this day personally appeared J. P. Nicholson & J. F. Holt, 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. Martha J. Spears has been a bona fide resident citizen of the State of Texas since prior to January 1, A. D. 1900, and that they have no interest in this claim.

(Signature of Witness) J. P. Nicholson

(Signature of Witness) J. F. Holt

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 2 day of Feb., A. D. 1914

[Seal.]

J. N. McHaley
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 Gregg

Before me, J. H. McHarey, County Judge of Gregg County, State of Texas, on this day personally appeared J. B. Nicholson, 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.) J. B. Nicholson says - I lived neighbor to R. H. Spear's husband of applicant and personally know that he enlisted and served 13 months in the Confederate Army - as stated by his widow. He came home sick & died from the fever contracted in the Army. He went out in 1863 and returned on furlough in 1864.

(Signature of Witness) J. B. Nicholson
(Signature of Witness)

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 2 day of Feb, A. D. 1914
[Seal.] J. H. McHarey County Judge Gregg County, Texas.

CERTIFICATE OF STATE AND COUNTY ASSESSOR

I, O. B. Hamilton, State and County Assessor in the County of Gregg, State of Texas, do hereby certify that Mrs. Mrs. M. J. Spear 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 \$250.00 dollars.

Given under my hand, this 3 day of Feb, A. D. 1914
O. B. Hamilton
State and County Assessor.

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FORM No. 2.

CONFEDERATE PENSION APPLICATION.

Name of Applicant

Mrs. M. J. Spears
Heggs County.

Post Office

Pigore

Comptroller's File No.

1676

I have carefully examined the within application for
pension, together with the proof in support thereof and
recommend that the application be

Dis-
approved

this 14 day of

A. D.

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W. J. Swain
Pension Clerk.

I hereby disapprove the within application

for pension, this 14 day of

October

A. D.

1899

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Comptroller.

No Application Rejected by County Judge or County Commissioners
Should be Forwarded to Comptroller.

APPLICATION of Indigent widow of Soldier or Sailor of the late Confederacy for pension under the Act of May 12, 1899.

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

COUNTY OF Gregg

To the Honorable County Judge of Gregg County, Texas.

Your petitioner, Mrs. M. J. Spears respectfully represents that she is a resident citizen of Gregg County, in the State of Texas; that she is the widow of R. H. Spears, deceased, who was a Confederate soldier (or sailor), and that she makes this application for the purpose of obtaining a pension as the widow of said R. H. Spears, deceased, under the act passed by the Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Texas, and approved May 12, A. D. 1899, the same being an act entitled "An act to carry into effect the amendment to the Constitution of the State of Texas, providing that aid may be granted to disabled and dependent Confederate soldiers, sailors, and their widows under certain conditions, and to make an appropriation therefor," and I do solemnly swear that the answers I have given to the following questions are true.

NOTE—Applicant must make answer to all of the following questions, and such answers must be written out plainly in ink.

- Q. What is your name? Answer M. J. Spears
- Q. What is your age? Answer 66
- Q. In what County do you reside? Answer Gregg County
- Q. How long have you resided in said County and what is your post office address? Answer Since 1849, Post Office Kilgore Tex
- Q. Have you applied for a pension under the Confederate Pension Law heretofore, and been rejected? If so state when and where. Answer no
- Q. What is your occupation if able to engage in one? Answer not able to labor
- Q. What is your physical condition? Answer General debility
- Q. What was the name of your deceased husband? Answer R. H. Spears
- Q. Were you married to him anterior to March 1, 1866? If so, on what date were you married to him and where? Answer Feb. 17/1864, in Rush County Tex
- Q. What was the date of his death? Answer August 30/1864
- Q. Are you unmarried, and have you so remained unmarried since the death of your said husband for whose services you claim a pension? Answer yes
- Q. State in what company and regiment your deceased husband for whose services you claim a pension enlisted in the Confederate Army, and the time of his service therein? Answer Co. "C" 5th Texas Served about 13 months
- Q. If your deceased husband served in the Confederate Navy, state when and where, and the time of such service? Answer no (TX)
- Q. State whether or not you have received any pension or veteran donation land certificate under any previous law, and if you answer in the affirmative state what pension or veteran donation land certificate you have so received. Answer I received a land certificate for 1280 acres of land, but have never received any benefit from same.

Q. What real and personal property do you now own, and what is the present value of such property? Give list of such property and value. Answer.....

100 acres of unimproved land value 100.00
house and lot in Kilgore Tex " 100.00

Q. What property, and what was the value thereof have you sold or conveyed within two years prior to the date of this application? Answer..... none

Q. What income, if any, do you receive? Answer..... none

Q. Are you in indigent circumstances; that is, are you in actual want, and destitute of property and means of subsistence? Answer..... yes

Q. Are you unable by your labor to earn a support? Answer..... yes

Q. Have you transferred to others any property of value of any kind for the purpose of becoming a beneficiary under this law? Answer..... no

Q. Did your deceased husband for whose services you claim a pension, ever desert the Confederacy? Answer..... no

Q. Have you been continuously since the first day of January, 1880, a bona fide resident citizen of this State? Answer..... yes

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

(Signature of Applicant)

M. J. Spears

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 25th day of July A. D. 1899

J. N. Campbell
County Judge Gregg County, Texas.

(SEAL)

AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESSES.

(NOTE—There must be at least two credible witnesses.)

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

COUNTY OF Gregg } Before me, J. N. Campbell

County Judge of Gregg County, State of Texas, on this day personally appeared

N. E. Nicholson and R. H. Laird

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. J. Spears, applicant for a pension as the widow of

R. H. Spears, deceased, is in truth and fact the widow of the said

R. H. Spears, deceased; that they personally know that the said

R. H. Spears, deceased, enlisted in the service of the Confederacy, and

performed the duties of a soldier (or sailor) as claimed by his said widow in the above and foregoing application, and that they further

know that the said Mrs. M. J. Spears, widow of the said

R. H. Spears, deceased, is unable to support herself by labor of any sort.

(Signature of Witness) N. E. Nicholson

(Signature of Witness) R. H. Laird

(Signature of Witness)

(Signature of Witness)

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 12th day of August A. D. 1899

J. N. Campbell
County Judge Gregg County, Texas.

(SEAL)

CERTIFICATE OF COUNTY JUDGE.

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

COUNTY OF

Gregg
Gregg

I,

J. N. Campbell

County Judge of

County, State of Texas, do hereby certify that on the 14th

day of

August

A. D. 1899

before me came on to be heard the application of

Mrs.

M. J. Spears

widow of

R. H. Spears

deceased, for a pension under the Confederate Pension Law of this

State, approved May 12, A. D. 1899; that the answers of said applicant to the questions propounded were made under oath as the same

appear in writing in the foregoing application; that the affidavits of the witnesses who are credible citizens were made before me as the

same hereinbefore appear. I also certify that the said applicant Mrs M. J. Spears

is not disqualified under any of the provisions of Section 12, of the Confederate Pension Law. I further certify that after considering all

of the proceedings had before me relative to the said application for a pension by the said Mrs.

M. J. Spears

as widow of

R. H. Spears

deceased, I find the said applicant is lawfully entitled to the pension provided for by the Confederate Pension Law of this State, and I

hereby approve said application.

Witness my hand and seal of office at

Longview

this

14th

day of

August

A. D.

1899

(SEAL)

County Judge

Gregg

County, State of Texas.

CERTIFICATE OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

COUNTY OF

Gregg
Gregg

We, the undersigned members of the Commissioners Court of

County, Texas, hereby certify that the foregoing application of Mrs. M. J. Spears

widow of

R. H. Spears

deceased, for a pension,

together with the proof in support thereof, was duly submitted by Hon.

J. N. Campbell

County Judge of this

Gregg

County, to the Commissioners Court of this

Gregg

County, at a regular term thereof on the 14th day of August A. D. 1899 and after a careful

consideration of the same we find the said applicant is lawfully entitled to the pension provided for by the Confederate Pension Law of

this State, and we hereby approve said application.

Witness our hands and seal of office at

Longview

this

14th

day of

August

A. D.

1899



(Signatures of Commissioners.)

W. J. Estlin
J. P. Brown
O. B. Perwick
W. J. Blackburn

(SEAL)

Not indigent under each name too much property.

The witnesses testimony in this application as to the proof of service in the pension law is not sufficient by the law. I am sure that the witnesses are not suitable to produce any of the evidence. J. P. Covel

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FORM NO. 2. - AMENDED.

CONFEDERATE PENSION APPLICATION.

Name of Applicant, Mrs M. J. Spears County, Gregg Post Office, Kilgore, Texas

Comptroller's File No. 1676

I have carefully examined the within application for pension, together with the proof in support thereof, and I recommend that the application be

Disapproved

this 4 day of Oct

A. D. 1899

signed: Wm. J. Swan Pension Clerk.

I hereby disapprove the within application for pension, this 4 day of

October A. D. 1899

signed: J. P. Covel Comptroller.

No Application Rejected by County Judge or County Commissioner's Should be Forwarded to Comptroller.

CERTIFICATE OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

COUNTY OF Gregg

We the undersigned members of the Commissioners Court of

Mrs. M. J. Spears widow of R. H. Spears

deceased, for a pension, together with the proof in support thereof, was duly submitted by Hon. J. M. Campbell County Judge of this Gregg

County, to the Commissioners Court of this Gregg County, at a regular term thereof on the 14 day of August A. D. 1899

and after a careful consideration of the same we find the said applicant is lawfully entitled to the pension provided for by the Confederate Pension Law of this State, and we hereby approve said application.

Witness our hands and seal of office at Longview this 14 day of August 1899

signed W. A. Foster, O. J. Ponce, E. P. Penick, W. J. Blackburn

(SEAL)

NOTE—The law provides that pensions can begin only on the first day of April and October of each year.

FORM NO. 2.—Amended.

APPLICATION of Indigent widow of Soldier or Sailor of the late Confederacy for pension under the Act of May 12, 1899. Hereafter use no other blank but this.

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

COUNTY OF *Gregg*

To the Honorable County Judge of _____ County, Texas.

Your petitioner, Mrs. *M. J. Spears* respectfully represents that she is a resident citizen of *Gregg* County, in the State of Texas; that she is the widow of *R. H. Spears*, deceased, who was a Confederate soldier (or sailor), and that she makes this application for the purpose of obtaining a pension as the widow of said *R. H. Spears* deceased, under the act passed by the Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Texas, and approved May 12, A. D. 1899, the same being an act entitled "An act to carry into effect the amendment to the Constitution of the State of Texas, providing that aid may be granted to disabled and dependent Confederate soldiers, sailors, and their widows under certain conditions, and to make an appropriation therefor," and I do solemnly swear that the answers I have given to the following questions are true.

NOTE—Applicant must make answer to all of the following questions, and such answers must be written out plainly in ink.

- Q. What is your name? Answer *M. J. Spears*
- Q. What is your age? Answer *66*
- Q. In what County do you reside? Answer *Gregg County*
- Q. How long have you resided in said County and what is your post office address? Answer *Since 1849, Postoffice Kilgore, Texas*
- Q. Have you applied for a pension under the Confederate Pension Law heretofore, and been rejected? If so state when and where. Answer *No -*
- Q. What is your occupation if able to engage in one? Answer *not able to labor*
- Q. What is your physical condition? Answer *general debility*
- Q. What was the name of your deceased husband? Answer *R. H. Spears*
- Q. Were you married to him anterior to March 1, 1866? If so, on what date were you married to him and where? Answer *Yes, Feb. 17, 1854, in Rush County, Texas*
- Q. What was the date of his death? Answer *August 30, 1864*
- Q. Are you unmarried, and have you so remained unmarried since the death of your said husband for whose services you claim a pension? Answer *yes*
- Q. State in what company and regiment your deceased husband for whose services you claim a pension enlisted in the Confederate army, and the time of his service therein. Answer *Co. 'D' 5th Texas served about 13 months*
- Q. If your deceased husband served in the Confederate navy state when and where, and the time of such service. Answer *No*
- Q. State whether or not you have received any pension or veteran donation land certificate under any previous law, and if you answer in the affirmative state what pension or veteran donation land certificate you have so received. Answer *I received a land certificate for 1280 acres of land, but have never received any benefit from same.*



Q. What real and personal property do you now own, and what is the present value of such property? Give list of such property and value. Answer.....

100 acres of unimproved land value 100.00
House & Lot in Kilgore, Texas 100.00

Q. What property, and what was the value thereof have you sold or conveyed within two years prior to the date of this application? Answer.....

none

Q. What income, if any, do you receive? Answer.....

none

Q. Are you in indigent circumstances; that is, are you in actual want, and destitute of property and means of subsistence? Answer.....

yes

Q. Are you unable by your labor to earn a support? Answer.....

yes

Q. Have you transferred to others any property of value of any kind for the purpose of becoming a beneficiary under this law? Answer.....

no

Q. Did your deceased husband for whose services you claim a pension ever desert the Confederacy? Answer.....

no

Q. Have you been continuously since the first day of March, 1880, a bona fide resident citizen of this State?

Answer.....
Yes

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

Signed (Signature of Applicant)..... M. J. Spears

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 25 day of July A. D. 1899

(SEAL.)

Signed J. M. Campbell
County Judge..... Gregg County, Texas.

AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESSES.

(NOTE—There must be at least two credible witnesses.)

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

COUNTY OF Gregg

Before me J. M. Campbell

County Judge of Gregg County, State of Texas, on this day personally appeared

W. E. Nicholson and R. H. Laird

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. J. Spears, applicant for a pension as the widow of

R. H. Spears deceased, is in truth and fact the widow of the said

R. H. Spears deceased; that they personally know that the said

R. H. Spears deceased, enlisted in the service of the Confederacy,

and performed the duties of a soldier (or sailor) as claimed by his said widow in the above and foregoing application; that

source of such knowledge is as follows: That we served in the same company or regiment in which the husband of said appli-

cant resided, or based upon the following facts, to wit:

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and that they further know that the said Mrs. M. J. Spears, widow of the said R. H. Spears deceased, is unable to support herself by labor of any sort.

Signed (Signature of Witness) M. E. Nicholson
" (Signature of Witness) R. H. Laird
(Signature of Witness)
(Signature of Witness)

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 12 day of August A. D. 1899

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

(SEAL)

CERTIFICATE OF COUNTY JUDGE.

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

COUNTY OF Gregg } I, J. M. Campbell
County Judge of Gregg County, State of Texas, do hereby certify that on the 14

day of August A. D. 1899, before me came on to be heard the application

of Mrs. M. J. Spears, widow of R. H. Spears

deceased, for a pension under the Confederate Pension Law of this State, approved May 12, A. D. 1899; that the answers of said applicant to the questions propounded were made under oath as the same appear in writing in the foregoing application; that the affidavits of the witnesses who are credible citizens were made before me as the same hereinbefore appear. I also certify that the said applicant Mrs. M. J. Spears

is not disqualified under any of the provisions of Section 12, of the Confederate Pension Law. I further certify that after considering all the proceedings had before me relative to the said application for a pension by the said Mrs. M. J. Spears as widow of R. H. Spears deceased, I find the said applicant is lawfully entitled to the pension provided for by the Confederate Pension Law of this State, and I hereby approve said application.

Witness my hand and seal of office at Longview TX this 14

day of August A. D. 1899

Signed: J. M. Campbell
County Judge Gregg County, State of Texas.

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FORM No. 2—AMENDED

OCTOBER 1, 1902

Confederate Pension Application

Name of Applicant

Martha J. Spears
Gregg

County,

Postoffice Kilgore

Comptroller's File No.

I have carefully examined the within applica-
tion for pension, together with the proof in sup-
port thereof, and I recommend that the application
be Disapproved

this day of MAR 24 1907

A. D.

E. A. Holmes
Chief Pension Clerk.

I hereby the within application for
pension, this day of

A. D.

J. W. Stephens
Comptroller.

No Application Rejected by County Judge or County Com-
missioners should be Forwarded to Comptroller.

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NOTE—The law provides that pensions can begin only on the first day of April and October of each year.

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FORM No. 2. Amended October 1, 1902.

APPLICATION of Indigent Widow of Soldier or Sailor of the late Confederacy for pension under the Act of May 12, 1899. Hereafter use no other blank but this.

THE STATE OF TEXAS, }

COUNTY OF Gregg

To the Honorable County Judge of Gregg County, Texas.

Your petitioner, Mrs. Martha J. Spears respectfully represents that she is a resident citizen of Gregg County, in the State of Texas; that she is the widow of R. H. Spears, deceased, who was a Confederate soldier (or sailor), and that she makes this application for the purpose of obtaining a pension as the widow of said

R. H. Spears deceased, under the act passed by the Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Texas, and approved May 12, A. D. 1899, the same being an act entitled "An act to carry into effect the amendment to the Constitution of the State of Texas, providing that aid may be granted to disabled and dependent Confederate soldiers, sailors, and their widows under certain conditions, and to make an appropriation therefor," and I do solemnly swear that the answers I have given to the following questions are true.

NOTE—Applicant must make answer to all of the following questions, and such answers must be written out plainly in ink.

- Q. What is your name? Answer Martha J. Spears
- Q. What is your age? Answer seventy-five years
- Q. In what County do you reside? Answer Gregg
- Q. How long have you resided in said County and what is your postoffice address? Answer every since it has been a County. Kilgore Texas
- Q. Have you applied for a pension under the Confederate Pension Law heretofore, and been rejected? If so, state when and where. Answer yes, Oct 4 1899 date my application was disapproved.
- Q. What is your occupation if able to engage in one? Answer try to keep house
- Q. What is your physical condition? Answer generally bad.
- Q. What was the name of your deceased husband? Answer Redwood H. Spears
- Q. Were you married to him anterior to March 1, 1866? If so, on what date were you married to him and where? Answer Feb 17th 1857, formerly Rusk (but now Gregg
- Q. What was the date of his death? Answer Aug 30 1864.
- Q. Are you unmarried, and have you so remained unmarried since the death of your said husband for whose services you claim a pension? Answer yes
- Q. In what State was your husband's command originally organized? Answer Texas
- Q. How long did your husband serve? Give date of enlistment and discharge. Answer cant give date but he served about 13 months prior to his death.
- Q. What was the name or letter of your husband's company and name or number of his regiment? Answer Co. C. Fifth Regiment of Texas (TX)
- Q. State whether he served in the infantry, artillery, cavalry, or the navy. Answer Infantry
- Q. State whether or not you have received any pension or veteran donation land certificate under any previous law, and if you answer in the affirmative state what pension or veteran donation land certificate you have received.

Answer I received a land certificate for 1280 acres of land. But have never received any benefit from same.

- Q. What real and personal property do you now own, and what is the present value of such property? Give list of such property and value. Answer *I own about 1/2 acre of the Miami Van Winkle survey, worth probably \$150.00*
- Q. What property, and what was the value thereof, have you sold or conveyed within two years prior to the date of this application. Answer *none*
- Q. What income, if any, do you receive? Answer *none*
- Q. Are you in indigent circumstances; that is, are you in actual want, and destitute of property and means of subsistence? Answer *yes*
- Q. Are you unable by your labor to earn a support? Answer *yes*
- Q. Have you transferred to others any property of value of any kind for the purpose of becoming a beneficiary under this law? Answer *no*
- Q. Did your husband for whose services you claim a pension, ever desert the Confederacy? Answer *no*
- Q. Have you been continuously since the first day of March, 1880, a bona fide resident citizen of this State? Answer *yes*

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

(Signature of Applicant)

Martha J. Spear

Sworn to and subscribed before me this *11th* day of *Feb* A. D. *1907*

(SEAL.)

Erwin Lacy
County Judge *Gregg* County, Texas.

AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESSES

(NOTE—There must be at least two credible witnesses.)

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

COUNTY OF

Gregg

Before me

Erwin Lacy

County Judge of

County, State of Texas, on this day personally appeared

P. A. Regues and R. H. Tritt

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. *Martha J. Spear*, applicant for a pension as the widow of

R. H. Spear, deceased, is in truth and fact the widow of the said

R. H. Spear, deceased, that they personally know

that the said Mrs. *Martha J. Spear*

Spear, widow of the said *R. H. Spear*

deceased, is unable to support herself by labor of any sort.

(Signature of Witness)

P. A. Regues

(Signature of Witness)

R. H. Tritt

Sworn to and subscribed before me this *11th* day of *Feb* A. D. *1907*

(SEAL.)

Erwin Lacy
County Judge *Gregg* County, Texas.

CERTIFICATE OF COUNTY JUDGE

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

COUNTY OF Trigg } I, Robert Lacy

County Judge of Trigg County, State of Texas, do hereby certify that on the 12th

day of Sept A. D. 1907 before me came on to be heard the application

of Mrs. Martha J. Spear, widow of R. H. Spear

deceased, for a pension under the Confederate Pension Law of this State, approved May 12,

A. D. 1899; that the answers of said applicant to the questions propounded were made under oath as the same appear in writing

in the foregoing application; that the affidavits of the witnesses who are credible citizens were made before me as the same herein

before appear. I also certify that the said applicant Martha J. Spear

is not disqualified under any the provisions of Section 12, of the Confederate Pension Law. I further certify that after considering

all of the proceedings had before me relative to the said application for a pension by the said Mrs. Martha J.

Spear as widow of R. H. Spear

deceased, I find the said applicant is lawfully entitled to the pension provided for by the Confederate Pension Law of this State, and I

hereby approve said application.

Witness my hand and seal of office at Longview this 12th

day of Sept A. D. 1907

(SEAL)

Robert Lacy
County Judge Trigg County, State of Texas.

CERTIFICATE OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

COUNTY OF Trigg } We the undersigned members of the Commissioners Court of

Trigg County, Texas, hereby certify that the foregoing application of Mrs. Martha J.

Spear widow of R. H. Spear

deceased, for a pension, together with the proof in support thereof, was duly submitted

by Hon. Robert Lacy County Judge of this Trigg

County, to the Commissioners Court of this Trigg County, at a regular term thereof on the 12th

day of Sept A. D. 1907, and after a careful consideration of the same we find the said applicant is

lawfully entitled to the pension provided for by the Confederate Pension Law of this State, and we hereby approve said application.

Witness our hands and seal of office at Longview this 12th

day of Sept A. D. 1907

(SEAL)

(Signature of Commissioners)

L. W. Walley
O. Johnston
E. B. Penick
J. F. Hart





Comptroller's Department

State of Texas

Austin

MAR 8 1907

J. W. STEPHENS, COMPTROLLER
JOHN T. SMITH, CHIEF CLERK

To the Military Secretary,
War Department,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I have the honor to request the military record of
P. H. Spears who is reported to have enlisted in
Company *C*, *5th* Regiment *Texas Infantry*
in the service of the Confederate States army.

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

Very respectfully,

J. W. Stephens
Comptroller

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Address: "The Adjutant General,
War Department, Washington, D. C."

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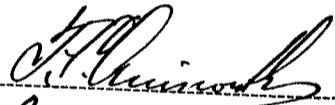
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

WASHINGTON, March 13, 1907.

Respectfully returned to the

Comptroller,
State of Texas,
Austin.

The name R. H. Spears has not been
found on the rolls, on file in this
office, of Company C, 5th Texas In-
fantry, C.S.A.



The Adjutant General.

(A. G. O. 72-1)

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DEPT. OF WAR

Austin, Tex.
Mar. 8, 1907.

J. W. Stephens,
Comptroller.

For military record of R. H.
Spears, C, 5th Tex. Inf., C.S.A.
whose widow is an applicant
for Confederate Pension.

Received A.G.O, MAR 11 1907



R. A. BUFORD, Commissioner

OFFICE OF
Commissioner of Pensions
 State of Texas
 Austin

To the Adjutant General,

War Department,

Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I have the honor to request the military record of R. M. Spears who is reported to have enlisted in Company "B", Regiment Camp - Texas (7th) in service of the Confederate States Army. Auburns Reg - Borcher's Battalion

Purpose: The mother of the 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,

R. A. Buford
 Commissioner of Pensions.



ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

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Commissioner of Pensions
State of Texas
Austin

OFFICE OF

Received A.G.O., JUN 28 1913

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WAR DEPARTMENT,

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

WASHINGTON, June 30, 1913.

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Respectfully returned to the
Commissioner of Pensions,
State of Texas,
Austin.

The name R. H. Spear has not been found on the rolls, on file in this office, of any 7th Texas Cavalry, Confederate States Army; nor has any record been found of the capture or parole of a man of that name and organization.

There are no rolls on file in this office of Company B, Border's Regiment (also known as Anderson's Regiment) Texas Cavalry, Confederate States Army. A regimental return ^{however} for September, 1864, shows that R. H. Spear, private, Company B, Anderson's Texas Cavalry, Confederate States Army, "Died Sept. 28, at Tyler." No later record of him has been found.

Geo Andrews
The Adjutant General.

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(A. G. O. 74)



GEO. W. KYSER, COMMISSIONER

OFFICE OF
COMMISSIONER OF PENSIONS
STATE OF TEXAS
AUSTIN

To the Adjutant General,

War Department,

Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:—

I have the honor to request the military record of P. H. Spears who is reported to have enlisted in Company D, Regiment Comps. Texas Infantry in service of the Confederate States Army. Capt. Cravens

Purpose: The Andrew J. Me 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,



Geo. W. Kyser
Commissioner of Pensions.

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WAR DEPARTMENT,
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THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,
WASHINGTON, February 17, 1914.

Respectfully returned to the
Commissioner of Pensions,
State of Texas, Austin.

The name R. H. Spears has not been found on the rolls, on file in this office, of Co. C, 14th Texas Infantry, nor of Co. C, 14th Texas Cavalry (Col. Camp), C.S.A., and no record has been found of the capture or parole of a man of that name as a member of either of those organizations.



The Adjutant General.

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109 Lamont Avenue,
San Antonio, 9, Texas.
June 8, 1956

RECEIVED
STATE COMPTROLLER
JUN 11 1956
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AUSTIN, TEXAS

Comptroller's Office,
State Capital,
Austin, Texas:

Dear Sir:

I am a granddaughter of Redwood ^{Monroe} Spears, who died approximately in 1843 in East Texas and was buried either at Pirtle or Overton, Texas. Have not been able to find any marker.

He was a Confederate soldier, and his widow, Martha Jane Spinks Spears (our grandmother) died Feb. 2, 1929, and is buried in Kilgore, Texas where she lived for many years.

All records have been destroyed regarding Redwood Monroe Spears birth, service, name of parents, former residence and years of service, amount of pension, and death.

If you have any Pension records or otherwise, kindly have photostat copies made of same, advise cost of same and I will remit.

Very truly yours,

May Lightburne
May Lightburne



Mrs. Stafford Lightburne.

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mont # 14021 for \$65

Olve Spears

Miss Martha J. Spears

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Miss Martha J. Spears
1000 North Main
Dallas, Texas

Dear Sir:

I am a member of the Texas State Bar Association and have been practicing law in Dallas, Texas, since 1910. I am a member of the Texas State Bar Association and have been practicing law in Dallas, Texas, since 1910. I am a member of the Texas State Bar Association and have been practicing law in Dallas, Texas, since 1910.

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Very truly yours,
[Signature]

Very truly yours,
[Signature]

June 12, 1956

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Mrs. May Lightburne
109 Lamont Avenue
San Antonio, 9, Texas

Dear Mrs. Lightburne: Mrs. Martha J. Spears, deceased
Confederate Pensioner, File No.
26113 Gregg County, Texas.

The records of this office show Mrs. Martha J. Spears, widow of Redwood Henry Spears, not shown as Redwood Monroe Spears, filed application for a Confederate Pension in Texas February 2, 1911, at which time she was 82 years old. She stated she was born in Henry County, Tennessee but had resided in Texas since 1839, and had lived in Texas since its organization of Kilgore. She stated her husband's full name was Redwood Henry Spears.

Martha J. Spears stated in her application she was married to R. H. Spears on January 15, 1854 in Rusk County, Texas. Mr. Spears death occurred on July 30, 1864 in Rusk County, Texas.

The application also states her deceased husband enlisted in April 1863 and served 13 months in Company "C", Colonel Camp's Regiment of Infantry, Confederate States Army. He went home sick on furlough and died without recovering.

The application for Confederate Pension of Mrs. Spears was approved on the affidavit of J. B. Nicholson who claimed he had personal knowledge of his service in the Confederate Army, and his enlistment, and illness, also of his death.

A report from the Adjutant General, War Department, Washington, D. C. follows: "The name R. H. Spears has not been found on the rolls, on file in this office, of Co. C, 11th Texas Infantry, nor of Co. C, 11th Texas Cavalry (Col. Camp), C. S. A., and no record has been found of the capture or parole of a man of that name as a member of either a member of either of these organizations."

I do not find any record of a Redwood Monroe Spears or any record of his widow ever receiving a Confederate Pension on his record.

The records also show that Mrs. Martha J. Spears, widow of Redwood Henry Spears, died February 17, 1929 in Kilgore, Gregg County, Texas, with

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Bright's Disease and other complications. Her birthplace was in Tennessee. She was buried in the Kilgore Cemetery by J. T. Grim, Undertaker, on February 17, 1929. Age given at that time 97 years and 5 months.

One Roe Spears, son of Mrs. Martha J. Spears made application for a burial fund of \$65.00. He gave his address as Kilgore, Texas at that time.

Mrs. Martha J. Spears received Confederate Pension payments from March, 1911, beginning with \$22.00 per quarter. The pension money had to be prorated according to the amount of money in the fund. She received various amounts. The largest amount paid was \$35.00 per quarter during the time she lived in 1929.

If you wish this information for joining the United Daughters of the Confederacy, then the information contained in this letter will be sufficient without having a photostatic copy of the application. A photostatic copy would cost \$3.00, and if you wished it certified to it would be 75 cents extra.

I am of the opinion this will answer your purpose without a photostat copy.

Very truly yours,

Robert S. Calvert
Comptroller of Public Accounts.

/cc

January 29, 1959

Mrs. E. W. Conley
109 Lamont
San Antonio 9, Texas

Dear Mrs. Conley:

Mrs. Martha J. Spears, Deceased
Widow of Redwood Henry Spears,
deceased. Pension File No. 26413
Gregg County, Texas

The records of this office show Mrs. Martha J. Spears, widow of Redwood Henry Spears, executed an application for Confederate Pension in the State of Texas on February 2, 1911. She gave her address as Kilgore, Gregg County, Texas.

Mrs. Martha J. Spears stated in her application for Confederate Pension that she was 82 years of age- born in Murry County, Tennessee. She had resided in the Texas since 1839. She and Redwood Henry Spears were married in Rusk County, Texas on January 15, 1854. His death occurred July 30, 1864.

Mrs. Spears stated in her application that her deceased husband, Redwood Henry Spears enlisted in April 1863 and served 13 months in Company "C", Colonel Camp's Regiment of Texas Infantry, C. S. A. He went home sick on furlough and died without recovering.

The application for Confederate Pension was approved on the affidavit of J. B. Nicholson who claimed he had personal knowledge of the service of Redwood Henry Spears in the Confederate Army, and his enlistment, and illness and death.

A report from the Adjutant General, War Department, Washington, D. C. follows: "The name R. H. Spears has not been found on the rolls on file in this office of Co. C, 11th Texas Infantry, nor of Co. C, 11th Texas Cavalry (Col. Camp), C. S. A., and no record has been found of the capture or parole of a man of that name as a member of either of these organizations."

Mrs. Martha J. Spears received a Confederate Pension from the State of Texas until her death in February, 1929.

I am of the opinion the above statement will be sufficient on which to be admitted to the United Daughters of the Confederacy. However, if you wish a photostat copy of the application the fee will be \$2.00. If you wish it certified to it will be 75 cents more or a total cost of \$2.75.

Yours very truly,

Robert S. Calvert
Comptroller of Public Accounts



February 11, 1959

Mrs. Lois (E. W.) Conley
109 Lamont
San Antonio 9, Texas

Dear Mrs. Conley:

Complying with your request of February 4th, I am enclosing certified photostatic copy of the application for Confederate Pension granted Mrs. Martha J. Spears, deceased, widow of Redwood Henry Spears, deceased. Pension File No. 26113, Gregg County, Texas.

Yours very truly,

Robert S. Calvert
Comptroller of Public Accounts



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109 Lamont
San Antonio 9, Texas
February 4, 1959

Mr. Robert S. Calvert,
Comptroller of Public Accounts,
Austin, Texas

Dear Mr. Calvert:

With reference to Mrs. Martha J. Spears, Deceased, Widow of
Redwood Henry Spears, deceased. Pension File No. 26413, Gregg
County, Texas.

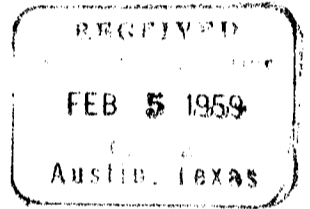
Am enclosing a check in the amount of \$2.75 to cover cost of
photostatic copy of above application and certification of
same as stated in your letter of January 29, 1959.

Thanking you in advance, I am

Yours very truly,

Lois Conley

Mrs. E. W. Conley



*Confidential
Pension*

*See new
Register # 61469*

109 Lamont
San Antonio 9, Texas
January 26, 1959

Comptroller of Public Accounts
State of Texas
Austin, Texas

Dear Sir:

I am a granddaughter of Redwood Henry Spears, who died approximately 1864, and he served in the Confederate War, and his widow Mrs. Martha J. Spears, received a pension.

My grandmother Martha J. Spears died February 17, 1929 in Kilgore, Gregg County, Texas.

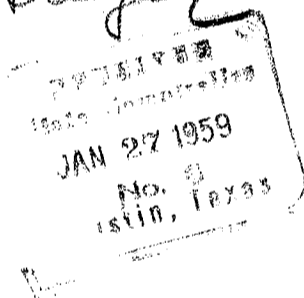
I believe my Grandfather was in Co. B. Anderson's Reg't. Texas Cav. or perhaps Border's Reg't Cav. which it was changed to later.

I wish to join the United Daughters of the Confederacy, and any information you can help me with will be greatly appreciated.

Kindly let me know cost of photostatic copies or any other expense needed for this information.

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Conley



Sincerely,

Lois Conley
Mrs. E. W. Conley



WRITE PLAINLY WITH UNFADING INK—THIS IS A PERMANENT RECORD

Where Stillborn is given as cause of Death, file birth Certificate. Every item of information should be carefully supplied. AGE should be stated EXACTLY. PHYSICIANS should state CAUSE OF DEATH in plain terms, so that it may be properly classified. Exact statement of OCCUPATION is very important.

1 PLACE OF DEATH		TEXAS STATE BOARD OF HEALTH BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS STANDARD CERTIFICATE OF DEATH		Reg. Dis. No.	B. O. V. S. FORM D
County <u>Gregg</u>		City <u>Hilgore Texas</u> (No. _____) St. _____ Ward _____		Registered No. _____	
2 FULL NAME <u>Martha J. Spear</u> (a)		RESIDENCE. NO. _____ St. _____		(If nonresident give city or town and State)	
Length of residence in city or town where death occurred _____ yrs. _____ mos. _____ ds.		How long in U. S., if of foreign birth? _____ yrs. _____ mos. _____ ds.			
PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS			MEDICAL PARTICULARS		
3 SEX <u>Female</u>	4 COLOR OR RACE <u>white</u>	5 SINGLE, MARRIED, WIDOWED OR DIVORCED (write the word) <u>widow</u>	16 DATE OF DEATH <u>Feb - 17</u> , 192 <u>9</u> (Month) (Day) (Year)		
6 DATE OF BIRTH <u>Feb - 2</u> , 18 <u>32</u> (Month) (Day) (Year)			17 I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from <u>2-1</u> , 192 <u>9</u> , to <u>2-17</u> , 192 <u>9</u> that I last saw her alive on <u>2-16</u> , 192 <u>9</u> and that death occurred on the date stated above, at <u>2 a.</u> m. The CAUSE OF DEATH* was as follows: <u>mitrial Regurgitation Bright Shakes</u> (duration) <u>5</u> yrs. _____ mos. _____ ds.		
7 AGE If less than 2 years state if breast fed _____ If less than 1 day _____ <u>97</u> yrs. _____ mos. <u>15</u> ds. Yes _____ No _____ hrs. _____ mins.			Contributory (Secondary) <u>Old age</u> (TX) (duration) _____ yrs. _____ mos. _____ ds.		
8 OCCUPATION (a) Trade, profession or particular kind of work <u>House work</u> (b) General nature of industry, business or establishment in which employed (or employer) <u>House work</u>			18 Where was disease contracted <u>at Home</u> if not at place of death? _____ Did an operation precede death? <u>No</u> Date of _____ Was there an autopsy? <u>No</u> What test confirmed diagnosis? <u>Death</u> (Signed) <u>J. B. Adams</u> , M. D. <u>2-26</u> , 192 <u>9</u> (Address) <u>Hilgore Texas</u>		
9 BIRTHPLACE (State or country) <u>Penn. East Hanon Co</u>			*State the Disease Causing Death, or in deaths from Violent Causes, state (1) Means and Nature of Injury, and (2) whether Accidental, Suicidal, or Homicidal.		
10 NAME OF FATHER <u>J. C. Spinko</u>			19 PLACE OF BURIAL OR REMOVAL <u>Hilgore Cemetery</u> DATE OF BURIAL <u>Feb 17th</u> 192 <u>9</u>		
11 BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (State or country) <u>Penn.</u>			20 UNDERTAKER <u>J. P. Crum</u> ADDRESS <u>Hilgore</u>		
12 MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER <u>Martha J. Spinko</u>					
13 BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (State or country) <u>Penn.</u>					
14 THE ABOVE IS TRUE (Informant) <u>Ruby Spear</u> (Address) <u>Hilgore Tex</u>					
15 Filed _____ 192 <u>9</u>			Registrar. _____		

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APPLICATION FOR MORTUARY WARRANT

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

County of Gregg } I, Roe Spears

do hereby certify that I am the person to whom is entrusted the paying of the accounts and indebtedness of the late Martha J. Spears, who was a pensioner of the State of Texas, and whose file number was 26413 and whose original county was Gregg

The said pensioner Mrs Martha J. Spears, died on the 17th day of February, 1929, in the town of Kilgore

County of Gregg, Texas.

The pensioner died in the home of Roe Spears

who was related to the pensioner as Mother

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 Martha J. Spears

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) Son

that my postoffice address is Kilgore, Texas.

10140 27110 Street or R. F. D.

City

State

Signed Roe Spears

Sworn to before me this 26th day of February, 1929.

J. N. Crim

Notary Public in and for Gregg State of Texas.

CERTIFICATE OF UNDERTAKER

I, J. T. Crim, do certify that I am undertaker in the town of Kilgore, County of Gregg, State of Tx that I had charge of the body of Martha J. Spears, who died in the town of Kilgore, County of Gregg, State of Texas on the 17th day of Feb 1929. That said body was prepared for burial by me on the 17th day of Feb 1929, and that I am of the opinion that warrant herein applied for should be issued to the said who makes the foregoing application.

(TX)

Signed J. T. Crim

Undertaker.

CERTIFICATE OF PHYSICIAN

I, J. E. Adams, do certify that I am a practicing physician, and that I attended Mrs Martha J. Spears in her last illness, and am of the opinion that her ailments were mitrial degeneration and Bright Disease

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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 Texas

Box 416

26413

2-23-29

