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FORM B.

WIDOW'S APPLICATION FOR A PENSION

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

Name of Applicant.

Mrs J. M. Speaks
Greene County

R. F. D. or Street No.

Postoffice Longview Texas

Filed Apr 9th 1929

Approved Apr 9th 1929

Pension allowed from Mar 1-29.

Rejected

L. H. Terrell
Comptroller of Public Accounts.

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Widow's Application for Confederate Pension

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

County of Gregg

I, Mrs. J. M. Spinks 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 J. M. Spinks deceased, who departed this life on the 10 day of May, A. D. 1928 in the county of Gregg in the State of Texas

I have not remarried since the death of my said husband,* and I do solemnly swear that I was never divorced from my said husband, and that I never voluntarily abandoned him during his life, but remained his true, faithful and lawful wife up to the date of his death. I was married to him on the 10th day of September, A. D. 1900, in the county of Gregg in the State of Texas

My husband, the said J. M. Spinks, enlisted and served in the military service of the Confederate States during the war between the States of the United States and he did not desert the Confederate service. I have been a resident of the State of Texas since prior to January 1, A. D. 1910, and have been continuously since a citizen of the State of Texas. I do further state that I do not receive from any source whatever money or other means of support amounting in value above the sum of \$300.00 per annum, nor do I own in my own right, nor does anyone hold in trust for my benefit or use, estate or property, either real, personal or mixed, either in fee or for life, of the value of one thousand dollars, exclusive of the home of the value of not over \$2000; nor do I receive any aid or pension from any other State of the United States, and I do further state that the answers given to the following questions are true:

1. What is your age, and date of birth? 64 - born May 1864
2. Where were you born? Stewart County Georgia
3. How long have you resided in the State of Texas? 33 years
4. How long have you resided in the county of your present residence? 33 years
5. What is your postoffice address? Longview, Texas
6. Have you applied for a pension under the Confederate pension law and been rejected? yes
If rejected, state when and where. very recently - rejected on a date ago
7. Did your husband draw a pension? yes If so, give his file number 20045
8. What is your husband's full name? James Monroe Spinks
see file # 20045
9. In what State was your husband's command originally organized? Texas
10. How long did your husband serve? 4 years If known to you, give date of enlistment and discharge see Pension Record of J. M. Spinks
11. What was the name or letter of the company, or number of the regiment in which your husband served? If he was transferred from one branch of service to another, give time of transfer, description of command and time of service. (If applicant's husband was a pensioner give his file number, which is evidence sufficient for proof of service.) 20045

12. 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

13. Do you own any property other than that rendered for taxes in your county? If so, state value of same and county where located. no

14. Have you transferred to another any property of any kind for the purpose of becoming a beneficiary under this law? no

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

(Signature of Applicant) Mrs. J. M. Spinks

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 27 day of March, A. D. 1929

[Seal] County Judge W. R. Hughes County, Texas. TX

*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.

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AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESSES

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

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

County of Gregg

Before me, W R Hughes, County Judge of Gregg County,

State of Texas, on this day personally appeared Dush Shaw and B O McWhorter

....., 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. J M Spinks

....., applicant for a pension as the widow of J M Spinks

deceased, is in truth and fact the widow of J M Spinks 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) B O McWhorter

(Signature of Witness) Dush Shaw

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 28th day of March, A. D. 1929

[Seal.] County Judge W R Hughes County, Texas.

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THE STATE OF TEXAS,

County of Gregg

Before me, W R Hughes, County Judge of Gregg County,

State of Texas, on this day personally appeared Dush Shaw & B O McWhorter

....., who are personally known to me to be creditable citizens, who, being by me duly sworn, on oath state that they personally know the above named applicant for

pension, and that they personally know that the said Mrs. J M Spinks

has been a bona fide resident citizen of the State of Texas since prior to January 1, A. D. 1910, and that they have no interest in this claim.

(Signature of Witness) B O McWhorter

(Signature of Witness) Dush Shaw

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 28th day of March, A. D. 1929

[Seal.] County Judge W R Hughes County, Texas.

AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESSES

(If possible the two witnesses should have served with the applicant's husband in the army, and if so, let them, or either of them, state it in their oath, also any other information regarding the army service of applicant's husband.)

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

County of Gregg

Before me, W. R. Hughes, County Judge of Gregg County, State of Texas,

on this day personally appeared J. Meadows and J. P. Graybill, who are 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: (Witnesses must state fully the source of their knowledge of service of applicant's husband)

[Lined area for witness testimony]

(Signature of Witness) J. Meadows

(Signature of Witness) J. P. Graybill

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 28th day of March, A. D. 1929

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

[Seal.]

CERTIFICATE OF STATE AND COUNTY ASSESSOR

I, Oscar Wood, State and County Assessor in the County of Gregg

State of Texas, do certify that Mrs. J. M. Sparks 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 None

Dollars, and, in addition to homestead, of other property, real or personal, or both, of the value of None Dollars.

Given under my hand, this 15th day of March, A. D. 1929

Oscar Wood (TX)
State and County Assessor.

FORM B.

**WIDOW'S APPLICATION
FOR A PENSION**

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

Name of Applicant.

Mrs. Fannie Spinks

Gregg County.

R. F. D. or Street No. **Route 1**

Postoffice **Kilgore, Texas.**

Filed **November 3, 1928**

Approved _____

Pension allowed from _____

Rejected **November 3, 1928**

S. H. Jewell
Comptroller of Public Accounts.

THE E. L. STECK CO., AUSTIN

Acct. Date of Birth.

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Widow's Application for Confederate Pension

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

TO THE STATE OF

County of Gregg

I, Mrs. Fannie Spinks 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 J. M. Spinks deceased, who departed this life on the 17th day of September, A. D. 1928, in the county of Gregg in the State of Texas

I have not remarried since the death of my said husband,* and I do solemnly swear that I was never divorced from my said husband, and that I never voluntarily abandoned him during his life, but remained his true, faithful and lawful wife up to the date of his death. I was married to him on the 10th day of September, A. D. 1900, in the county of Gregg in the State of Texas

My husband, the said J. M. Spinks, enlisted and served in the military service of the Confederate States during the war between the States of the United States and he did not desert the Confederate service. I have been a resident of the State of Texas since prior to January 1, A. D. 1910, and have been continuously since a citizen of the State of Texas. I do further state that I do not receive from any source whatever money or other means of support amounting in value above the sum of \$300.00 per annum, nor do I own in my own right, nor does anyone hold in trust for my benefit or use, estate or property, either real, personal or mixed, either in fee or for life, of the value of one thousand dollars, exclusive of the home of the value of not over \$2000; nor do I receive any aid or pension from any other State of the United States, and I do further state that the answers given to the following questions are true:

- 1. What is your age, and date of birth? 55 - May 7th, 1873
2. Where were you born? Stewart County, Georgia
3. How long have you resided in the State of Texas? 30 years
4. How long have you resided in the county of your present residence? 30 years
5. What is your postoffice address? Kilgore, Texas, P. O. #1
6. Have you applied for a pension under the Confederate pension law and been rejected? no

- 7. Did your husband draw a pension? yes If so, give his file number 20045
8. What is your husband's full name? James Maurice Spinks

- 9. In what State was your husband's command originally organized? Texas (Think)
10. How long did your husband serve? 4 years If known to you, give date of enlistment and discharge not sure. Left papers at home.

11. What was the name or letter of the company, or number of the regiment in which your husband served? If he was transferred from one branch of service to another, give time of transfer, description of command and time of service. (If applicant's husband was a pensioner give his file number, which is evidence sufficient for proof of service.)

12. 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.

13. Do you own any property other than that rendered for taxes in your county? If so, state value of same and county where located. No

14. Have you transferred to another any property of any kind for the purpose of becoming a beneficiary under this law? No

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

(Signature of Applicant) Mrs Fannie Spinks

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 30th day of October, A. D. 1928

[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.

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REPRODUCED FROM THE HOLDINGS OF THE TEXAS STATE ARCHIVES
AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESSES

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

THE STATE OF TEXAS,
County of Gregg

Before me, W. Meredith, County Judge of Gregg County,

State of Texas, on this day personally appeared Mrs. Fannie Speaks

and V. E. Gipson, 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. Fannie Speaks, applicant for a pension as the widow of J. M. Speaks deceased, is in truth and fact the widow of J. M. Speaks 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) Mrs. Fannie Speaks

(Signature of Witness) V. E. Gipson

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 30th day of October, A. D. 1928

[Seal.]

W. Meredith
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. Meredith, County Judge of Gregg County,

State of Texas, on this day personally appeared Mrs. Fannie Speaks and

V. E. Gipson, who are personally known to me to be creditable citizens, who, being by me duly sworn, on oath state that they personally know the above named applicant for pension, and that they personally know that the said Mrs. Fannie Speaks has been a bona fide resident citizen of the State of Texas since prior to January 1, A. D. 1910, and that they have no interest in this claim.

(Signature of Witness) Mrs. Fannie Speaks

(Signature of Witness) V. E. Gipson

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 30th day of October, A. D. 1928

[Seal.]

W. Meredith
County Judge Gregg County, Texas.

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AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESSES

(If possible the two witnesses should have served with the applicant's husband in the army, and if so, let them, or either of them, state it in their oath, also any other information regarding the army service of applicant's husband.)

THE STATE OF TEXAS, }
County of..... }

Before me, _____, County Judge of _____ County, State of Texas, on this day personally appeared _____, who are 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: (Witnesses must state fully the source of their knowledge of service of applicant's husband) _____

(Signature of Witness) _____

(Signature of Witness) _____

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this _____ day of _____, A. D. 192_____

[Seal.]

County Judge _____ County, Texas.

CERTIFICATE OF STATE AND COUNTY ASSESSOR

I, Oscar Wood State and County Assessor in the County of Gregg State of Texas, do certify that Mrs. Hammie James 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 None Dollars, and, in addition to homestead, of other property, real or personal, or both, of the value of None Dollars.

Given under my hand, this 31 day of November A. D. 19_____

Oscar Wood
State and County Assessor.



DISTRICT COURT MEETS ON THE 2ND MONDAY IN FEBRUARY, 1ST MONDAY IN JUNE AND THE 1ST MONDAY IN OCTOBER.

OFFICERS:

D. S. MEREDITH, JR, COUNTY JUDGE
DUSH SHAW, COUNTY CLERK
E. B. PENICK, PRECINCT NO. 1
A. F. SHEPPARD, PRECINCT NO. 2
LEO BRADSHAW, PRECINCT NO. 3
JOHN HOLT, PRECINCT NO. 4
D. R. CARPENTER, DEMONSTRATION AGENT

THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF GREGG

COMMISSIONERS' COURT MEETS ON THE SECOND MONDAY IN EACH MONTH



LONGVIEW, TEXAS

COUNTY COURT MEETS ON THE 2ND MONDAY IN JANUARY, APRIL, JULY AND SEPTEMBER

OFFICERS:

J. H. MCHANEY, DIST AND COUNTY ATTORNEY
MRS. MAUDE WOOD, DISTRICT CLERK
MARTIN HAYS, SHERIFF
E. O. MCWHORTER, TAX COLLECTOR
S. L. WILSON, SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT
E. A. MORGAN, COUNTY TREASURER
OSCAR WOOD, TAX ASSESSOR
J. I. CHOICE, COUNTY SURVEYOR

STATE OF TEXAS }
COUNTY OF GREGG }

Before me, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared Mrs. Fannie Spinks known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed below and having been by me duly sworn on her oath states that she was born May 7, 1864, in Stewart County, Georgia. That all persons whom she knew who would be familiar with the date of her birth are now dead or their whereabouts are unknown. That she had been of the opinion that she was born in 1873, but upon thinking about the matter for several days she decided that she must be mistaken and that upon reference to her old family bible she has found the date of her birth registered therein as May 7, 1864.

Fannie Spinks

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10th day of December, A.D. 1928.

D. S. Meredith Jr
County Judge, Gregg County, Texas



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COMPTROLLER IN CHARGE, CLERK COUNTY, TEXAS
[Handwritten Signature]

of December, A.D. 1928.
approved and sworn to before me this 10th day

[Handwritten Signature]

of her office registered therein as May 1, 1927.
reference to her own legal rights and was found the date
quale are decided that she must be withdrawn and that upon
point in 1927, but upon returning from the matter for several
months, that she had been of the opinion that she was
guilty of her office and was guilty of these misdemeanors and
betwixt them she knew she would be punished with the
penalty of 1927, in general county, Texas, that she
been as she said would be withdrawn and she was
to be the person whose name is subscribed below and having
been voluntarily subscribed and signed before me to be
before me the undersigned authority, on this

COUNTY OF _____
STATE OF TEXAS

COMMISSIONERS, TEXAS

SECOND MONDAY IN EACH MONTH
COMMISSIONERS, COUNTY MEETS ON THE

COUNTY OF _____
THE STATE OF TEXAS

OFFICERS:
1st Monday in October
1st Monday in February, 1st Monday in June and the
1st Monday in April

OFFICERS:
1st Monday in October
1st Monday in February, 1st Monday in June and the
1st Monday in April

December 11, 1928.

Mrs. Fannie Spinks,
Longview, Texas.

Dear Mrs. Spinks:

I am in receipt of your affidavit
in regard to your date of birth.

You are advised, as heretofore, that
on account of your age or date of birth your
application cannot be approved at this time.

If the Confederate Pension Laws should
be amended so as to permit the approval of
your application, you may renew your claim at
that time and it will have prompt attention.

HH/E

Yours very truly,



Comptroller of Public
Accounts.

November 10, 1928

Mrs. J. M. Spinks,
Route 1,
Kilgore, Texas.

Dear Mrs. Spinks:

I am in receipt of your letter of November 9th, addressed to the Honorable Dan Moody, which letter is in regard to your application for pension.

You are advised, as heretofore, that in order for the widow to be eligible for confederate pension, under the service of her deceased husband, she must not be a woman born since the year 1861.

You being fifty-five years of age, and date of birth 1873, makes you entirely too young to receive a pension under the present pension law of this State.

HM/E

Yours very truly,

Comptroller of Public
Accounts.



November 9, 1928

Mrs. J. M. Spinks,
Route 1,
Kilgore, Texas.

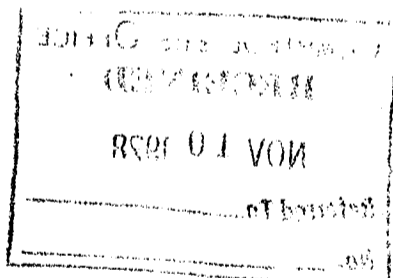
Dear Mrs. Spinks:

Your letter of November ninth concerning a pension has been received, and I am taking the liberty to refer it to the Pension Division of the Comptroller's Department for attention. Governor Moody does not have jurisdiction over this matter.

Very truly yours,

Secretary.

Cc. to Comptroller



STATE OF TEXAS

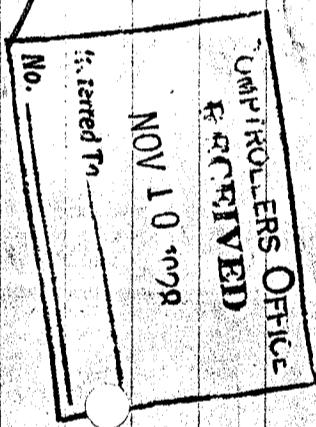
COMPTROLLER OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS
D. W. WALKER
DALLAS, TEXAS

TO THE HONORABLE THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE LAND OFFICE
FROM THE COMPTROLLER OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS
RE: [Illegible]

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Please write and tell
me if the Texas laws
says I can not get
my husband's Pension
he told me it would
be no trouble to get
just before he died.
he said if any one deserv
ed a pension it was me



My address is -

Miss J. M. Spinks Kilore

Texas B. 1



Nov the 1928 Ref Pension ~~to my name~~
 9 Gov Dan Moody ~~Belgrade~~
 Dear Gov will you please favor a
 poor widow woman. My
 husband died Sept the - 1928.
 He was drawing a pension. I
 went to my Co Judge and he
 filed my application for a
 pension. and sent it to Austin
 and S. H. Ferrell turned it down
 on the count of my age being
 55. I was borned in 18. 92
 now a friend who was 45
 he turned her down and said
 she would have to be 47 and
 she could get one. I have been
 waiting on my husband's ~~part~~

the last 10 years he was almost helpless, I am almost worn out. My husband ^{was} 88 years old and was a Confederate Veteran. I married him in 1919 and I am left alone with ~~any~~ ^{nothing} thing to live on. if my ~~my~~ health was good I could work. I hope you can help me to get one as I need it so bad. the first time I voted was for you. I have been in Gregg Co for thirty one years
yours truly
Mrs J. M. Spinks

APPLICATION FOR MORTUARY WARRANT

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

County of _____ } I, B. F. Spinks
do hereby certify that I am the person to whom is entrusted the paying of the accounts and indebtedness of
the late Mrs J. M. Spinks, who was a pensioner of the State of
Texas, and whose file number was 45455 and whose original county was Gregg

The said pensioner Mrs J. M. Spinks, died on the
8 day of Jan, 1937, in the town of New Longview
County of Gregg, Texas.

The pensioner died in the home of own
who was related to the pensioner as _____

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 J. M. Spinks

I further certify that the warrant for the current month has not been cashed by the pensioner, to the
best of my knowledge and belief.

I am related to the pensioner as son
that my postoffice address is Ben delivery

Longview Street or R. F. D. Texas
City State

Sworn to before me this 11th day of January, 1937
Signed B. F. Spinks

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

V. M. Sheffield
Notary Public in and for Gregg County State of Texas.

CERTIFICATE OF UNDERTAKER

I, O. T. Welch, do certify that I am undertaker in the
town of Longview, County of Gregg, State of Texas
that I had charge of the body of Mrs J. M. Spinks, who died in the
town of Longview, County of Gregg, State of Texas
on the 8 day of Jan, 1937. That said body was prepared for burial by me
on the 8 day of Jan, 1937, and that I am of the opinion that
warrant herein applied for should be issued to the said B. F. Spinks
who makes the foregoing application.

Signed O. T. Welch
Undertaker.

CERTIFICATE OF PHYSICIAN

I, R. J. Van Sickle, do certify that I am a practicing
physician, and that I attended Mrs. J. M. Spinks in his last illness, and
am of the opinion that his ailments were Influenzal Pneumonia

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.

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Signed R. J. Van Sickle
Physician's Address Longview, Texas

November 3, 1928.

Mrs. Fannie Spinks,
Route 1,
Kilgore, Texas.

Dear Mrs. Spinks:

I am in receipt of your application for pension, but same cannot be approved at this time on account of your age.

In order for the widow of a confederate soldier to be eligible for a transfer of his pension at the time of his death, she must not be a woman born since the year 1861.

For your information, I refer you to Article 6205, pages 1768 and 1769, Volume 2, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas 1925.

Your application gives your age as fifty-five years, and date of birth May 7, 1873, which makes you much too young to be placed on the confederate pension rolls of Texas under the present pension law, and for this reason your application is being rejected today.

HU/E

Yours very truly,

Comptroller of Public
Accounts.

