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FORM NO. 2.

CONFEDERATE PENSION APPLICATION.

Name of Applicant

Sarah Stearns Smith

County.

Post Office

Tyler - Dick

Comptroller's File No.

3675

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

I recommend that the application be

Approved

this

20th

day of

A. D. *1899*

Thos. C. Brown
Pension Clerk.

I hereby *Approved* the within application

for pension, this

13th

day of

A. D. *1899*

Wm. A. D. McQuinn
Comptroller.

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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

Smith

To the Honorable County Judge of *Smith* County, Texas.

Your petitioner, Mrs. *Sarah Acker* respectfully represents that she is a resident citizen of *Smith* County, in the State of Texas; that she is the widow of *Wm P. Acker*, 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 *Wm P. Acker*, 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 *Sarah Acker*

Q. What is your age? Answer *74 years old*

Q. In what County do you reside? Answer *Smith*

Q. How long have you resided in said County and what is your post office address? Answer *48 years*

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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 *I have none now*

Q. What is your physical condition? Answer *hardly good for my age*

Q. What was the name of your deceased husband? Answer *Wm P. Acker*

Q. Were you married to him anterior to March 1, 1866? If so, on what date were you married to him and where? Answer *June 5 - 1857 - Texas -*

Q. What was the date of his death? Answer *Dec. 1869 -*

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 - 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 *Company I*
29th Texas Regt. - about 3 years

Q. If your deceased husband served in the Confederate Navy, state when and where, and the time of such service? Answer

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 and certificate you have so received. Answer *Not any thing.*



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 have no land -
I have no stock of any sort.*

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

Nothing

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

None

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)

Sarah Acker

Sworn to and subscribed before me this *17* day of *July* A. D. *1899*.

(SEAL)

Geo. W. Cross,
County Judge *Smith* County, Texas.

AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESSES.

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

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

COUNTY OF

Smith

Before me,

Geo. W. Cross

County Judge of

Smith

County, State of Texas, on this day personally appeared

D. J. Caswell

and M. F. Thompson + R. B. Hubbard,

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.

Sarah Acker

Wm P. Acker, applicant for a pension as the widow of

Wm P. Acker

, deceased, is in truth and fact the widow of the said

Wm P. Acker

, deceased; that they personally know that the said

Wm P. Acker

, 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.

Sarah Acker

, widow of the said

Wm P. Acker

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

(Signature of Witness)

Thos. A. Caswell

(Signature of Witness)

M. F. Thompson

(Signature of Witness)

R. B. Hubbard

(Signature of Witness)

Sworn to and subscribed before me this *27* day of *July* A. D. *1899*.

(SEAL)

Geo. W. Cross,
County Judge *Smith* County, Texas.

CERTIFICATE OF COUNTY JUDGE.

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

COUNTY OF

Smith

I,

Geo. W. Cross

County Judge of

Smith

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

27

day of

July

A. D.

1899

before me came on to be heard the application of

Mrs.

Sarah Acker

widow of

W. P. Acker

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

Sarah Acker

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.

Sarah Acker

as widow of

W. P. Acker

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

Tyler

this

27

day of

July

A. D.

1899

(SEAL)

County Judge

Smith

County, State of Texas.

CERTIFICATE OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

COUNTY OF

Smith

We, the undersigned members of the Commissioners Court of

Smith County, Texas, hereby certify that the foregoing application of Mrs.

Sarah

widow of

W. P. Acker

deceased, for a pension,

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

Geo. W. Cross

County Judge of this

Smith

County, to the Commissioners Court of this

Smith

County, at a regular term thereof on the

16 day of *Aug*

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

Tyler Tex

this

16

day of

Aug

A. D.

1899

(Signatures of Commissioners.)

P. H. Hairgrove
G. A. Brown
D. J. Spawson
M. H. Corwin

(SEAL)