

20743

FORM B

Dead
Widows Application for Pension

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

Name of Applicant.

Mrs. Mary Ashford

Smith

County

Postoffice.

Whitehouse

Filed.

Oct. 25th 1911,

Approved.

Mar. 4th 1912

Pension allowed from.

June 4th 1912

Rejected.

Ref. Service not clear

R. A. Buford

Commissioner of Pensions.

Von Boeckmann-Jones Company, Printers, Austin, Texas.

Out A.

FORM B

For Use of Widows of Soldiers Who are in Indigent Circumstances

THE STATE OF TEXAS }

County of Smith

I, Mrs. Mary Ashford, do hereby make application to the Commissioner of Pensions for a pension, to be granted me under the Act passed by the Thirty-first Legislature of the State of Texas, and approved March 26, A. D. 1909, on the following grounds:

I am the widow of W. J. Ashford, deceased, who departed this life on the 26 day of March, A. D. 1906 in the county of Smith, 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 10 day of Sept, A. D. 1864, in the county of Lee, in the State of Mississippi

My husband, the said W. J. Ashford, enlisted and served in the military service of the Confederate States during the war between the States of the United States, and that he did not desert the Confederate Service. I have been a resident of the State of Texas since prior to March 1, A. D. 1880, and have been continuously since a citizen of the State of Texas. I do further state that I do not receive from any source whatever money or other means of support amounting in value to the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars per annum, nor do I own in my own right, nor does anyone hold in trust for my benefit or use, estate or property, either real, personal or mixed, either in fee or for life, of the value of over one thousand dollars; nor do I receive any aid or pension from any other State, or from the United States, or from any other source, and I do further state that the answers given to the following questions are true:

1. What is your age? 63
2. Where were you born? Lanier Co Alabama
3. How long have you resided in the State of Texas? 32 years
4. How long have you resided in the county of your present residence? And what is your postoffice address?
32 years Whitehouse Texas
5. What was your husband's full name? William James Ashford
6. What was the date of his death? March 26-1906
7. In what State was your husband's command originally organized? Mississippi
8. How long did your husband serve? If known to you, give date of enlistment and discharge.
about 4 years
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-6-2nd Miss cleft
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 others any property of any kind for the purpose of becoming a beneficiary under this law? no



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

(Signature of Applicant) *Mary Ashford*

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this *20* day of *Oct*, A. D. 191*1*

June F. Olson
County Judge *Smith* County, Texas.

[SEAL.]

AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESSES

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

THE STATE OF TEXAS }

County of *Smith*

Before me *June F. Olson*, County Judge of *Smith* County,

State of Texas, on this day personally appeared *C. N. Bradshaw & B. E. McCanley*, 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. *Mary Ashford*, applicant for a pension as the widow of *W. Ashford* deceased, is in truth and fact the widow of *W. Ashford* 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) *C. N. Bradshaw*

(Signature of Witness) *B. E. McCanley*

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known to me to be credible citizens, who, being by me duly sworn, on oath state that they personally know the above named applicant for a pension, and that they personally know that the said *Mary Ashford* has been a bona fide resident citizen of the State of Texas since prior to March 1, A. D. 1880, and that they have no interest in this claim.

(Signature of Witness) *C. N. Bradshaw*

(Signature of Witness) *B. E. McCanley*

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this *20* day of *Oct*, A. D. 191*1*

June F. Olson
County Judge *Smith* 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 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 follow-
ing facts touching the service of the applicant's husband in the Confederate Army: (State fully your source of knowl-
edge.)

(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, HP Matthews TX
Orin, State and County Assessor in the County of,
State of Texas, do hereby certify that Mrs. Mary Johnson,
whose name is signed to the foregoing application for a pension, under the Act of the Thirty-first Legislature, approved
March 26, A. D. 1909, is charged on the land and personal property rolls of the said county, in her name, or the name
of a trustee, with estate, real, personal and mixed, at the assessed value of no dollars.

Given under my hand, this 20 day of Oct, A. D. 1911

HP Matthews
State and County Assessor.

JESSE F. ODOM
COUNTY JUDGE SMITH COUNTY
TYLER, TEXAS

I especially call your attention to the enclosed letter from Col. I. M. Stone, dated at Richmond, Miss., February 8th 1865, the very day upon which W. T. Ashford was reported absent without leave. I also call your special attention to the furlough which is herewith enclosed, and the different notations thereon, and the various dates thereof.

This, it occurs to me, is sufficient proof of his service, taken in connection with the records of the War Department.

It also occurs to me that these papers explain the War Records as to his reputed absence without leave.

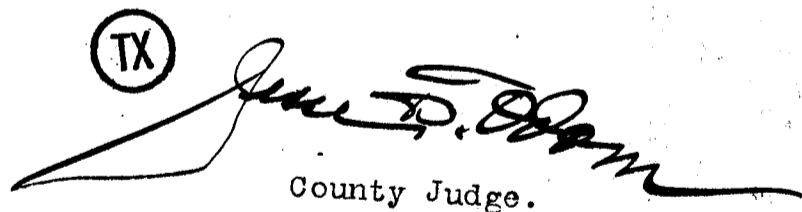
Mrs. Ashford prizes these documents very highly, and requests me to ask you to kindly return them after you have re-examined same. I will thank you to kindly return them to me at your very earliest convenience, and to write me fully your decision as to her application.

I am also enclosing you another document showing his service the Army, which also please return.

Thanking you in advance for your prompt attention, and hoping to hear from you soon, I am,

Very truly yours,

(TX)


County Judge.

Document
Returned
with Affixant

THE STATE OF TEXAS, COUNTY OF ...

Know all men by these presents, that ...

... of the County of ... State of Texas ...

... of the County of ... State of Texas ...

WITNESSETH my hand and seal this ... day of ... 19...
Notary Public in and for the State of Texas

JESSE F. ODOM
COUNTY JUDGE SMITH COUNTY
TYLER, TEXAS

May 31st 1912.

Hon. R. A. Buford,
Austin, Texas.

Dear Sir:-

Referring to the Pension application of Mrs. Mary C. Ashford, Tyler, Texas, Route 7, I duly received the record from the War Department several days ago, which you sent me. I note that said records show that William T. Ashford, private, Company C, 2nd Miss. Infantry, was mustered in May 10th 1861; that on the Company Roll for January and February 1865, last on file, he was reported absent without leave since February 8th 1865, and that no later record has been found. I note also that in your letter to Mrs. Ashford under date of May 3rd 1912, you state to her that her application has been held up for the reason that she had no witnesses as to the service of her husband.

You have evidently forgotten or overlooked the documentary evidence I forwarded to you when I sent this application in.

In order to again get the matter before you, I am here- with handing you this documentary evidence, which not only shows that he enlisted and served in the Confederate Army, but also explains his absence with out leave since February 8th 1865, as shown by the War Department records. The law provides that where an applicant cannot furnish the testimony of two witnesses then they may furnish documentary evidence, which Mrs. Ashford has done.

TX

Sandefur Furniture and Undertaking Co.

"THE HOUSE OF QUALITY"

[INCORPORATED]



KINGFISHER, OKLAHOMA, June 20 1917

Mr. H.B. Terrell
Austin Texas (Must be supplied with County and Number of pensioner referred to,

Dear sir;

Mrs Mary Ashford Died in this city on May 23th at the home of her daughter Mrs W.J.Sullivan.

Mrs Sullivan Wishes to apply what money is due Mrs Ashford on funeral expences.

Will you please draw draft in favor of Mrs W.J.Sullivan or what is custamary in cases of this kind.

Yours very truly



Sandefur Furniture & Undertaking Co

J. Sandefur



Comptroller's Department

State of Texas.

Austin

H. B. TERRELL, COMPTROLLER
L. W. TITTLE, CHIEF CLERK

June 22nd, 1917.

Mr. J. S. Sandefur,
Kingfisher, Okla.

Dear Sir:

Replying to yours of the 20th advising this Department of the death of Mrs. Mary Ashford, and asking that a mortuary warrant, to pay burial expenses, be drawn in favor of her daughter, Mrs. W. J. Sullivan, we advise that we are referring your letter to Hon. J. C. Jones, Commissioner of Pensions, Austin, Texas.

JAP-A

Yours very truly,



L. W. Tittle
Acting Comptroller.

Kingfisher Okla

July 12 - 1917

Mr H. B. Terrell

Austin, Texas

Kind Sir: I Mrs. W. J. Sullivan (daughter of Mrs. Mary Ashford) was called away on account of sickness - is why I have not sent this to you - You will find the file no. attached to this.

Thanking you for your aid and wishing you well

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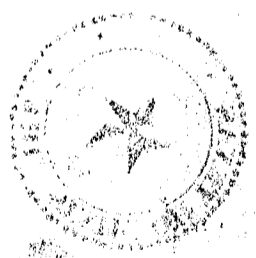
COMMISSIONER OF PENITENTIARIES, AUSTIN, TEXAS. THE STATE OF TEXAS. DEPARTMENT OF THE DEATH OF MRS. MARY ASHFORD, AND SECTION RELATING TO WILLS OF THE STATE OF TEXAS.

DEAR SIR:

WILLIAMS OKLA. W. J. SULLIVAN

I am Mrs. W. J. Sullivan 423 E. Broadway

JUL 13 1917



Commissioner of Penitentiaries

July 19, 1917

Sandefur Furniture & Undertaking Co.,
Kingfisher, Okla.

Sirs:-

Beg to acknowledge receipt of letter informing me
of the death of pensioner Mrs. Mary Ashford, # 20743
Smith County.

I am inclosing application and affidavit to be used
by proper party in presenting claim for Mortuary Warrant,
not to exceed thirty dollars.

Please see that instructions are carefully complied
with, and return to this department.

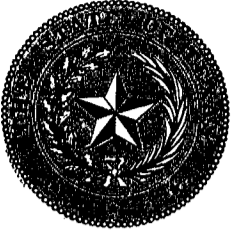
Yours truly,

J. C. Jones,

Commissioner



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OFFICE OF
Commissioner of Pensions
 State of Texas
 Austin

R. A. BUFORD, Commissioner

To the Adjutant General,

War Department,

Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I have the honor to request the military record
 of A. J. Ashford who is reported to have enlisted in
 Company "C", Regiment 2nd Miss - 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,

R. A. Buford

Commissioner of Pensions.



ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE
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WAR DEPARTMENT.

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

1847184
WAR DEPARTMENT,

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

WASHINGTON, November 15, 1911.

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

Rejected

The records show that William T. Ashford, private, Company C, 2d Mississippi Infantry, Confederate States Army, was mustered in May 10, 1861. On the company roll for January and February, 1865, last on file, he was reported absent without leave since February 8, 1865. No later record of him has been found.

*Please return this record
to Ashford*

J. M. Quinn

The Adjutant General.

(A.G.O. 72-1)

Per

entirely in transcription

For's Confederate's Pension Record of 1861 State and I desire to verify

VON BOECKMANN-JONES CO., AUSTIN, TEXAS.

543-411-1m



OFFICE OF
Commissioner of Pensions
State of Texas
Austin

R. A. BUFORD, Commissioner

*Mrs. Mary Ashford
Whitehouse, Texas*

Dear Madam,

Your application for a pension under act of the Legislature of Texas, approved March 26, 1909, was filed in this office and approved on the *1st day of March 1912*

The file number of your claim is *20743* and your first payment under the law can not be made before

June 1st 1912

Apr. 15th 1912

The enclosed blank affidavit must be filed on or after the.....

.....; your warrant for pension can not be prepared by the Comptroller until your affidavit is properly filled out and returned to this office. Go before some officer with a seal authorized to administer oaths on or after the date designated on your affidavit which will be furnished for your use every quarter.

This notice should be retained by you, and in writing about your pension mention the above number.

Take notice that pensions are payable at the end of each quarter and that the law does not provide for the payment of back pensions.

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Respectfully,



R. A. Buford,

Commissioner of Pensions.

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No. 224

Mrs. W. J. Sullivan
for Standish Millinery Co.

\$

2074 3 Smith

Confederate Pension Fund Fund

OFFICE OF
COMMISSIONER OF PENSIONS
STATE OF TEXAS
AUSTIN

\$30.00

Correct, for the sum of \$

Charge to Confederate Pension Fund

J. C. Jones

Commissioner of Pensions.

E. L. STEIN, AUSTIN

MORTUARY WARRANT

In accordance with Law passed by Thirty-fifth Legislature of Texas in Regular Session

STATE OF TEXAS

Texas, 191

To Mrs. W. J. Sullivan

WRITE ADDRESS PLAINLY Kingfisher Oklahoma

Account of Death of Pensioner No. 20743, County Smith

Pensioner's Name in full Mrs. Mary Ashford

ITEMIZE ACCOUNT NOT TO EXCEED THIRTY DOLLARS.

Funeral expences \$ 30.00

To above account for Thirty and 0/100 Dollars is just, due and unpaid.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 21th day of July 1917

Signature of Undertaker

Notary Public, County, Oklahoma

My commission expires Aug. 1, 1921

APPLICATION FOR MORTUARY WARRANT.

STATE OF TEXAS,

County of _____ } I, Mrs. W.J. Sullivan

do hereby certify that I am the person to whom is entrusted the paying of the accounts and indebtedness of the late Mrs. Mary Ashford, who was a pensioner of the State of Texas, and whose file number is 20743 and whose original county is Smith

The said pensioner Mrs. Mary Ashford, died on the 23th day of May, 1917, in the town of Kingfisher, County of Kingfisher ~~Oklahoma~~ Oklahoma

The pensioner died in the home of Mrs. W.J. Sullivan who was related to the pensioner as Daughter

That the warrant which application is hereby made for, shall be applied to paying ~~any~~ part of the expenses incurred by the said pensioner Mrs. Mary Ashford

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) Daughter and that my home is in the town of Kingfisher, County of Kingfisher, State of Oklahoma, that my postoffice address is Kingfisher Okla

Sworn to this 21th day of July 1917

Signed Mrs. W. J. Sullivan

Before me, E. C. Childers in and for the County of Kingfisher, State of Texas, personally appeared Mrs. W. J. Sullivan, who being by me duly sworn did certify to, and sign the foregoing statement.

(Seal of Office)
My Com. exp. Dec 1, 1921

E. C. Childers
in and for Kingfisher Co. Okla., Texas.

CERTIFICATE OF UNDERTAKER.

I, J. S. Sandefur do certify that I am an undertaker in the town of Kingfisher, County of Kingfisher, State of Oklahoma, that I had charge of the body of Mrs. Mary Ashford, who died in the town of Kingfisher, County of Kingfisher, State of Oklahoma, on the 23th day of May, 1917. That said body was prepared for burial by me on the 23th day of May, 1917. That said body was buried in the Kingfisher Cemetery, which is located in the County of Kingfisher, State of Oklahoma, and that I am of the opinion that warrant herein applied for, should be issued to the said Mrs. W.J. Sullivan who makes the foregoing application.

Signed J. Sandefur Undertaker.

CERTIFICATE OF PHYSICIAN.

I, Chas. W. Tisk, do certify that I am a practicing physician and that I attended Mrs. Mary Ashford in his last illness, and am of the opinion that his ailments were Angina Pectoris

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 35th Legislature, and approved July 21 1917.

Signed Chas. W. Tisk M.D. Physician.

Physician's Address Kingfisher, Okla.
Graduate of Rush 1886.

