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STATE OF TEXAS

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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.

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Name of Applicant.

Mrs. Rufus M. Atwood,

Smith County.

R. F. D. or Street No. 523 Moor Ave.

Postoffice Tyler, Texas.

Filed April 17th, 1931.

Approved Apr. 17th, 1931.

Pension allowed from May 1st, 1931.

Rejected

E. W. Stephens
Comptroller of Public Accounts.

THE STATE OF TEXAS

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Widow's Application for Confederate Pension

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

[Note: There must be at least two credible witnesses.]

County of Smith

I, Mrs. Rufus M Atwood

do hereby make application for a pension pursuant to the provisions of Articles 6204 to 6227, inclusive, of the Revised Civil Statutes of 1925 as amended by S. B. No. 27, passed by the Forty-first Legislature at its Fifth Called Session and all other laws of this State relating thereto.

I am a widow of Rufus M Atwood deceased, who departed this life on the 2nd day of October, A. D. 1913, in the county of Smith in the State of Texas

I have not remarried since the death of my said husband; (or in case of remarriage that I am now a widow); and I do solemnly swear that I was never divorced from my said husband

Have not remarried - was never divorced 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 September day of 1883, in the county of Anderson in the State of Texas

My husband, the said Rufus M Atwood, served as a Confederate soldier (or sailor) in the war between the States of the United States; or (that he was a soldier who, under special laws of the State of Texas during said war, served in organizations for the protection of the frontier against Indian raiders or Mexican marauders); or (that he was a soldier of the militia of the State of Texas who was in active service during said war.) That my said husband served honorably from the date of his enlistment until the close of the war, (or until he was discharged or paroled in some military organization regularly mustered into the army or navy of the Confederate States until the surrender). He was honorably discharged or paroled

(Give date and cause.)

That I have been a bona fide resident of this State continuously since the 9 day of Sept, A. D. 1858

1. What is your age, and date of birth? Sept 9, 1858
2. How long have you resided in the county of your present residence? About 48 yrs
3. What is your postoffice address? Miller Ave, 523 Moore Ave
4. Have you applied for a pension under the Confederate pension law and been rejected? No
5. If rejected, state when and where
6. Did your husband draw a pension? No If so, give his file number
7. Give, if possible, the postoffice address of your deceased husband at the time of his enlistment Mr Kaussel City Leavenworth
8. What was your husband's full name? Rufus Marion Atwood
9. In what State was your husband's command originally organized? Missouri & Illinois
10. How long did your husband serve? Don't know
11. If known to you, give date of enlistment and discharge Don't know

12. 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.) Don't know

13. 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. Don't know

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

(Signature of Applicant) Mrs Rufus M Atwood

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 27 day of March, A. D. 1914

[Seal]

County Judge _____ 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 Smith

Before me, Bo Abel P. Aubrey, County Judge of Smith County,
State of Texas, on this day personally appeared E. W. Turner & G. J. Jones

_____ , 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. Rufus Matwood, applicant for a pension as the widow of Rufus Matwood deceased, is in truth and fact the widow of Rufus Matwood 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) ✓ E. W. Turner

(Signature of Witness) ✓ G. J. Jones

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 14 day of April, A. D. 1931.

Bo Abel P. Aubrey
County Judge Smith County, Texas.

[Seal.]

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_____ , 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. Rufus Matwood has been a bona fide resident citizen of the State of Texas since 1899 and that they have no interest in this claim.

(Signature of Witness) ✓ E. W. Turner

(Signature of Witness) ✓ G. J. Jones

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 15 day of April, A. D. 1931.

Bo Abel P. Aubrey
County Judge Smith County, Texas.

[Seal.]

AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESSES

(If possible the one witness should have served with the applicant's husband in the army, and if so, let him state it in his 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 is personally known to me to be a creditable citizen, who, being by me sworn, on oath states that (he or she) is 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 (his or her) knowledge and belief, and that (he or she) has no interest in this claim. And further make oath to the following facts touching the service of applicant's husband in the Confederate Army: (Witness must state fully the source of (his or her) knowledge of service of applicant's husband) _____

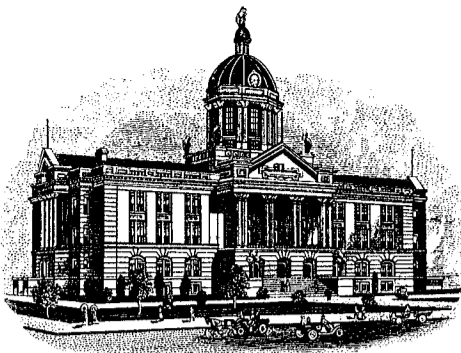
(Signature of Witness) _____

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this _____ day of _____, A. D. 19 _____

[Seal.]

County Judge _____ County, Texas.





STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF SMITH

W. G. RUSSELL, DIST. JUDGE	EARNEST S. GOENS, DIST. ATTORNEY	CLARK SPARKS, DIST. CLERK
BRADY P. GENTRY, COUNTY JUDGE	TOM C. SIKES, SHERIFF	W. A. LUCKY, COUNTY TREASURER
NAT GENTRY, JR., COUNTY ATTORNEY	J. J. PIERCE, TAX COLLECTOR	A. P. PRESTWOOD, COUNTY AUDITOR
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		J. E. BILLINGSLEY, COUNTY SUPT.

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H. W. ACKER, PRECINCT NO. 2	J. C. ALLEN, PRECINCT NO. 4

TYLER, TEXAS.

Mr. Geo. H. Sheppard,
Austin, Texas.

Dear Mr. Sheppard:

The subject of this application, Mrs. Rufus M. Atwood, came into the office about two months ago. It was apparent that her age and failing health had almost impaired her mental capacity. She stated she wanted to make application for a pension. About all she could remember, was that her husband, now dead many years, continually talked to her about Captain Grimes and at other times spoke of driving a wagon. Somehow or other, she had the impression that he was in the Quartermaster Corps. While her case has already been put up to you, and is certainly not full and complete, yet, with the small amount of information she gave me, I would wager that her husband served.

I pass it up to you for such action as you see fit to take.

Yours very truly,

Brady P. Gentry

Judge, Smith County, Texas.





Comptroller of Public Accounts
State of Texas
Austin

GEO. H. SHEPPARD, COMPTROLLER
J. M. EDWARDS, CHIEF CLERK

February 27, 1931.

Hon. Brady P. Gentry,
County Judge,
Tyler, Texas.

Dear Judge Gentry:

Replying to your letter of recent date, enclosing a report from the War Department, Washington, in reply to your request for the service record of Rufus Martin Atwood as a Confederate soldier.

You are advised that it is my opinion from the report, that Rufus Martin Atwood belonged to the Confederate States Army and if an application for pension is filed by his widow, the report should be attached to same. I am of the opinion the report would be good proof of his service or connection with the Confederate States Army.

As requested by you I am returning the report.

Yours very truly,

Geo. H. Sheppard
State Comptroller of Public
Accounts.



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Sam H. Houston
COMMISSIONER

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OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER
STATE OF TEXAS



COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

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THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

IN REPLY
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WASHINGTON

Atwood, Rufus M. (1-26-31)ORD

January 30, 1931.

523 Moore St

1758

Honorable Morgan G. Sanders,
House of Representatives.

My dear Mr. Sanders:

I have your letter of January 26, in which you request the Confederate military record of Rufus Martion Atwood, said to have served in Missouri under Captain Grimes.

The name Rufus Martion Atwood has not been found on the rolls on file of any Confederate States Army organization. One J. G. B. Grimes is shown to have served as Captain and Acting Quartermaster, C.S.A.

However, there are papers on file showing a report made by the Assistant Provost Marshal, at Lebanon, Missouri, that there was "one horse on hand taken from the prisoner, Rufus M. Atwood." No further record of him has been found.

The collection of Confederate records in this Department is incomplete, and the failure to find the name or complete record of a person thereon is by no means conclusive proof that such person did not serve during some period not covered by the records.

Very respectfully,

W. B. Bridges
Major General,
The Adjutant General.

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NEW DELIVERY

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APPLICATION FOR MORTUARY WARRANT

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

County of Smith I, Mrs J. B. Curbow, do hereby certify that I am the person to whom is entrusted the paying of the accounts and indebtedness of the late Mrs. Rufus M. Atwood, who was a pensioner of the State of Texas, and whose file number was 49604 and whose original county was Smith. The said pensioner Mrs Rufus M Atwood, died on the 3 day of Nov, 1935, in the town of Tyler County of Smith, Texas.

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The pensioner died in the home of Mrs J B Curbow who was related to the pensioner as Daughter

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 Rufus M Atwood

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 Daughter that my postoffice address is Tyler, Texas Route 7, Box 143 Street or R. F. D. Tyler City State

Signed Mrs J B Curbow November 1935

Sworn to before me this 22 day of November 1935

Notary Public in and for J. F. Daniel Smith Co. State of Texas.

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

CERTIFICATE OF UNDERTAKER

I, J. F. Daniel, do certify that I am undertaker in the town of Tyler, County of Smith, State of Texas that I had charge of the body of Mrs Rufus M Atwood, who died in the town of Tyler, County of Smith, State of Texas on the 3 day of Nov 1935. That said body was prepared for burial by me on the 3 day of Nov 1935, and that I am of the opinion that warrant herein applied for should be issued to the said Mrs J. B. Curbow who makes the foregoing application.

Signed J. F. Daniel Undertaker.

CERTIFICATE OF PHYSICIAN

I, W. H. Baycut, do certify that I am a practicing physician, and that I attended W. Rufus Atwood in his last illness, and am of the opinion that his ailments were Low 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.

Signed W. H. Baycut

Physician's Address Tyler, Texas

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