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FORM B.

### Widow's Application for Pension

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

*Dea*  
Name of Applicant.

*Mrs. Lucy Bell  
Smith* County.

Postoffice *Tyler*

Filed *July 30 - 1913*

Approved *Sept 1 1913.*

Pension allowed from *Dec 1, 1913*

Rejected

*Geo. W. Kiser*  
Commissioner of Pensions.

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**FORM B**

**For Use of Widows of Soldiers Who are in Indigent Circumstances**

**THE STATE OF TEXAS**

County of Smith.

I, Mrs. Lucy Bell, 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 L.T.Bell, deceased, who departed this life on the 19th day of November, A. D. 1911, 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 3rd day of July, A. D. 1853, in the county of Madison, in the State of Miss.

My husband, the said L.T.Bell, 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 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? 33 years of age.
2. Where were you born? Washington County, Ala.
3. How long have you resided in the State of Texas? 40 years.
4. How long have you resided in the county of your present residence? And what is your postoffice address? 40 years. Tyler, Texas, c/o, Dr. B.F. Bell.
5. What was your husband's full name? Leonidas Theodore Bell.
6. What was the date of his death? November 19th 1911.
7. In what State was your husband's command originally organized? Miss.
8. How long did your husband serve? If known to you, give date of enlistment and discharge

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

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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

He was in the Confederate Service 8 months in Louisiana, running a saw-mill, sawing gun boat lumber. Was shipped to New Orleans. Was then sent to Canton, Miss., to work in Government shop; worked there 8 mos. Served in Jones Scouts, G.W. Jones. Capt; Partec 1st Lieut; Served 8 mos. and 20 days; Did not belong to any regiment; was under Gen. Wirt Adams.

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) *Mrs. Lucy Bell*

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 29th day of July, A. D. 1913

[Seal.]

*Jesse F. Odom*  
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, Jesse F. Odom, County Judge of Smith County, State of Texas, on this day personally appeared *A. F. Paul & M. C. Payne* 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. Lucy Bell, applicant for a pension as the widow of L. T. Bell deceased, is in truth and fact the widow of L. T. Bell 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) *M. L. Bell*  
(Signature of Witness) *Mrs. M. C. Payne*

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 29th day of July, A. D. 1913

[Seal.]

*Jesse F. Odom*  
County Judge Smith County, Texas.

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THE STATE OF TEXAS }  
County of Smith.

Before me, Jesse F. Odom, County Judge of Smith County, State of Texas, on this day personally appeared *A. F. Paul & M. C. Payne* 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 a pension, and that they personally know that the said Mrs. Lucy Bell 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) *M. L. Bell*  
(Signature of Witness) *Mrs. M. C. Payne*

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 29th day of July, A. D. 1913

[Seal.]

*Jesse F. Odom*  
County Judge Smith County, Texas.



GORDON RUSSELL,  
THIRD DISTRICT TEXAS.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

WASHINGTON

Tyler, Texas, July 26th. 1909.

Mr. L. T. Bell,

Tyler, Texas.

Dear Sir and Friend:-

I was called home several days ago on account of the serious illness of my oldest daughter, and your favor addressed to me at Washington has just been received.

I beg to assure you that it will not be an irksome task, but a pleasure for me to assist you in securing evidence of your service in the Confederate War, and I am this day addressing a letter to Gen. F. C. Ainsworth, the Adjutant Gen. of the Army at Washington, requesting that he send me an official document covering your War-record in the Confederacy, if to be found in the archives of that department. As soon as I have heard from Gen. Ainsworth, I will communicate with you further.

I hope you will have no difficulty in making proof of your service to entitle you to pension, which you justly earned and deserve, and any service that I can render you in that connection, I shall be glad to do

With kindest personal regards and all good wishes,  
I am,

Very truly yours,

Gordon Russell



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WAR DEPARTMENT,  
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,  
WASHINGTON,

1549203

July 29, 1909.


Hon. Gordon Russell,  
House of Representatives.

Sir:

In returning herewith the letter of Mr. L. T. Bell, of Tyler, Texas, who alleges that he served as a Confederate soldier in an organization of scouts commanded by one G. W. Jones, under General Wirt Adams; that he was paroled at Jackson, Mississippi, about May 15, 1865, and desires your aid in obtaining such information as the records of the War Department may afford concerning him, which letter was received from you today with request to be furnished with his military record, if available, I have the honor to inform you as follows:

There are no rolls in the Confederate archives on file in this office of the organization mentioned by your correspondent, but the Union records of prisoners of war show that one L. T. Bell, a member of Jones' Cavalry Company, Confederate States Army, was surrendered at Citronelle, Alabama, May 4, 1865, and that he was paroled at Jackson, Mississippi, May 15, 1865.

Very respectfully,

  
The Adjutant General.



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GORDON RUSSELL,  
THIRD DISTRICT TEXAS.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

WASHINGTON

Tyler, Texas, Aug. 2nd. 1909.

Mr. L. T. Bell,

Tyler, Texas.

My Dear Mr. Bell:-

I enclose you herewith,  
letter from Hon. F. C. Ainsworth, Adjutant Gen.  
of the Army, showing from the Union records  
of prisoners of war, your surrender and parol  
as a member of Jones' Company, Confederate  
States Army.

I hope this information will  
aid you in making proof of your service in  
the Confederacy.

If I can be of further ser-  
vice, let me know.

Sincerely yours,

*Gordon Russell*

Headquarters Camp of Instruction,

Memphis

Memphis, Miss. Dec 30th 1863

The Bearer hereof, G. J. Bell

an enrolled Conscript,

of Madison County, Miss., having been duly sworn, declares and affirms that he is

a Wheelwright by trade skilled in the business  
that he is now and was prior to Oct 11th 1862  
habitually engaged in working for the public. By Order  
Brig Genl Pillow Lt Col & Compt Bureau  
Dept No 2



In consequence whereof he is discharged and exempted from Conscription, under an Act of Congress entitled  
"An Act to further provide for the public defense." approved September 27, 1862, as long as he is so employed  
and exempted by law. 22180

D. O. Merrin Major  
S. A. Matthews Capt  
Circuit Court State Miss



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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~

SPQYH 293  
Bell, Leonadus T.

26 February 1946

Comptroller of Public Accounts  
State of Texas  
Austin, Texas

Dear Sir:

This office is in receipt of an application for a Government marker for the grave of the late Leonadus T. Bell, said to have served in the Confederate States Army, from Mississippi. The date of birth is given as 19 August 1831 and the date of death as 19 November 1911. It is further said that his widow, Mrs. Lucy Bell received a pension from the State of Texas, after his death.

If you have any record of the military service of this deceased veteran, a transcript of such service will be appreciated.

For The Quartermaster General:

Very truly yours,

*Mrs Lucy Bell*

*22/80  
Smith*

*George M. McVeigh*  
GEORGE M. McVEIGH  
1st Lt., QMC  
Assistant

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Incl.  
Env.

*See if she is the widow  
of Leonadus T. Bell*

March 1, 1946

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SPQYH 293  
Bell, Leonadus T.

The Quartermaster General  
War Department  
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I acknowledge receipt of your letter of February 26 requesting the military service record of Leonadus T. Bell as a Confederate Soldier.

The records of this office show Mrs. Lucy Bell, widow of Leonadus T. Bell, drew a Confederate Pension from the State of Texas under Pension File No. 22180, Smith County, Tyler, Texas.

Leonadus T. Bell enlisted about October, 1862. He was a member of Jones' Mississippi Cavalry Company, Confederate States Army. The Union Prisoner of War shows that he was surrendered at Citronelle, Alabama May 4, 1865 and he was paroled at Jackson, Mississippi, May 15, 1865.

The application for pension of Mrs. Bell was approved on a report from the Adjutant General, War Department, Washington, D. C.

Yours very truly,

Geo. H. Sheppard  
Comptroller of Public Accounts

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MORTUARY WARRANT ACCOUNT

Form 109b-S-444-321-1M

STATE OF TEXAS

Tyler, Texas, December 5th, 1921

To Mrs. Nannie Ginn Dr.  
WRITE ADDRESS PLAINLY 434 E. Ferguson St., Tyler, Texas.

Account of Death of Pensioner No. 22180, County Smith

Pensioner's Name in full Mrs. Lucy Bell

Account must be itemized, but Mortuary Warrant will not be issued for more than Thirty Dollars.

Claim is made for only \$30.00, funeral expenses having been a much larger sum and having already been paid and no other reimbursement being asked.

The above account for Thirty & no/100 Dollars is just, due and unpaid.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 5th day of December, 1921

Notary Public, Smith County, Texas

*[Signature]*



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# APPLICATION FOR MORTUARY WARRANT

STATE OF TEXAS,

County of Smith

I, Mrs. Nannie Ginn

do hereby certify that I am the person to whom is entrusted the paying of the accounts and indebtedness of the late Mrs. Lucy Bell, who was a pensioner of the State of Texas, and whose file number is 22180 and whose original county is Smith

The said pensioner Mrs. Lucy Bell, died on the 20th day of November, A.D., 1921, in the town of Tyler County of Smith, Texas.

The pensioner died in the home of Mrs. Nannie W. Ginn 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 expenses incurred by the said pensioner Mrs. Lucy Bell

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 Tyler, County of Smith State of Texas, that my postoffice address is Tyler, Texas, 434 East Ferguson Street.

Signed Mrs. Nannie Ginn

Before me B.C. Johnson, a Notary Public, in and for the County of Smith, State of Texas, personally appeared Mrs. Nannie W. Ginn, who being by me duly sworn did certify to, and sign the foregoing statement.

(Seal of Office)

B.C. Johnson  
Notary Public in and for Smith County, Texas.

## CERTIFICATE OF UNDERTAKER.

I, J. H. Pruitt, 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. Lucy Bell, who died in the town of Tyler, County of Smith, State of Texas on the 20th day of November, A.D. 1921 That said body was prepared for burial by me on the 20th day of November, A.D. 1921, ~~xxx~~ That said body was buried in the Bascom Cemetery, which is located in the County of Smith State of Texas, and that I am of the opinion that warrant herein applied for should be issued to the said Mrs. Nannie Ginn, who makes the foregoing application.

Signed J. H. Pruitt Undertaker.

## CERTIFICATE OF PHYSICIAN.

I, Dr. B. T. Bryant, do certify that I am a practicing physician, and that I attended Mrs. Lucy Bell in her last illness, and am of the opinion that his ailments were Double Pneumonia and old age

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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-fifth Legislature, and approved March 2, 1917.

Signed B. T. Bryant Physician.  
Physician's Address Stons Pharmacy Tyler Texas

*Handwritten:*  
Notary  
22180

Plaintiff's Address

Plaintiff

Signed

and approved by me

In the name of the undersigned defendant, in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas, I hereby certify that I am of the opinion that the defendant named above is a person of sound mind and memory, and that he is the owner of the property described in the petition filed in the County of Tarrant, State of Texas, and that he is the person to whom the same should be returned.

I, MRS. JUDY BOTT, County Clerk of Tarrant County, Texas, do hereby certify that I am a member of the County of Tarrant, State of Texas, and that I am of the opinion that the defendant named above is a person of sound mind and memory, and that he is the owner of the property described in the petition filed in the County of Tarrant, State of Texas, and that he is the person to whom the same should be returned.

Under Seal

Signed

Plaintiff's Address

In the name of the undersigned defendant, in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas, I hereby certify that I am of the opinion that the defendant named above is a person of sound mind and memory, and that he is the owner of the property described in the petition filed in the County of Tarrant, State of Texas, and that he is the person to whom the same should be returned.

COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE RECEIVED Referred to

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APPLICATION FOR WORKING WARRANT