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FORM B.

Deceased
Sept. 20-1946
**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. R. J. Bell

Smith

County.

R. F. D. or Street No.

Postoffice *Troup, Texas,*

Filed *August 8th, 1936*

Approved *August 8, 1936.*

Pension allowed from *Sept. 1, 1936.*

Rejected

Geo. W. Sheppard

Comptroller of Public Accounts.

THE H. S. STARK CO., AUSTIN

Widow's Application for Confederate Pension

COMPTROLLERS OFFICE

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

(Representative of distributive and tang. in ed. form. eff. 1-1-1936)

AUG - 8 1936

County of Smith

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I, Mrs. R J Bell 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 H. B. No. 150, passed by the Forty-second Legislature at its Regular Session and all other laws of this State relating thereto.

I am a widow of R J Bell deceased, who departed this life on the 21 day of July, A. D. 1936 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

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 7 day of Oct A. D. 1868 in the county of Cherokee, in the State of Tex

My husband, the said R J Bell, 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 when the war closed

(Give date and cause.)

That I have been a bona fide resident of this State continuously since the 5th day of Nov, A. D. 1886

1. What is your age, and date of birth? 55, Nov 12, 1850
2. How long have you resided in the county of your present residence? 6 yrs
3. What is your postoffice address? Yamp
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? yes If so, give his file number see file # 20069
7. Give, if possible, the postoffice address of your deceased husband at the time of his enlistment 20069

8. What was your husband's full name? Richard Jackson Bell

9. In what State was your husband's command originally organized? 20069

10. How long did your husband serve? 20069

11. If known to you, give date of enlistment and discharge 20069

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.) 20069

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 20069

14. To what race do you belong? white

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 R J Bell

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 1st day of August, A. D. 19 36

County Judge Smith 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, Brady P. Gentry, County Judge of Smith County,

State of Texas, on this day personally appeared L.T. Norman and I.L. Lawhon

_____, 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. R.J. Bell

_____, applicant for a pension as the widow of R.J. Bell

deceased, is in truth and fact the widow of R.J. Bell 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) L.T. Norman

(Signature of Witness) I.L. Lawhon

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 1st day of August, A. D. 19 36.

Brady P. Gentry

[Seal.] County Judge Smith County, Texas.

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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. R.J. Bell,

has been a bona fide resident citizen of the State of Texas since 1856

and that they have no interest in this claim.

(Signature of Witness) L.T. Norman

(Signature of Witness) I.L. Lawhon

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 5 day of Aug, A. D. 19 36.

Brady P. Gentry

[Seal.] County Judge Smith County, Texas.

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)

see file # 20169

(Signature of Witness) _____

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

[Seal.]

County Judge _____ County, Texas.



September 24, 1946

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Mr. J. L. Bell
515 Omar Street
Houston 9, Texas

Dear Mr. Bell:

I acknowledge receipt of your letter of September 23 notifying this office of the death of your Mother, Mrs. R. J. Bell, a Confederate Pensioner which occurred on September 20, 1946.

Enclosed is blank form for making application for Mortuary Warrant for the purpose of helping defray her funeral expenses. Please have the application properly executed and have the Undertaker attach to it an itemized statement showing the cost of the funeral. If the application is approved by this office then a Mortuary Warrant in an amount not to exceed \$100.00 will be issued to the person executing the claim.

You ask that I advise as to her signature. If Mrs. Bell was holding Confederate Pension Warrants issued to her before her death that had not been endorsed by her, you may make affidavit on the back of the warrant as to your authority for endorsing the warrant with her name and showing she is deceased, and giving the date of her death. Place the warrants in your local bank for collection and when they are presented to the State Treasurer I am of the opinion they will be paid.

Yours very truly,

Geo. H. Sheppard
Comptroller of Public Accounts

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encl.



October 15, 1936

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Mrs. W. C. Evans
Troup Texas.

Dear Mrs. Evans:

I acknowledge receipt of your letter of October 10 in which you state you cannot understand why Mrs. R. J. Bell did not receive pension payments for the months of August and September, 1936.

You are advised that Mr. Richard J. Bell's death occurred on July 21, 1936, and after his death Mrs. R. J. Bell filed her application with this office on August 8, 1936 and it was approved. Under the Confederate Pension Law of Texas pension payments cannot begin until the month succeeding the one in which their application is approved. Therefore, this office could not issue Mrs. Bell a warrant until the month of September, 1936. A warrant Numbered 0879 was issued her for the month of September, 1936. This warrant was the first payment to which she was entitled, under the law. No warrant could be issued you for the month of August, 1936 as the law specifies payments shall begin with the month succeeding the one in which your application was approved.

Mrs. Bell was not a pensioner until after the death of her husband and until she filed application for pension and it was approved according to the law. Under the law, the wife of a Confederate Soldier cannot become a pensioner until she is a widow. Mr. Bell received a pension before his death. Your mother could not receive one until she filed her application and it was approved.

Yours very truly,

Geo. H. Sheppard
Comptroller of Public Accounts.



JHT:E

Troup, Texas,
September 27, 1938



Mr. Geo. H. Shappard,
Comptroller,
State of Texas,
Austin, Texas.

Dear Sir:

Please permit me to call to your attention the fact that I have no record of having received pension checks for the months of August and September, 1936; these being the two first months subsequent to the death of my husband, R. J. Bell, which occurred July 21, 1936.

If it is in line and consistent, I would be pleased to have you forward checks for the two above mentioned months, at your convenience, and oblige,

Yours very truly,

Mrs R J Bell



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September 29, 1938

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Mrs. R. J. Bell
Troup, Texas.

Dear Mrs. Bell:

I acknowledge receipt of your letter of September 27 in which you state you have no knowledge of receiving Confederate Pension checks for the months of August and September, 1936, these being the first two months subsequent to the death of Mr. R. J. Bell which occurred July 21, 1936.

You are advised the records of this office show that Mr. R. J. Bell's death occurred on July 21, 1936 as stated by you, but your application for Confederate Pension was not filed with this office until August 8, 1936 and it was approved on August 8, 1936 by this office. Therefore, under the law the first payment that could be issued you was for the month of September, 1936 and the records show that Warrant No. 0879 was issued and mailed to you on September 30, 1936. This was the first payment to which you were entitled as the law specifies that pension payments shall begin with the month succeeding the one in which an application is approved by this office. *any 1936*

According to the above information you were not eligible for a pension for the months of July and August, 1936 as your application was not placed on file until August 8, 1936, and September, 1936 was the succeeding month.

Yours very truly,



Geo. H. Sheppard
Comptroller of Public Accounts.

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Bell

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Mr G H Shappard
Comptroller of public
accounts & Board
your letter yesterday
that did get under
Stanley's mail piece
written on mail
concerning my
pension for it had
been coming pursuit
by for Mr G H Shappard
So thankful you
almost 55 years
old and need it
so badly. Some other
see you from write
that letter many thanks
for your kindness
G H Shappard

COMPTROLLERS OFFICE
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Mrs W. H. Hafford

Austin Tex

Dear Sirs

I am Mrs Mc Brown

your R. J. Bell daughter

and in regard to the cost

being eligible for the two

months' pension I can't

understand why when the

had been checking a pension

for so long and I have been

told that she should have it

for it was there for her and

why Mrs notified the pension

department of 50 thru death on

only 21 the day that he 

away and she really needs it

As I am yours very truly
Mrs H. E. Evans

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COMMUNICATIONS SECTION



COMPTROLLERS OFFICE
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STATEMENT

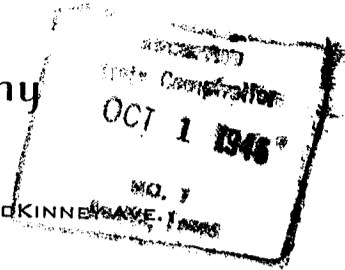
Fogle-West Company
Funeral Directors

AMBULANCE SERVICE

PHONE FAIRFAX 1177

1903 MCKINNEY

HOUSTON 3, TEXAS



September 28, 1946

Mr. J. L. Bell,
515 Omar St.,
Houston, Texas.

Deceased - Mrs. R. J. Bell - 9/20/46;

Complete Service -----\$400.67

This is to certify that the above account is true and correct and has been paid in full by Mr. J. L. Bell.

Fogle-West Inc.,

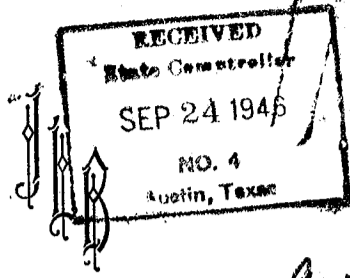
By James Peery
James Peery.



Casket - \$350.00
Shroud - 39.00
Rr Fare - 11.67
\$400.67



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Houston 9-23-1946

Mr. Geo. H. Sheppard

Dear Sir this is to
advise my mother Mrs. R. J. Bell
passed away - 9-20th 9.8.46.
Please advise me regard to
her signature.

yours Truly
J. L. Bell

515 Amar St.

Houston - 9

Texas



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Mortuary Receipt Notice
Sept. 24-1946

Please have application for Mortuary Warrant properly executed and have the Undertaker attach to it a sworn itemized statement showing the cost of each item furnished for the burial. Return to Geo. H. Sheppard, Comptroller, Austin, Texas

APPLICATION FOR MORTUARY WARRANT

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

County of HARRIS I, James L. Bell

do hereby certify that I am the person to whom is entrusted the paying of the accounts and indebtedness of the late Mrs. R. J. Bell, who was a pensioner of the State of Texas, and whose file number was 51731 and whose original county was Smith

The said pensioner Mrs. R. J. Bell, died on the 20th day of September, 1946, in the town of Houston, County of Harris, Texas.

The pensioner died in the home of J. L. Bell who was related to the pensioner as Son

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. L. Bell

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 515 Omar Ave., Houston 9, Texas.

Houston 9, Texas City State

Signed J. L. Bell

Sworn to before me this 26th day of September, 1946

Lillie Schwenke

Notary Public in and for Harris State of Texas.

LILLIE SCHWENKE

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

CERTIFICATE OF UNDERTAKER

I, James Reemy, do certify that I am undertaker in the town of Houston, County of Harris, State of Texas that I had charge of the body of Mrs. R. J. Bell, who died in the town of Houston, County of Harris, State of Texas on the 20 day of Sept 1946. That said body was prepared for burial by me on the 20 day of Sept 1946, and that I am of the opinion that warrant herein applied for should be issued to the said J. L. Bell who makes the foregoing application.

Signed James Reemy Undertaker.

CERTIFICATE OF PHYSICIAN

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I, do certify that I am a practicing physician, and that I attended in his last illness, and am of the opinion that his ailments were

OK

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

No Sept 1946 Warrant issued September 24, 1946.

Physician's Address

Execute and return at once.

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