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**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. S. E. Birdwell,

Smith County.

~~R.F.D.~~ or Street No. 614 West Front,

Postoffice Tyler, Texas.

Filed **November 29**, 1929.

Approved **November 29**, 1929.

Pension allowed from **Sept. 1**, 1929

Rejected

S. H. Terrell

Comptroller of Public Accounts.

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Widow's Application for Confederate Pension

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

County of Smith

I, Mrs. S. E. Birdwell do hereby make application for a pension, pursuant to the provisions of the First Section of Title 109, Revised Civil Statutes, 1925, providing for Confederate Pension, amended by Chapter 95, General Laws of the Fortieth Legislature, as amended by Senate Bill 287, Acts of the Regular Session of the Forty-first Legislature of the State of Texas, approved March 5, 1929, on the following ground:

I am a widow of S. L. Birdwell deceased, who departed this life on the 17th day of November, A. D. 1929, 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 27th day of March, A. D. 1886, in the county of Henderson in the State of Texas

My husband, the said S. L. Birdwell, enlisted and served in the military service of the Confederate States during the war between the States of the United States and he did not desert the Confederate service. I have been a resident of the State of Texas since prior to January 1, A. D. 1920, 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 above the sum of \$300.00 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, exclusive of the home of the value of not over \$2000; nor do I receive any aid or pension from any other State of the United States, and I do further state that the answers given to the following questions are true:

1. What is your age, and date of birth? 73 72 - Nov 3rd 1857
2. Where were you born? Parola County Texas
3. How long have you resided in the State of Texas? all my life
4. How long have you resided in the county of your present residence? 14 months
5. What is your postoffice address? 614 - West Front St., Taylor Texas
6. Have you applied for a pension under the Confederate pension law and been rejected? No

If rejected, state when and where _____

7. Did your husband draw a pension? yes If so, give his file number 21397
8. Give, if possible, the postoffice address of your deceased husband at the time of his enlistment It was either Mt. Lybrian Texas or Taylor Texas
9. What is your husband's full name? Samuel Lafayette Birdwell

10. In what State was your husband's command originally organized? 21397

11. How long did your husband serve? 21397 If known to you, give date of enlistment and discharge 21397

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.) 21397

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 21397

14. Do you own any property other than that rendered for taxes in your county? If so, state value of same and county where located No

15. Have you transferred to another 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 may be approved and such other proceedings be had in the premises as required by law.

(Signature of Applicant) Mrs S. E. Birdwell

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 3rd day of December A. D. 1929

[Seal]

County Judge Amos 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.



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AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESSES

[Note.—There must be at least two creditable witnesses.]

THE STATE OF TEXAS,
County of Smith

Before me, Wm A. Lee, County Judge of Smith County,
State of Texas, on this day personally appeared R. C. Wideman and

Mrs. J. O. Spencer, 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. S. S. Birdwell, applicant for a pension as the widow of S. L. Birdwell deceased, is in truth and fact the widow of S. L. Birdwell 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) R. C. Wideman

(Signature of Witness) Mrs J O Spencer

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 2nd day of Dec, A. D. 1929.

Wm A. Lee
County Judge Smith County, Texas.

[Seal.]

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THE STATE OF TEXAS,
County of Smith

Before me, Wm A. Lee, County Judge of Smith County,
State of Texas, on this day personally appeared R. C. Wideman and

Mrs. J. O. Spencer, 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

has been a bona fide resident citizen of the State of Texas since prior to January 1, A. D. 1920, and that they have no interest in this claim.

(Signature of Witness) R. C. Wideman

(Signature of Witness) Mrs J O Spencer

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 2nd day of Dec, A. D. 1929.

Wm A. Lee
County Judge Smith County, Texas.

[Seal.]

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 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 are personally known to me to be creditable wit-
nesses, who, being by me sworn, on oath state that they are personally acquainted with the foregoing appli-
cant, 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 following facts touching the service of applicant's husband in the Confederate Army: (Witnesses must
state fully the source of their knowledge of service of applicant's husband) _____

*see file no
21397*

(Signature of Witness) _____

(Signature of Witness) _____

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

[Seal.]

County Judge _____ County, Texas.

CERTIFICATE OF STATE AND COUNTY ASSESSOR

I, H. H. Allen, State and County Assessor in the County of
Smith State of Texas, do certify that Mrs. S. E. Bindwell
whose name is signed to the foregoing application for a pension is charged on the tax rolls of said county
with a homestead of the value of None Dollars, and, in
addition to homestead, of other property, real or personal, or both, of the value of
None Dollars.

Given under my hand, this 4th day of Dec, A. D. 19 29

H. H. Allen
State and County Assessor.



APPLICATION FOR MORTUARY WARRANT

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

County of Smith } I, Mrs R C Wideman

do hereby certify that I am the person to whom is entrusted the paying of the accounts and indebtedness of the late Mrs Sarah Ellen Birdwell, who was a pensioner of the State of Texas, and whose file number was 46178 and whose original county was Smith

The said pensioner Mrs Sarah Ellen Birdwell, died on the 4th day of March, 1931, in the town of Tyler County of Smith, Texas.

The pensioner died in the home of L. C. House who was related to the pensioner as son in law.

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 Sarah Ellen Birdwell.

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 R. C. Wideman that my postoffice address is Box 621

Street or R. F. D. Tyler City Texas State

Signed Mrs. R. C. Wideman

Sworn to before me this 7 day of March, 1931

D. J. Davis

Notary Public in and for Smith Co State of Texas.

CERTIFICATE OF UNDERTAKER

I, H. Lindsey, 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 Sarah Ellen Birdwell, who died in the town of Tyler, County of Smith, State of Texas on the 4th day of Mar 1931. That said body was prepared for burial by me on the 4 day of Mar 1931, and that I am of the opinion that warrant herein applied for should be issued to the said who makes the foregoing application.

Signed H. Lindsey Undertaker.

CERTIFICATE OF PHYSICIAN

I, John W. Pope, do certify that I am a practicing physician, and that I attended Mrs. Sarah Ellen Birdwell in his last illness, and am of the opinion that his ailments were myocarditis & dementia

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 John W. Pope Physician's Address Tyler Tex

Handwritten initials



Plaintiff's Address

Signed

and approved March 8, 1923

the name of the aforementioned applicant in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas and the Legislature of the State of Texas and I further certify that I am of the opinion that the foregoing information should be issued in

and of the opinion that the applicant is a resident of the State of Texas and I further certify that I am a practicing attorney at law in the State of Texas and I further certify that I am a resident of the State of Texas

COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC LANDS

Signed

Underwriter

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THE STATE OF TEXAS

APPLICATION FOR MORTGAGE ADVANCE

