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FORM B

Widow's Application for Pension

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

Name of Applicant.

Mary L. Blackwell

Smith

County

Postoffice

Overton

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Approved

Pension allowed from

Rejected

Commissioner of Pensions.

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THE STATE OF TEXAS

County of _____

I, Mrs May L. Blackwell, 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 H. W. Blackwell, deceased, who departed this life on the 10 day of June, A. D. 1863, in the county of Willetts Bluff, in the State of La.

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 9th day of Nov., A. D. 1856, in the county of Rusk, in the State of Texas

My husband, the said H. W. Blackwell, 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 any one hold in trust for my benefit or use, estate or property, either real, personal or mixed, either in fee or for life, of the assessed 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? 71 yrs.
2. Where were you born? Alabama
3. How long have you resided in the State of Texas? 59 yrs.
4. How long have you resided in the county of your present residence? And what is your postoffice address? 3 yrs. Overton Texas
5. What was your husband's full name? Hamilton Wiley Blackwell
6. When and where were you married? Nov. 9th 1856 in Rusk Co. Tx
7. What was the date of his death? June 10th 1863
8. In what State was your husband's command originally organized? Texas
9. How long did your husband serve? If known to you, give date of enlistment and discharge. until death 1863 June 10th Feb. 5th 1863
10. 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 of service. Co. "D" 13th Texas Infantry
11. 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 how long did he serve? Infantry
12. 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 J Blackwell

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 23 day of August, A. D. 1909.

J. A. Bullock
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 J. A. Bullock, County Judge of Smith County, State of Texas, on this day personally appeared Moses Pace & S. Florence, 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 L. Blackwell, applicant for a pension as the widow of Wm Blackwell deceased, is in truth and fact the widow of H. W. Blackwell 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) Moses Pace

(Signature of Witness) S. Florence

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 23 day of August, A. D. 1909.

J. A. Bullock
County Judge Smith County, Texas.

[SEAL.]

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THE STATE OF TEXAS }
County of Smith

Before me J. A. Bullock, County Judge of Smith County, State of Texas, on this day personally appeared S. Florence & Moses Pace, 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 Mary L. Blackwell 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) S. Florence

(Signature of Witness) Moses Pace

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 23 day of August, A. D. 1909.

J. A. Bullock
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 information regarding the army service of applicant's husband.)

THE STATE OF TEXAS

County of Smith

Before me J. A. Burch, County Judge of Smith County,

State of Texas, on this day personally appeared A. W. Melton & S. Florence, 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 following facts touching the service of the applicant's husband in the Confederate Army:

S. Florence and A. W. Melton served in the same Co. "D" 13th Tex Regiment with H. W. Blackwell until said Blackwell died at Nibletts Bluff in La. with Measles in 1863.

(Signature of Witness)

A. W. Melton

(Signature of Witness)

S. Florence

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 23 day of August, A. D. 1909

J. A. Burch

County Judge Smith County, Texas.

[SEAL.]

CERTIFICATE OF STATE AND COUNTY ASSESSOR

I, Mrs L. J. Jarvis, State and County Assessor in the County of

Smith, State of Texas, do hereby certify that Mrs. Mary Blackwell,

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 None dollars.

Given under my hand, this 23 day of Aug, A. D. 1909

Mrs L. J. Jarvis

State and County Assessor.

By Wm N Day
Officer Dept

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E. A. BOLMES, Commissioner

OFFICE OF
Commissioner of Pensions

State of Texas

Austin

FEB 2 1909

To the Adjutant General,

War Department,

Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I have the honor to request the military record of H. W. Blackwell who is reported to have enlisted in Company D; Regiment 13th Texas 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,

Commissioner of Pensions.



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ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE
SEP 23 1568652
WAR DEPARTMENT

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT,

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 20, 1909.

Respectfully returned to

The Commissioner of Pensions,

State of Texas, Austin.

The name H. W. Blackwell has not been found on the rolls, on file in this office, of Company D, 13th Texas Infantry, Confederate States Army, nor has any record been found of the capture or parole of a man of this name and organization.



The Adjutant General.

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Blackwell H. W.