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### 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.

*Mr May E Bradford*

*Smith*

County.

Postoffice

*Trousse*

**JUL 24 1909**

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Pension allowed from

**AUG 31 1909**

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Commissioner of Pensions.

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For use of Widows of Soldiers who are in indigent circumstances.

THE STATE OF TEXAS

County of Smith

I, Mrs Mary Mary E Bradford, 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 William A Bradford, deceased, who departed this life on the 13 day of Nov, A. D. 1872, 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 22 day of Dec, A. D. 1851, in the county of Newderson, in the State of Tenn.

My husband, the said W A Bradford, 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? 78 yrs Oct Dec 4 - 1909
2. Where were you born? In Tennessee
3. How long have you resided in the State of Texas? Since 1854
4. How long have you resided in the county of your present residence? And what is your postoffice address? Since 1854 Troupe Tex
5. What was your husband's full name? William A Bradford
6. When and where were you married? In Tennessee in town of N. Flinn Dec 1851
7. What was the date of his death? Nov 13 1872
8. In what State was your husband's command originally organized? In Texas TX
9. How long did your husband serve? If known to you, give date of enlistment and discharge. 3 years  
Enlisted in 1862 was discharged in 1865 at Newstead Tex
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. C, 11th 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?
12. Have you transferred to others any property of any kind for the purpose of becoming a beneficiary under this law? I have not

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) M E Bradford

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 19 day of July, 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 \_\_\_\_\_ County, State of Texas, on this day personally appeared W F Hodnett & G H Dear, 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 E Bradford, applicant for a pension as the widow of W A Bradford deceased, is in truth and fact the widow of W A Bradford 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) W F Hodnett

(Signature of Witness) G H Dear

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 22 day of July, 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 W F Hodnett and G H Dear, 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 Mary E Bradford 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) W F Hodnett

(Signature of Witness) G H Dear

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 22 day of July, A. D. 1907

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. Bullock, County Judge of Smith County,

State of Texas, on this day personally appeared Eli Fitch and Robert Deely, 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:

We the undersigned Eli Fitch and Robert Deely were in the same Company Co. C. and Regiment the 11th Texas Infantry with William A. Bradford and served together until the close of the war in 1865. Our Company was organized in Cherokee County Texas

(Signature of Witness) Eli Fitch

(Signature of Witness) Robert Deely

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 19 day of July A. D. 1909

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

[SEAL.]

CERTIFICATE OF STATE AND COUNTY ASSESSOR

I, Mrs L J Janis, State and County Assessor in the County of Smith, State of Texas, do hereby certify that Mrs. Mary E Bradford,

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 4.00 dollars.

Given under my hand, this 21 day of July A. D. 1909

By Mrs H Day  
Office Dept

Mrs L J Janis  
State and County Assessor.



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E. A. BOLMES, Commissioner

OFFICE OF  
**Commissioner of Pensions**

State of Texas

Austin AUG 9 1909

To the Adjutant General,  
 War Department,  
 Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I have the honor to request the military record  
 of *William A. Bradford* who is reported to have enlisted in  
 Company *C*, *11<sup>th</sup>* Regiment *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,



*E. A. Bolmes*

Commissioner of Pensions

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

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WAR DEPARTMENT

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT,

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

WASHINGTON, August 16, 1909.

*Respectfully returned to the*  
Commissioner of Pensions,  
State of Texas,  
Austin.

The records show that W. A. Bradford  
(name not found as William A. Brad-  
ford), private, Company C, (also  
called Company A), 11th Texas In-  
fantry, Confederate States Army,  
was enlisted July 28, 1862. On the  
company roll dated February 29,  
1864 (last roll on file), he is re-  
ported, "Absent without leave since  
February 15, 1864." No later record  
of him has been found.

The Adjutant General.

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