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FORM B.

**Widow's Application  
for a Pension**

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

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Name of Applicant

Mrs. Virginia C. Browning

Smith County.

Postoffice Garden Valley, Texas.

Filed

Oct. 1st 1914

Approved

J. M. [Signature]

Pension allowed from

Dec. 1st 1914

Rejected

Geo. W. Kyser

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 Virginia C. Browning, do hereby make application to the Commissioner of Pensions for a pension, to be granted me under the Act passed by the Thirty-third Legislature of the State of Texas, and approved April 7, A. D. 1913, on the following grounds:

I am the widow of M.B. Browning, deceased, who departed this life on the 1st. day of December, A. D. 1896, 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 23 day of December, A. D. 1868, in the county of Vanzandt, in the State of Texas.

My husband, the said M.B. Browning, 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 January 1, A. D. 1900, 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 \$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 \$1,000.00; 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? 64 years
2. Where were you born? in the sate of North Carolina
3. How long have you resided in the State of Texas? 57 years
4. How long have you resided in the county of your present residence? And what is your postoffice address? 32 years, Garden Valley, Texas.
5. Did husband draw a pension? If so, give his file number. Did not draw pension
6. What was your husband's full name? Monterville B. Browning
7. What was the date of his death? December 1st. 1896
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. enlisted in Sept. 1864, and served until the end of war.
10. What was the name or letter of the company, 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. Dont know letter of company. He served 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 time of service. Infantry, Was never de-tailed for special servis. was private. Served about 6 or 7 months



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 may be approved and such other proceedings be had in the premises as are required by law.

(Signature of Applicant)

*V. C. Browning*

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 24th day of September, A. D. 1914.

*James D. Egan*  
County Judge Smith County, Texas.

[Seal.]

AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESSES

[Note.—There must be at least two creditable 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 W.C. Head and G.F. Carter, who are personally known to me to be creditable citizens, who, being by me duly sworn, on oath state that they personally know that Mrs. Virginia C. Browning, applicant for a pension as the widow of M.B. Browning deceased, is in truth and fact the widow of M.B. Browning 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.C. Head  
(Signature of Witness) G.F. Carter

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 24th day of September, A. D. 1914

Jesse F. Odom  
County Judge Smith County, Texas.

[Seal.]

AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESSES

[Note.—There must be at least two creditable 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 S.B. Tunnell and S.P. Veasey, 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. V.C. Browning has been a bona fide resident citizen of the State of Texas since prior to January 1, A. D. 1900, and that they have no interest in this claim.

(Signature of Witness) S.B. Tunnell  
(Signature of Witness) S.P. Veasey

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 24th day of September, A. D. 1914

Jesse F. Odom  
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, Jesse F. Odom, County Judge of Smith County, State of Texas, on this day personally appeared W.T. Swain and R.M. Tunnell, who 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; (State fully your source of knowledge): We know that Monterville B. Browning served in the war between the States as private, from the fall of 1864 until the war closed. He served in Capt. Wm. Gray's Company, and Jemison's Regiment.

(Signature of Witness) W.T. Swain

(Signature of Witness) R.M. Tunnell

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 24th day of September, A. D. 1914.

Jesse F. Odom  
County Judge Smith County, Texas.

[Seal]

CERTIFICATE OF STATE AND COUNTY ASSESSOR

I, H.B. Matthews, State and County Assessor in the County of Smith, State of Texas, do certify that Mrs. V.C. Browning whose name is signed to the foregoing application for a pension, under the Act of the Thirty-third Legislature, approved April 7, 1913, is charged on the tax rolls of said county with a homestead of the value of \$ 200<sup>00</sup> Dollars, and of other property, real or personal, or both, of the value of 0.0 Dollars.

Given under my hand, this 24th day of September, A. D. 1914.



H.B. Matthews  
State and County Assessor.  
By Wm. J. Day, Office Deputy

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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.

Mrs Virginia Browning

Smith County.

Postoffice Garden Valley

Filed MAR 4 - 1911

Approved

*Reserve Corps Guards*

Pension allowed from

Rejected MAR 4 - 1911

*R. M. Robison*

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 Virginia C Browning, 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 W B Browning deceased, who departed this life on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of Dec, A. D. 1896, 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 23 day of Dec, A. D. 1868 in the county of Van Zandt, in the State of Texas

My husband, the said W B Browning, 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? Fifty nine years
2. Where were you born? North Carolina
3. How long have you resided in the State of Texas? Fifty two years
4. How long have you resided in the county of your present residence? And what is your postoffice address? Forty five years. Garden Valley Tex. Monteville B Browning
5. What was your husband's full name? Monteville B Browning
6. When and where were you married? Van Zandt Co Texas Dec 23-1868
7. What was the date of his death? Dec 1<sup>st</sup> 1896 Texas
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. Jan 1865

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 time of service. capt Gray's Company  
don't know letter. Not transferred (TX)

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 time of service. Private in Home Guards, Infantry. Guarding prisoners near Tyler Texas. Time of service about three months

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) *Virginia C Browning*

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this *10* day of *May*, A. D. 19*10*

*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 *S A Summitt* County Judge of *Smith* County,

State of Texas, on this day personally appeared *W J Falkner* and *J M Stone*, 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. *Virginia C Browning*, applicant for a pension as the widow of *M B Browning* deceased, is in truth and fact the widow of *M B Browning* 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 J Falkner*

(Signature of Witness) *J M Stone*

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this *11<sup>th</sup>* day of *Feb*, A. D. 19*10*

*S A Summitt*  
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 *S A Summitt* County Judge of *Smith* County,

State of Texas, on this day personally appeared *C W Stone* and *D H Potter*, 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 *Virginia C Browning* 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) *C W Stone*

(Signature of Witness) *D H Potter*

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this *11<sup>th</sup>* day of *Feb*, A. D. 19*10*

*S A Summitt*  
County Judge *Smith* County, Texas.

[SEAL.]

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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 R. M. Turnnell and W. J. Swain, 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:

He served in Capt Greys Company, Col Jamison Reg. and guarded Federal Prisoners near Tyler Texas. We served in the same Company with him. Enlisted about Jan 1<sup>st</sup> 1865 and served to close of the war.

(Signature of Witness) R. M. Turnnell  
(Signature of Witness) W. J. Swain

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 10 day of May, A. D. 1910

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

[SEAL.]

CERTIFICATE OF STATE AND COUNTY ASSESSOR

I, Mrs L. J. James, State and County Assessor in the County of \_\_\_\_\_, State of Texas, do hereby certify that Mrs. Virginia Brown, 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 10 day of May, A. D. 1910

By [Signature]

[Signature] Mrs L. J. James  
State and County Assessor. (TX)



### APPLICATION FOR MORTUARY WARRANT

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

County of Young

I, J. H. Arnold

do hereby certify that I am the person to whom is entrusted the paying of the accounts and indebtedness of the late Mrs V. C. Browning who was a pensioner of the State of Texas, and whose file number was 29528 and whose original county was Smith

The said pensioner V. C. Browning, died on the 25 day of January, 1929, in the town of Newcastle County of Young, Texas.

The pensioner died in the home of Mrs. J. H. Arnold 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 funeral expenses incurred by the said pensioner V. C. Browning

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) Son in Law that my postoffice address is

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

Signed J. H. Arnold

Sworn to before me this 6 day of February, 1929

J. C. Linnell

Notary Public in and for Young Co. State of Texas.

### CERTIFICATE OF UNDERTAKER

I, W. H. Dover, do certify that I am undertaker in the town of Newcastle, County of Young, State of Tex that I had charge of the body of Mrs V. C. Browning, who died in the town of Newcastle, County of Young, State of Tex on the 25th day of Jan, 1929. That said body was prepared for burial by me on the 25th day of Jan, 1929, and that I am of the opinion that warrant herein applied for should be issued to the said J. H. Arnold who makes the foregoing application.

Signed W. H. Dover Undertaker.

### CERTIFICATE OF PHYSICIAN

I, C. J. Parria, do certify that I am a practicing physician, and that I attended Mrs V. C. Browning in his last illness, and am of the opinion that his ailments were Dilatation of the Heart

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 C. J. Parria

Physician's Address Newcastle Tex

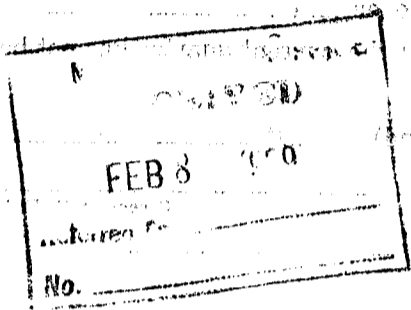
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