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FORM B.

2-18-39 Dead
Widow's Application
for a Pension

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

Name of Applicant.

Mr. M. J. Burson
Smith County.

Postoffice Tyler
319 Howell Ave

Filed Sept. 1st 1914

Approved Sept. 1st 1914

Pension allowed from Dec. 1st 1914

Rejected

George Kysel
Commissioner of Pensions.

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. M. J. Burson, 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 Joseph Burson, deceased, who departed this life on the 2nd day of November, A. D. 1871, in the county of Wilcox, in the State of Alabama.

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 7th day of October, A. D. 1858, in the county of Wilcox, in the State of Alabama.

My husband, the said Joseph Burson, 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? 73 years of age.
2. Where were you born? Alabama.
3. How long have you resided in the State of Texas? 24 years.
4. How long have you resided in the county of your present residence? And what is your postoffice address? Six months. Tyler, Texas, 319 Ferrell Ave.
5. Did husband draw a pension? If so, give his file number No.
6. What was your husband's full name? Joseph Milton Burson
7. What was the date of his death? November 2nd 1871
8. In what State was your husband's command originally organized? Alabama.
9. How long did your husband serve? If known to you, give date of enlistment and discharge. About six months.
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. W.C. Bacot's Company, Forrest Regiment of Cavlary.

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. Cavlary.



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)

Mrs. M. J. Burson

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 7th day of August, A. D. 1914

James S. Odum
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 J.M. Burson and Mrs. P. Burson, 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. M. J. Burson, applicant for a pension as the widow of deceased, is in truth and fact the widow of Joseph M. Burson 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)

J.M. Burson

(Signature of Witness)

Mrs Pearl Burson

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 12th day of September, A. D. 1914

[Seal.]

Jesse F. Odom
County Judge Smith County, Texas.

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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 J.M. Burson and Mrs. P. Burson, 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 pension, and that they personally know that the said Mrs. M. J. Burson 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)

J.M. Burson

(Signature of Witness)

Mrs Pearl Burson

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 12th day of September, A. D. 1914

[Seal.]

Jesse F. Odom
County Judge Smith County, Texas.

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

Before me,, County Judge of County, State of Texas, on this day personally appeared, 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; (State fully your source of knowledge) :

Applicant states under oath that she is informed and believes that the two witnesses whose affidavits are herewith enclosed are now dead, and hence she is unable to furnish their depositions. She respectfully asks however that these affidavits be considered in connection with her husbands discharge which is herewith enclosed as a part of the proof of her husbands service. She has written letters and tried to locate the two witnesses whose affidavits are enclosed, and her information is that both are dead. She has also tried to locate other witnesses, but has been unable to do so.

(Signature of Witness)

(Signature of Witness)

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 12th day of September, A. D. 1914

[Seal.]

J. B. Smith
County Judge Smith County, Texas.

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. M. J. Burson**, or his wife, or his trustee, or trustee for his wife, 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 none Dollars, and of other property, real or personal, or both, of the value of none Dollars.



Given under my hand; this 12th day of September, A. D. 1914

H. B. Matthews
State and County Assessor.

JOHN R. CORLEY, Sr.

JACK CORLEY

CORLEY'S

SINCE 1877

FURNITURE :-: FUNERAL HOME
AMBULANCE SERVICE

MEXIA, TEXAS, *Feb 21* 1939

Estate of Mrs M.J. Burson
Deceased
Mexia, Texas

<i>Casket & Services</i>	<i>475.00</i>
<i>Grave</i>	<i>10.00</i>
	<i>485.00</i>

State of Texas
County of Limestone

I, Jack Corley, Manager of CORLEY'S hereby certify the foregoing statement to be a true and correct account covering the funeral expense of Mrs. Mary Jane Burson whose funeral was handled by us on Feb. 14, 1939.

(Signed) *Jack Corley*

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a Notary Public, in and for Limestone County, Texas this the 21st day of February 1939.

Lon G. Brown
Notary Public

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AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESSES.

(NOTE—There must be at least two credible witnesses.)

THE STATE OF ~~TEXAS~~ ^{Alabama}
County of Wilcox } Before me, S. N. Stoutland N. P.
~~County Judge of~~ Wilcox ^{ala} County, State of Texas, on this day personally appeared J. F. Fore
and C. L. Maxwell

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. M. J. Burson, applicant for a pension, as the widow of Joseph Burson, deceased, is in truth and fact the widow of the said Joseph Burson, deceased; that they personally know that the said Joseph Burson, deceased, enlisted in the service of the Confederacy, and performed the duties of a soldier (or sailor) as claimed by his said widow in the above and foregoing application, and that they further know that the said Mrs. M. J. Burson, widow of the said Joseph Burson, deceased, is unable to support herself by labor of any sort.

(Signature of Witness) J. F. Fore
(Signature of Witness) C. L. Maxwell
(Signature of Witness) _____
(Signature of Witness) _____



Sworn to and subscribed before me this 31st day of July A. D. 1906

[SEAL]

S. N. Stoutland N. P.
County Judge Wilcox County, State of Texas ^{ala}

CERTIFICATE OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

THE STATE OF TEXAS, }
County of.....

We, the undersigned members of the Commissioners Court of

.....County, Texas, hereby certify that the foregoing application of Mrs.....

.....widow of.....deceased, for a pension,

together with the proof in support thereof, was duly submitted by Hon.....

County Judge of this.....County, to the Commissioners Court of this.....

County, at a regular term thereof on the.....day of.....A. D....., and after a

careful consideration of the same we find the said applicant is lawfully entitled to the pension provided for by the Confederate Pension Law of

this State, and we hereby approve said application.

Witness our hands and seal of office at.....this.....

day of.....A. D.....

(Signatures of Commissioners)

[SEAL]

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SOLDIER'S DISCHARGE.

TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

Know Ye, That *J. M. Bensen*, a *Private* of
Captain *M. E. Brevet*, *Company, 1st Regiment of*

Alabama, who was enlisted the *14th* day of *September*
one thousand eight hundred and sixty *one*, to serve *twelve months* is
hereby honorably discharged from the Army of the Confederate States.

*The said J. M. Bensen is discharged
by reason of the expiration of his term of
service and he is hereby discharged
with the honors of the Army.*

Said *J. M. Bensen* was born in *Mississippi*
County, in the State of *Alabama*, is *Thirty* years of age,

five feet *seven* inches high, *fair* complexion, *dark* eyes,

Red hair, and by occupation, when enlisted, a *Farmer*
Given at *Spaulding* this *30th* day of *April* 186*4* (IX)

M. E. Brevet
Commanding Company

paid in full.
up to date of discharge

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July 7th 1863

Wm. B. Brown
J. M. Burdett's

Official A

Wm. B. Brown

AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESSES.

(NOTE—There must be at least two credible witnesses.)

THE STATE OF ~~TEXAS~~ ^{Alabama}

County of Wilcox Before me, S. N. Stoufford N.P.
County Judge of Wilcox ^{ala} County, State of Texas, on this day personally appeared J. F. Fore
and C. L. Maxwell

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. M. J. Burson, applicant for a pension, as the widow of Joseph Burson, deceased, is in truth and fact the widow of the said Joseph Burson, deceased; that they personally know that the said Joseph Burson, deceased, enlisted in the service of the Confederacy, and performed the duties of a soldier (or sailor) as claimed by his said widow in the above and foregoing application, and that they further know that the said Mrs. M. J. Burson, widow of the said Joseph Burson, deceased, is unable to support herself by labor of any sort.

(Signature of Witness) J. F. Fore

(Signature of Witness) C. L. Maxwell

(Signature of Witness) _____

(Signature of Witness) _____



Sworn to and subscribed before me this 31 day of July A. D. 1906

[SEAL]

S. N. Stoufford N.P.
County Judge Wilcox County State ala.
County, State of Texas

- Q. In what County do you reside? Answer.....
- Q. How long have you resided in said County and what is your postoffice address? Answer.....
- Q. Have you applied for a pension under the Confederate Pension Law heretofore, and been rejected? If so state when and where. Answer.....
- Q. What is your occupation if able to engage in one? Answer.....
- Q. What is your physical condition? Answer.....
- Q. What was the name of your deceased husband? Answer.....
- Q. Were you married to him anterior to March 1, 1866? If so, on what date were you married to him and where? Answer.....
- Q. What was the date of his death? Answer.....
- Q. Are you unmarried, and have you so remained unmarried since the death of your said husband for whose services you claim a pension? Answer.....
- Q. State in what company and regiment your deceased husband for whose services you claim a pension enlisted in the Confederate Army, and the time of his service therein? Answer.....
- Q. If your deceased husband served in the Confederate Navy, state when and where, and the time of such service? Answer.....
- Q. State whether or not you have received any pension or veteran donation land certificate under any previous law, and if you answer in the affirmative state what pension or veteran donation land certificate you have so received? Answer.....

APPLICATION FOR MORTUARY WARRANT

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

County of Limestone } I, Mrs D. M. Latt

do hereby certify that I am the person to whom is entrusted the paying of the accounts and indebtedness of the late Mrs M. J. Burson, who was a pensioner of the State of Texas, and whose file number was 29139 and whose original county was Smith.

The said pensioner Mrs M. J. Burson, died on the 14th day of February, 1939, in the town of Mexia County of Limestone, Texas.

The pensioner died in the home of Mrs. A. D. McDonald 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 Mrs M J Burson

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 Granddaughter that my postoffice address is Route 1 Box 76 Street or R. F. D. Mexia City Texas State

Signed Mrs D. M. Latt

Sworn to before me this 21 day of February, 1939

Low G. Brown

Notary Public in and for Limestone State of Texas.

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

CERTIFICATE OF UNDERTAKER

I, Jack Corley, do certify that I am undertaker in the town of Mexia, County of Limestone, State of Texas that I had charge of the body of Mrs. Mary Jane Burson, who died in the town of Mexia, County of Limestone, State of Texas on the 14th day of February 1939. That said body was prepared for burial by me on the 14th day of February 1939, and that I am of the opinion that warrant herein applied for should be issued to the said Mrs D. M. Latt who makes the foregoing application.

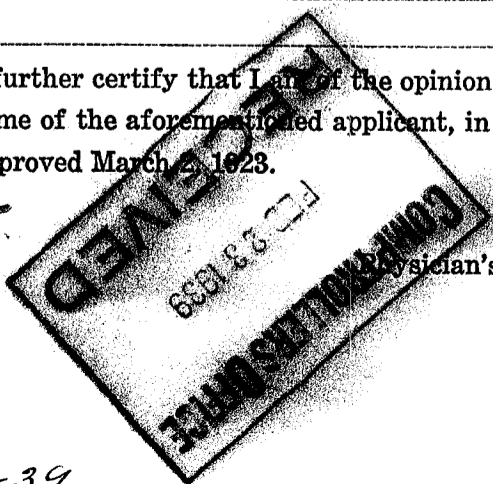
Signed Jack Corley #185 Undertaker.

CERTIFICATE OF PHYSICIAN

I, D. C. P. McKenzie, do certify that I am a practicing physician, and that I attended Mrs Mary Jane Burson in her last illness, and am of the opinion that her ailments were General arteriosclerosis, Emphysema.

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 D. C. P. McKenzie Physician's Address Mexia, Texas



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7th Feb. 29139 2-18-39