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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.

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Name of Applicant

Mrs Susan Clark

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THE STATE OF TEXAS }
 County of Smith

I, Mrs Erison Crook, 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 Ruben Franklin Crook, deceased, who departed this life on the 24 day of June, A. D. 1900, in the county of Smith, in the State of Tex.

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 18 day of Oct., A. D. 1918 59. in the county of Gordon, in the State of Georgia

My husband, the said Ruben F Crook, 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? 68.
2. Where were you born? Virginia
3. How long have you resided in the State of Texas? Since 1871
4. How long have you resided in the county of your present residence? And what is your postoffice address? 38 years. Int. Sylvan Tex. Post. 1
5. What was your husband's full name? Ruben Franklin Crook.
6. When and where were you married? Oct 18. 1859. Gordon Co. Georgia
7. What was the date of his death? June 24. 1900.
8. In what State was your husband's command originally organized? Ga.
9. How long did your husband serve? If known to you, give date of enlistment and discharge. May 8. 1862. he served four years.
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. Company E. Eighth Battalion
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? 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) *Mrs. Susan Crook*

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this *7th* day of *July*, A. D. 19*09*

J. A. Burch
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. Burch*, County Judge of *Smith* County, State of Texas, on this day personally appeared *W. C. Crook and B. J. Crook*, 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. *Susan Crook*, applicant for a pension as the widow of *A. J. Crook* deceased, is in truth and fact the widow of *R. F. Crook* 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. Crook*

(Signature of Witness) *B. J. Crook*

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this *7th* day of *July*, A. D. 19*09*

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

[SEAL.]

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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 _____, 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. Susan Crook* 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. C. Crook*

(Signature of Witness) *B. J. Crook*

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this *7th* day of *July*, A. D. 19*09*

J. A. Burch
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 Smit

Before me J. B. Bruce, County Judge of Smit County,

State of Texas, on this day personally appeared Mc Crook, and B. J. Crook, 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:

Mc Crook says he was in same Co with R. F. Crook - Co "E" 8th Georgia Bal - was with him time of enlistment May - 1862 Captured 1864 and held until surrender - in Nov of R. F. Crook knows these facts from personal knowledge, is 76 years old

B. J. Crook says is 74 years knew R. F. Crook was my brother - was with him in Co "E" 8th Georgia Bal knows he served in army - from May 1862 to 1864 was captured - held until surrender

(Signature of Witness) M. L. Crook

(Signature of Witness) B. J. Crook

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 7th day of July, A. D. 1909

J. B. Bruce
County Judge Smit County, Texas.

[SEAL.]



CERTIFICATE OF STATE AND COUNTY ASSESSOR

I, Mrs L. J. Jarvis, State and County Assessor in the County of Smit, State of Texas, do hereby certify that Mrs. Mrs Susan Crook,

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 \$880.00 dollars.

Given under my hand, this 7th day of July, A. D. 1909

By: Must Say
Office Deputy

Mrs L. J. Jarvis
State and County Assessor.

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E. A. BOLMES, Commissioner

OFFICE OF
Commissioner of Pensions

State of Texas

Austin AUG 20 1909

To the Adjutant General,

War Department,

Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I have the honor to request the military record
of Reuben F. Crook who is reported to have enlisted in
Company E, 8th Regiment Battalion Georgia 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.

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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.

It is shown by the Confederate records that Reuben F. Crook, first sergeant, Company E, 8th Battalion, Georgia Infantry, Confederate States Army, was enlisted May 8, 1862. On the muster roll of that company, dated August 31, 1864, he is shown as "Absent without leave, June 12, 1864."

The Union records of prisoners of war show that this man, while a deserter from the Confederate States Army, subscribed to the oath of allegiance at Chattanooga, Tennessee, June 24, 1864. The Union records also show that he took the oath of allegiance at Louisville, Kentucky, June 28, 1864, under condition to remain north of the Ohio River during the war.

[Handwritten Signature]
The Adjutant General.

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