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FORM No. 2. 3682

CONFEDERATE PENSION APPLICATION.

Name of Applicant
Mrs. J. S. Cross
Smit County.

Post Office: Trans-Ex

Comptroller's File No. 3682

I have carefully examined the within application for pension, together with the proof in support thereof, and

I recommend that the application be

Approved
this 11 day of

A. D. 1899

W. J. W. W. W. W.
Pension Clerk.

I hereby Approve the within application for pension, this 11 day of

Oct. A. D. 1899

W. J. W. W. W. W.
Comptroller.

No Application Rejected by County Judge or County Commissioners Should be Forwarded to Comptroller.

MAVERICK-CLARKE LITHO CO., SAN ANTONIO

APPLICATION of Indigent widow of Soldier or Sailor of the late Confederacy for pension under the Act of May 12, 1899.

THE STATE OF TEXAS, }

COUNTY OF Smith

To the Honorable County Judge of Smith County, Texas.

Your petitioner, Mrs. Martha S. Cross respectfully represents that she is a resident citizen of Smith County, in the State of Texas; that she is the widow of Joel Cross, deceased, who was a Confederate soldier (or sailor), and that she makes this application for the purpose of obtaining a pension as the widow of said Joel Cross, deceased, under the act passed by the Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Texas, and approved May 12, A. D. 1899, the same being an act entitled "An act to carry into effect the amendment to the Constitution of the State of Texas, providing that aid may be granted to disabled and dependent Confederate soldiers, sailors, and their widows under certain conditions, and to make an appropriation therefor," and I do solemnly swear that the answers I have given to the following questions are true.

NOTE—Applicant must make answer to all of the following questions, and such answers must be written out plainly in ink.

- Q. What is your name? Answer Martha Sebeleva Cross
- Q. What is your age? Answer 59 years old
- Q. In what County do you reside? Answer Smith
- Q. How long have you resided in said County and what is your post office address? Answer 4 years
Tampa Smith County Texas
- Q. Have you applied for a pension under the Confederate Pension Law heretofore, and been rejected? If so state when and where. Answer No
- Q. What is your occupation if able to engage in one? Answer Housekeeper
- Q. What is your physical condition? Answer Right Shoulder Dislocated & Arm broken
- Q. What was the name of your deceased husband? Answer Joel Cross
- Q. Were you married to him anterior to March 1, 1866? If so, on what date were you married to him and where? Answer Yes - Jan. - 28th 1857 at Old Canton (Oman) Tex.
- Q. What was the date of his death? Answer February - 10th 1899.
- 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 Yes
- 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 Brown's Co. (I) 15th Regiment
about 4 years -
- Q. If your deceased husband served in the Confederate Navy, state when and where, and the time of such service? Answer Was in the Infantry all the time
- 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 Have never received anything

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Q. What real and personal property do you now own, and what is the present value of such property? Give list of such property and value. Answer *House and lot - and Cow and*

Three hogs - House is indet - Cow & hogs are worth about \$2500 House & lot are worth \$750 - on which I owe between \$450 - & \$500 - balance for cash money.

Q. What property, and what was the value thereof have you sold or conveyed within two years prior to the date of this application? Answer *Nothing*

Q. What income, if any, do you receive? Answer *Nothing*

Q. Are you in indigent circumstances; that is, are you in actual want, and destitute of property and means of subsistence? Answer *Destitute of means of subsistence.*

Q. Are you unable by your labor to earn a support? Answer *I am*

Q. Have you transferred to others any property of value of any kind for the purpose of becoming a beneficiary under this law? Answer *I have not*

Q. Did your deceased husband for whose services you claim a pension, ever desert the Confederacy? Answer *No*

Q. Have you been continuously since the first day of January, 1880, a bona fide resident citizen of this State? Answer *I have*

Wherefore your petitioner prays that her application for pension be approved and that such other proceedings be had in the premises as are required by law.

(Signature of Applicant)

M. H. Cross

Sworn to and subscribed before me this *10th* day of *August* A. D. *1899*

(SEAL)

J. A. Bullock Notary Public
in and for Smith

County, Texas.

AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESSES.

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

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

COUNTY OF *Smith*

Before me, *Geo. W. Cross*,

County Judge of *Smith*

County, State of Texas, on this day personally appeared

P. L. Clayton & R. W. Hamilton

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. S. Cross*

Joel Cross, deceased, is in truth and fact the widow of the said

Joel Cross, deceased; that they personally know that the said

Joel Cross, 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. S. Cross*, widow of the said

Joel Cross, deceased, is unable to support herself by labor of any sort.

(Signature of Witness)

P. L. Clayton

(Signature of Witness)

R. W. Hamilton

(Signature of Witness)

(Signature of Witness)

Sworn to and subscribed before me this *11* day of *Aug* A. D. *1899*

(SEAL)

Geo. W. Cross
Smith
County Judge County, Texas.

CERTIFICATE OF COUNTY JUDGE.

THE STATE OF TEXAS,
COUNTY OF Smith } I, Geo. W. Cross
County Judge of Smith County, State of Texas, do hereby certify that on the 11
day of Aug. A. D. 1899, before me came on to be heard the application of
Mrs. M. S. Cross widow of Joel Cross
deceased, for a pension under the Confederate Pension Law of this
State, approved May 12, A. D. 1899; that the answers of said applicant to the questions propounded were made under oath as the same
appear in writing in the foregoing application; that the affidavits of the witnesses who are credible citizens were made before me as the
same hereinbefore appear. I also certify that the said applicant M. S. Cross
is not disqualified under any of the provisions of Section 12, of the Confederate Pension Law. I further certify that after considering all
of the proceedings had before me relative to the said application for a pension by the said Mrs. M. S. Cross
as widow of Joel Cross
deceased, I find the said applicant is lawfully entitled to the pension provided for by the Confederate Pension Law of this State, and I
hereby approve said application.

Witness my hand and seal of office at Tyler this 11
day of Aug. A. D. 1899
Geo. W. Cross
County Judge Smith County, State of Texas.

(SEAL)

CERTIFICATE OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

THE STATE OF TEXAS,
COUNTY OF Smith } We, the undersigned members of the Commissioners Court of
Smith County, Texas, hereby certify that the foregoing application of Mrs. Martha S.
Cross widow of Joel Cross deceased, for a pension,
together with the proof in support thereof, was duly submitted by Hon. Geo. W. Cross
County Judge of this Smith County, to the Commissioners Court of this Smith
County, at a regular term thereof on the 16 day of Aug. A. D. 1899, 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 Tyler Texas this 16
day of Aug. A. D. 1899

(Signatures of Commissioners.)

(SEAL)

W. B. Hairgrove (TX)
C. A. Brown
D. J. Epperson
M. H. Crook