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FORM No. 2.

CONFEDERATE PENSION APPLICATION.

Name of Applicant,

*Mrs. Elizabeth Horton*

County,

*Smith*

Post Office

*Lindale*

Comptroller's File No.

*3691*

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

*Oct*

A. D.

*1899*

*Wm. J. ...*

Pension Clerk.

I hereby

*Approve*

the within application

for pension, this

*11*

day of

*Oct. 11 1899*

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. *Elizabeth Fortson* respectfully represents that she is a resident citizen of *Smith* County, in the State of Texas; that she is the widow of *C. A. Fortson*, 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 *C. A. Fortson*, 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 *Elizabeth Fortson*
- Q. What is your age? Answer *60 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 *48 years - Lindale - 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 *House keeping for eyes*
- Q. What is your physical condition? Answer *I am nearly blind from chronic*
- Q. What was the name of your deceased husband? Answer *C. A. Fortson*
- 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 - Oct 7<sup>th</sup> 1858 - in Texas -*
- Q. What was the date of his death? Answer *Jan. 15 - 1892*
- 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 - 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 *Company "K" in 3<sup>rd</sup> Texas Cavalry - 7 months -*
- 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 *None*

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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.

I own one lot in Lindale with Cottage worth \$200 -; No personal property of any character -

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.

None

Q. What income, if any, do you receive? Answer.

None -

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

Yes - except as to property mentioned.

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

Yes -

Q. Have you transferred to others any property of value of any kind for the purpose of becoming a beneficiary under this law? Answer.

None -

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.

Yes -

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) Elizabeth Gortson

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 24 day of July A. D. 1899

(SEAL) Geo. H. Cross, County Judge, 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. H. Cross County Judge of Smith County, State of Texas, on this day personally appeared T. W. Jarvis and Sid B. Johnson

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. Elizabeth Gortson, applicant for a pension as the widow of C. A. Gortson, deceased, is in truth and fact the widow of the said C. A. Gortson, deceased; that they personally know that the said C. A. Gortson, 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. Elizabeth Gortson, widow of the said C. A. Gortson, deceased, is unable to support herself by labor of any sort.

(Signature of Witness) T. W. Jarvis (Signature of Witness) Sid B. Johnson (Signature of Witness) (Signature of Witness)

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 24 day of July A. D. 1899

(SEAL) Geo. H. Cross County Judge, Smith 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 24

day of July A. D. 1899, before me came on to be heard the application of

Mrs. Elizabeth Fortson widow of C. A. Fortson

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 Elizabeth Fortson

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.

Elizabeth Fortson as widow of C. A. Fortson

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 Taylor this 24

day of July 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.

Elizabeth Fortson widow of C. A. Fortson 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 Taylor this 16

day of Aug A. D. 1899

V. B. Hairgrove (TX)

G. A. Brown

D. J. Epperson

M. H. Coover

(Signatures of Commissioners.)

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