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FORM No. 2—AMENDED  
OCTOBER 1, 1902.

### Confederate Pension Application

Name of Applicant

Mrs M B Gorren

Smith

County

Postoffice

Fyler

Comptroller's File No. 14409

I have carefully examined the within application for pension, together with the proof in support thereof, and I recommend that the application be **APPROVED**

MAR 27 1909

this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_

A. D.

E. A. Golues

Chief Pension Clerk.

Received  
1909  
Approved

I hereby **APPROVE** the within application for pension, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_

A. D.

[Signature]  
Comptroller.

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

VON BOECKMANN-JONES CO., AUSTIN, TEXAS.

# 13071

NOTE—The law provides that pensions can begin only on the first day of April and October of each year.

1816-108-1m

FORM No. 2. Amended October 1, 1902.

APPLICATION of Indigent Widow of Soldier or Sailor of the late Confederacy for pension under the Act of May 12, 1899. Hereafter use no other blank but this.

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

COUNTY OF

To the Honorable County Judge of Smith County, Texas.

Your petitioner, Mrs. Wm B Gourn respectfully represents that she is a resident of Smith county, in the State of Texas; that she is the widow of W.B. Gourn, 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 W.B. Gourn, 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: *Sama V. Gourn*
- Q. What is your age? Answer: *Seventy years*
- Q. In what county do you reside? Answer: *Smith*
- Q. How long have you resided in said county and what is your postoffice address? Answer: *Thirty years Tyler 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: *none*
- Q. What is your physical condition? Answer: *fairly good*
- Q. What was the name of your deceased husband? Answer: *W.B. Gourn*
- Q. Were you married to him anterior to March 1, 1866? If so, on what date were you married to him and where? Answer: *Feb 1 1858 - Talladega Ala*
- Q. What was the date of his death? Answer: *Aug 8 1908*
- 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. In what State was your husband's command originally organized? Answer: *Alabama*
- Q. How long did your husband serve? Give date of enlistment and discharge. Answer: *through the war - Discharged May 1865*
- Q. What was the name or letter of your husband's company and name or number of his regiment? Answer: *Co A 30th Ala - TX*
- Q. State whether he served in the infantry, artillery, cavalry or the navy. Answer: *Infantry*
- 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 received. Answer: *none*

- Q. What real and personal property do you own, and what is the present value of such property? Give list of such property and value. Answer None
- 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 All dependent on children
- 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 No
- Q. Did your husband for whose services you claim a pension ever desert the Confederacy? Answer No
- Q. Have you been continuously since the first day of March, 1880, a bona fide resident citizen of this State? Answer Yes

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

(Signature of Applicant)

Sarava V  
Mrs H B Garrow

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of July

A. D. 1909

[SEAL.]

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

AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESSES

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

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

COUNTY OF Smith

Before me J A Bullard

County Judge of Smith

County, State of Texas, on this day personally appeared

J W Jarvis and J S 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. H B Garrow

H B Garrow

....., applicant for a pension as the widow of

H B Garrow

....., deceased, is in truth and fact the widow of the said

....., deceased; that they personally know

..... that the said Mrs. H B Garrow

....., widow of the said H B Garrow

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

(Signature of Witness)

J W Jarvis

(Signature of Witness)

J S Johnson

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of July

A. D. 1909

[SEAL.]

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

CERTIFICATE OF COUNTY JUDGE

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

COUNTY OF Smith } I, J. A. Burch

County Judge of Smith county, State of Texas, do hereby certify that on the 8th

day of July A. D. 1909 before me came on to be heard the application

of Mrs. M. B. Brown, widow of M. B. Brown

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 Mrs. M. B. Brown

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. B. Brown as widow of M. B. Brown

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 Fyler this 8th  
day of July A. D. 1909

[SEAL.]

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

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. M. B. Brown

widow of M. B. Brown

deceased, for a pension, together with the proof in support thereof, was duly sub-

mitted by Hon. J. A. Burch County Judge of this Smith

county, to the commissioners court of this Smith county, at a regular term thereof on the 8th

day of July A. D. 1909, 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.

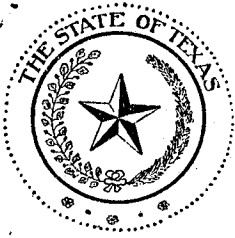
Witness our hands and seal of office at Fyler this 8th  
day of July A. D. 1909

(Signature of Commissioners)

J. A. Burch  
W. A. Starnes  
J. C. May  
R. M. Halloway

[SEAL.]





Comptroller's Department  
State of Texas  
Austin

H. B. TERRELL, COMPTROLLER  
L. W. TITTLE, CHIEF CLERK

Jan 24, 1919

Mr. W. A. Gowen,  
Tyler, Texas.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your favor relative to the pension of your mother, Mrs. W. B. Gowen:

As directed by the State Pension Commissioner, under date Oct. 1, 1918, it is necessary for the pensioner to file with this Department an affidavit stating date of departure of the pensioner from State, date of return, and also that at no time while absent from the State did pensioner consider any State other than Texas her place of residence.

Have Mrs. Gowen make this affidavit before some person authorized under the laws of this State to administer oaths, and send to this Department, when application for re-instatement will be considered.

Yours very truly,



*H. B. Terrell*  
Comptroller.

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October 1, 1918.

Mrs. W. B. Gosen,  
Bienville, La.

Dear Madam:-

I am in receipt of your October affidavit for a pension but cannot accept same as it is made out in Louisiana. So long as you remain out of this state no pension warrants can be issued to you. On your return it will be necessary for you to state under oath the date you left Texas the date you returned and that at no time while absent did you consider any other state your place of residence. On receipt of this oath I shall be pleased to reinstate your name on the roll.

Yours truly,

J. C. Jones,

Commissioner of Pensions



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# AFFIDAVIT

Return this affidavit to J. C. Jones, Commissioner of Pensions, Austin, Texas, on or before October 15, 1918.

STATE OF Louisiana, ORIGINAL COUNTY SMITH  
County of Bienville. APPLICATION NO. 14409

This is to certify that I am the identical person to whom a pension has been granted under Articles 6267-6285, R. S. 1911, an Act approved April 7, 1913.

I also certify that the county in which my application was originally made and the file number of said application, according to the records in the office of the Commissioner of Pensions, are the same as given in the upper right-hand corner of this affidavit.

I further certify that the same conditions exist as did at the time my application for pension was made, that I do not own real or personal property to the value of One Thousand Dollars, exclusive of my homestead, the value of which does not exceed One Thousand Dollars; that my annual income, not including my pension, does not exceed Three Hundred Dollars; that I am a bona fide resident of the State of Texas, and that I am not an inmate of the Confederate Home.

*Wm. H. B. Gorman*  
Signature of Pensioner.

I hereby certify that I am personally acquainted with the pensioner whose signature appears above and that the statements made by her are true and correct.

Before me, the undersigned authority, personally appeared the above-named parties, well known to me, who state under oath that the statements herein contained are true and correct. Witness J. C. Jones day of Sept A. D. 1918.  
Sworn to and subscribed before me this 18th day of Sept

PENSIONER'S NAME AND ADDRESS Wm. H. B. Gorman  
Bienville, Louisiana. Notary Public for Bienville Parish, Louisiana

\*This is to certify that the undersigned, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

are disinterested, credible witnesses and are in no wise related to the applicant whose signature is affixed to the above statement; that the applicant resides in \_\_\_\_\_ County, Texas, P. O. \_\_\_\_\_ that the applicant is the identical person to whom a pension has been granted, and that the conditions which existed at the time of making said application and on which the pension was originally granted still exist; that the applicant signed the above statement in my presence.

Witness my hand this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ A. D. 1918.

Witnesses: { \_\_\_\_\_

Before me, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared \_\_\_\_\_ known to me to be one of the witnesses who signed the foregoing certificate, and on oath states that the statement of the pensioner above set out was made and signed in \_\_\_\_\_ presence, and that the statements contained therein are within the knowledge of affiant true and correct.

Sworn to and subscribed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ A. D. 1918.  
Affiant.

(SEAL) \_\_\_\_\_ in and for \_\_\_\_\_ County, Texas.

\*To be filled out and executed in case applicant cannot go before an officer to make affidavit.  
PENSIONER'S NAME AND ADDRESS. \_\_\_\_\_ Approved for \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Commissioner of Pensions.



No. 1759

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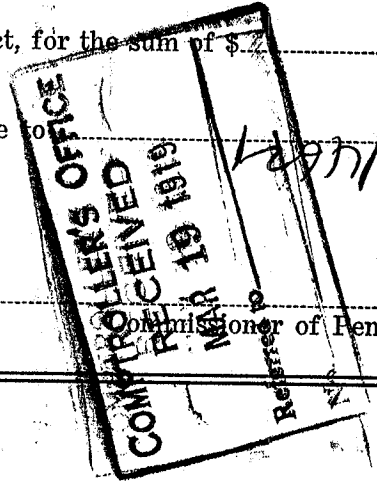
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OFFICE OF  
COMMISSIONER OF PENSIONS  
STATE OF TEXAS  
AUSTIN

Correct, for the sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Charge to \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Commissioner of Pensions.



E. L. STECK, AUSTIN

MORTUARY WARRANT

683-417-3M

In accordance with Law passed by Thirty-fifth Legislature of Texas in Regular Session

*Styler* Texas, *Mar 15th* 1919

STATE OF TEXAS

To *W. A. Gowen* Dr.

WRITE ADDRESS PLAINLY *115 High Ave, Tyler Texas*

Account of Death of Pensioner No. *14409*, County *Smith*

Pensioner's Name in full *Mrs W B. Gowen*

ITEMIZE ACCOUNT NOT TO EXCEED THIRTY DOLLARS.

*To one check \$30.00*



*Recd Feb 9-19*

To above account for *Thirty + nof 1.00* Dollars  
is just, due and unpaid.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this *15* day of *March* 1919

*W. A. Gowen*  
*W. A. Gowen & Co*

Notary Public, *Smith* County, *Texas*

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Comptroller's Department,

State of Texas,

Austin.

J. W. STEPHENS, COMPTROLLER.  
~~JOHN F. SMITH~~, CHIEF CLERK.  
 B. F. TEAGUE.

I, J. W. Stephens, Comptroller of Public Accounts of the State of Texas, do hereby certify that the records of this office show:

1. That the application of *W.* B. Gowen for a Confederate pension was approved by J. W. Stephens, Comptroller, Sept. 19, 1907 as shown by file #13071.

2. That said *W.* B. Gowen was a member fo Company "A" 30th Regiment Alabama Infantry, C. S. A. and served for a period of about 3 years.

In testimony whereof I here-  
 unto sign my name officially  
 and cause the seal of said  
 office to be affixed this  
 the 16th day of December  
 A. D. 1909.

*J. W. Stephens*  
 Comptroller.



Handwritten notes at the top of the page, including a large 'X' mark on the right side.

I, J. J. Stephens, Controller of Public Accounts of the State of Texas, do hereby certify that the records of this

office, to the extent of the records of J. J. Stephens, Controller of Public Accounts, State of Texas, 1891-1892, are

correctly and truly as shown by the records of the office, and are hereby certified to be correct and true.

Witness my hand and the seal of the office of the Controller of Public Accounts of the State of Texas, at Austin, Texas, this 10th day of January, 1892.

Handwritten signature: J. J. Stephens

Controller of Public Accounts

Smith 14409

The State of Texas :: County of Smith.

On this day personally appeared before me Mrs. W. B. Gowen, who being by me duly sworn, on oath states that on or about August 15, 1917, she went to Bienville, Louisiana, from Tyler, Texas, to visit her daughter Mrs. H. F., Scheen who resides in Bienville, Louisiana, and at the time she left Tyler, Texas, for Bienville, Louisiana, she did so for the purpose of visiting her said daughter for a short while and with no intention of changing her residence from Tyler, Texas, to Bienville, Louisiana, or any other place; that she has constantly resided in Tyler, Smith County, Texas, since and prior to the death of her husband, and that Tyler, Texas, is her home; that she was taken sick about December, 1917, and with something like paralysis and was unable to travel or leave Bienville and did not get in such physical condition that she could come back to her home in Tyler, Texas, until about December 8, 1918; that she has never acquired or intended to acquire any other home or place of residence except Tyler, Texas, and left Tyler, Texas, at the time she did to be gone temporarily and as soon as she was in physical condition to return she did so.

Witness *B.B. Johnson*

*her*  
Mrs. W. B. Gowen  
*mark*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 27th day of January, A.D. 1919.

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*B.B. Johnson*  
Notary Public, Smith Co., Texas.

I, Mrs. *T. P.* Ross, of Tyler, Smith County, Texas, being duly sworn, say that I am the daughter of Mrs. W.B. Gowan and that she has read the foregoing affidavit and personally knows that the statements therein made are true and correct, and that her mother, Mrs. W.B. Gowan now resides with her in Tyler, Smith County, Texas, and this is her permanent home and she has never had any intention to change it.

Mrs. T. P. Ross

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 27th day of January, A.D. 1919.

*B.B. Johnson*  
Notary Public, Smith County, Texas. (TX)



# APPLICATION FOR MORTUARY WARRANT

STATE OF TEXAS,

County of Smith I, W A Gowen

do hereby certify that I am the person to whom is entrusted the paying of the accounts and indebtedness of the late Mrs W B Gowen, who was a pensioner of the State of Texas, and whose file number is 14409 and whose original county is Smith

The said pensioner Mrs W B Gowen died on the 9th day of February, 1919, in the town of Tyler County of Smith Texas.

The pensioner died in the home of Mrs Tom P Ross 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 expenses incurred by the said pensioner Mrs W B Gowen

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 and that my home is in the town of Tyler, County of Smith State of Texas, that my postoffice address is Tyler Texas  
115 High Ave

Signed W A Gowen

Before me W R Hudsonall Colless and for the County of Smith State of Texas, personally appeared W A Gowen who being by me duly sworn, did certify to, and sign the foregoing statement.  
(Seal of Office) W R Hudsonall Colless  
in and for Smith Texas.

## CERTIFICATE OF UNDERTAKER

I, J. B. Pruitt do certify that I am an undertaker in the town of Tyler County of Smith State of Texas that I had charge of the body of W. B. Gowen who died in the town of Tyler County of Smith State of Texas on the 9 day of February, 1919. That said body was prepared for burial by me on the 9 day of February, 1919. That said body was buried in the Bevinger Cemetery, which is located in the County of Smith State of Texas and that I am of the opinion that warrant herein applied for, should be issued to the said W. B. Gowen, who makes the foregoing application.

Signed J. B. Pruitt Undertaker.

## CERTIFICATE OF PHYSICIAN

I, Charles R. Hudson do certify that I am a practicing physician and that I attended Mrs. W. B. Gowen in her last illness, and am of the opinion that her ailments were Paralytic of half of whole body, one sided

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-fifth Legislature, and approved 1917.

Signed C. R. Hudson, M.D. Physician.

Physician's Address Tyler, Texas

