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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.

Name of Applicant.

Mary F Griffin
Jones

County.

Postoffice.

Trupee

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Pension allowed from

Rejected

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 Mary F. Griffin, 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 J. T. Griffin deceased, who departed this life on the 12 day of April, A. D. 1887, in the county of Smith, in the State of Texas.

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 11 day of Nov, A. D. 1849, in the county of Tallegaga, in the State of Ala.

My husband, the said J. T. Griffin, 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? 75
2. Where were you born? South Carolina
3. How long have you resided in the State of Texas? Since 1852
4. How long have you resided in the county of your present residence? And what is your postoffice address? Since 1852, Troupe Smith County, Tex.
5. What was your husband's full name? John Thomas Griffin
6. When and where were you married? 1849 in Ala
7. What was the date of his death? Apr 12, 1887
8. In what State was your husband's command originally organized? Smith County, Texas
9. How long did your husband serve? If known to you, give date of enlistment and discharge. about 2 1/2 years discharged in latter part of May 1866
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. Served in Infantry first as guard at Tyler, Texas and was ordered to release just prior to surrender and was discharged there
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 TX
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) Mary J Griffin

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 12 day of July, A. D. 1909

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

[SEAL.]

AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESSES

[NOTE.—There must be at least two credible witnesses.]

THE STATE OF TEXAS }

County of

Before me J. A. Burrad, County Judge of Smith County,

State of Texas, on this day personally appeared R. E. Burns S. M. Griffin, 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.

Mrs Mary J Griffin applicant for a pension as the widow of

deceased, is in truth and fact the widow of J. J. Griffin 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) R. E. Burns

(Signature of Witness) S. M. Griffin

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 30 day of July, A. D. 1909

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

[SEAL.]

AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESSES

[NOTE.—There must be at least two credible witnesses.]

THE STATE OF TEXAS }

County of

Before me J. A. Burrad, County Judge of Smith County,

State of Texas, on this day personally appeared R. E. Burns S. M. Griffin, 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 Mary J Griffin

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) R. E. Burns

(Signature of Witness) S. M. Griffin

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 30 day of July, A. D. 1909

J. A. Burrad
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 Smith

Before me J. A. Brown, County Judge of Smith County,

State of Texas, on this day personally appeared R. E. Burns, 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:

R. E. Burns says that he knew J. Griffin, and knows that J. Griffin was in the service, that he saw him frequently in service, that he was in commissary department handling provisions and other supplies for the Army - saw him driving wagon and deliver corn and other provisions in Tyler to Army which was stationed here in Tyler at time he left here with the Army and did not see him again until after war - don't know the Co or Reg he was in.

S. M. Griffin says he is 55 years old - knew J. Griffin in his lifetime during before and after war. Know personally he served in Army - saw him working Magazine at Tyler working there, worked in Army - made bread in Tyler, Mrs. my father I know in Tyler number of times and lived with him - carried her home some Saturday from all of the personal things - some time Co or Reg -

(Signature of Witness) R. E. Burns

(Signature of Witness) S. M. Griffin

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 30 day of July, A. D. 1909

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

[SEAL.]

CERTIFICATE OF STATE AND COUNTY ASSESSOR

I, _____, State and County Assessor in the County of _____, State of Texas, do hereby certify that Mrs. _____, 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 _____ dollars.

Given under my hand, this _____ day of _____, A. D. 19_____



State and County Assessor.

This day personally appeared Mrs. Mary J. Griffin applicant for Confederate pension and says that after diligent search, she has been unable to find a person who served with her deceased husband - and the testimony of R. E. Burns and S. M. Griffin are the only evidence she can get as to his service. I therefore recommend she be allowed pension.

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