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FORM B
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Widow's Application
for a Pension

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The Commissioner of Pensions reserves the right to call for additional testimony if he deems it necessary.

Name of Applicant.
Mrs. Martha Knight
Smith County.
Postoffice *Lindsee*

Filed
Approved *Sept. 1, 1913*
Pension allowed from *Dec. 1, 1913*
Rejected

George K. ...
Commissioner of Pensions.

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FORM B

For Use of Widows of Soldiers Who Are In Indigent Circumstances

THE STATE OF TEXAS

County of Smith

I, Mrs. Martha Knight, 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 April 7, A. D. 1913, on the following grounds:

I am the widow of John Knight, deceased, who departed this life on the 10th day of July, A. D. 1879, in the county of Maccom, in the State of North Carolina

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 20th day of Dec-, A. D. 1848, in the county of Oconee, in the State of South Carolina

My husband, the said John Knight, 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 January 1, A. D. 1900, 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 \$300.00 per annum, nor do I own in my own right, nor does anyone hold in trust for my benefit or use, estate or property, either real, personal or mixed, either in fee or for life, of the value of one thousand dollars, exclusive of the home of the value of not over \$1,000.00; 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? 72 yrs old March 10th 1913
2. Where were you born? South Carolina
3. How long have you resided in the State of Texas? 17 years
4. How long have you resided in the county of your present residence? And what is your postoffice address? 17 years, P. O. Lindale Texas
5. What was your husband's full name? John Richard Knight
6. What was the date of his death? July - 10th, 1879
7. In what State was your husband's command originally organized? North Carolina
8. How long did your husband serve? If known to you, give date of enlistment and discharge. about 3 years date of enlistment & discharge unknown
9. 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 time of service. Company D. 16 N. C. Regiment



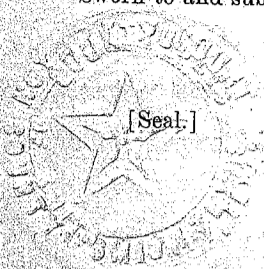
10. Name branch of service in which your husband served, whether infantry, cavalry, artillery or the navy, or if commissioned as an officer by the President, his rank and line of duty, or if detailed for special service, under the law of conscription, the nature of such service, and time of service infantry

11. Have you transferred to other 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 premisses as are required by law.

(Signature of Applicant) *Martha Knight*

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this *6th* day of *Aug*, A. D. 191*3*



Gene F. Odum
County Judge *Smith* County, Texas.

AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESSES

[Note.—There must be at least two creditable witnesses.]

THE STATE OF TEXAS

County of *Smith*

Before me, *Gene F. Odum*, County Judge of *Smith* County,

State of Texas, on this day personally appeared *Ja Smith & Ed Stain Smith*, 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. *Martha Knight*, applicant for a pension as the widow of *J.R. Knight*

deceased, is in truth and fact the widow of *John Richard Knight* 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 pen-

sion, and that they have no interest in this claim.

(Signature of Witness) *x Fannie Smith*

(Signature of Witness) *x J.A. Smith*

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this *6th* day of *August*, A. D. 191*3*

[Seal.]

Gene F. Odum
County Judge *Smith* County, Texas.

AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESSES

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THE STATE OF TEXAS

County of *Smith*

Before me, *Gene F. Odum*, County Judge of *Smith* County,

State of Texas, on this day personally appeared *N.G. Fowler & J. Odum*, 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 pension, and that they personally know that the said *Martha Knight*

has been a bona fide resident citizen of the State of Texas since prior to January 1, A. D. 1900, and that they have

no interest in this claim.

(Signature of Witness) *N.G. Fowler*

(Signature of Witness) *Gene F. Odum*

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this *6th* day of *August*, A. D. 191*3*

[Seal.]

Gene F. Odum
County Judge *Smith* County, Texas.

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

Before me,, County Judge of County, State of Texas, on this day personally appeared, 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: (State fully your source of knowledge.)

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(Signature of Witness)

(Signature of Witness)

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this day of, A. D. 191.....

[Seal.]

County Judge County, Texas.

CERTIFICATE OF STATE AND COUNTY ASSESSOR

I, H. B. Matthews, State and County Assessor in the County of Smith, State of Texas, do hereby certify that Mrs. Marta Wright

whose name is signed to the foregoing application for a pension, under the Act of the 33rd Legislature, approved April 7, A. D. 1913, 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 200 dollars.

Given under my hand, this 25 day of Oct, A. D. 1913

H. B. Matthews
State and County Assessor.



EX-PARTE

Mrs. Martha Knight,
Applicant for Confederate Pension.

Pending in Smith County,
Texas, before the Honorable County Judge of said
County.

The Honorable County Judge of Smith County, Texas,
will please take notice that, five days after the service hereof, applicant herein will apply to the Clerk of the County
Court of said County and State for a commission to take the depositions of J.W. Shelton
and B.H. Cathey who reside in the County
of N.C. in answer to the following interrogatories and
such cross-interrogatories as may be propounded by the County Judge of said County, which will be read in evi-
dence upon the hearing of applicant's claim for pension in behalf of applicant; said testimony is material and in-
dispensable to applicant in furnishing the required proof of her claim for a pension under the Act of March 26,
1909, the application for which is now pending before the Honorable County Judge, and the facts necessary and re-
quired to be proven under the provisions of said act, applicant believes cannot be proven by any witness residing
in the County of Smith and State of Texas, which she is a bona fide resident.

Mrs. Martha Knight
(Applicant) Attorney for Applicant.

Direct Interrogatories to be Propounded to the Witness

J.W. Shelton and B.H. Cathey

- INT. 1. What is your name? Age? Present place of residence and postoffice address?
- INT. 2. Do you personally know, or did you at any time know J.R. Knight whose widow
is an applicant for pension under Act of March 26, 1909?
- INT. 3. How long had you known the said J.R. Knight
and when and where did you first know him?
- INT. 4. Do you personally know that the said J.R. Knight
enlisted in the service of the Confederacy, and performed the duties of a soldier or a sailor?
- INT. 5. Do you personally know in what company and regiment the said J.R. Knight
enlisted and served in the Confederate army? When? Where? And the time of service? If you personally
knew and so have stated that he enlisted and served in the Confederate navy, then state: When? Where?
And how long he so served?
- INT. 6. Do you personally know that J.R. Knight
was commissioned as an officer directly by the President of the Confederate States? What was his rank
and line of duty?
- INT. 7. Do you further know if J.R. Knight
was, under the
provisions of the conscript law, detailed for any kind of special service in the field, shops, armories, etc., of
the Confederacy? What was the nature of his service, and how long did he serve?

CROSS INTERROGATORIES.

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To be propounded to J.W. Shelton and B.H. Cathey

CROSS INTERROGATORY 1. If, in answer to the foregoing direct interrogatories, you have stated that you person-
ally know or did know said J.R. Knight and that you know that he enlisted in the service
of the Confederacy and performed the duties of a soldier or sailor, and having named the company and regiment,
or special service in which J.R. Knight so enlisted and served, then please state fully what
is your source of such knowledge? And state whether or not you know or at any time knew of any other soldier or
sailor by the name of J.R. Knight serving in the same company or regiment, or special
service in which you say the said J.R. Knight enlisted, if you have stated that said
J.R. Knight enlisted and served in the navy of the Confederacy, then state whether or

not you know any other soldier or sailor of the same name as said J.R.Knight

applicant serving in the same command, or the special service to which he was assigned?

If you say that you know other soldiers or sailors of the same name of J.R.Knight

then can you and how do you identify and locate the one from the other or others?

CROSS INT. 2. Are you positively certain that said J.R.Knight

is the identical person serving as testified by you?

CROSS INT. 3. Do you know whether or not the said J.R.Knight

served honorably from the date of his enlistment until the close of the late Civil War between the States, or until he was discharged from said company and regiment, or the special service to which he had been assigned?

CROSS INT. 4. Do you know whether or not the said J.R.Knight

deserted his command, or voluntarily abandoned his post of duty or the service during said war?

THE STATE OF TEXAS }

County of Smith.

I, Jesse F. Odom, County Judge of said County, in said State,

do hereby waive copy of interrogatories, notice, time and issuance of commission, and it is hereby agreed that the answers to the hereinabove direct and cross interrogatories of the said herein named witness may be attached hereto.

Jesse F. Odom
County Judge Smith County, Texas.

Mrs. Martha Knight

(Applicant) Attorney.....for Appellant.

In Re

Application for Confederate Pension.

FOR USE OF SOLDIERS OR WIDOWS.

Smith

County, Texas.

Pending before the County Judge of said County.

EX-PARTE

Mrs. Martha Knight
Applicant.

INTERROGATORIES

propounded to

J. M. Allison

B. H. Coakley
Witnesses.

EX PARTE

IN RE APPLICANT FOR CONFEDERATE PENSION

Mrs. Martha Knight

Under Act March 26, 1909, pending

in Smith

Applicant for Confederate Pension.

County, Texas, before the Honorable County Judge of said County.

Answers and depositions of (1) J.W. Shelton and B.H. Cathey

to the accompanying interrogations (2) and cross-interrogatories

propounded to them in the above entitled cause taken before (3)

in accordance with the accompanying (7) agreement

To the first interrogatory the said J.W. Shelton

Witness, answers

To the 2nd Int., he answers: J.W. Shelton, 70 years old, Sullowhee, N.C.

To the 3rd Int., he answers: Yes 4 years in this County

To the 4th Int., he answers: yes

To the 5th Int., he answers: Yes he enlisted at Webster N.C. this County April, 1861

To the 6th Int., he answers: yes he was an officer in 1st Co. A 16th N.C.

To the 7th Int., he answers: yes

To the 1st Cross-Int., he answers: Did not

To the 2nd Cross-Int., he answers: yes

To the 3rd Cross-Int., he answers: He did

To the 4th Cross-Int., he answers: He did not

To the 1st Int., the said witness, B.H. Cathey, answers:

B.H. Cathey, 77 years, Sylvia, N.C.

To the 2nd Int., he answers: yes

To the 3rd Int., he answers: Just about the time we went into the Army in 1861

To the 4th Int., he answers: yes

To the 5th Int., he answers: Co. A. 16th Regiment Enlisted in Spring 1861 in Jackson County

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To the 6th Int., he answers:

Don't know

To the 7th Int., he answers:

Don't know

To the 1st Cross-Int., he answers:

I belong to same Co. and there was no other J.R. Knight in said Co.

To the 2nd Cross-Int., he answers:

I am certain

To the 3rd Cross-Int., he answers:

He did serve honorably and did not desert

To the 4th Cross-Int., he answers:

He did not

Both witnesses sign here:

J.W. Shelton
B.H. Cathey

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 21st day of oct, 1913

M. Howan
Clerk Superior Court

THE STATE OF North Carolina.

County of Jackson County
Court

I, *M. Howan, Clerk Superior*
(Here give name and official character of officer before whom taken.)

do hereby certify that J.W. Shelton
and B.H. Cathey are personally known to me to be creditable citizens of said
County and State, and that the foregoing answers of J.W. Shelton and B.H. Cathey

the witnesses before named, and
whose name appears signed to the foregoing deposition, were made before
me and were sworn to and subscribed before me, by said witness (4) respectively

Given under my hand and official seal, this the 21st day of oct, 1913

(L. S.)

M. Howan
Clerk Superior Court

NOTE—In Texas, any Clerk of the District Court, any Judge and Clerk of the County Court, or any Notary Public or Justice of the Peace, within their respective Counties, are authorized to take depositions.
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see this for answers

File No. _____
In Smith County, Texas
Before the Honorable County Judge of Said County.

EX PARTE

Ben. Marshall Knight
Applicant for Confederate Pension

DEPOSITION
of

J. W. Shelton

B. H. Cathey

Witnesss for Applicant.

Filed _____ day

of _____, 1913

_____, Clerk.

By _____, Deputy.

Fee for Taking Deposition, \$ _____



- (1) Here give the name and residence of each witness.
- (2) Here state "and cross interrogatories," if any.
- (3) Here give name and official character of the person taking the deposition.
- (4) Here state "respectively," if more than one witness.
- (5) Here state whether "Commission, or agreement," if Commission was waived.

Both witnesses sign here:

J.W. Shelton
B.H. Cathey

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 21st day of oct, 1913

M. Bowman
Clerk Superior Court

THE STATE OF North Carolina.

County of Jackson County
Court

I, *M. Bowman, Clerk Superior*
(Here give name and official character of officer before whom taken.)

do hereby certify that J.W. Shelton

and B.H. Cathey are personally known to me to be creditable citizens of said County and State, and that the foregoing answers of J.W. Shelton and B.H. Cathey

the witnesses before named, and

whose name appear s signed to the foregoing deposition, were made before me and were sworn to and subscribed before me, by said witness (4) respectively

Given under my hand and official seal, this the 21st day of oct, 1913

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Clerk Superior Court

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File No.

In Smith County, Texas.

Before the Honorable County Judge of Said County.

EX PARTE

Mrs. Martha Huggitt
Applicant for Confederate Pension

DEPOSITION

of

J. W. Shelton

B. H. Cathey

Witnesss for Applicant.

Filed day

of , 191

, Clerk.

By , Deputy.

Fee for Taking Deposition, \$

see this for answers

Follow instructions and avoid delay and trouble.

AFFIDAVIT

Read this affidavit before executing it.

NOTICE—RETURN THIS AFFIDAVIT TO J. C. JONES, COMMISSIONER OF PENSIONS, AUSTIN, TEXAS, ON JULY 15, 1915.

COUNTY OF Smith STATE OF TEXAS
Original County SMITH
Application No. 23659

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that I am the identical person to whom a pension has been granted under Articles 6267-6285, inc., R. S. 1911, and 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 ~~state~~ 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.

I hereby certify that I am personally acquainted with the pensioner whose signature appears above and that the statements made by [Signature] are true and correct.
(Signature of Pensioner.)

Witness.

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.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 191 day of 191 (SEAL) TX

N. G. Fowler Public for Smith Co., Texas

PENSIONER'S POSTOFFICE
The address must be plainly written below or affidavit will be returned to officer taking same.

R. F. D. _____ Street, _____ Texas.
(Name of Pensioner.) (City or Town.)

FILL ALL BLANKS

Approved for \$ _____
Commissioner of Pensions.

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WHEN WRITING ALWAYS GIVE YOUR FILE NUMBER AND ORIGINAL COUNTY.