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FORM B.

Widow's Application for a Pension

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

Name of Applicant
Mrs. O.E. Decker
County
Smith

Postoffice
901 N. Church St

Filed

Approved *Sept. 1, 1913*

Pension allowed from *Dec 22, 1913*

Rejected

[Signature]
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. **S.E.Lewter**, 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 **R.B.Lewter**, deceased, who departed this life on the **30th** day of **September**, A. D. **1913**, 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 **24th** day **December**, A. D. **1876**, in the county of **Smith**, in the State of **Texas**

My husband, the said **R.B.Lewter**, 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? **58 years old.**
2. Where were you born? **Arkansas**
3. How long have you resided in the State of Texas? **53 years**
4. How long have you resided in the county of your present residence? And what is your postoffice address? **50 years. Tyler, Texas, 901 W. Elm Street.**
5. What was your husband's full name? **Robert Bolden Lewter.**
6. What was the date of his death? **Sept 30th 1913**
7. In what State was your husband's command originally organized? **Texas**
8. How long did your husband serve? If known to you, give date of enlistment and discharge **About 4 years.**
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 **Co.K, 3rd Texas Cavalry, Ross Brigade.**

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 **Cavalry.**



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) *S.E. Lewter*

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 15th day of October, A. D. 1913

[Seal.]

Jesse F. Odom
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, Jesse F. Odom, County Judge of Smith County, State of Texas, on this day personally appeared J.M. McDougal and Mrs. Annie Rucker 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. S.E. Lewter, applicant for a pension as the widow of R.B. Lewter deceased, is in truth and fact the widow of R.B. Lewter 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) *J.M. McDougal*

(Signature of Witness) *Mrs. Annie Rucker*

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 15th day of October, A. D. 1913

[Seal.]

Jesse F. Odom
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THE STATE OF TEXAS }
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Before me, Jesse F. Odom, County Judge of Smith County, State of Texas, on this day personally appeared J.M. McDougal & Mrs. Annie Rucker 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 Mrs. S.E. Lewter 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) *J.M. McDougal*

(Signature of Witness) *Mrs. Annie Rucker*

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 15th day of October, A. D. 1913

[Seal.]

Jesse F. Odom
County Judge Smith County, Texas.

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(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.)

Applicant's husband was drawing a pension at the time of his death; his application was originally made from Camp County, Texas, and the number of his certificate was 10605. Hence, applicant does not furnish any proof as to her husband's service, but respectfully refers you to the proof on file there with his original application.

This October 15th 1913.

John P. Gann
County Judge, Smith County, Texas.

(Signature of Witness) _____

(Signature of Witness) _____

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

[Seal]

County Judge _____ County, Texas.

Execute and Return at once

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CERTIFICATE OF STATE AND COUNTY ASSESSOR

X I, *H. B. Matthews*, State and County Assessor in the County of *Smith*, State of Texas, do hereby certify that Mrs. *A. E. Leavitt* (TX)

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 *no* dollars.

Given under my hand, this *24th* day of *Nov.*, A. D. 191*3*

X *H. B. Matthews*
State and County Assessor.