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FORM B.

WIDOW'S APPLICATION FOR A PENSION

The Comptroller of Public Accounts reserves the right to call for additional testimony if he deems it necessary.

12-29-25

Name of Applicant.

Mrs Laura Bennett

Anderson County

R. F. D. or Street No.

Postoffice Elkhart

Filed

6/12/24

Approved

10/17/24

Pension allowed from

9/1/24

Rejected

Lon Smith

Comptroller of Public Accounts.

THE E. L. STECK CO., AUSTIN

6/14/24

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Widow's Application for Confederate Pension

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

County of Anderson

I, Mrs. Laura Bennett do hereby make application to the Comptroller of Public Accounts for a pension, to be granted me under the Act passed by the Thirty-third Legislature of the State of Texas, and approved April 7, A. D. 1913, on the following grounds:

I am the widow of Miles Bennett deceased, who departed this life on the 28 day of Nov, A. D. 1887, in the county of Anderson 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 15th day of June, A. D. 1848, in the county of Anderson in the State of Texas

My husband, the said Miles Bennett, 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 above 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 \$2000; 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? 73
- 2. Where were you born? Illinois
- 3. How long have you resided in the State of Texas? 90 years
- 4. How long have you resided in the county of your present residence? 76 yrs.
- 5. What is your postoffice address? Elkhart
- 6. Did your husband draw a pension? No. If so, give his file number \_\_\_\_\_
- 7. What is your husband's full name? Miles Bennett
- 8. In what State was your husband's command originally organized? \_\_\_\_\_

9. How long did your husband serve? 4 yrs. If known to you, give date of enlistment and discharge March 6, 1862. Discharged finally at end of war.

10. What was the name or letter of the company, or number of the regiment 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, (If applicant's husband was a pensioner give his file number, which is evidence sufficient for proof of service.) Walker Division

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 time of service \_\_\_\_\_

12. Have you transferred to another 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 may be approved and such other proceedings be had in the premises as required by law.

(Signature of Applicant) Laura Bennett

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 25 day of April, A. D. 1924

W.C. Quirk

[Seal.]

County Judge Anderson County, Texas.



\*Where applicant has remarried it is necessary that she state facts covering particulars of last marriage, date, to whom married, and date of last husband's death. She must also state that she is now a widow.

AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESSES

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

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

County of Anderson

Before me, W. C. Quirk, County Judge of Anderson County, State of Texas, on this day personally appeared G. W. Frank & E. C. Horn

....., who are personally known to me to be creditable citizens, who, being by me duly sworn, on oath state that they personally know that Mrs. Laura Bennett, applicant for a pension as the widow of Miles Bennett deceased, is in truth and fact the widow of Miles Bennett deceased; that they personally know that she has not remarried since the death of her husband, for whose services in the army she claims a pension, and that they have no interest in this claim.\*

(Signature of Witness) G. W. Frank

(Signature of Witness) E. C. Horn

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 29 day of May, A. D. 1924

W. C. Quirk

[Seal.]

County Judge Anderson County, Texas.

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....., who are personally known to me to be creditable 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. Laura Bennett 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) G. W. Frank

(Signature of Witness) E. C. Horn

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 29 day of May, A. D. 1924

W. C. Quirk

[Seal.]

County Judge Anderson 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 creditable 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 applicant's husband in the Confederate Army: (State fully your source of knowledge) .....

Mrs. Bennett's companions in the service are all dead as far as we know.

(Signature of Witness) .....

(Signature of Witness) .....

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this ..... day of ....., A. D. 192.....

[Seal.] County Judge ..... County, Texas.

CERTIFICATE OF STATE AND COUNTY ASSESSOR

I, R.R. Sadler State and County Assessor in the County of Anderson State of Texas, do certify that Mrs. Miles Bennett whose name is signed to the foregoing application for a pension, under the Act of the Thirty-third Legislature, approved April 7, 1913, is charged on the tax rolls of said county with a homestead of the value of Nothing Dollars, and of other property, real or personal, or both, of the value of ..... Dollars.

Given under my hand, this 7 day of June A. D. 1924 R.R. Sadler State and County Assessor.



THE E. L. STEAK CO., AUSTIN

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**AFFIDAVIT—Quarter Ending May 31, 1925.**

Return this affidavit to Sam Houston Terrell, State Comptroller, Austin, Texas, AT ONCE.

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STATE OF TEXAS,

ORIGINAL COUNTY **ANDERSON**

County of **Anderson**

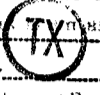
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This is to certify that I am the identical person to whom a pension has been granted under Articles 6267-6285, R. S. 1911, an Act approved April 7, 1913.

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 Comptroller of Public Accounts, 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 above the value of One Thousand Dollars, exclusive of my homestead, the value of which does not exceed Two 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; that I am not an inmate of the Confederate Home; and that I do not draw a pension from any other source.

*Laura Bennett*  
Signature of Pensioner.



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

Witness *[Signature]*

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 7th day of March A. D. 1925

PENSIONER'S NAME AND ADDRESS

(SEAL) *Mrs Laura Bennett*  
Elkhart, Texas. A Notary Public *[Signature]* Anderson  
in and for \_\_\_\_\_ County, Texas

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\*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 statement on reverse side; 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 said statement in my presence.

Witness my hand this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ A. D. 19\_\_\_\_\_

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 as 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. 19\_\_\_\_\_

Affiant

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ 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: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

The State of Texas )  
 County of Anderson ) Before me, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared Mrs. Laura Bennett, who after being by me duly sworn, deposes and says that she is in fact the widow of Miles Parker, who was a Confederate soldier and who rendered valuable service to the Confederacy as such and that he did not desert the army, but was honorably discharged at the close of the war, and that she has made diligent search for all information as to the number of the regiment and company in which her deceased husband served, and has been unable to learn same. And that so far as she knows, all witnesses to the above facts are dead, or their whereabouts unknown to her.

Mrs. Laura Bennett  
 Affiant.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 27 day of September A.D. 1924.

W.C. Quick,

(L.S)

County Judge, Anderson County, Texas.

THE STATE OF TEXAS, )  
 County of Anderson, ) I, J.C. Harding, clerk of the County Court in and for Anderson County, Texas do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of affidavit of Mrs. Laura Bennett, dated Sept. 27th. 1924, as the same appears on file in the office of the County Clerk of Anderson County, Texas.

GIVEN under my hand and seal of office this Oct. 15th. A.D. 1924.

J.C. Harding, Clerk Co. Court

BY Alta Knight Dpty.

Anderson County, Texas.





Comptroller's Department  
State of Texas  
Austin

LON A. SMITH, COMPTROLLER  
W. T. GASTON, CHIEF CLERK

To the Adjutant General,  
War Department,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I have the honor to request the military record of Miles Bennett  
who is reported to have enlisted in Company \_\_\_\_\_ Regiment \_\_\_\_\_  
Capt R. F. Parks Co. R. B. Hubbard's Regt.  
Walker's Div. Tex. Inf.  
\_\_\_\_\_

in service in the Confederate States Army.

Very respectfully,

*Lon A. Smith*  
Comptroller of State of Texas.

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Address: "The Adjutant General,  
War Department, Washington, D. C."

WAR DEPARTMENT,  
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,  
WASHINGTON.

June 24, 1924.

*Respectfully returned to*

The Comptroller, State of Texas,  
Austin, Texas.

The records show that  
Miles Bennett,  
2d Corporal of Capt. B.F. Parks' Com-  
pany, Hubbard's Battalion Texas Infan-  
try, C.S.A., was enrolled March 6,  
1862 at Palestine for 12 months, his  
age being stated as 45 years.

His name is borne on the muster-  
in roll (not dated) but not on subse-  
quent rolls of the Co. on file, which  
cover the period, in part, from June  
30, 1862 to Feb. 29, 1864, and no  
later record of him has been found.

The company subsequently was  
known as Co. K, 22 Regt. Texas Inf.,  
C.S.A.



*Robert C Davis*

Major General.

The Adjutant General.

By WTB

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Sept. 18, 1925.

Mr. Alpheus Hanks,  
Pres. Farmers & Merchants State Bnk,  
Elkhart, Texas.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your favor of Sept. 12th :

You are advised that the name of Mrs. Laura Bennett was dropped from the Confederate Pension rolls of this State on account of her having received Mexican War Pension. The Confederate Pension Laws will not permit issuance of Confederate Pensions to any person who is in receipt of any other Pension.

Since Mrs. Bennetts name has been dropped from the Mexican War Pension rolls, she is eligible for re-instatement on the Confederate Pension Laws, and have re-instated her for the Quarter ending Aug 31st, 1925, and herewith enclose affidavit to be executed by her, covering Quarter ending Aug. 31st, 1925, also for Quarter ending Nov. 30th, 1925.

Yours very truly,



C o m p t r o l l e r .

KR:AM.  
encl.

W. A. WEATHERFORD, VICE-PRESIDENT  
C. W. HANKS, VICE-PRESIDENT

TUCKER ROYALL, PRESIDENT

ALPHEUS HANKS, CASHIER  
W. A. WEATHERFORD, JR. ASST. CASHIER



DEPOSIT SLIP No. 1269

# Farmers & Merchants State Bank

CAPITAL \$30,000.00

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ALPHEUS HANKS

September 12th, 1925.

State Comptroller,  
Austin, Texas.

Dear Sir:-

Mrs. Laura Bennett, tells us that she has not received her pension in nine months, and she is unable to understand why payment has been stopped, and as she seems to be in dire need of this, we kindly ask that you give this matter your prompt attention, and oblige,

*Anderson*  
40199

*Mary Ann H*  
28107

Yours very truly,



*Alpheus Hanks*  
President.

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ALPHEUS HANKS

June 2nd, 1925.

Hon. S. H. Terrell, Comptroller,  
Austin, Texas.

Dear Sir:-

Referring to your letter of the 29th, Ult; I have no property of any kind, do not receive any income from any source except this pension, and I am dependent on relatives for support, except for the pension, and I kindly ask that you continue the Confederate Pension, and cancel the Mexican war Pension.

Yours very truly,

Mrs. Laura Bennett.

By, *Alpheus Hanks*

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May 29, 1925.

Mrs. Laura Bennett,  
Elkhart, Texas.

Dear Madam:

Replying to your favor of May 27th.

As you have been previously advised, the general laws of this State, applying to payment of Confederate Pensions expressly forbids the payment of any Confederate Pension to any person who has a Homestead rendered for Taxes for over \$2,000.00, or other property in excess of \$1,000.00. Pensioner should not be receiving an income annually or wages in excess of \$300.00 per year, nor in receipt of aid or have a Pension from any State of the United States, or from any other Public source. ( See Article 6272, R.C.S.).

If you desire to be re-instated on Confederate Pension Rolls for the next quarterly payment, it will be necessary for you to show that you are not now receiving any Pension from the Federal Government or from any other source. In this connection, I am advising that Warrant in the amount of \$37.00 is being issued for this quarter, and this amount will be increased with every quarterly payment until the maximum of \$25.00 per month or \$75.00 per quarter, is reached.

Yours very truly,

Comptroller.

KER:AE.




*Bennett*

Elkhart Texas  
May 27 1915

Comptroller  
Austin Texas

Dear Sir:

In regard to Mrs  
Laura Bennett's pension  
Judge W. C. Quick of  
Palestine Texas said  
she could draw her  
Pensions if she did  
not have the income.  
she is 95 years of  
age and depends on  
her pension for she  
is an invalid.

If she was not   
intitaled to too

Pensions it should  
have never been sent  
out Judge. W. C. Quicks  
of Palestine Texas  
fixed it up.

All the if she is  
not intitled to two  
Pensions, would prefer  
Confederate Pension

Your very truly

Mrs Laura Bennett



COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE  
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May 14, 1925

Mrs. Laura Bennett,  
Elkhart, Texas.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office show that you are drawing a Mexican War pension and a Civil War pension.

The law granting Confederate pensions prohibits the approval of application for such pension where applicant is in receipt of any pension from any other source, therefore, I am compelled to remove your name from the Confederate pension rolls while you are receiving a Mexican War pension.

Since two warrants have been issued to you, as a Confederate pensioners, you are now indebted to the State in the amount of \$71.00, of which \$35.00 was paid Nov.30,1924 and \$36.00 was paid Feb.28,1925.

Confederate pension warrants for the present quarter will be in the amount of \$37.00, and same will be constantly increased in amount until the maximum, permitted by the new law, of \$50.00 per quarter is reached.

If you desire you may discontinue your Mexican War pension payments, in order to receive benefits of the Confederate pension fund.

Yours very truly,

KR:MJB

COMPTROLLER.



Elkhart Tex

April 17 1925

Comptroller's Office  
Austin Tex.

Dear Sir:

I wrote you the first of the month regarding my pension blank and I have not got it yet wish you would please send it on as my pension is now past due.

and in kind oblige  
H0199Mrs Laura Bennett  
may aff on file

April 27, 1925

Mrs. Laura Bennett,  
Elkhart, Texas.

Dear Madam:


Replying to your favor of recent date.

You are advised that your affidavit for  
the present quarter has been filed, and warrant on  
same will be mailed to your address on or about May  
28th.

Yours very truly,

KR:MJB

COMPTROLLER.



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Mrs Laura Bennett

Anderson

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Warr # 14112, for quarter  
ending Feb. 28, 1925 last  
warrant issued - Cashed - Mar, 10.  
She drew Mexican War for May  
quarter, none issued to her  
for August.



APPLICATION FOR MORTUARY WARRANT

STATE OF TEXAS, Anderson

County of Anderson, I, G. W. Franks

do hereby certify that I am the person to whom is entrusted the paying of the accounts and indebtedness of the late Mrs. Laura Bennett,

who was a pensioner of the State of Texas, and whose file number was 40199 and whose original county was Anderson

The said pensioner Mrs. Laura Bennett, died on the 23rd day of December, 1925, in the town of Elkhart, Anderson

County of Anderson, Texas.

The pensioner died in the home of G. W. Franks, son-in-law who was related to the pensioner as

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. Laura Bennett

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-in-law

that my postoffice address is Elkhart, Texas.

Elkhart Street or R. F. D. Texas.

City State

Signed G. W. Franks

Sworn to before me this 4th day of January, 1926

Notary Public in and for Anderson State of Texas.

CERTIFICATE OF UNDERTAKER

I, W. A. Weatherford, do certify that I am a dealer in coffins and caskets in the town of Elkhart, County of Anderson, State of Texas

that I had charge of the body of Mrs. Laura Bennett, who died in the town of Elkhart, County of Anderson, State of Texas

on the 23rd day of December 1925. That said body was prepared for burial by me on the 23rd day of December 1925, and that I am of the opinion that

warrant herein applied for should be issued to the said G. W. Franks

who makes the foregoing application.

Signed W. A. Weatherford Undertaker

CERTIFICATE OF PHYSICIAN

I, W. E. Davis M.D., do certify that I am a practicing physician, and that I attended Mrs. Laura Bennett in his last illness, and am of the opinion that his ailments were Acute Bronchitis

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-eighth Legislature and approved March 2, 1923.

Signed W. E. Davis

Physician's Address Elkhart Texas

Must return before 40 days expires from date of Pensioners' death

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