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AFIDAVIT 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 in their affidavit also any other information regarding the army service of applicant's husband.)

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THE STATE COMPTROLLER

County of \_\_\_\_\_  
Before me, \_\_\_\_\_  
County Judge of \_\_\_\_\_

State of Texas, on this day personally appeared \_\_\_\_\_  
who personally known to me to be the \_\_\_\_\_

and who being by me sworn, in the state that they are generally acquainted with the foregoing \_\_\_\_\_

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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.

Name of Applicant.

Mrs. Dora Bickley,

Anderson

County.

R. F. D. or Street No.

Palestine, Texas.

Box 459.

Filed

July 23rd, 1929.

Approved

August, 1st, 1929.

Rejected

Pension allowed from June 1st, 1929.

Comptroller of Public Accounts.

*A. J. Donnell*

*John*

(Signature of Witness)  
(Signature of Witness)  
I am in Texas and the applicant's husband was in Texas and in the county of \_\_\_\_\_ whose name is stated in the foregoing application for a pension and in the tax rolls of said county with a household of \_\_\_\_\_ in addition to household of other members, and no removal of household members and in Dollars and in \_\_\_\_\_  
I am in Texas and the applicant's husband was in Texas and in the county of \_\_\_\_\_ whose name is stated in the foregoing application for a pension and in the tax rolls of said county with a household of \_\_\_\_\_ in addition to household of other members, and no removal of household members and in Dollars and in \_\_\_\_\_  
I am in Texas and the applicant's husband was in Texas and in the county of \_\_\_\_\_ whose name is stated in the foregoing application for a pension and in the tax rolls of said county with a household of \_\_\_\_\_ in addition to household of other members, and no removal of household members and in Dollars and in \_\_\_\_\_

Widow's Application for Confederate Pension

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

County of Anderson

I, Mrs. Dora C. Bickley do hereby make application for a pension, pursuant to the provisions of the First Section of Title 109, Revised Civil Statutes, 1925, providing for Confederate Pension, amended by Chapter 95, General Laws of the Fortieth Legislature, as amended by Senate Bill 287, Acts of the Regular Session of the Forty-first Legislature of the State of Texas, approved March 5, 1929, on the following ground:

I am a widow of S. J. Bickley deceased, who departed this life on the 13th day of Dec. 1909, in the county of Hunt in the State of Texas. This date of death according to my memory.

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 16th day of March, A. D. 1905, in the county of Hunt in the State of Texas.

My husband, the said S. J. Bickley, enlisted and served in the military service of the Confederate States during the war between the States of the United States and he did not desert the Confederate service. I have been a resident of the State of Texas since prior to January 1, A. D. 1920, 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 of the United States, and I do further state that the answers given to the following questions are true:

1. What is your age, and date of birth? 62. Born July 26th, 1867
2. Where were you born? Murphysborough, Ark.
3. How long have you resided in the State of Texas? Since 1904
4. How long have you resided in the county of your present residence? Seven yrs
5. What is your postoffice address? Palestine, Texas Box 459
6. Have you applied for a pension under the Confederate pension law and been rejected? yes in 1927  
If rejected, state when and where Palestine 1927
7. Did your husband draw a pension? No. If so, give his file number.
8. Give, if possible, the postoffice address of your deceased husband at the time of his enlistment Collinsburg La.
9. What is your husband's full name? S. J. (Jack) Bickley
10. In what State was your husband's command originally organized? La.
11. How long did your husband serve? 1 yr 6 days. If known to you, give date of enlistment and discharge Enlisted June 1st 1864, Discharged June 7, 1865
12. 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.) Co E 1, Battalion, Trans-Miss. Cav. Co SA Major J. J. Bird
13. 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 Miss. Cav.

14. Do you own any property other than that rendered for taxes in your county? If so, state value of same and county where located 1 house and lot in Commerce Tex. Val \$1000
15. 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) X Dora Bickley

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 22 day of July A. D. 1937

[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, D. E. Connelley, Notary Public of Hunt County, State of Texas, on this day personally appeared O. C. Mulkey & W. F. Connelley

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. Dora Bickley, applicant for a pension as the widow of S. J. Bickley deceased, is in truth and fact the widow of S. J. Bickley 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) O. C. Mulkey  
(Signature of Witness) W. F. Connelley

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 19 day of July, A. D. 1929.

[Seal.] \_\_\_\_\_ County Judge \_\_\_\_\_ 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

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THE STATE OF TEXAS,  
County of Anderson

Before me, E. A. Shelton, County Judge of Anderson County, State of Texas, on this day personally appeared W. E. Clinton and P. H. Phillips

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. Dora Bickley has been a bona fide resident citizen of the State of Texas since prior to January 1, A. D. 1920, and that they have no interest in this claim.

(Signature of Witness) E. A. Shelton  
(Signature of Witness) P. H. Phillips

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 22 day of July, A. D. 1929.

[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 other 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 witnesses, 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: (Witnesses must state fully the source of their knowledge of service of applicant's husband)

(Signature of Witness) \_\_\_\_\_

(Signature of Witness) \_\_\_\_\_

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, A. D. 19 \_\_\_\_\_

[Seal.]

County Judge \_\_\_\_\_ County, Texas.

CERTIFICATE OF STATE AND COUNTY ASSESSOR

I, Mrs Joe S. Willingham, State and County Assessor in the County of \_\_\_\_\_ State of Texas, do certify that Mrs. Mrs Dora Bickley

whose name is signed to the foregoing application for a pension is charged on the tax rolls of said county with a homestead of the value of \$1000 Dollars, and, in

addition to homestead, of other property, real or personal, or both, of the value of \_\_\_\_\_ Dollars.

Given under my hand, this 19 day of July, A. D. 1929

Mrs Joe S. Willingham  
State and County Assessor.

By L. W. [unclear]



AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESSES

Of 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 in their affidavits any other 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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.

Name of Applicant.

Mrs. Dora Bickley

Anderson County.

R. F. D. or Street No. 459

Postoffice Palestine, Texas.

Filed November 16th 1927

Approved

Pension allowed from

November 16th 1927

Comptroller of Public Accounts

*[Handwritten Signature]*

Acct. Age of Applic.

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COMPTROLLER OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

State of Texas, County of Anderson, I, \_\_\_\_\_ do hereby certify that the foregoing application was filed in my office on the 16th day of November, 1927, and that the same was approved by me on the 16th day of November, 1927.

*[Faint handwritten notes and signatures at the bottom of the page]*

# Widow's Application for Confederate Pension

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

County of Anderson

I, Mrs. Mrs. Dora (S.J.) Bickley 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 S. J. Bickley deceased, who departed this life on the 12 day of December, A. D. 1912, in the county of Hunt 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 27 day of February, A. D. 1904 in the county of Hunt in the State of Texas

My husband, the said S. J. Bickley, enlisted and served in the military service of the Confederate States during the war between the States of the United States and he did not desert the Confederate service. I have been a resident of the State of Texas since prior to January 1, A. D. 1910, 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 of the United States, and I do further state that the answers given to the following questions are true:

1. What is your age, and date of birth? July 26, 1867
2. Where were you born? Maryland
3. How long have you resided in the State of Texas? Twenty Three (23)
4. How long have you resided in the county of your present residence? Six (6)
5. What is your postoffice address? Palestine, Texas Box 459
6. Have you applied for a pension under the Confederate pension law and been rejected? No

If rejected, state when and where \_\_\_\_\_

7. Did your husband draw a pension? No If so, give his file number \_\_\_\_\_

8. What is your husband's full name? S. Jack Bickley

9. In what State was your husband's command originally organized? Callisburg, La

10. How long did your husband serve? Approx 1 yr. If known to you, give date of enlistment and discharge. Enlisted June 1, 1864, paroled at Shreveport, June 1, 1865

11. 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.) T. Wate Co E. 1st Battalion Trans. Miss. La

12. 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. C. S. Co. Major T. J. Bird

13. Do you own any property other than that rendered for taxes in your county? If so, state value of same and county where located. Own 1 house at Commerce Tex \$1000.00

14. 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) X Dora Bickley

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 25 day of October A. D. 1927

[Seal] \_\_\_\_\_ County Judge Anderson County, Texas.

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\*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 Hunt

Before me, H. E. Peak, County Judge of Hunt County,

State of Texas, on this day personally appeared O. M. Mulkey and  
W. F. Cornelius, who are personally known to me to be credible citi-

zens, who, being by me duly sworn, on oath state that they personally know that Mrs. Dora (W. J.)

Bickley, applicant for a pension as the widow of S. J. Bickley

deceased, is in truth and fact the widow of S. J. Bickley 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) O. M. Mulkey

(Signature of Witness) W. F. Cornelius

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 29 day of Oct., A. D. 1927

[Seal.] H. E. Peak  
County Judge Hunt County, Texas.

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zens, 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. Dora Bickley  
has been a bona fide resident citizen of the State of Texas since prior to January 1, A. D. 1910, and that they

have no interest in this claim.

(Signature of Witness) O. M. Mulkey

(Signature of Witness) W. F. Cornelius

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 29 day of Oct., A. D. 1927

[Seal.] H. E. Peak  
County Judge Hunt County, Texas.

AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESSES

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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: (Witnesses must state fully the source of their knowledge of service of applicant's husband)

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(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, Mrs. Joe S. Willingham State and County Assessor in the County of Hunt State of Texas, do certify that Mrs. Lora Bickley 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 \_\_\_\_\_

One Thousand Dollars, and, in addition to homestead, of other property, real or personal, or both, of the value of nothing Dollars.

Given under my hand, this 29 day of Oct. A. D. 1927

Mrs. Joe S. Willingham  
State and County Assessor.  
By Gilbert Shepp dep-



Address: "The Adjutant General,  
O.R.D. Department, Wash D. C."

WAR DEPARTMENT,  
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE  
WASHINGTON, Mo. 14, 1927.

Respectfully returned to

Mr. P.K. Phillips,  
Box 459,  
Palestine, Texas.

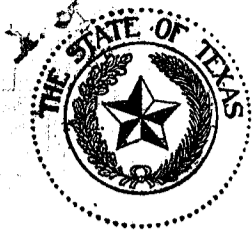
The records show that S.J.  
(not borne as Jack) Bickley, pvt.,  
Co. E, 1 Battalion, Trans-Miss. Cav.,  
C.S.A. (Major T.J. Bird), enlisted  
at Collinsburg, La., June 1, 1864,  
and was surrendered by Gen. E.K.  
Smith, C.S.A., May 26, 1865, and pa-  
roled at Shreveport, La., June 7,  
1865. Residence, Bossier Parish,  
La.

TY

*Robert L. Davis,*  
Major General,  
The Adjutant General.  
*By J. X. de*

Form No. 072-A. G. O.

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# Comptroller's Department

State of Texas

Austin

July 23rd, 1929.

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

Dear Sir:-

I have the honor to request the Military  
record of S. J. Bickley, \_\_\_\_\_, who is  
reported to have enlisted in Company "E"

Regiment \_\_\_\_\_ 1st Battalion, Trans Mississippi  
Cavalry C.S.A. under Major T.J. Bird.

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in service in the Confederate States Army.

Very respectfully,

Comptroller of State of Texas.

Mrs. Dora Bickley.

Form 2632b-S542-1126-2m

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WAR DEPARTMENT

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

WASHINGTON

July 29, 1929

COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE  
PROPERTY (R.D.)

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Respectfully returned to

Comptroller,  
State of Texas,  
Austin, Texas.

The records show that S. J. Bickley, Co. E, 1st. Battn. Trans-Mississippi Confederate Cavalry, enlisted June 1, 1864, at Collinsburg, Ia. Muster-in Roll June 1, 1864, (only roll on file,) shows him a Private. Prisoner of War records show that he was surrendered May 26, 1865, and paroled at Shreveport, La., June 7, 1865, a Private. Residence: Bossier Parish, Ia.

*E. H. Bridges,*  
Major General,  
The Adjutant General.  
By *ze.*



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S. H. TERRELL, COMPTROLLER  
J. M. EDWARDS, CHIEF CLERK

# Comptroller of Public Accounts

State of Texas

Austin

November 16, 1927.



Mrs. Dora Bickly,  
Box 459,  
Palestine, Texas.

Dear Mrs. Bickly:

We have your application for Confederate Pension under the military service record of your husband, S. J. Bickly, but cannot approve same for statutory reasons.

The statutes of Texas requires that the widows of Confederate Soldiers who are entitled to draw pensions after the death of said Confederate Soldiers shall not apply to women born since the year 1861. For your information we refer you to Article 6205 pages 1768 - 9, Volume, 2 of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas 1925.

The date of your birth as given in your application makes you much younger than those allowed to be placed on the pension rolls of this State, and for this reason your application is being rejected.

JHT/E

Yours very truly,

*J. M. Edwards*  
acty Comptroller of Public Accounts. (TX)

*P.S. Mrs Bickly was born in 1867, which makes her subject to the benefits of new law.*

*J.M.C. Jones  
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## ARTICLE 6227. MORTUARY WARRANT

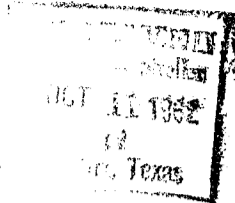
Whenever any pensioner who has been regularly placed upon the pension rolls under the provisions of law relating thereto shall die, and proof thereof shall be made to the Comptroller within forty (40) days from the date of such death by the affidavit of the doctor who attended the pensioner during the last illness, or the undertaker who conducted the funeral, or made arrangements therefor, the Comptroller shall issue a mortuary warrant for an amount not exceeding Two Hundred Dollars (\$200), payable out of the Pension Fund, in favor of the heirs or legal representatives of the deceased pensioner, or in favor of the person or persons owning the accounts, (Proof of the existence and justice of such accounts to be made to said Comptroller under oath and in such form as he may require for the purpose of paying the funeral expenses of the deceased pensioners. In such cases where a warrant for the pension for the month during which the pensioner died has been issued, the same shall be returned to the Comptroller who shall mark the same "Cancelled" and file it; or if the warrant has been cashed, then the Confederate Pension Fund shall be reimbursed with the amount for which the warrant was drawn before the mortuary warrant herein provided for shall issue. Where such warrant for the pension has not been issued, the same shall not be issued, but the mortuary warrant herein provided for shall take place thereof.) Acts 1923, p.26; Acts 1929, 41st Leg., p.330, ch.153, para. 5; Acts 1943, 48th Leg., p.187, ch.108, para. 3; Acts 1947, 50th Leg., p.456, ch. 258, para. 1.

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BEST COPY AVAILABLE

October 9, 1962

Comptroller of Public Accounts  
State of Texas  
Austin, Texas



Attention: Claims Division

Re: Your letter of September 27, 1962 with form for Mortuary application for funeral expenses of Mrs. Dora Bickley, a deceased Confederate widow (Account No. 005 304 2-15524)

Dear Sirs:

Enclosed herewith is the completed Application for Mortuary Warrant. Attached thereto are copies of the funeral director's statement and the receipt for payment in full of funeral expenses on October 5, 1962.

Mrs. Bickley has received a pension from the Veterans' Administration since June of this year. Her original application for the pension was submitted to the V.A. in December of 1960, but because of her inability to furnish certain documents to help in establishing proof of her right to receive the pension, she was not granted the pension at that time. Last year, I was able, with the help of persons who had known Mrs. Bickley (my grandmother) and Mr. Bickley years ago, to gather the necessary affidavits that the V.A. needed and required to complete Mrs. Bickley's original application for pension. When the pension was finally granted this year, the Veterans' Administration paid Mrs. Bickley the full amount of the pension which she should have received from Dec. 1960. This back payment amounted to \$1,048.67.

Mrs. Bickley was in the nursing home (where she died) when this pension was granted, and since we did not immediately need the lump sum payment for her care, the Veterans' Administration suggested that this sum be placed in an account in a Savings & Loan Association with myself as legal custodian of the funds over which the V.A. retained control (that is, I would have to submit application to them when I needed this money for Mrs. Bickley's care). Also, at that time, the V.A. suggested that if the money was not needed for Mrs. Bickley's care, then it could be reserved for her funeral expenses.

The fund had drawn interest, and at the time of Mrs. Bickley's death, it amounted to \$1,065.77. I was issued a check for that amount from the Savings & Loan Association, with a release from the V.A. and that check was applied to payment of Mrs. Bickley's funeral expenses. With the discount allowed by the funeral director (see statement), the remaining balance paid was \$59.99. This \$59.99 was paid from Mrs. Bickley's checking account in the First National Bank of Palestine. This was a survivorship account which named myself as survivor.

TX The only remaining bill to be paid in connection with Mrs. Bickley's burial, is the cost of the grave marker stone, which will be \$60.00. I do not know if you consider that to be a part of the funeral expenses.

Yours very truly

*John M. Smith*  
Mrs. John M. Smith

5907 Beldart





October 22, 1962

Mrs. John M. Smith  
5907 Beldart  
Houston 33, Texas

Dear Mrs. Smith:

As a result of your filing an application for a Mortuary Warrant, I am enclosing Special Fund Warrant No. 29965 in the amount of \$200.00, which is the amount allowed towards paying the burial expenses of deceased widows of Confederate veterans.

Sincerely yours,

Robert S. Calvert  
Comptroller of Public Accounts



HAB:ds  
Enclosure

**J. B. LEWIS,**

County Judge  
and Ex-Officio School Supt,  
**SABINE COUNTY.**

Hemphill, Texas. Feb. 18th, 1914.

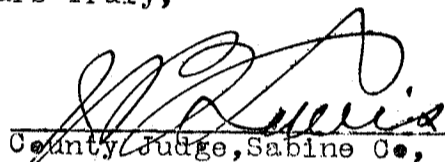
Hon. Geo. W. Kyser,  
Austin, Texas.,

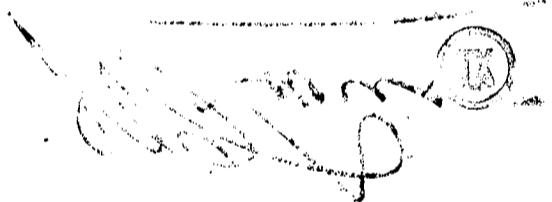
Dear Sir:

I am herewith sending you the application of Mr P.W.Cole,  
and of Mr J.S.Bickley, both of whom are old confederate veterans  
of this county. You will note that they have made their proof in  
all respects in accordance with the requirements of law.

Please file same, and I trust you will be able to grant both  
applications at once, as they are worthy veterans, and are in indigent  
circumstances.

Yours Truly,

  
County Judge, Sabine Co., Tex.





Southern Pacific Lines

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Texas and Louisiana

Texas and New Orleans Railroad Company

IN YOUR REPLY PLEASE REFER TO NO.

Palentine, Texas,

May 23rd, 1939.

Mr. Geo. H. Sheppard,  
Comptroller of Public Accounts,  
Austin Texas.

Dear Mr. Sheppard:

I am writing you for my Mother, Mrs. Dora Bickley, Box 459, Palentine, Texas, with reference to her Confederate Pension Check for the month of April 1939 which she should have received on May 1st, 1939 and has not yet been received.

I will appreciate very much if you would see if Mother's Voucher was mailed out and by some mistake was returned to you are if by some mistake it was not mailed out. I will appreciate your handling this matter as Mother looks foward to these checks each month and she has been looking for this check ever since the first of this month. Thanking you in advance for this favor.

Yours very truly  
P.K. Phillips,

*[Signature]*  
Agent.

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Palentine, Texas  
May 23rd, 1939

Mr. Geo. W. Sheppard,  
Comptroller of Public Accounts,  
Austin, Texas.

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P. R. Phillips

*[Handwritten signature]*  
Agent

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COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE



Subscribed to and sworn to before me this 19th, day of July A.D. 1929.

*D. S. Carneal*  
Notary Public Hunt Co. Texas.



July 10, 1929.

Mr. P. K. Phillips,  
Box 459,  
Palestine, Texas.

Dear Mr. Phillips:

On yesterday Mr. R. M. Johnson called on me at my office in the interest of Mrs. Dora Bickley, who has filed an application for Confederate Pension.

The records show that the application of Mrs. Bickley was filed on November 16, 1927, and same was rejected. I am asking that you please have Mrs. Bickley go before the County Judge of the County of her residence and fill out the enclosed blank, as the one she has on file was made before the new pension law was in effect.

Please have her execute all affidavits and certificates and return the application to this office and same will have prompt attention.

JHT/E  
encl.

Yours very truly,

Comptroller of Public  
Accounts.

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November 16, 1927.

Mrs. Dora Bickly,  
Box 459,  
Palestine, Texas.

Dear Mrs. Bickly:

We have your application for Confederate Pension under the military service record of your husband, S. J. Bickly, but cannot approve same for statutory reasons.

The statutes of Texas requires that the widows of Confederate Soldiers who are entitled to draw pensions after the death of said Confederate Soldiers shall not apply to women born since the year 1861. For your information we refer you to Article 6205 pages 1763 - 9, Volume 2 of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas 1925.

The date of your birth as given in your application makes you much younger than those allowed to be placed on the pension rolls of this State, and for this reason your application is being rejected.

JHT/E

Yours very truly,

Comptroller of Public Accounts.

(TX)

September 27, 1962

Mrs. John M. Smith  
5907 Beldart  
Houston 33, Texas

Dear Mrs. Smith:

Please complete the enclosed Mortuary application and return it to the attention of the Claims Division of this department.

The law of this State will pay up to \$200.00 on the funeral expenses of Mrs. Dora Bickley, a deceased Confederate widow.

Sincerely yours,

Robert S. Calvert  
Comptroller of Public Accounts

HAB:ds  
Enclosure

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September 25, 1962

Mr. Robert S. Calvert  
State Comptroller of Public Accounts  
Austin 11, Texas

Re: Monthly Pension Check To: Mrs. Dora Bickley  
Account No. 005 304 2-15524

Address: c/o First National Bank  
Palestine, Texas

Dear Mr. Calvert:

My grandmother, Mrs. Dora Bickley, died September 21, 1962 in the nursing home which has been her residence since January 7 of this year, The Christian Home For Aged, 3601 North MacGregor Way, Houston, Texas.

I am at this time notifying the First National Bank of Palestine, Texas of Mrs. Bickley's death, so that they can hold the check from the above mentioned pension so that it may be returned to you.

Please let me know if there is any further information that you may need.

Yours very truly

*Gloria Ann Smith*

Gloria Ann Smith  
(Mrs. John M. Smith)  
5907 Beldart  
Houston 33, Texas



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APPLICATION FOR MORTUARY WARRANT

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

(MRS. JOHN M. SMITH)

County of HARRIS

I, GLORIA ANN SMITH

do hereby certify that I am the person to whom is entrusted the paying of the accounts and indebtedness of the late MRS. (DORA) EUDORA PAULINE BICKLEY, who was a pensioner of the State of Texas, and whose file number was 45908 (Account No. 005 304 2-15524) and whose original county was ANDERSON

The said pensioner MRS. (DORA) EUDORA PAULINE BICKLEY, died on the 21st day of September, 1962, in the town of HOUSTON County of HARRIS, Texas.

The pensioner died in the home of THE CHRISTIAN HOME FOR AGED who was related to the pensioner as (A NURSING HOME) 3601 NORTH MACGREGOR WAY HOUSTON, TEXAS

That the warrant, which application is hereby made for, shall be applied to paying all or part of the funeral expenses incurred by the said pensioner MRS. (DORA) EUDORA PAULINE BICKLEY

I further certify that the warrant for the current month has not been cashed by the pensioner, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

I am related to the pensioner as GRANDDAUGHTER that my postoffice address is 5907 BELDART

HOUSTON 33 TEXAS City State

Signed Gloria Ann Smith

Sworn to before me this 1st day of October, 1962

Marie Rabby

Notary Public in and for Harris Co. State of Texas.

CERTIFICATE OF UNDERTAKER

I, Harold V. Henton, do certify that I am undertaker in the town of Houston, County of Harris, State of Texas that I had charge of the body of Mrs. Eudora P. Bickley, who died in the town of Houston, County of Harris, State of Texas on the 21st day of September 1962. That said body was prepared for burial by me on the 22nd day of September 1962, and that I am of the opinion that warrant herein applied for should be issued to the said Gloria Ann Smith who makes the foregoing application.

Signed H.V. Henton Undertaker.

CERTIFICATE OF PHYSICIAN



I, George E. Parker, M. D., do certify that I am a practicing physician, and that I attended Mrs. Eudora P. Bickley in his last illness, and am of the opinion that his ailments were Hypostatic Pneumonia; Arterio-sclerotic Heart Disease; Generalized Arteriosclerosis.

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 Geo. E. Parker M.D. Physician's Address 4115 Caroline Houston 4, Texas