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March 14-1949

**WIDOW'S APPLICATION
FOR A PENSION**

Branson

Deceased

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

Name of Applicant:

Mrs. M. E. Branson

Anderson County.

R. F. D. or Street No. Box 2,

Postoffice Palentine, Texas

Filed October 3, 1932.

Approved October 21st, 1932.

Pension allowed from Nov. 1st, 1932.

Rejected

Geo. J. Shepherd
Comptroller of Public Accounts.

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Widow's Application for Confederate Pension

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

County of ANDERSON
Martha

I, Mrs. E. Branson, do hereby make application for a pension pursuant to the provisions of Articles 6204 to 6227, inclusive, of the Revised Civil Statutes of 1925 as amended by H. B. No. 150, passed by the Forty-second Legislature at its Regular Session and all other laws of this State relating thereto.

I am a widow of Mr. Steve Allen Branson deceased, who departed this life on the 24th day of April, A. D. 1921, in the county of Anderson, in the State of Texas.

I have not remarried since the death of my said husband; (or in case of remarriage that I am now a widow); and I do solemnly swear that I was never divorced from my said husband Steve Allen Branson,

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 12th day of December A. D. 1888, in the county of Anderson, in the State of Texas.

My husband, the said Steve Allen Branson, served as a Confederate soldier (~~or sailor~~) in the war between the States of the United States; or (that he was a soldier who, under special laws of the State of Texas during said war, served in organizations for the protection of the frontier against Indian raiders or Mexican marauders); or (that he was a soldier of the militia of the State of Texas who was in active service during said war.) That my said husband served honorably from the date of his enlistment until the close of the war, (or until he was discharged or paroled in some military organization regularly mustered into the army or navy of the Confederate States until the surrender). He was honorably discharged ~~at the close of the war~~

(Give date and cause.)

That I have been a bona fide resident of this State continuously since the 26th day of June A. D. 1855

1. What is your age, and date of birth? 77, June 26th, 1855
2. How long have you resided in the county of your present residence? 77
3. What is your postoffice address? Palestine, Texas Route #2
4. Have you applied for a pension under the Confederate pension law and been rejected? No
5. If rejected, state when and where --
6. Did your husband draw a pension? No If so, give his file number --
7. Give, if possible, the postoffice address of your deceased husband at the time of his enlistment Nacogdoches Texas
8. What was your husband's full name? Mr. Stephen Allen Branson

9. In what State was your husband's command originally organized? Texas
10. How long did your husband serve? From Later part of 1863 till end of war
11. If known to you, give date of enlistment and discharge Discharged at end of war

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.) Nineteenth Texas Cavalry - Water house regiment

CO F (Captain Dixon's Co) Henry Mc Cullough Brigade

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 Cavalry Corp

14. To what race do you belong? White



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) Martha E Branson

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 26th day of September A. D. 1932

B. J. Kennedy
County Judge Anderson County, Texas.

[Seal]

*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, B. J. Kennedy, County Judge of Anderson County,
State of Texas, on this day personally appeared A. G. Godley and
H. J. Sutton, 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. Martha E.
Branson, applicant for a pension as the widow of Steve ^{Allen} Branson
deceased, is in truth and fact the widow of Steve ^{Allen} Branson 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) A. G. Godley

(Signature of Witness) H. J. Sutton

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 26 day of Sept., A. D. 1932.

B. J. Kennedy

[Seal.] County Judge Anderson County, Texas.

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THE STATE OF TEXAS,
County of Anderson

Before me, B. J. Kennedy, County Judge of Anderson County,
State of Texas, on this day personally appeared A. E. Sutton
_____, who are personally known to me to be creditable citi-
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 Martha E. Branson
has been a bona fide resident citizen of the State of Texas since 35 years
and that they have no interest in this claim.

(Signature of Witness) A. E. Sutton

X (Signature of Witness) Clay Catten

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 26 day of September, A. D. 1932.

B. J. Kennedy

[Seal.] County Judge Anderson County, Texas.

AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESSES

(If possible the one witness should have served with the applicant's husband in the army, and if so, let him state it in his oath, also any other information regarding the army service of applicant's husband.)

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

County of Tau Jaud

Before me, J. J. West, County Judge of Tau Jaud County, State of Texas, on this day personally appeared J. B. Branson

who is personally known to me to be a creditable citizen, who, being by me sworn, on oath states that (he or she) is 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 (his or her) knowledge and belief, and that (he or she) has no interest in this claim. And further make oath to the following facts touching the service of applicant's husband in the Confederate Army:

(Witness must state fully the source of (his or her) knowledge of service of applicant's husband)

Mr. Steve Allen Branson served in the Nineteenth Texas Inf. Waterhouse Regiment Co. E. (Captain Dixon's Co.) Henry Mc Cullough Brigade, from later part of 1863, and served till end of War. This I know personally as I served with him.

Leon Cox (Signature of Witness) J. B. Branson (Signature of Applicant)

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 29th day of Sept, A. D. 1952

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





GEO. H. SHEPPARD, COMPTROLLER
J. M. EDWARDS, CHIEF CLERK

Comptroller of Public Accounts
State of Texas
Austin

October 3, 1932/

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

Sir:

I have the honor to request the military record
of Steve Allen Branson, who is
reported to have enlisted in Company "E" 19th Texas Infantry
Regiment Waterhouse's. Captain Dixon's Company, Henry
McCullough's Brigade, Confederate States Army.

in service in The Confederate States Army.

Very respectfully,

Geo. H. Sheppard
COMPTROLLER OF STATE OF TEXAS.

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STATE OF TEXAS

Mrs. M. E. Branson



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WAR DEPARTMENT

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

WASHINGTON

October 11, 1932.

IN REPLY
REFER TO ORD

Respectfully returned to

Comptroller,
State of Texas,
Austin, Texas.

The name Steve Allen Branson has not been found on the muster rolls on file in this office of Company E, 19th Regiment Texas Infantry, Confederate States Army, which cover in part the period from March 30, 1862, to February, 1864, nor has any record been found of his service, capture or parole as a member of that organization.

Feliz B. Dixon was Captain of that company.

C. H. Bridges
Major General,
The Adjutant General.
By *LLD*

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ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE
WASHINGTON

October 17, 1932.

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Mrs. M. E. Branson,
Route 2,
Palestine, Texas.

Dear Mrs. Branson:

I have your application for Confederate pension and in reply to my request to the War Department, Washington, D. C., for the service record of your deceased husband, Steve A. Branson as a Confederate soldier, I have received the following report:

"The name Steve Allen Branson has not been found on the muster rolls on file in this office of Company E, 19th Regiment Texas Infantry, C. S. A., which cover in part the period from March 30, 1862, to February, 1864, nor has any record been found of his service, capture or parole as a member of that organization.

Feliz B. Dixon was Captain of that company."

Since this report fails to identify Mr. Branson as a member of the company in which you claim he rendered service, it will be necessary before your application may be approved that you make proof of his service as required by the pension law of this State.

On account of the affidavit of the witnesses not being completed at the bottom of page 2, I am returning same for completion.

When the application has been completed, and the service proven, return the same to this office and your right to a pension will have due consideration.

Yours very truly,

JHT:E

Comptroller of Public Accounts.



Mrs M. E. Branson

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Anderson

Salustine, Texas

May 8th 1939

The Honorable Geo. H. Sheppard
Austin, Texas

Dear Sir:

Would you please send me,
as soon as possible, my
husbands, Mr. Steve Allen
Branson's, War Record. This
data is needed in connection
with application for marker
for my husband's grave.

Thanking you for all
information I remain

Yours truly



Mrs. M. E. Branson

Route 2,

Salustine, Texas

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Mrs. M. E. Branson, Widow
of Steve Allen Branson, Deceased
Confederate Soldier. Pension File
No. 50965 Anderson County.

Mrs. M. E. Branson
Route 2
Palestine, Texas.

Dear Mrs. Branson:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter of May 8 requesting the military service record of your deceased husband, Steve Allen Branson as a Confederate Soldier on whose record you are receiving a pension under file number 50965.

The records of this office show that you made application for pension on the record of Steve Allen Branson whom you state enlisted the latter part of 1863 and served until the close of the war in 1865 in Company #, 19th Texas Infantry, Henry McCullough's Brigade, Captain Dixon's Company, C. S. A.

The application for pension was approved on the affidavits of witnesses.

Yours very truly,

Geo. H. Sheppard
Comptroller of Public Accounts.

JHT:EE



PALESTINE: DIAL 2248

ATHENS: PHONE 710

Hassell & Foster Funeral Homes

PALESTINE, TEXAS

March 14, 1949



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

Dear Sir:

We are writing to advise you of the death of Mrs. Mattie Elizabeth Branson, who passed away on March 14, 1949, at her home in Palestine.

The file number of her claim is 50965, County of Anderson. Please mail us the necessary application in order that we might complete and return to you.

Yours truly,

HASSELL & FOSTER FUNERAL HOME

BY:

L. W. Foster
L. W. Foster



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Mrs. M. E. Branson

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Anderson

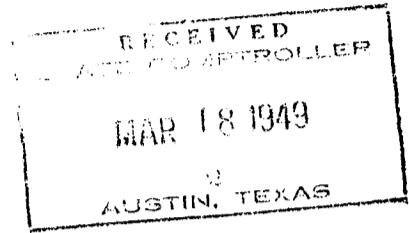
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March 15, 1949

Hassell & Foster Funeral Homes

PALESTINE, TEXAS

March 16, 1949



Mr. A. J. Branson & Mrs. George Feltman Palestine, Texas

FUNERAL EXPENSES FOR MOTHER, MRS. M. E. BRANSON (DECEASED)

Mar. 15, 1949

- Casket (Half-couch)
Embalming and preparing body for burial
Hearse
Car for family
Opening and closing grave
Cemetery equipment, tent and chairs
Memorial Record Book and Acknowledgment Cards
Clothing

TOTAL EXPENSES.....\$245.00

HASSELL & FOSTER FUNERAL HOME

BY: [Signature] L. E. Foster

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this 16th. day of March, 1949.



[Signature] (Rose Nemer) Notary Public in and for Anderson County, Texas

(20965)

Please have application for Mortuary Warrant properly executed and have the Undertaker attach to it a sworn itemized statement showing the cost of the funeral. Return to Robert S. Calvert, State Comptroller Austin, Texas. 101527

APPLICATION FOR MORTUARY WARRANT

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

County of Anderson } WE X Mrs. George Feltman Mr. A. J. Branson

do hereby certify that Kam the person to whom is entrusted the paying of the accounts and indebtedness of the late Mrs. M. E. Branson Or Mattie Elizabeth, who was a pensioner of the State of Texas, and whose file number was 50965 and whose original county was Anderson

The said pensioner Mrs. M. E. Branson Or Mattie Elizabeth, died on the 14th day of March, 19 49, in the town of Palestine County of Anderson, Texas.

The pensioner died in the home of Mrs. George Feltman who was related to the pensioner as daughter

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. M. E. Branson Or Mattie Elizabeth We further certify that the warrant for the current month has not been cashed by the pensioner, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

We xkm related to the pensioner as daughter and son that our postoffice address is Mrs. George Feltman--Box #21, Palestine A. J. Branson, 1210 Street of E. H., Palestine Texas

Signed X a. j. Branson Mrs. George Feltman L. E. Foster (L.E. Foster)

Sworn to before me this 16th day of March Notary Public in and for Anderson County State of Texas.

CERTIFICATE OF UNDERTAKER

I, L. E. Foster, do certify that I am undertaker in the town of Palestine, County of Anderson, State of Texas that I had charge of the body of Mrs. M. E. Branson Or Mattie Elizabeth, who died in the town of Palestine, County of Anderson, State of Texas on the 14th day of March 19 49. That said body was prepared for burial by me on the 14th day of March 19 49, and that I am of the opinion that warrant herein applied for should be issued to the said A. J. Branson who makes the foregoing application.

HASSELL & FOSTER FUNERAL HOME Signed L. E. Foster (L.E. Foster) Undertaker.

Handwritten initials O.T.



CERTIFICATE OF PHYSICIAN

I, _____, do certify that I am a practicing physician, and that I attended _____ in his last illness, and am of the opinion that his ailments were _____

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 _____ Physician's Address _____

March 15, 1949. Execute and return at once.

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