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FORM B.

### 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.

*Mr. Sarah J. Hudson*

*Anderson* County.

Postoffice *Frankston*  
*Texas*

Filed *Oct. 31, 1913*

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Pension allowed from *Dec. 1, 1913*

Rejected

*W. L. Steck*

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 Anderson

I, Mrs. Sarah Jane Hudson, 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 J. E. Hudson, deceased, who departed this life on the September day of 1863, A. D. 1863, in the county of Georgia, in the State of Georgia

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 19 day May A. D. 1851, in the county of Clay, in the State of Mississippi

My husband, the said J. E. Hudson, 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? 78 years old
2. Where were you born? Linn County, Miss
3. How long have you resided in the State of Texas? Since 1887
4. How long have you resided in the county of your present residence? And what is your postoffice address? In this County since 1902 - Frankston, Texas
5. What was your husband's full name? John Elkane Hudson
6. What was the date of his death? 1863
7. In what State was your husband's command originally organized? Mississippi
8. How long did your husband serve? If known to you, give date of enlistment and discharge. Enlisted in 1861 and served until his death in 1863 serving some 2 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. Company E - 41 - Regiment of Mississippi Volunteers
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 - a Private; a Volunteer; never detailed



11. Have you transferred to other any property of any kind for the purpose of becoming a beneficiary under this law? No

*I have no property of any kind, and I am not able to work.*

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) *Sarah Jane Hudson*

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this *21* day of *August*, A. D. 191*3*

*E. V. Swift*  
County Judge *Anderson* County, Texas.

[Seal.]

**AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESSES**

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

THE STATE OF TEXAS }

County of *Anderson* }  
*E. V. Swift*

Before me, *E. V. Swift*, County Judge of *Anderson* County, State of Texas, on this day personally appeared *C. A. Harris + R. O. Raley*, 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. *Sarah Jane Hudson*, applicant for a pension as the widow of *John E. Hudson* deceased, is in truth and fact the widow of *John E. Hudson* 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) *C. A. Harris*

(Signature of Witness) *R. O. Raley*

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this *21* day of *August*, A. D. 191*3*

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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. J. Hudson* 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) *C. A. Harris*

(Signature of Witness) *R. O. Raley*

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this *21* day of *August*, A. D. 191*3*

*E. V. Swift*  
County Judge *Anderson* County, Texas.

[Seal.]

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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.).....

(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 (TX)

I, *C. B. Rogers*, State and County Assessor in the County of *Anderson*, State of Texas, do hereby certify that Mrs. *Sarah Jane Hudson* 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 *none* dollars.

Given under my hand, this *30th* day of *Oct.*, A. D. 191*3*.

*C. B. Rogers*  
State and County Assessor.

May the 23 1862

Dear Father and Mother I embrace the present opportunity to write you a few lines to let you know that I am tolerable well I think I am taking the Measels tho I am able to be up we have bin some what exasperated for the last 2 or 3 days we have bin out <sup>on</sup> picket we ~~have bin~~ <sup>have bin</sup> near the enemys line our Pickets and theirs kept up a regular fire all the time we were out the had a very heavy Battel last wednesday our Company did not fire any gun tho we were in a dangers position the Bombs fell all around us some come very near hitting us the <sup>minny</sup> balls fell all around us the enemy was in less than a 1/2 mile of us our loss were 2 Killed and 4 wounded Capt Richerson was Killed he was shot in the head the battel lasted about 2 hours it was a continual roar all the time Father and Mother I would like to see you very much I will come to see you as soon as I can tho the furlowing is stoped for a while I want you to write to me soon our Mess is all tolerable well Tom has bin complaining for 2 or 3 days tho I think it is nothing but cold we have 9 in our Mess Martin here & Bill Rodgers John Hudson <sup>some</sup> John Hall James Gray John Sanders and my self is in a Mess to gether I must bring my few lines to a close write to me soon as I would like hear from you all

Sommore at present only Remains  
Your affectionate son untill Death

E. W. Sanders

Wrote by J. E. Hudson

Tho if I can get it I'll keep upon ~~it~~  
~~it~~ an joy home I will be very  
 thankful to my Maker I am in hope  
 that we will get better fair after  
 the excitement is over ~~and~~ Sarah  
 I want you to write to me how you all  
 are doing. I want you to do the best  
 you can and write to me ~~the~~  
 as often as you can My mind is often  
 on you all ~~and~~ I'll write regular  
 every week as the mail will not pass  
 from Pontotock but once a week I will  
 hear give you the form to: Back your letters

J. G. Anderson Private in  
 Co (E) in the Rear of Capt  
 Nelson 41<sup>st</sup> Regiment  
 Miss Vol

Sarah I want you to write to me all  
 the news you can write how the  
 people is getting along with their crops  
 I want to no whether you have got your  
 corn plowed yet or not  
 while I ~~am~~ want to to be shure  
 and tell uncle Elkanah to credit that  
 note ~~of~~ of mine from the 5<sup>th</sup> May  
 Sarah I want you to send me 5 or 6 envelopes  
 as the ar hard to get here every thing  
 is scarce here we have drawed our  
 guns the are calid the Spring field  
 muskets we got some few ~~of~~ what  
 some calls the Enfield Rifle as for my  
 self I happend to git one of the Rifles  
 the are marked to hold up 1000 yds (TK)  
 tho I dont no the have raised sites  
 We also drew ~~some~~ good Oil Cloth  
 Tapsacks I must bring my letter to  
 a close so no more at present only  
 I Remains yours until Death J. G. Anderson





The loss of the Yankees is not ascertained yet  
 I was not excited till the Buns  
 began to fall around us and in fact  
 I was not excited but very little  
 at all ~~to~~ I think God that I  
 escaped and it is still my prayer to  
 be spared from sickness and from  
 the enemy <sup>for me</sup> pray that I may be  
 spared ~~after~~ <sup>after</sup> the battle. We were  
 ordered back to the Camps and in about  
 one hour we got ordered to go 12 miles  
 out on the Farmington road we lay  
 out that night in an old field  
 without any shelter and some of us  
 came very near freezing we had no  
 fire at all we had to lay down on  
 the cold wet ground all that night  
 and the next ~~day~~ night till dark  
 and then came to our Camps and sleep  
 without rocking we are looking every  
 minute to be attacked but I am  
 in hopes that we will not be  
 Charles Sanders is stationed in about  
 3 miles of us he has bin to see us twice  
 he is well he sees he cannot get to go home  
 the following is about Stopped hear  
~~we~~ want to see you all very bad. The  
 I cannot get to come home for some time  
 I want you all to do the best you can  
 we have very hard fare we do not  
 get hardly half a rump to eat about  
 2 Cracker or our there Biscuits ~~we~~  
 bin out a long for 3 or 4 days we get  
 some Beef in a little Bacon and  
 no coffee hardly at all one Biscuit  
 and a little coffee and a little piece  
 of Bacon was all I got to eat for  
 my breakfast this morning I do not  
 like no such treatment and the  
 Boys grumble very much.

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 J. Hudson & Sanders Pontotoc City Miss  
 Camp Bishop. Shelbyville Tennessee. Jan<sup>30</sup><sup>th</sup> A. D. 1863

Dear & and affectionate Wife. I again take my seat to drop  
 you a few lines to inform you that I am well at present  
 for which I feel thankful to God. Hoping this lines will reach  
 you safe & find you you all enjoying the same like blessing of  
 God. Sirrah, I have nothing of very great importance to write to you  
 at this time. as I have not you several letters since we have  
 been at this place & have not received any answers for you we  
 received a letter from your Pa a few days ago. which he sent by  
 the 10<sup>th</sup> inst. which we  
 were glad to hear from you all & to hear that you was well. but  
 sorry to hear that Martha was not well. We came to this place  
 the 10<sup>th</sup> inst. & have been here ever since. & have not had any  
 drilling for any thing of the sort to do. We just cut wood & make  
 fires & do our cooking & eating & sit around the fires. We have had  
 pretty cold weather for the last week, it has snowed here  
 some 2 days this week. but the sun is shining very pretty today.  
 We have had orders to put up ordinary shantys, the most of the  
 messes has made shantys. but our mess has not made  
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 any one yet. We have got a very good tent at last & can  
 make out very well if the weather is no colder than has been

myself Elisha. Elzey Tom Alexander Sanders James Harrison &  
 Joseph Sullivan is a Mess together. They are all well with  
 the exception of Coldy Simsan is also well except <sup>bad</sup> Coldy.  
 We have not heard any thing of Martin yet. We are very anxious to hear  
 from him. Sarah, we all sent money home last Tuesday by a  
 Mr. Cullins of Capt Balls Co. I sent you <sup>\$</sup>90.00. Elzey sent 30.00  
 Elisha sent <sup>\$</sup>05.00 dollars, Tom Sanders sent 40.00 dollars  
 to his mother. James Harrison sent 60.00 dollars to J. D. Sullivan  
 & J. G. Sullivan sent 52.00 dollars to his Pa, each one of us  
 sent our money in separate packs with a little ~~strip~~ strip of  
 paper around it, and the names of ~~each~~ ~~one~~  
 a strip of paper & we then put them all in one pack & directed  
 it to ~~E. B. Sanders~~ to the care of John McNeil of Pontotoc to  
 E. B. Sanders. Sarah I only kept <sup>\$ 25.00</sup> \$19.00 <sup>SB</sup> for my own purposes  
 I would have sent you one hundred dollars but I did  
 not know what might happen that I might need money.  
 We drew our wages up to the first of January. Your competition  
 money up to the 8<sup>th</sup> of Oct. I drew 21 dollars of competition <sup>money</sup>  
 Sarah. I want you to ~~put~~ <sup>purpose</sup> your money to as good ~~use~~ as you  
 can pay Pa what you owe him if he needs it & tell him I  
 thank <sup>you</sup> for letting you have money. ~~if~~ if you have not ~~changed~~

} I suppose that it is in the papers that England  
 sees that there has bin a great Blood shed, already  
 and that the War shal be stoped soon, & I do hope & trust  
 that the Lord may devise some means to stop this wicked  
 War & let Husbands & Wives and fathers & Sones, & all  
 relations meet at home once more & their ingoing our  
 selves together once more with our bosom friends who  
 we have so long bin sepperated from. Sarah I want you to  
 still remember me in your Prayers which I feel sartin you do  
 their's never a day Passes but what I remember you in my Prayers  
 Sarah I want you to do the best you can for your selves  
 & try & raise the littel Children the best you can  
 Ciss them for me & tell them to be smart & mind what  
 you tell them to do. Elisey I want you to be a smart  
 girl & help Sarah do the work. Sarah we herd from  
 Eligah yesterday he was well. we herd from H. B. & M. J.  
 Rodgers some time ago that <sup>was</sup> well. That we are still at Miches  
 waiting on the sick. We have not herd <sup>from</sup> J. G. Sanders  
 since he was sent to Atlanta Hospital about the  
 first of November I believe, Sarah I must ~~soon~~ bring  
 my letter to a close, do not delay in answering it some  
 more at Present only I still remain yours till Death J. G. N. to  
 J. G. N.

Can ~~arrange~~ to do you by as soon as possible &  
 if you have not got any salt yet. & can get any by wt. I am  
 afraid you have not got salt to save meat to do you. I was  
 sorry to hear that the mast was injurd their. I am afraid  
 your hogs did not get fat a nup to make meat & was  
 sorry that I could not send you money sooner to by Corn  
 to fatten your meat. I was in hopes that the hogs w<sup>d</sup>  
 get in order for Park on the mast. so that you could sell  
 all you could while it is a good price. Sarah I want  
 you to write to <sup>me</sup> of tiner & write all the news. I think I have  
~~wrote you about 25~~ letters sine I left Tripelant. I dont  
 think I have got more than a dozen from you. I wish  
 we could get to hearing from each other oftener than we do TX  
 I want you to write to me whether you get any letters  
 from me or not but I will try & write to you one a week  
 any how. I want to see you more than ever did in my life  
 I am in hopes the time will not be long when I can come  
 home and stay at home. Some thinks the war will soon  
 brake & I pray that it may. for I want to come home more  
 than I ever did, and if I ever do get home I think that  
 I will stay at home let what may come, for I will no how  
 to appreciate home if I ever get back ~~gain~~

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If possible, please return  
these letters to Mrs Sarah  
J. Hudson, Frankston, Texas  
as they were letters of her  
dead husband, and it is about  
all she has left to remember  
him by, as he was killed in  
battle.

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E. V. Swift



C. J. Judge

Palentine, Texas, \_\_\_\_\_ 191 .

County Clerk Anderson County:

Issue Warrant to \_\_\_\_\_

for \_\_\_\_\_ Dollars,

in payment of \_\_\_\_\_

Draw Warrant against \_\_\_\_\_ fund.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Commissioner.

\_\_\_\_\_  
County Judge.

The State of Mississippi }  
 Pontotoc County }

Personally appeared before me S. M. Barr Clerk of Chancery Court in and for said County said State J. H. Rouze and Jno. G. Huntington who after being first duly sworn says on oath that as follows to wit: The each resides in State of Miss. Pontotoc Co.

J. H. Rouze age 77 yrs and did serve in Civil war.

J. G. Huntington age 72 yrs and did serve in Civil war.

each did serve in same Company John E. Hudson & served with him.

We well know soldier by name of Jno. E. Hudson.

We do not remember date of his enlistment. We think he got killed in the service.

We considered him a good soldier. He was a private and a Volunteer Company of 41st Mississippi. We know no other person by the same name in said Company. (TX)

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 11<sup>th</sup> day of Oct. 1913. S. M. Barr Chancery Clerk } J. H. Rouze 1<sup>st</sup> Sergeant of said Co. J. G. Huntington Ordnance Sgt 41<sup>st</sup> Miss Regt.

E. V. SWIFT

Attorney-at-Law  
COUNTY JUDGE  
Anderson County

Palestine, Texas, October 30th. 1913.

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

Dear Sir:

I herewith enclose pension application of Mrs. Sarah Jane Hudson, for a Confederate Pension. Her husband was killed in the Civil war in 1863, and she has never remarried since his death.

Attached to the application you will find an affidavit from Mississippi. This affidavit was sent me about the 12th of October, and since receiving same I have written back to Miss., in regard to the two witnesses, and upon enquiry find that they are reliable and trustworthy and so certify. The witnesses seem to be respected, and to be leading citizens in Pontotoc County, Miss, and I believe their affidavit is entitled to credit.

Mrs. Hudson exhibited to me some old letters received by her husband in the army, with the Post marks on same, and from their reading I have no doubt but that he was in the Civil War.

I have carefully investigated her standing and the standing of her witnesses, and sincerely recommend that the pension be granted, and certify that the witnesses are trustworthy.

Please acknowledge to Mrs. Hudson the receipt of the application.



Yours very truly,

*E. V. Swift*

*C. Judge*

Please note letters enclosed with ~~application~~ application.

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