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FORM B

Widow's Application for Pension

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

Name of Applicant.

Henry H. Watkins

Wade Brown County:

Postoffice: *Hampton*

Filed: **MAR 25 1910**

Approved: _____

Pension allowed from: _____

Rejected: _____

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 Mrs Mary Westbrook, 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 March 26, A. D. 1909, on the following grounds:

I am the widow of William Westbrook, deceased, who departed this life on the 18 day of Oct, A. D. 1881, in the county of Anderson, in the State of Tx

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 15 day of June, A. D. 1853, in the county of Lippin, in the State of Miss

My husband, the said William Westbrook, 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 March 1, A. D. 1880, 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 one hundred and fifty dollars per annum, nor do I own in my own right, nor does any one hold in trust for my benefit or use, estate or property, either real, personal or mixed, either in fee or for life, of the assessed value of over one thousand dollars; 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? I am 77 years old
2. Where were you born? Fayette Co Miss
3. How long have you resided in the State of Texas? 33 years
4. How long have you resided in the county of your present residence? And what is your postoffice address? 25 years. Frankston Anderson Co Tx.
5. What was your husband's full name? William Bazzell Westbrook
6. When and where were you married? 15 June 1853. Fayette Co Miss
7. What was the date of his death? 18th of Oct 1881
8. In what State was your husband's command originally organized? Miss
9. How long did your husband serve? If known to you, give date of enlistment and discharge. 3 years do not know when day he enlisted
10. 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 of service. Company 34 Miss.



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 how long did he serve? private soldier

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

Wherefore your petitioner prays that her application for a pension be approved and such other proceedings be had in the premises as are required by law.

(Signature of Applicant) *Mary Westover*

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this *18* day of *Sept*, A. D. 190*9*

C. R. Emerson and
(copied in) *Official Notary Public*
County Judge *.....* County, Texas *.....*

[SEAL.]

AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESSES

[NOTE.—There must be at least two credible witnesses.]

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 duly sworn, on oath state that they personally know that Mrs. *.....*, applicant for a pension as the widow of *.....* deceased, is in truth and fact the widow of *.....* 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) *.....*

(Signature of Witness) *.....*

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

.....
County Judge *.....* County, Texas.

[SEAL.]

AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESSES

[NOTE.—There must be at least two credible witnesses.]

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 duly sworn, on oath state that they personally know the above-named applicant for a pension, and that they personally know that the said *.....* has been a bona fide resident citizen of the State of Texas since prior to March 1, A. D. 1880, and that they have no interest in this claim.

(Signature of Witness) *.....*

(Signature of Witness) *.....*

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

.....
County Judge *.....* County, Texas.

[SEAL.]

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 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:

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(Signature of Witness)

(Signature of Witness)

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

County Judge County, Texas.

[SEAL.]



CERTIFICATE OF STATE AND COUNTY ASSESSOR

I, Ben D Jackson Anderson, State and County Assessor in the County of, State of Texas, do hereby certify that Mrs. Mrs. Nancy West Brooks,

whose name is signed to the foregoing application for a pension, under the Act of the Thirty-first Legislature, approved March 26, A. D. 1909, is charged on the land and personal property rolls of the said county, in her name, or the name of a trustee, with estate, real, personal and mixed, at the assessed value of - No - dollars.

Given under my hand, this 21st day of March, A. D. 1910

Ben D Jackson
State and County Assessor.
By Duplex L.E. McReynolds

State of Texas

County of Anderson

On this day personally appeared
J. P. Thrasher and J. T. Thrasher and
after being duly sworn deposed
and said that Nancy Westbrook
came to Texas in A. D. 1874 and
she has resided in Texas ever since
and that she is the widow of
William Westbrook and has
not married since his death.

J. P. Thrasher
J. T. Thrasher



Subscribed and sworn to before
me this 17th day of March 1910

C. R. Benson, J. P.
County Officer Notary Public
in and for Anderson Co. Tex.

EX PARTE

Nancy Westbrook
Applicant for Confederate Pension.

Pending in *Anderson* County,
Texas, before the Honorable County Judge of said
County.

The Honorable County Judge of *Anderson* County, Texas,
will please take notice that, five days after the service hereof, applicant herein will apply to the Clerk of the County
Court of said County and State, for a commission to take the depositions of *E. D. Champion*
and *Bill Grison* who reside in the County
of *Ellis* in the State of *Texas* in answer to the following interrogatories and
such cross interrogatories as may be propounded by the County Judge of said County, which will be read in evidence
upon the hearing of applicant's claim for pension in behalf of applicant; said testimony is material and indispensable
to applicant in furnishing the required proof of her claim for a pension under the Act of March 26, 1909, the applica-
tion for which is now pending before the Honorable County Judge, and the facts necessary and required to be proven
under the provisions of said act, applicant believes can not be proven by any witness ^{so} residing in the County of
Anderson and State of Texas, of which she is a bona fide resident.

(Applicant) Attorney.....for Applicant.

Direct Interrogatories to be Propounded to the Witness *et*

E. D. Champion & Bill Grison

- INT. 1. What is your name? Age? Present place of residence and postoffice address?
- INT. 2. Do you personally know, or did you at any time know *William Westbrook* whose *widow* is an applicant for pension under Act of March 26, 1909?
- INT. 3. How long had you known the said *William Westbrook* and when and where did you first know him?
- INT. 4. Do you personally know that the said *William Westbrook* enlisted in the service of the Confederacy, and performed the duties of a soldier or a sailor?
- INT. 5. Do you personally know in what company and regiment the said *William Westbrook* enlisted and served in the Confederate army? When? Where? And the time of service? If you personally knew and so have stated that he enlisted and served in the Confederate navy, then state: When? Where? And how long he so served?
- INT. 6. Do you personally know that *William Westbrook* was commissioned as an officer directly by the President of the Confederate States? What was his rank and line of duty?
- INT. 7. Do you further know if *William Westbrook* was, under the provisions of the conscript law, detailed for any kind of special service in the field, shops, armories, etc., of the Confederacy? What was the nature of his service, and how long did he serve?

CROSS INTERROGATORIES.

To be Propounded to *E. D. Champion & Bill Grison* (TX)

CROSS INTERROGATORY 1. If, in answer to the foregoing direct interrogatories, you have stated that you personally know or did know said *Wm. Westbrook* and that you know that he enlisted in the service of the Confederacy and performed the duties of a soldier or sailor, and having named the company and regiment, or special service in which *Wm. Westbrook* so enlisted and served, then please state fully what is your source of such knowledge? And state whether or not you know or at any time you knew of any other soldier or sailor by the name of *Wm. Westbrook* serving in the same company or regiment, or special service in which you say the said *Wm. Westbrook* enlisted, if you have stated that said *Wm. Westbrook* enlisted and served in the navy of the Confederacy, then state whether or

not you know any other soldier or sailor of the same name as said Wm. Westbrook applicant serving in the same command, or the special service to which he was assigned?

If you say that you so know other soldiers or sailors of the same name of Wm. Westbrook then can you and how do you identify and locate the one from the other or others?

Cross INT. 2. Are you positively certain that said Wm. Westbrook is the identical person serving as testified by you?

Cross INT. 3. Do you know whether or not the said Wm. Westbrook served honorably from the date of his enlistment until the close of the late Civil War between the States, or until he was discharged from said company and regiment, or the special service to which he had been assigned?

Cross INT. 4. Do you know whether or not the said Wm. Westbrook deserted his command, or voluntarily abandoned his post of duty or the service during said war?

THE STATE OF TEXAS, }

County of Anderson

I, O. B. Zanderbush, County Judge of said County, in said State, do hereby waive copy of interrogatories, notice, time and issuance of commission, and it is hereby agreed that the answers to the hereinabove direct and cross interrogatories of the said herein named witness may be attached hereto.

O. B. Zanderbush
County Judge. Anderson County, Texas.

(Applicant) Attorney..... for Applicant.

In Re

Application for Confederate Pension.

FOR USE OF SOLDIERS OR WIDOWS.

County, Texas.

Pending before the County Judge of said County.

EX PARTE

Applicant. 1

INTERROGATORIES propounded to

Witnesses.

DEPOSITION IN PENSION CLAIMS, with Caption and Certificates.

EX PARTE

IN RE APPLICANT FOR CONFEDERATE PENSION

Under Act March 26, 1909, pending

Nancy Westbrooks

Applicant for Confederate Pension.

County, Texas, before the Honorable County Judge of said County.

Answers and depositions of (1) E.D.Champion of Ennis Ellis County, Texas,

to the accompanying interrogations (2) and cross-interrogatories propounded to him in the above entitled cause taken before (3) H.R.Stovall, a Notary Public in accordance with the accompanying (7) commission

To the first interrogatory the said E.D.Champion answers.

Witness, answers E.D.Champion, age 72 years, Ennis Ellis County, Texas.

Int.2, I knew him nearly all of his life time.

Int.3, From childhood, in Benton County, Mississippi.

Int.4, Yes.

Int.5, Yes, he enlisted in Company "K" 34 Mississippi Infantry. At Holly Springs, Miss., in May 1862. Until the close of the war

Int.6, He was a private.

Int.7, He was not under the provisions of the conscript law, at the close of the war he was detailed for hospital service. He was a nurse for about 6 or 8 months.

To the 1st, Cross-interrogatory he answers:

I was raised with him, went into the service with him and served through the war with him.

I knew of no other soldier by the name of Wm. Westbrooks in any department of the service

Cross-Int.2, I am.

Cross-Int.3, I do.

Cross-Int.4, He did not.



Subscribed and sworn to before me, this

5 day of Oct, 1909

V.D. Champion
H.R. Stovall, Notary Public Ellis Co., Texas

THE STATE OF

Texas

County of

Ellis

I, *H.R. Stovall, Notary*
(Here give name and official character of officer before whom taken.)

and *Public* do hereby certify that

V.D. Champion

and *who is*

are personally known to me to be credible citizens of said

County and State, and that the foregoing answers of

V.D. Champion

the witness before named, and

whose name appears signed to the foregoing deposition, were made before me

and were sworn to and subscribed before me, by said witness (4)

V.D. Champion

Given under my hand and official seal, this the 5 day of Oct, 1909

(L. S.)

H.R. Stovall, Notary Public Ellis Co., Texas

NOTE.—In Texas, any Clerk of the District Court, any Judge and Clerk of the County Court, or any Notary Public or Justice of the Peace, within their respective Counties, are authorized to take depositions. Out of the State and within the United States—any Clerk of a Court of Record having a seal, any Notary Public, or any Commissioner of Deeds of Texas.

File No. _____
In _____ County, Texas,
Before the Honorable County Judge of said County.

EX PARTE

Applicant for Confederate Pension

DEPOSITION
OF

Witness _____ for Applicant

Filed _____ day
of _____ 1909

Clerk.

By _____ Deputy.

Fee for Taking Deposition, \$ _____

Lined area for deposition text.

TX

- (1) Here give the name and residence of each witness.
- (2) Here state "and cross interrogatories," if any.
- (3) Here give the name and official character of the person taking the deposition.
- (4) Here state "respectively," if more than one witness.
- (5) Here state whether "Commission, or agreement," if Commission was waived.

Bill Guisham

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 5 day of Oct, 1909

*H.P. Stovall, Notary Public
Ellis County, Texas*

THE STATE OF Texas
County of Ellis

I, *H.P. Stovall a Notary*
(Here give name and official character of officer before whom taken.)

Public do hereby certify that *Bill Guisham*
and *who is* are personally known to me to be credible citizens of said
County and State, and that the foregoing answers of *Bill Guisham*
the witness before named, and

whose name appear signed to the foregoing deposition, were made before me
and were sworn to and subscribed before me, by said witness (4) *Bill Guisham*

Given under my hand and official seal, this the 5 day of Oct, 1909

(L. S.)

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File No. _____
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Before the Honorable County Judge of said County.

EX PARTE

Applicant for Confederate Pension

DEPOSITION

OF

Witness for Applicant

Filed _____ day

of _____ 190 _____

By _____ Clerk.

Deputy.

Fee for Taking Deposition, \$ _____

TX

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EX PARTE

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Nancy Westbrooks.....

Applicant for Confederate Pension.

County, Texas, before the Honorable County Judge of said County.

Answers and depositions of (1) Bill Grisham of Ennis R.F.D. 5, Box 18, Ellis County, Texas.

to the accompanying interrogations (2) and Cross-Interrogatories propounded to him in the above entitled cause taken before (3) H.R. Stovall, a Notary Public in accordance with the accompanying (7) commission

To the first interrogatory the said Bill Grisham answers Witness, answers Bill Grisham, age 72 years, R.F.D. #2, Ennis, Ellis County, Texas.

Int. 2, Yes I knew him.

Int. 3, I knew him from childhood, in Benton County, Miss.

Int. 4, Yes.

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