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FORM B.

### Widow's Application for a Pension

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

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Name of Applicant

Mr. Gemma Richards

Address

Postoffice Frankston, Texas

County

Filed Nov-20. 1913

Approved Sept 1. 1913

Pension allowed from Dec 1. 1913

Rejected

*Robert Taylor*

Commissioner of Pensions.  
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. Jemima Richards, 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 Lewis E. Richards, deceased, who departed this life on the 22 day of June, A. D. 1905, 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 30 day of Sept, A. D. 1869, in the county of Anderson, in the State of Texas

My husband, the said Lewis E. Richards, 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? 66 years old
2. Where were you born? In Anderson County, Tex
3. How long have you resided in the State of Texas? 66 years
4. How long have you resided in the county of your present residence? And what is your postoffice address? In Anderson Co 66 years; P.O. address: Frankston, Texas
5. What was your husband's full name? Lewis E. Richards
6. What was the date of his death? June 22 - 1905
7. In what State was your husband's command originally organized? Texas
8. How long did your husband serve? If known to you, give date of enlistment and discharge. Enlisted in 1862 - and served until close of war
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 D - 7th Texas Cavalry - Green's Brigade never transferred
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. Cavalry - 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



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) *Jemima <sup>her</sup> Richards*

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this *19* day of *Nov* A. D. 191 *3*

*E. V. Swift*

[Seal.]

County Judge *Anderson* County, Texas.

**AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESSES**

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

THE STATE OF TEXAS

County of *Anderson*

Before me, *E. V. Swift* County Judge of *Anderson* County,

State of Texas, on this day personally appeared *H. L. Cook + J. P. Cook*, 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. *Jemima Richards*, applicant for a pension as the widow of *L. E. Richards* deceased, is in truth and fact the widow of *L. E. Richards* 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) *H. L. Cook*

(Signature of Witness) *J. P. Cook*

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this *19* day of *Nov* A. D. 191 *3*

*E. V. Swift*

[Seal.]

County Judge *Anderson* County, Texas.

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THE STATE OF TEXAS

County of *Anderson*

Before me, *E. V. Swift* County Judge of *Anderson* County,

State of Texas, on this day personally appeared *H. L. Cook + J. P. Cook*, 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 pension, and that they personally know that the said *Mrs. Jemima Richards* 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) *H. L. Cook*

(Signature of Witness) *J. P. Cook*

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this *19* day of *Nov* A. D. 191 *3*

*E. V. Swift*

[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 Anderson }

Before me, E. V. Swift, County Judge of Anderson County,

State of Texas, on this day personally appeared Mrs. Gemina Richards, who ~~are~~ <sup>is</sup> 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)~~

that she is the widow of Lewis E. Richards, who is now dead; that her husband the said Lewis E. Richards drew a Confederate pension from the State of Texas up until the date of his death - His file number was 8207-Anderson - and his proof of service is given in his application on file in the pension office - I have no property of any description, and no source of income -

(Signature of Witness) Gemina Richards

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

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 19 day of Nov, A. D. 1912.

E. V. Swift

[Seal.]

County Judge Anderson County, Texas.

CERTIFICATE OF STATE AND COUNTY ASSESSOR

I, O. B. Rogers, State and County Assessor in the County of

Anderson, State of Texas, do hereby certify that Mrs. Gemina Richards TX

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 19 day of Nov, A. D. 1912

O. B. Rogers

State and County Assessor.

"Sterilize" property.  
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CERTIFICATE OF STATE AND COUNTY ASSESSOR

I, Ben D Jackson, State and County Assessor in the County of Anderson State of Texas, do hereby certify that Mrs. Jemima H. Richards, 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 Nothing dollars.

Given under my hand, this 2nd day of August, A. D. 1909

Ben D Jackson  
State and County Assessor.

*Dec 2/09*

FORM W B

No. 3067

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

Jemima H. Richards

Anderson County.

Postoffice Frankston

Filed AUG 2 1909

Approved B. D. J.

~~Quarterly~~ Allowance \$24.00

Pension allowed from

AUG 31 1909

Rejected

Commissioner of Pensions.

FORM D

For Use of Widows of Soldiers who are Blind and Totally Disabled and in Indigent Circumstances

THE STATE OF TEXAS }  
 County of Anderson }

I, Mrs Jemima H. Richards, 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 Lewis E. Richards, deceased, who departed this life on the 22 day of June, A. D. 1905, 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 30<sup>th</sup> day of September, A. D. 1869, in the county of Anderson, in the State of Texas

My husband, the said Lewis E. Richards, 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, and that I am Very near totaly blind and am unable to do any labor (Here state fully whether blind or totally disabled.) 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? Sixty-one (61) years -
2. Where were you born? I was born in Anderson Co, Texas
3. How long have you resided in the State of Texas? All my life
4. How long have you resided in the county of your present residence? And what is your postoffice address? All my life - Frankston, Anderson County, Texas -
5. What was your husband's full name? Lewis E. Richards
6. When and where were you married? Sept. 30<sup>th</sup> 1869. In Anderson Co, Texas
7. What was the date of his death? June 22<sup>nd</sup> 1905 -
8. In what State was your husband's command originally organized? Texas,
9. How long did your husband serve? If known to you, give date of enlistment and discharge. I am not sure but I think he served over three years
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 time of service. Capt. G. B. Horn's company "I" 7<sup>th</sup> Texas Cavalry - Greer's Brigade (TX)
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. Cavalry. He was only a Common Soldier,

12. Have you transferred to others any property of any kind for the purpose of becoming a beneficiary under this law? I have not

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) Jemima <sup>her</sup> x <sup>mark</sup> Richards

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 17<sup>th</sup> day of July, A. D. 1909

J. M. Emerson  
Notary Public Anderson County, Texas.

[SEAL.]

AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESSES

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

THE STATE OF TEXAS }  
County of Anderson

Before me O. B. Funderburk, County Judge of Anderson County,

State of Texas, on this day personally appeared J. M. Huntington, W. M. Handman, 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. Jemima Richards, applicant for a pension as the widow of Lewis E. Richards deceased, is in truth and fact the widow of Lewis E. Richards 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) J. M. Emerson

(Signature of Witness) W. M. Handman

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 29 day of July, A. D. 1909

O. B. Funderburk  
County Judge Anderson 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 PHYSICIAN

THE STATE OF TEXAS }  
County of..... }

Before me....., County Judge of..... County,  
State of Texas, on this day personally appeared....., who is a  
physician in good standing, who, being by me duly sworn, on oath says that he has carefully and thoroughly examined  
Mrs....., the applicant, and finds her laboring under the following disabilities:

(Here state fully whether applicant is blind, or totally disabled; in the latter case stating specifically the personal  
ailment and conditions that render the applicant entirely helpless and incapacitated, physically or mentally, for any  
work suitable for her sex.)

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

[SEAL.]

..... County Judge..... 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 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 follow-  
ing facts touching the service of the applicant's husband in the Confederate Army:

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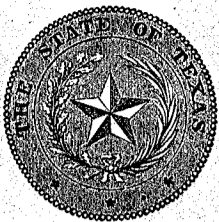
(Signature of Witness).....

(Signature of Witness).....

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

[SEAL.]

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



E. A. BOLMES, Commissioner

OFFICE OF  
**Commissioner of Pensions**

State of Texas

Austin

SEP 8 1909

To the Adjutant General,

War Department,

Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I have the honor to request the military record  
of Lewis E. Richards who is reported to have enlisted in  
Company I, Regiment 7th Texas Cavalry  
in the service of the Confederate States Army.

Purpose: The widow of the person above named is an applicant  
for a Confederate pension granted by this State, and I desire to verify  
his proof of service.

Very respectfully,

E. A. Bolmes



Commissioner of Pensions.

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE  
WAR DEPARTMENT  
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Address: "The Adjutant General,  
War Department, Washington, D. C."

**WAR DEPARTMENT, 1567874**

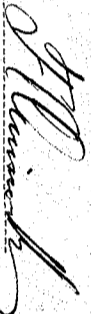
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

WASHINGTON, September 20, 1909.

*Respectfully returned to the*

Commissioner of Pensions,  
State of Texas,  
Austin.

The records show that J. E. Richards, private, Company I, 7th Texas Cavalry, Confederate States Army, enlisted October 16, 1863. On the last company roll on file, dated February 29, 1864, he is reported "Absent without leave from Dec. 16, 1863, furlough having expired." No later record of him has been found.

  
The Adjutant General.

[A. G. O. 72-1]

*J. W. Lewis*

The State of Texas }  
 County of Anderson }

Before me O. C. Trumbull,  
 County Judge of Anderson County Texas  
 on this day personally appeared  
 J. P. Lumpkin <sup>r. H. J. Evans</sup> known to me to be  
~~the~~ credible witness residing in  
 said state and county, who  
 being by me duly sworn on oath  
 each ~~separately~~ I know in his life time  
 Frady Richards, whose proper initials  
 I do not know, but who was the  
 husband of applicant herein for  
 a pension. He and I served  
 together in the civil war in com-  
 pany "I" 7th Texas Cavalry - Green's  
 Brigade. Applicant's said husband  
 enlisted in said service about 1862  
 and served until the close of war.  
 He was a man of good <sup>character</sup> and  
 honorable conduct, and never  
 at any time deserted his post  
 of duty - Applicant was married  
 to the said Frady Richards prior  
 to Jan 1, 1880 and has been a bona  
 fide resident citizen of Texas  
 since prior to said Jan 1, 1880  
 To the best of my knowledge and be-  
 lief applicant has not any income from  
 any source whatever amounting in  
 value to \$150 per annum. I have  
 no interest in her claim for a pension.

J. P. Lumpkin (TX)  
 H. J. Evans

Subscribed and sworn to before me this  
 12<sup>th</sup> July 1909 O. C. Trumbull  
 County Judge

BOND

This BOND must be sworn to by the owner of the original warrant, and also signed by the owner and two sureties before it will be approved and duplicate warrant issued.

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

County of Henderson

Before me, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared \_\_\_\_\_ who, after being by me duly sworn on oath, says that \_\_\_\_\_ is the true owner of Confederate Pension Warrant No. 15576 for the sum of Twenty four Dollars, drawn by the Comptroller of the State of Texas, on \_\_\_\_\_, in favor of \_\_\_\_\_, and that the same is in fact lost or destroyed, or has not been received.

(Seal)

her Jessima Richards  
most Owner of Warrant.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this the 8 day of July, 1921  
W. C. Taylor Notary Public  
for Henderson Co., Texas.

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

County of Henderson

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, That we, Jessima Richards, as principal, and \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, as sureties, are held and bound unto W. P. Hobby Governor of the State of Texas, and his successors in office, in the sum of Forty Eight Dollars, for the payment of which sum, well and truly to be made, we do bind ourselves, our heirs, executors and administrators, jointly and severally.

Whereas, the above named principal has filed with the Comptroller \_\_\_\_\_ affidavit, stating that \_\_\_\_\_ is the true owner of said Confederate Pension Warrant, drawn by the Comptroller of the State of Texas, on the date shown in the above affidavit, in favor of said payee, and that the same is in fact lost or destroyed; and

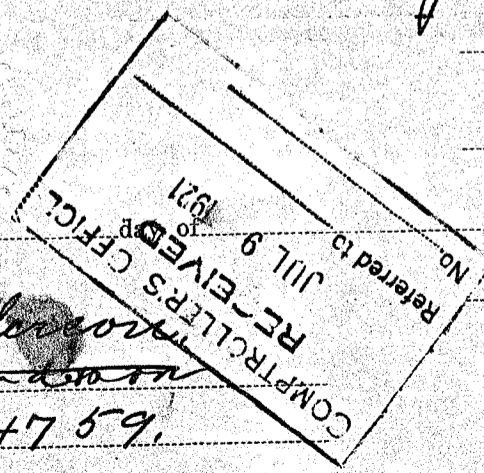
Whereas, duplicate of said Confederate Pension Warrant, in favor of the original payee, will be issued;

Now, therefore, the condition of the above obligation is such that the owner of said warrant will hold the State harmless and return to the Comptroller, upon demand being made therefor, such duplicate or copies, or the amount of money named therein, together with all costs that may accrue against the State, on collecting the same.

Given under our hands, this 8 day of July, A. D. 1921  
her Jessima Richards Principal.  
most  
B. F. Haines Surety.  
J. W. Thrasher Surety.

Approved \_\_\_\_\_, 1921  
Comptroller.

County Henderson  
Number 24759  
Address R. F. D. \_\_\_\_\_ Street.  
Boysen, Texas.  
(City or Town)



J. M. EMERSON  
NOTARY PUBLICC. R. EMERSON  
J. P. and Ex-Off to N. P.

Emerson Realty Company

Frankston, Texas Nov 10 1863

Commissioner of Pensions,  
Austine, Tex.

Dear Sir:-

I am writing you in regard to obtaining a pension for the widow of L.E.Richards, of Company I 7th Texas Cavalry. Green's Brigade. Mr. Richards at the time of his death was drawing a pension and had been for several years. His widow is in very needy circumstances and is justly entitled to a pension, and should have been getting it from the time of her husbands death, The proof that he made in getting his pension is bound to be in your office, it is now nearly impossible for this poor woman to get up the proof of her husbands service in the Confederate Army, as the witnesses that he proved his service by, have passed to the great beyond.

With the evidence that procured a pension for him, should be sufficient to get a pension for her, and all she should be required to have, after she establishes the fact that she is the widow of this said L.E.Richards, of Company "I" -7th Texas. Cavalry Regiment.

This woman is much more entitled to a pension than a number of men that I know of that are drawing it, some of them to get drunk on, while this poor woman is in actual need of bread. I am an old Confederate, and I know of men who are drawing this pension that are worth as much or more than I am, yet I could not draw it without purgering myself, this I prefer not to do. Yours Truly.

(all over) -

J. M. Emerson

Application must be prepared by the "C - Judge" also original

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I am Application for to husband - proof of service on file in this

file - I found his file number "Lewis E. Richards"

Confederate, and I know of men who are drawing this pension that are worth as much as I could not draw it without

Yours Truly, Anderson

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**E. V. SWIFT**  
Attorney-at-Law  
**COUNTY JUDGE**  
Anderson County

Palestine, Texas, Nov. 19th. 1913.

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

Dear Sir:

I herewith enclose pension application of Mrs. Jemima Richards, who was born and raised in this County, and has lived here for 66 years. She is a good woman, and very much in need.

Her husband, Lewis E. Richards drew a pension up to the date of his death, his number being 8207. I believe you will find the application in proper form. She has no property or any income, and is in need of a pension.

I sincerely join in asking that her application be granted.  
Yours truly,



*E. V. Swift*  
County Judge.

The body of Jennieanna Richards my  
mother was not handled by an Undertaker  
The body was prepared for burial in my  
~~home~~ by friends and carried to  
Cemetery and buried by friends and  
not by an undertaker

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Lula Roberts

# APPLICATION FOR MORTUARY WARRANT

STATE OF TEXAS,  
 County of Henderson } I, Lula Roberts  
 do hereby certify that I am the person to whom is entrusted the paying of the accounts and indebtedness of  
 the late Jemima Richards, who was a pensioner of the  
 State of Texas, and whose file number was 2475-9 and whose original county was Anderson.

The said pensioner Ms Jemima Richards, died on the  
12 day of April, 1925, in the town of Poynor  
 County of Henderson Texas.

The pensioner died in the home of Lula Roberts  
 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 ex-  
 penses incurred by the said pensioner Jemima Richards

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) Daughter  
 that my postoffice address is Poynor Street or R. F. D.

Poynor City Texas State

Signed Lula Roberts

Sworn to before me this 30 day of April, 1925

Notary Public in and for Henderson State of Texas.

## CERTIFICATE OF UNDERTAKER

I, \_\_\_\_\_, do certify that I am undertaker in the  
 town of \_\_\_\_\_ County of \_\_\_\_\_, State of \_\_\_\_\_,  
 that I had charge of the body of \_\_\_\_\_, who died in the  
 town of \_\_\_\_\_, County of \_\_\_\_\_, State of \_\_\_\_\_  
 on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 192\_\_\_\_. That said body was prepared for burial by me  
 on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 192\_\_\_\_, and that I am of the opinion that  
 warrant herein applied for should be issued to the said \_\_\_\_\_  
 who makes the foregoing application.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Undertaker.

## CERTIFICATE OF PHYSICIAN

I, M. Asling, do certify that I am a practicing  
 physician, and that I attended Mrs. Jemima Richards in his last illness, and  
 am of the opinion that his ailments were Pneumonia



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 M. Asling M.D.  
 Physician's Address Frankston Texas

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

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