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FORM A

Wife died May 24 1939

Soldier's Application for 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.

D. W. Richards

Cherokee County

Postoffice: *Montalba Pa*

Filed

Approved *AUG 3 1909*

Pension allowed from

Rejected

Commissioner of Pensions

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FORM A

For use of Soldiers, who are in indigent circumstances

THE STATE OF TEXAS }
 County of Anderson }

I, B. N. 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 enlisted and served in the military service of the Confederate States during the war between the States of the United States, and that I did not desert the Confederate service, but during said war I was loyal and true to my duty, and never at any time voluntarily abandoned my post of duty in the said service; that I was honorably discharged or surrendered Discharged at Houston, Tex. at close of War

(Give date and cause.)

that I have been a bona fide citizen of this State since prior to January 1, A. D. 1880, and have been continuously since a citizen of the State of Texas. I do further state that I do not hold any national, State, city or county office which pays me in salary or fees one hundred and fifty dollars per annum, nor have I an income from any other employment or other source whatever which amounts to one hundred and fifty dollars per annum, nor do I 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, nor does my wife own, nor does any one hold in trust for my wife, 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 that I am not an inmate of the Confederate Home, and I do further state that the answers given to the following questions are true:

- (TX)
1. What is your age? 63 yrs
 2. Where were you born? New Lexington Ala.
 3. How long have you resided in Texas? Since 1852
 4. In what county do you reside? Anderson
 5. How long have you resided in said county and what is your postoffice address? 59 yrs. Montalba Tex. Route 2
 6. Have you applied for a pension under the Confederate pension law and been rejected? If rejected, state when and where. No.
 7. What is your occupation, if able to engage in one? Farming
 8. In what State was the command in which you served organized? Texas
 9. How long did you serve? Give, if possible, the date of enlistment and discharge. 15 Mos. Jan '64 to close of War
 10. What was the letter of your company, number or name of battalion, regiment or battery? Enlisted in Company K, then changed to Co. B of Johnson's Battalion
 11. If transferred from one command to another, give time of transfer, name of command and time of service. Never transferred
 12. What branch of the service did you enlist in—infantry, cavalry, artillery or navy? Cavalry

If commissioned direct by the President, what was your rank and line of duty?

Non commissioned

14. If detailed for special service, under the law of conscription, what was the nature of your service and how long did you serve?

Detailed to guard soldiers, about 10 mos.

15. 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 his application for pension be approved and such other proceedings be had in the premises as are required by law.

(Signature of Applicant) *B. W. Richards*

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this *2* day of *July*, A. D. 19*09*

[SEAL.]

O. B. Funderburk

County Judge *Anderson* County, Texas.

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 _____, who are personally known to me to be credible citizens, who, being by me duly sworn, on oath state that they personally know *B. W.*

Richards the above named applicant for a pension, they personally know that the said *B. W.*

Richards has been a bona fide resident citizen of the State of Texas since prior to January 1, A. D. 1880, and that they have no interest in this claim.

(Signature of Witness) *E. J. Howard*

(Signature of Witness) *Able Price*

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this *9th* day of *July*, A. D. 19*09*

[SEAL.]

O. B. Funderburk

County Judge *Anderson* County, Texas.

AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESSES

(If possible, the two witnesses should have served with the applicant in the army, and, if so, let them, or either, state it in their oath, their source of knowledge; also any information regarding applicant's army service.)

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 his application are correct

The State of Texas }
 County of Anderson }

Before me the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared ^{and the} B. W. Willingham, known to me to be a credible person, who being by me duly sworn on oath ^{swore} states:

"I was acquainted with Ben Richards during the Confederate war. He and I were members of Company "G" Buss' ~~Company~~ ^{Regiment}, Texas Cavalry. This company in a new organization I think was called Company B of Johnsons Battalion - This company was dismounted in North Ark. Richards served more than 12 months and was a good soldier - He was with the command when discharged at Houston Tex. I have no interest in the claim of applicant for a pension. He is a man of good habits and honorable conduct

B. W. Willingham
 Able Price

Subscribed and sworn to be
 for me this the 29th day of June
 1909

O. C. Funderburk
 Co. Judge, Anderson Co. Tex

VON BECKMANN-JONES CO., AUSTIN, 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 Gen. Richards who is reported to have enlisted in Company G, Regiment 20th Texas Cavalry Johnson's Battalion in the service of the Confederate States Army.

Purpose: 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.

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Address: The Adjutant General,
War Department, Washington, D. C.

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WAR DEPARTMENT,

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE.


WASHINGTON, September 21, 1909.

Respectfully returned to the

Commissioner of Pensions,
State of Texas,
Austin.

The name Ben. Richards has not been found on the rolls, on file in this office, of Company G, 20th Texas Cavalry, Confederate States Army. There are no rolls on file in this office of any Johnson's Battalion, Confederate States Army, and no record has been found of the capture or parole of a man named Ben. Richards as of either of the organizations mentioned.

(A. G. O. 72-1)


The Adjutant General.

Ben. Richards

MADISONVILLE, TEXAS 4-13 1940

M. B. W. Richards Est
Bedias Tx

Established 1903.
J. M. DAY FURNITURE CO.
 FUNERAL DIRECTORS
 TELEPHONE 99

COMPTROLLERS OF
 APR 17 1940
 NO. 6
RECEIVED

April 11 Casket	89	50
- - Embalming	25	00
- - Suit	12	50
April 12 Hearse Service	10	00
- - Flowers	10	00
	\$ 147	00

I hereby certify this is true
 & correct bill for B.W. Richards
 funeral

J.M. Day

Susann Le and subscribed
 before me this 13th day of
 April A.D. 1940.

C.C. Shaver, J.P.
 Ex-officio Notary Public
 Burrows County, Texas



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TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS
STANDARD CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

1. PLACE OF DEATH
STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF Travis

CITY OR PRECINCT NO. 7
GIVE STREET AND NUMBER OR NAME OF INSTITUTION

2. FULL NAME OF DECEASED B. W. Richards
LENGTH OF RESIDENCE WHERE DEATH OCCURRED 20 YEARS 2 MONTHS 12 DAYS (SOCIAL SECURITY NO. _____)

RESIDENCE OF THE DECEASED
STREET _____ CITY _____ STATE _____

3. SEX Male 4. COLOR OR RACE White

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

5. SINGLE, MARRIED, WIDOWED OR DIVORCED (WRITE THE WORD) Widowed

6. DATE OF BIRTH April 26, 1846

7. AGE YEARS 94 MONTHS 11 DAYS 12 IF LESS THAN 1 DAY HOURS _____ MIN _____

8A. TRADE, PROFESSION OR KIND OF WORK DONE _____

8B. INDUSTRY OR BUSINESS IN WHICH ENGAGED Retired Farmer

9. BIRTHPLACE (STATE OR COUNTRY) Alabama

10. NAME John Richards

11. BIRTHPLACE (STATE OR COUNTRY) Mont Know

12. MAIDEN NAME Wout Know

13. BIRTHPLACE (STATE OR COUNTRY) Wout Know

14. SIGNATURE E. W. Richards

ADDRESS Bedian, Texas Rt. 2, TEXAS

15. PLACE OF BURIAL OR REMOVAL DATE April 12, 1940

16. SIGNATURE G. M. Day

ADDRESS Madisonville, Texas

20. FILE NUMBER 18 FILE DATE April 12, 1940 SIGNATURE OF LOCAL REGISTRAR E. C. Shamba

17. DATE OF DEATH April 11, 1940 MEDICAL PARTICULARS

18. I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT I ATTENDED THE DECEASED FROM April 9, 1940 TO April 11, 1940

LAST SAW HIM ALIVE ON April 11, 1940

THE DEATH OCCURRED ON THE DATE STATED ABOVE AT 8:30 A.M.

THE PRIMARY CAUSE OF DEATH WAS: cerebral hemorrhage (left)

CONTRIBUTORY CAUSES WERE: myocarditis

IF NOT DUE TO DISEASE, SPECIFY WHETHER: ACCIDENT, SUICIDE, OR HOMICIDE

DATE OF OCCURRENCE _____ PLACE OF OCCURRENCE _____ (TX)

MANNER OR MEANS IF RELATED TO OCCUPATION OF DECEASED, SPECIFY _____

SIGNATURE Lehas. M. Cole M.D. COR. _____

ADDRESS Madisonville, Texas POSTOFFICE ADDRESS _____ TEXAS _____

18 April 12, 1940 SIGNATURE OF LOCAL REGISTRAR E. C. Shamba TEXAS _____

NOTE THE INFORMATION CALLED FOR ON THE REVERSE SIDE

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I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of the death certificate of B. W. Richards filed in my office this the 15th day of April A. D. 1940
 C. C. Shanks L. A.

IF DECEASED HAS RENDERED MILITARY SERVICE, FILL OUT THE FOLLOWING:	
(1) Is the deceased reported to have been in such service?	<i>yes</i>
(2) Name of organization in which service was rendered?	<i>Compagnie</i>
(3) Serial number of discharge papers or adjusted service certificate?	<i>Don't know</i>
(4) Name of next of kin or of next friend?	<i>L. W. Richards</i>
Post Office Address?	<i>P.O. 2 Bedias, Texas</i>
IF DECEASED IS UNKNOWN NON-RESIDENT, FILL OUT THE FOLLOWING:	
(A) Color of Hair?	(B) Color of Eyes?
(C) Height? Feet Inches	(D) Weight?
(E) Deformities?	
(F) Tattoo Marks?	
(G) Other marks of identification?	
PLEASE FILL IN FOR ALL DEATHS	
Name of husband or wife	<i>Ellen Richards (deceased)</i> Age in years <i>94</i> - <i>1</i> - <i>12</i> days
What operation was performed?	<i>NO</i>
For what disease or condition?	<i>Cerebral hemorrhage (Sept)</i>
Was autopsy performed?	<i>No</i>
What were the findings?	<i>No</i>

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 ~~AMX~~ Mem.-H
Richards, B. W.

March 17, 1941.

Comptroller of Public Accounts,
State of Texas,
Austin, Texas.

Dear Sir:

~~This office is in receipt of an application for~~
a Government headstone for the grave of the late
B. W. Richards, whose service is reported to be shown
on the pension rolls of Austin, Texas.

If you have any record of the military service
of this deceased veteran, a transcript of such
service will be appreciated.

For The Quartermaster General,

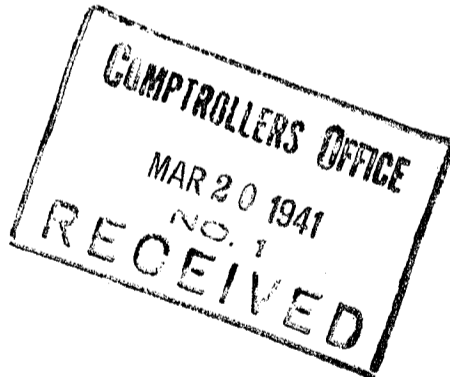
Very truly yours,

C. C. Reynolds
C. C. REYNOLDS,
Colonel, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.



Incl.
Env.

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Anderson
4-1940



March 22, 1941

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QM 293 Mem-H
Richards, B. W.

The Quartermaster General
War Department
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of March 17, the records of this office show that one B. W. Richards of Anderson County, Montalba, Texas filed application for Confederate Pension in the State of Texas in 1909 and his application for pension was approved under file number 14547.

B. W. Richards stated in his application for pension that he was a private in Company G, later known as Company B, Johnson's Battalion of Texas Cavalry, Confederate States Army. He enlisted in January, 1864 and served until the close of the war in 1865. The witness who made affidavit to B. W. Richards' record as a soldier stated that he served with Mr. Richards in Company G, Bass's Regiment of Texas Cavalry, which was later known as Company B, Johnson's Battalion.

The application for pension of Mr. Richards was approved on the affidavits of witnesses who claimed to have personal knowledge of his service.

Yours very truly,



Geo. H. Sheppard
Comptroller of Public Accounts.

JHT:EE

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Anderson

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APPLICATION FOR MORTUARY WARRANT

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

County of Grimes } I, C. W. Richards

do hereby certify that I am the person to whom is entrusted the paying of the accounts and indebtedness of the late B. W. Richards, who was a pensioner of the State of Texas, and whose file number was 14547 and whose original county was Grimes Anderson

The said pensioner B. W. Richards, died on the 11 day of April, 1940, in the town of Bedias Tx County of Grimes, Texas.

The pensioner died in the home of Own Home who was related to the pensioner as -

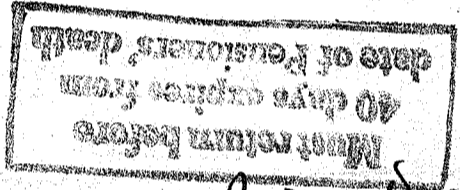
That the warrant, which application is hereby made for, shall be applied to paying all or part of the funeral expenses incurred by the said pensioner Part

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 Grand Son that my postoffice address is Bedias Tx Street or R. F. D. Rt 2 City Bedias State Texas

Signed C. W. Richards Sworn to before me this 13 day of April, 1940

C. C. Shanker J. P. Ev. offic. Notary Public in and for Grimes State of Texas.



CERTIFICATE OF UNDERTAKER

I, J. M. Day, do certify that I am undertaker in the town of Madisonville, County of Madison, State of Texas that I had charge of the body of B. W. Richards, who died in the town of Bedias, County of Grimes, State of Texas on the 11 day of April, 1940. That said body was prepared for burial by me on the 11 day of April, 1940, and that I am of the opinion that warrant herein applied for should be issued to the said J. M. Day Funeral Home who makes the foregoing application.

Signed J. M. Day Undertaker.

CERTIFICATE OF PHYSICIAN

I, C. M. Cole M.D., do certify that I am a practicing physician, and that I attended B. W. Richards in his last illness, and am of the opinion that his ailments were Cerebral Hemorrhage (Left) Sensibility - Myocarditis.

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 C. M. Cole M.D. Physician's Address Madisonville Texas TX

