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FORM B

Widows' Application for Pension

Dec 24-1912

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

Name of Applicant.

Mr. M. A. French

Anderson County

Postoffice

Salmon

Filed

Mar 30 1912

Approved

Sept 1 1913

Pension allowed from

Dec 1 1913

Rejected

Mar 28 1912

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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 M. A. Kersh, 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 Dean Kersh, deceased, who departed this life on the 28 day of Feb, A. D. 1904, in the county of Anderson, in the State of Mississippi.

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 May, A. D. 1889 in the county of Anderson, in the State of Mississippi.

My husband, the said Dean Kersh, 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? 58 years old in June 1912
- 2. Where were you born? at Mendon Blkham Parish La
- 3. How long have you resided in the State of Texas? All my life except 4 months
- 4. How long have you resided in the county of your present residence? And what is your postoffice address? 24 years & Salzsour my present post office
- 5. What was your husband's full name? Dean Kersh
- 6. What was the date of his death? 28 day of Feb 1906
- 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. My husband told me he served about 1 year
- 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. he was in Company G, 28. Regiment - Mississippi Cavalry



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. he was in Mississippi Cavalry Company G, 28. Regiment of Mississippi Volunteers

11. 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) *Mrs M A Kersh*

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this *16* day of *March*, A. D. 19*12*

M H Hardin
County Judge *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 *T. W. Tyler* *Anotary public* County Judge of *Anderson* County,

State of Texas, on this day personally appeared *H. O. Tyler & R. C. Parks*, 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.

M. A. Kersh, applicant for a pension as the widow of *Wm Kersh*

deceased, is in truth and fact the widow of *Wm Kersh* 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. O. Tyler*

(Signature of Witness) *R. C. Parks*

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this *the 2* day of *Feb*, A. D. 19*12*

T W Tyler *Anotary Public*
County Judge *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 *T. W. Tyler* *Anotary public* County Judge of *Anderson* County,

State of Texas, on this day personally appeared *H. O. Tyler & R. C. Parks*, 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 *Mrs. M. A. Kersh*

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) *H. O. Tyler*

(Signature of Witness) *R. C. Parks*

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this *2* day of *Feb*, A. D. 19*12*

T W Tyler *Anotary Public*
County Judge *Anderson* County, Texas.

[SEAL.]

By County Judge, or Notary Public

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 path; also, any information regarding the army service of applicant's husband.)

THE STATE OF ~~TEXAS~~ ^{Mississippi}
County of ^{Rankin}

Before me ^{J. I. Gay} Clerk of ^{Chancery Court}, County Judge of ^{Rankin} County,
State of Texas, on this day personally appeared ^{R. D. McKee & W. H. Murray}, 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.)

^{That said Kersh, was a member of Co. G, 28th Miss. Cavalry Regt., as were the men designated.}

(Signature of Witness) ^{+ R. D. McKee}

(Signature of Witness) ^{+ W. H. Murray}

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this ²⁷ day of ^{March}, A. D. 19 ¹².

^{J. I. Gay}
County Judge, Clerk ^{Chancery Court} County, Texas.
^{Rankin Co. Miss.}

[SEAL.]

CERTIFICATE OF STATE AND COUNTY ASSESSOR

I, ^{O. W. Rogers}, State and County Assessor in the County of ^{Auderson}, State of Texas, do hereby certify that Mrs. ^{M. A. Kersh},

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 ^{\$ 960} ^{being her home} ^{no property outside of home.} dollars.

Given under my hand, this ¹⁶ day of ^{Mar.}, A. D. 19 ¹².

^{O. W. Rogers}
State and County Assessor. TX

STATE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WELFARE

RECEIVED
JAN 6 1941
VETERANS STATE
SERVICE OFFICE



342 W. Tyler Avenue
Longview, Texas
January 5, 1941

Veteran's State Office
Austin, Texas

Subject: Mary Ann Kersh
Kilgore, Texas

Re: Ex-husband
Daniel Webster

Gentlemen:

Mrs. Eula Kersh has applied for Aid to Dependent Children for her two children. Mr. Kersh left her in 1939 and she is unable to support the children. Her mother-in-law Mrs. Mary Ann Kersh is an invalid and Mrs. Kersh cares for her and Mrs. Mary Ann Kersh pays her \$25.00 per month which she receives from her ex-spouse Daniel Webster, a Civil War Veteran.

All the information we can get is that he was a Civil War Veteran and was not disabled.

Please check your files for Mr. Daniels. We do not know his location at present.

Your cooperation will be appreciated.

Very truly yours,

Willie D. Yarbrough

(Miss)Willie D. Yarbrough, Worker
State Dept. of Public Welfare
Longview, Texas



Note: Mr. Taylor, we have nothing on this, and if you will reply to Miss Yarbrough, we will appreciate it.

Lois M. Fugler

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E. A. BUFOED, Commissioner

OFFICE OF

Commissioner of Pensions

State of Texas

Austin

To the Adjutant General,

War Department,

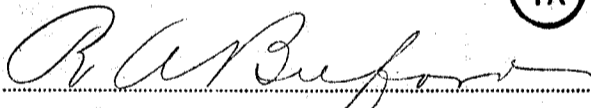
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I have the honor to request the military record
of Wau. Herck who is reported to have enlisted in
Company "G", Regiment 28th Miss^{es} Cavalry,
in the service of the Confederate States Army.

Purpose: The mother 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,


Commissioner of Pensions.



ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE
WAR DEPARTMENT
1897297

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

WAR DEPARTMENT,
1897297

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

WASHINGTON, April 3, 1912.

Respectfully returned to the

Commissioner of Pensions,
State of Texas,
Austin.

The records show that D. G. Keresh, private, Troop G, 28th Mississippi Cavalry, Confederate States Army, enlisted March 20, 1864; was surrendered at Citronelle, Alabama, May 4, 1865, and paroled at Gainesville, Alabama, May 12, 1865.

Wm. J. McLean
Adjutant General.

The State of Texas, #
 County of Anderson. #

Before me, E. V. Swift,
 County Judge, in and for Anderson County, Texas, on this day personally
 appeared, Mrs. M. A. Kersh, who being by me duly sworn deposes and
 swears, that she made application for a pension to the State of
 Texas, on or about March 20th. 1912; that at that time her application
 was turned down, and the Pension Commission gave as his reason that
 the application showed that she was married in 1889, instead of
 prior to 1880, as the law then required; that the papers were returned
 to her, and this reason assigned; that since the new law has gone
 into effect, this objection is removed, and that she is now advised
 that she is entitled to a pension; she further swears that she is
 still a widow, and has not remarried since the death of her husband,
 whose name was Dan G. Kersh; that she has not acquired any property
 since her last application was made, and that all the facts as set
 out in her former application, herewith attached, are true, and
 said facts exist now just ~~as~~ exactly as at the time her application
 was filed.

Mrs. M. A. Kersh

Subscribed and sworn to before me this July 9th. 1913.

E. V. Swift

County Judge, Anderson County, Texas.



E. V. SWIFT

Attorney-at-Law
COUNTY JUDGE
Anderson County

Palestine, Texas, July 9th. 1913.

Hon. R. A. Buford,
Pension Commr.,
Austin, Texas.

Dear Sir:

I herewith enclose pension application of Mrs. M. A. Kersh,
widow of Dan G. Kersh.

I also enclose to you his record as a soldier from the War
Department at Washington, and this should aid you a great deal,
and save delay.

You turned this application down in 1912, and gave as your reason
that she was married in 1889. Now the law has changed, and I see
no reason why the application should not be granted.

I know Mrs. Kersh, and know her to be worthy and in need, and
we would all appreciate your prompt attention.

Yours very truly,

E. V. Swift
County Judge.



January 8, 1942

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Miss Willie D. Yarbrough
State Department of Public Welfare
342 W. Tyler Avenue
Longview, Texas.

Re: Mary Ann Kersh
Kilgore, Texas

Dear Miss Yarbrough:

I have your letter of January 5, 1942 which was addressed to the Veteran's State Office, Austin, Texas and has been referred to this office for reply.

You are advised that on March 30, 1912, Mrs. M. A. Kersh, widow of Dan G. Kersh, filed application for Confederate Pension from Anderson County, Texas, on the military service record of her deceased husband Dan G. Kersh, whose death occurred on February 28, 1906. The application of Mrs. Kersh was approved on September 1, 1913 and Mrs. Kersh is still on the Confederate Pension roll receiving payments of \$25.00 per month. Her present address is Route 5, Box 719 B, Houston, Texas. I am of the opinion this Mrs. Kersh is the same person of whom you make inquiry.

The application of Mrs. Kersh was approved on the following report furnished this office by the Adjutant General, War Department, Washington, D. C., on the military service record of the deceased husband, Dan G. Kersh:

"Washington, April 3, 1912.

The records show that D. G. Kersh, private, Troop G, 28th Mississippi Cavalry, Confederate States Army, enlisted March 20, 1864; was surrendered at Citronelle, Alabama, May 4, 1865, and paroled at Gadsdenville, Alabama, May 12, 1865."

Signed: "Henry P. McCain
Adjutant General."

It was on the above record furnished by the War Department, Washington, D. C. that the application for pension of Mrs. M. A. Kersh was approved.

Page #2 - Miss Willie D. Yarbrough, Longview, Texas.

In your letter you state that Mrs. Mary Ann Kersh pays Mrs. Eula Kersh \$25.00 per month which she receives from her ex-spouse Daniel Webster, a Civil War Veteran.

You also make the request that this office "check the files for Mr. Daniels", as you do not know his location at present.

I am unable to comply with your request as to giving you any information as to the whereabouts of Mr. Daniels or any person named Daniel Webster as there is nothing in Mrs. M. A. Kersh's application for Confederate Pension which refers to any such person or persons.

Yours very truly,

Geo. H. Sheppard
Comptroller of Public Accounts

JHT:EE

WELCH & RADER FUNERAL HOME

BOX 1165

ON BROADWAY

PHONE 68

KILGORE, TEXAS Jan. 29th, 1942.

IN ACCOUNT WITH

Mrs Dan (Eula) Kersh

R # 3 Box 234 Kilgore, Texas.

For Mrs M.A. Kersh, deceased.

To casket, embalming, and all services rendered	\$ 175.00
Clothing	23.75
Additional mileage (100 miles)	25.00
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	223.75

The above is a true and correct statement of the funeral account of the above named deceased.

Le Ray Rader



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Please have application for Mortuary Warrant properly executed and have Undertaker attach to it a sworn itemized statement showing the cost of each item furnished for the burial. Return to Geo. H. Sheppard, Comptroller, Austin, Tex.

APPLICATION FOR MORTUARY WARRANT

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

County of Gregg } I, Mrs Dan (Eula) Kerch

do hereby certify that I am the person to whom is entrusted the paying of the accounts and indebtedness of the late Mrs. M. A. Kerch, who was a pensioner of the State of

Texas, and whose file number was 22917 and whose original county was Anderson

The said pensioner Mrs M. A. Kerch, died on the 24 day of Jan, 1942, in the town of Kilgore

County of Gregg Texas.

The pensioner died in the home of Mrs Dan (Eula) Kerch who was related to the pensioner as Daughter-in-law

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. A. Kerch

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 Daughter-in-law that my postoffice address is R. # 3 Box 234 - Kilgore Street or R. F. D.

Kilgore City Texas State

Signed Mrs Dan (Eula) Kerch

Sworn to before me this 29th day of January, 1942

R. L. Euper R. L. Euper

Notary Public in and for Gregg County State of Texas.

CERTIFICATE OF UNDERTAKER

I, Le Roy Padon, do certify that I am undertaker in the town of Kilgore, County of Gregg, State of Texas

that I had charge of the body of Mrs M. A. Kerch, who died in the town of Kilgore, County of Gregg, State of Texas

on the 24 day of Jan 1942 That said body was prepared for burial by me on the 24 day of Jan 1942, and that I am of the opinion that

warrant herein applied for should be issued to the said Mrs Dan (Eula) Kerch who makes the foregoing application.

Signed Le Roy Padon Undertaker.

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

CERTIFICATE OF PHYSICIAN

I, Dr. C. H. Harrison, do certify that I am a practicing physician, and that I attended Mrs Dan Eula Kerch in his last illness, and am of the opinion that his ailments were Coronary Thromboses.

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. H. Harrison M.D.

Physician's Address D. K. [illegible] Texas

RECEIVED JAN 31 1942 COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE

January 31, 1942.

Execute and return at once.

Jan 1942 Warrant # 13709
Cancelled

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