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FORM B.

### Widow's Application for a Pension

Husbands No - 12

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

Name of Applicant.

Mr. M. E. Laymanee  
Anderson County

Postoffice Salmon Texas

Filed Aug 4 1915  
AUG 4 1915

Approved

Pension allowed from DEC 1 1915

Rejected

*[Signature]*  
Commissioner of Pensions

For Use of Widows of Soldiers who are in Indigent Circumstances

THE STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF Anderson

I, Mrs. Mary Ella Layman, do hereby make application to the Commissioner of Pensions for a pension, to be granted me under the Act passed by the Thirty-third Legislature of the State of Texas, and approved April 7, A. D. 1913, on the following grounds:

I am the widow of R. Layman, deceased, who departed this life on the 24th day of June, A. D. 1915, 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 16th day of January, A. D. 1878, in the county of Anderson, in the State of Texas

My husband, the said, 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? 58 years of age
2. Where were you born? March 10 - 1857 - in Anderson County, 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; Mrs M. E. Layman - Salmon, Texas
5. Did your husband draw a pension? If so give his file number. Yes
6. What was your husband's full name? James Richard Layman
7. What was the date of his death? June 24 - 1915
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. See proof in his number - #12
10. What was the name of letter of the company, 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. See #12 - Anderson County

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.

See #12 - Anderson Co TX

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 may be approved and such other proceedings be had in the premises as are required by law.

(Signature of Applicant) Mrs M. E. Layman

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 29th day of July, A. D. 1915

[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 J. C. Colvin & Geo. W. Vance, who are personally

known to me to be creditable citizens, who, being by me duly sworn, on oath state that they personally know that

M. E. Layman ~~Mrs. J. C. Colvin & Geo. W. Vance~~ applicant for a pension as the widow of J. R. Layman

deceased, is in truth and fact the widow of Mrs. ~~J. R. Layman~~ M. E. Layman 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. C. Colvin

(Signature of Witness) Geo. W. Vance

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 3 day of August, A. D. 1915

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 }

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

State of Texas, on this day personally appeared J. C. Colvin & Geo. W. Vance, who are personally

known to me to be creditable 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 M. E. Layman

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) J. C. Colvin

(Signature of Witness) Geo. W. Vance

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 3 day of Aug, A. D. 1915

County Judge Anderson 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 personally known to me to be creditable 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):

*I recommend this Aug 3-1915-  
she has nothing and in  
need - G. J. Swift  
Judge*

(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

I, *R. R. Sadler*, State and County Assessor in the County of *Anderson*, State of Texas, do certify that Mrs. *M. E. Seymour* whose name is signed to the foregoing application for a pension, under the Act of the Thirty-third Legislature, approved April 7, 1913, is charged on the tax rolls of said county with a homestead of the value of *None* Dollars, and of other property, real or personal, or both, of the value of *None* Dollars.

Given under my hand, this *29* day of *July*, A. D. 191*5*

*R. R. Sadler*  
State and County Assessor.



March 12, 1935.

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Mrs. M. E. Laymance,  
505 Harrington St.,  
Houston, Texas.

Dear Mrs. Laymance:

I am in receipt of your letter of March 9 and wish to advise that your pension warrants will be mailed to you at the above address in the future.

On account of the Pension Fund being exhausted at this time unless pensioners can hold their warrants until there is a call for the payment of them by the State Treasurer the banks or individuals charge pensioners for cashing their warrants. This is due to the fact that the bank or who ever cashes the warrants have to hold them until the State Treasurer will be able to pay them.

The Pension Fund is now carrying a deficit of about four and one-half million dollars and as to when warrants can be paid when they are issued will depend entirely on the amount of tax that can be collected as there is much delinquent tax due the State.

If you desire further information as to when pension warrants will be paid you should write the Hon. Charley Lockhart, State Treasurer, Austin, Texas, as all warrants are paid through his office.

Yours very truly,

JHT:E.

Comptroller of Public  
Accounts.



*Laymance*

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Anderson -  
31721

Houston, Tex.

May 3rd 1936

Mrs Geo. H. Shepherd.

Dear Sir

My mother, Mrs M. E. Seymour  
is about to leave her mind  
she is now in the psychopathic  
ward of the Harris Co jail, here  
in Houston, I dont know yet  
what will be done for her or  
about her - her pension  
over her. Come to my bot  
at my home. 525 - ~~Houston~~ at  
yesterday. I do not know just  
what I should do about it  
she has been living with  
me a long time and she

MAY 4 1936

Post man did not know she  
was not here and I never  
saw the Post man. he number  
is 31721 Anderson Co.

My mother may be sent  
home to me in 30 days I am  
willing to trap her, if they will  
release her to me. but they  
think she might get violent  
and do harm. will you please  
write me just what I should  
do with her pension. I have  
not had the seal, and  
will await your advice.

Sincerely. Mrs G. H. Shepherd  
525 - ~~Houston~~ Houston, Tex

COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE

MAR 12 1935

RECEIVED

Mrs. M. E. Thompson  
Mount Pleasant

505 - Humington St  
Houston Tex

March 9. 1935.

Mr Geo. H. Sheppard

Comptroller of Public Account  
Austin Texas

Dear Sir:

Please change my address

on your file for my

Personal Checks. My old

address was. Mayfield, Texas

Cherokee Co. My new

address is. 505 - Humington St

Houston. Texas. Harris Co.

My old file no 31721 and

I was in Anderson Co, Texas

when my Personal

checks were drawn

was no 44210. (11)

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Also please send me

another, Proctor's

The one I had got burned

in 1934 - when my daughter

House burned down.

and please tell me why

I have to disburse my

checks so much to get

any cash on them. The

Bank's don't want to

cash my checks and

want to do with out a

3 Dollar old check. These

checks is all the money

I have and I am not able

to do any work at all.

I am now living with one

of my Daughters in Austin

she is not able to help

you expect give me a  
place to live -  
your family  
and me forever

This letter written by  
Mrs G. W. Gorton  
5-23 - Farmington at Houston  
Tex.  
Daughter of Mrs M. S. Gorton

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May 4, 1936.

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Mrs. J. W. Norton  
505 Harrington  
Houston, Texas.

Dear Mrs. Norton:

Replying to your letter of May 3 in which you state your Mother, Mrs. M. E. Laymance is at this time being confined in the psychopathic ward of the Harris County Jail and that the condition of her mind is not good at this time.

If Mrs. Laymance is being confined by any authority issued from a Harris County Court and is being supported at the expense of the State then she would not be entitled to Confederate Pension payments so long as this condition exists.

I would thank you to give me information at once as to the exact date Mr. Laymance was placed in the custody of Harris County Officers and also give me information as early as possible as to what disposition is made of her case. If she is being kept in confinement at the expense of the State then the pension warrant issued to her for the month of April, 1936 should be returned to this office and a partial payment issued to her up to the time she became a ward of the State.

If Mrs. Laymance should be adjudged non compos mentis, then any Confederate Pension Warrants which have been legally issued to her and which have not been paid by the State Treasurer of Texas should be handled through her guardian or through some legal representative.

Yours very truly,

JHT:E.

Comptroller of Public  
Accounts.

May 4, 1936.

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Mrs. J. W. Norton  
505 Harrington, Texas.

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Me. it was only temporary. for  
 observation. Said they could not  
 keep her long. account of the  
 over crowded condition of the ward  
 I could not get her in a Private  
 Nursing Home - They would not  
 take her for her pension and  
 I have no money. I work to  
 earn my living and keep my  
 2 minor children in school.  
 I did not have my mother  
 committed. how ever I gave  
 my consent for I could not  
 take care of her and ~~myself~~  
 and I have to work. She

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only got unmanageable for a  
 week or 2 before I let her go  
 she is in good Physical Health  
 and wanted to roam out on  
 the street at night as well  
 as day time - I was afraid she  
 would get killed by traffic  
 she is 78 years old - Can walk  
 a round good - to the best  
 of my knowledge - she is in  
 The Harris Co. Care on charge  
 not the State's - I was told and  
 also read it in Houston paper  
 that some 40 of the old Senile  
 Patients - would have ~~to~~ be

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moved soon and the Commissioners  
 is trying to have a building  
 prepared for them on the property  
 where the old Folski home is.  
 when Mrs Ferguson was committed  
 they told me - she was to old  
 to ever be sent to a state  
 insane asylum as it was  
 crowded and there was not  
 much hope to cure an old  
 Person - They said they might  
 have to bring her back to  
 me after 30 days observation  
 and also said in event  
 of death she would be given

to me for burial - or if she  
 got sick and there was no hope  
 I will have to take her before  
 death if possible - I would  
 want her - I would not want  
 her to die there - and I want  
 to take her home to Anderson Co  
 to bury her - will stopping  
 her passing now - cause  
 her mortuary vouchers to  
 be stopped too? I am getting  
 the official permission vouchers  
 and when I get more definite  
 information I will write again  
 Mrs G. M. Gordon

COUNTROLLERS OFFICE  
MAY 7 1936

Handwritten notes in the right margin, including the date "MAY 7 1936" and other illegible text.

Read this affidavit before executing it.

# AFFIDAVIT

Follow instructions and avoid delay and trouble.

NOTICE—RETURN THIS AFFIDAVIT TO J. C. JONES, COMMISSIONER OF PENSIONS, AUSTIN, TEXAS, ON JULY 15, 1915.

STATE OF TEXAS

Original County ANDERSON

COUNTY OF .....

Application No. 12

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that I am the identical person to whom a pension has been granted under Articles 6267-6285, Inc., R. S. 1911, and Act approved April 7, 1913.

I also certify that the county in which my application was originally made and the file number of said application, according to the records in the office of the Commissioner of Pensions, are the same as given in the upper right-hand corner of this affidavit.

I further certify that the same conditions exist as did at the time my application for pension was made, that I do not own real or personal property to the value of One Thousand Dollars, exclusive of my homestead, the value of which does not exceed One Thousand Dollars; that my annual income, not including my pension, does not exceed Three Hundred Dollars; that I am a bona fide resident of the State of Texas, and that I am not an inmate of the Confederate Home.

*[Signature]*

(Signature of Pensioner.)

I hereby certify that I am personally acquainted with the pensioner whose signature appears above and that the statements made by ..... are true and correct.

Witness.

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, personally appeared the above-named parties, well known to me, who state under oath that the statements herein contained are true and correct.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this ..... day of ..... 191.....

(SEAL)

### PENSIONER'S POSTOFFICE

The address must be plainly written below or affidavit will be returned to officer taking same. .... for ..... Co., Texas

(Name of Pensioner.)

R. F. D. ....

Street

Texas

(City or Town.)

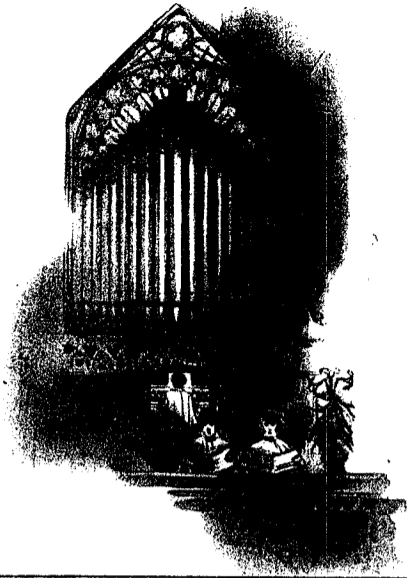


**FILL  
ALL  
BLANKS**

Approved for \$.....

Commissioner of Pensions.

Statement



Heights Funeral Home

1317 Heights Boulevard

Houston, Texas

December 10 1937

Taylor 3188

In account with

Mrs. J.W. Norton

For services of Mrs. Mary Ella Laymance, Nov. 27 1937

Casket	\$67.00
Embalming	25.00
Hearse	25.00
Ground Box	10.00
Newspaper Notices	3.00
	<u>3.00</u>
	\$130.00

This is a true and correct statement.

By- *R. E. Waltrip* Pres  
For-Heights Funeral Home.

STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF HARRIS

Subscribed and sworn to this tenth day of December 1937 by R. E. Waltrip for the Heights Funeral Home.



*R. E. Waltrip*  
Notary Public in and for  
Harris County Texas.

[31721]

# APPLICATION FOR MORTUARY WARRANT

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

County of HARRIS } I, Mrs J. W. Norton

do hereby certify that I am the person to whom is entrusted the paying of the accounts and indebtedness of the late Mrs M. E. Laymance, who was a pensioner of the State of Texas, and whose file number was 31721 and whose original county was Anderson

The said pensioner Mrs. M. E. Laymance, died on the 27 day of November, 19 37, in the town of Houston County of Harris Texas.

The pensioner died in the home of Mrs. J. W. Norton 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 funeral expenses incurred by the said pensioner Mrs. M. E. Laymance

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 that my postoffice address is 505 Washington Street Houston Texas Street of R. F. D. City State

Signed Mrs J. W. Norton

Sworn to before me this 3 day of December, 19 37

Mrs. J. P. Vastrop

Notary Public in and for Harris State of Texas.

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

## CERTIFICATE OF UNDERTAKER

I, C. J. Lusk, do certify that I am undertaker in the town of Houston, County of Harris, State of Texas that I had charge of the body of Mrs. M. E. Laymance, who died in the town of Houston, County of Harris, State of Texas on the 27 day of November 19 37. That said body was prepared for burial by me on the 27 day of November 19 37, and that I am of the opinion that warrant herein applied for should be issued to the said Mrs. J. W. Norton who makes the foregoing application.

Signed C. J. Lusk Undertaker.

## CERTIFICATE OF PHYSICIAN

I, Ed. Hanson, do certify that I am a practicing physician, and that I attended Mrs. M. E. Laymance in <sup>her</sup> last illness, and am of the opinion that his ailments were myocarditis & Bell's palsy

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, 1925.

*No warrants for some time in hospital see correspondence Nov. 30, 1937 31721*

**COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE RECEIVED**  
DEC 1 1937

Signed Ed. Hanson M.D. TX  
Houston Texas.