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FORM B DEAD

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.

Amanda M. Hatto

Anderson County.

Postoffice Palestine P #7

Filed Nov 5, 1909

Approved FEB 28 1910

Pension allowed from

Rejected

Commissioner of Pensions.

VON BOECKMANN-JONES CO., PRINTERS, AUSTIN

For Use of Widows of Soldiers Who are in Indigent Circumstances

THE STATE OF TEXAS

County of Anderson

I, Mrs Amanda M. Watts, 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 John R. Watts, deceased, who departed this life on the 20 day of Dec, A. D. 1907, 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 30th day of April, A. D. 1860, in the county of Sumpter, in the State of S.C.

My husband, the said John R. Watts, 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? 67 years
2. Where were you born? In Sumpter, S.C.
3. How long have you resided in the State of Texas? About 37 years
4. How long have you resided in the county of your present residence? And what is your postoffice address? About 37 years - Palestine Tex R. 7
5. What was your husband's full name? John Rufus Watts
6. When and where were you married? April 30th, 1860 in Sumpter S.C.
7. What was the date of his death? Dec 20, 1907
8. In what State was your husband's command originally organized? South Carolina
9. How long did your husband serve? If known to you, give date of enlistment and discharge. Enlisted Dec 1861, served till surrender in 1865
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. Company "D" 7th S.C. Cavalry
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
12. Have you transferred to others any property of any kind for the purpose of becoming a beneficiary under this law? 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) Amanda M Watts

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 4th day of October, 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 Anderson

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

State of Texas, on this day personally appeared J W Zeel & H J Watts, 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.

Amanda M Watts, applicant for a pension as the widow of John R Watts deceased, is in truth and fact the widow of John R Watts 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 W Zeel

(Signature of Witness) H J Watts

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 25th day of October, 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 Anderson

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

State of Texas, on this day personally appeared J W Zeel & H J Watts, 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 Amanda M Watts 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) J W Zeel

(Signature of Witness) H J Watts

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 25th day of Oct, A. D. 1909

O B Funderburk

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 Anderson

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

State of Texas, on this day personally appeared W. J. Watts, who ~~are~~ ^{is} personally known to me to be ^a credible citizens, who, being by me sworn, on oath state that ~~they are~~ ^{he is} 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~~ ^{his} knowledge and belief, and that ~~they~~ ^{he has} 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:

I personally knew John R. Watts who was a cousin of mine; I know that he enlisted and performed the duties of a Confederate soldier. He was a member of Company "I" 7th South Carolina Cavalry. I visited him several times in camps during the years 1863 and 1864. He served faithfully till the close of the war and did not desert.

(Signature of Witness) W. J. Watts

(Signature of Witness)

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 25th day of Oct., A. D. 1909

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

[SEAL.]

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. Manda M Watts,

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 430⁰⁰ dollars.

Given under my hand, this 25 day of Oct, A. D. 1909

Ben D Jackson
State and County Assessor. (TX)

EX PARTE

Mrs Amanda Watts
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 *J. D. DuBose*
and _____ who reside ^s in the County
of _____ in the State of *S. C.* 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 ^s residing in the County of
_____ and State of Texas, of which she is a bona fide resident.

Mrs M G Watts
(Applicant) Attorney _____ for Applicant.

Direct Interrogatories to be Propounded to the Witness _____

J D DuBose

- 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 *John R Watts* whose ^{widow} is an applicant for pension under Act of March 26, 1909?
- INT. 3. How long had you known the said *John R Watts* and when and where did you first know him?
- INT. 4. Do you personally know that the said *John R Watts* 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 *John R Watts* 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 *John R Watts* 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 *John R Watts* 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 *J D DuBose*

CROSS INTERROGATORY 1. If, in answer to the foregoing direct interrogatories, you have stated that you personally know or did know said *John R Watts* 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 *John R Watts* 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 *John R Watts* serving in the same company or regiment, or special service in which you say the said *John R Watts* enlisted, if you have stated that said *John R Watts* 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 John R. Watts
 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 John R. Watts
 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 John R. Watts
 is the identical person serving as testified by you?
 Cross INT. 3. Do you know whether or not the said John R. Watts
 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 John R. Watts
 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. P. Underbush, 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 John R. Watts may be attached hereto.

O. P. Underbush

County Judge. Anderson County, Texas.

John R. Watts

(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.

EX PARTE

IN RE APPLICANT FOR CONFEDERATE PENSION

Mrs. M. A. Watto

Under Act March 26, 1909, pending

Anderson

Applicant for Confederate Pension.

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

Answers and depositions of (1)

J. D. DeBus

to the accompanying interrogations (2)

✓ Cross Interrogatories

propounded to him

him

in the above entitled cause taken before (3) L. J. Parrott Clerk of court

in accordance with the accompanying (7)

Agreement

To the first interrogatory the said

J. D. DeBus

Witness, answers

1. J. D. DeBus, Aswago S. C. R. F. No. 1, Senter Co

2. Yes

3. All my life better boys together

4. Yes. Soldier

5. Yes Halcomb Legion Co. d. 1861, Senter Co S.C. at reorganization of this company he was sent in Co. D, 7th S.C. Calvary Long Point, served until the Dec 1861

6. No possible

7. No served as a private through the war

Cross

1. I know that the said John R. Watto interested in Halcomb Legion Co. d. in 1861 and served through the war for the reason I was in the same company with him, and was in constant communication with him through the serving him almost daily

2. Yes

3. I do

4. No he did not. He was a good soldier

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E. A. BOLMES, Commissioner

OFFICE OF
Commissioner of Pensions

State of Texas

Austin

FEB 7 1914

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To the Adjutant General,

War Department,


WASHINGTON, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I have the honor to request the military record of John Rufus Watts who is reported to have enlisted in Company I, Regiment 7th South Carolina 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

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WAR DEPARTMENT

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


THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

WASHINGTON, February 11, 1910.

Respectfully returned to the

Commissioner of Pensions,
State of Texas,
Austin, Texas.

The records show that J. R. Watts
(name not found as John Rufus Watts),
corporal, Company I, 7th South Caro-
lina Cavalry, Confederate States Army,
enlisted December 4, 1861. He was
surrendered and paroled at Appomattox
Court House, Virginia, April 9, 1865.



The Adjutant General.

[A. G. O. 72-1]

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M
Watts, John Rufus

April 29, 1939

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 John Rufus Watts, Confederate soldier, reported to have received a pension from the State of Texas under #17276 until his death in November 1907.

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

John T. Harris
JOHN T. HARRIS,
Colonel, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

(TX)

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QM 293 A-M
Watts, John Rufus

The Quartermaster General
War Department
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I acknowledge receipt of your letter of April 29 requesting the military service record of one John Rufus Watts as a Confederate Soldier who drew a Confederate Pension from the State of Texas under File number 17276 until his death in November, 1907.

Our records show that J. R. Watts, also borne as John Rufus Watts, was a member of Company I, 7th South Carolina Cavalry, Confederate States Army. He enlisted about December, 1861 and was paroled April 9, 1865. His rank was corporal.

Mr. Watts never received a Confederate Pension from the State of Texas, but his widow Mrs. Amanda M. Watts of Anderson County, Texas drew a pension from the State of Texas under file number as given above.

The application was approved on the affidavits of witnesses.

Yours very truly,

Geo. H. Sheppard
Comptroller of Public Accounts.

JHT:EE



Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 24 day of Oct, 1909

J. J. ...

THE STATE OF South Carolina
County of Sumter
clerk of court do hereby certify that T. D. Dubose

I, L. V. Pennington
(Here give name and official character of officer before whom taken.)

and T. D. Dubose are personally known to me to be credible citizens of said County and State, and that the foregoing answers of T. D. Dubose 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) T. D. Dubose

Given under my hand and official seal, this the 24 day of Oct, 1909

(L. S.)

L. V. Pennington
Clerk of Court C. P.

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 _____ 190 _____

By _____ Clerk.
Deputy.

Fee for Taking Deposition, \$ _____

VON BOECKMANN-JONES COMPANY, PRINTERS, AUSTIN, TEXAS

Before me, the undersigned authority, on this _____ day of _____, 19____, personally appeared _____, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.

My commission expires on _____, 19____.

DEPARTMENT OF

NOTARY PUBLIC



- (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.

THE E. L. STECK CO., AUSTIN

MORTUARY WARRANT ACCOUNT

Form 109b-S-444321-1M

STATE OF TEXAS

Palentine Texas, *May 2* 19*21*

To _____
WRITE ADDRESS PLAINLY *Palentine Place* Dr.

Account of Death of Pensioner No. *17226*, County *Audulon*
Pensioner's Name in full *Miss Amanda M Watts*

Account must be itemized, but Mortuary Warrant will not be issued for more than Thirty Dollars.
To Cash \$85.00 Bond \$12.00 Total and Balance \$4.02



The above account for *Buel Expenses* \$*101.50*
is just, due and unpaid. Dollars

Sworn to and subscribed before me this *1st* day of *May*
Notary Public, *Audulon* County, *Delaney*
EX OFFICIO NOTARY PUBLIC

17226

APPLICATION FOR MORTUARY WARRANT

STATE OF TEXAS,

County of Anderson } I, J B Watts

do hereby certify that I am the person to whom is entrusted the paying of the accounts and indebtedness of the late Mrs Amanda M Watts, who was a pensioner of the State of Texas, and whose file number is 17276 and whose original county is Anderson

The said pensioner Mrs Amanda M Watts, died on the 7 day of March, 1921, in the town of Palustrine County of Anderson, Texas.

The pensioner died in the home of J B Watts who was related to the pensioner as son

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

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) son and that my home is in the town of Palustrine, County of Anderson State of Texas, that my postoffice address is Palustrine B 7 Box 68

Signed J B Watts

Before me J P Pruitt Justice of the Peace in and for the County of Anderson, State of Texas, personally appeared J B Watts, who being by me duly sworn did certify to, and sign the foregoing statement.

(Seal of Office)

J P Pruitt in and for Anderson County, Texas.

CERTIFICATE OF UNDERTAKER.

I, G O Aage, do certify that I am undertaker in the town of Palustrine, County of Anderson, State of Texas that I had charge of the body of Mrs Amanda M Watts, who died in the town of Palustrine, County of Anderson, State of Texas on the 7 day of Mar 1921. That said body was prepared for burial by me on the 8 day of Mar 1921. That said body was buried in the French Chapel Cemetery, which is located in the County of Anderson State of Texas, and that I am of the opinion that warrant herein applied for should be issued to the said J B Watts, who makes the foregoing application.

Signed G O Aage Undertaker.

CERTIFICATE OF PHYSICIAN.

I, Guy D Small, do certify that I am a practicing physician, and that I attended Mrs Amanda Minerva Watts in his last illness, and am of the opinion that his ailments were Hypertrophy heart



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-fifth Legislature, and approved March 2, 1917.

Signed Guy D Small Physician.

Physician's Address Palustrine Texas

Residence address

Signature

Signed

I hereby certify that the above named person is the person to whom I am entrusted with the care and management of the estate of the deceased person named above and whose name is on the list of persons who were pensioners of the State of Texas at the time of his death.

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CERTIFICATE OF SIGNATURE

Signature

Signed

I hereby certify that the above named person is the person to whom I am entrusted with the care and management of the estate of the deceased person named above and whose name is on the list of persons who were pensioners of the State of Texas at the time of his death.

CERTIFICATE OF UNDERWRITER

Signature

(Print name)

I hereby certify that the above named person is the person to whom I am entrusted with the care and management of the estate of the deceased person named above and whose name is on the list of persons who were pensioners of the State of Texas at the time of his death.

Signed

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I hereby certify that the above named person is the person to whom I am entrusted with the care and management of the estate of the deceased person named above and whose name is on the list of persons who were pensioners of the State of Texas at the time of his death.

I further certify that the amount for the current quarter has not been certified by the pensioner to the proper authorities by the said pensioner.

That the amount which application is hereby made for, shall be applied to paying up or part of the amount due to the pensioner as stated above.

The pensioner died in the home of _____ at _____ Texas.

The said pensioner died on the _____ day of _____ 19____, in the town of _____ County of _____ State of Texas.

and whose estate is being administered by _____ who was a pensioner of the State of Texas at the time of his death.

I hereby certify that I am the person to whom is entrusted the paying of the accounts and indebtedness of the estate of the deceased person named above.

STATE OF TEXAS

APPLICATION FOR MORTUARY WARRANT