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DEAD FORM B

Widow's Application for 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.

Ms. Martha A. Burr

Henderson County.

Postoffice *Atkins # 1*

Filed *Oct. 25, 1909.*

Approved **FEB 28 1910**

Pension allowed from _____

Rejected *Lane*

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 Hudson }

I, Mrs Mattha A Beck, 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 W H Beck, deceased, who departed this life on the 25 day of April, A. D. 1909, in the county of Hudson, 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 day of January, A. D. 1854 in the county of Anderson, in the State of Texas

My husband, the said W H Beck, 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? 72 years
2. Where were you born? Harrison County State of Indiana
3. How long have you resided in the State of Texas? 60 years
4. How long have you resided in the county of your present residence? And what is your postoffice address? 30 years, Athens, Texas P.O. #1
5. What was your husband's full name? William Henry Beck
6. When and where were you married? January 1854. Anderson Co. Texas
7. What was the date of his death? April 25, 1909.
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. about 4 years. (Can't give date)
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. Do not know
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 not a commissioned officer.
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 be approved and such other proceedings be had in the premises as are required by law.

(Signature of Applicant)

Martha A. Beck

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 23 day of Oct, A. D. 1908

John S. Prine

County Judge Hudson County, Texas.

[SEAL.]

AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESSES

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

THE STATE OF TEXAS }

County of Hudson }

Before me John S. Prine, County Judge of Hudson County,

State of Texas, on this day personally appeared J. J. + R. L. Beck, 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.

Martha A. Beck, applicant for a pension as the widow of W. H. Beck

deceased, is in truth and fact the widow of W. H. Beck 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. J. Beck

(Signature of Witness) R. L. Beck

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 23 day of Oct, A. D. 1908

John S. Prine

County Judge Hudson County, Texas.

[SEAL.]

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County of Hudson }

Before me John S. Prine, County Judge of Hudson County,

State of Texas, on this day personally appeared J. J. + R. L. Beck, 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. Martha A. Beck

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. J. Beck

(Signature of Witness) R. L. Beck

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 23 day of Oct., A. D. 1908

John S. Prine

County Judge Hudson 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 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:

This applicant, refers to the Proof now on file in her Husbands Case. I permitted her sons to sign as witnesses, for convenience only. These people have lived here from the "start." R. E. Beck, one witness is Justin Beck at present

(Signature of Witness) Rest. John I. Pruitt
(Signature of Witness) County Judge

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

County Judge.....County, Texas.

[SEAL.]

CERTIFICATE OF STATE AND COUNTY ASSESSOR

I, W. H. Davis, State and County Assessor in the County of Henderson, State of Texas, do hereby certify that Mrs. Martha A. Beck or W. H. Beck 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 None dollars.

Given under my hand, this 23 day of Oct, A. D. 1919
W. H. Davis
State and County Assessor.



Form No. 1.

Application of Indigent Soldier or Sailor of
the late Confederacy for pension under the
Act of May 12, 1899.

The State of Texas }
County of Henderson }
To the Honorable County Judge of Henderson
County, Texas.

Your petitioner W. H. Best respectfully represents that he is a resident citizen of Henderson County, in the State of Texas, and that he makes this application for the purpose of obtaining a pension under the act passed by the Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Texas, and approved May 12, A.D. 1899, the same being an act entitled "An act to carry into effect the amendment to the Constitution of the State of Texas, providing that aid may be granted to disabled and dependent Confederate soldiers, sailors, and their widows under certain conditions, and to make an appropriation therefor," and I do solemnly swear that the answers I have given to the following questions are true.

Note - Applicant must make answer to all of the following questions, and such answers must be written out plainly in ink. (TX)

Q. What is your name? Answer, W. H. Best

Q. What is your age? Answer, 69 years

Q. In what County do you reside? Answer,

Henderson

Q. How long have you resided in said

County? what is your post office address?
 Answer. 317 east.

Post office. Butte, Texas

2. Have you applied for a pension under the Confederate Pension Law heretofore, and been rejected? If so state when and where. Answer.
 I have not

2. What is your occupation if able to engage in one? Answer. Farming

2. What is your physical condition? Answer
 Good

2. If your physical condition is such that you are unable by your own labor to earn a support, state what caused such disability? Answer. Infirmitly of eye

2. State in what company and regiment you enlisted in the Confederate Army, and the time of your service? Answer. Company "K" 1st Texas Partisan. Served 3 or 4 years

2. If you served in the Confederate navy state when and where and the time of your service? Answer.

2. State whether or not you have received any pension or veteran's demerit land certificate under any previous law, and if you answer in the affirmative state what pension or veteran's demerit land certificate you have received. Answer.
 None

2. What real and personal property do you now own, and what is the present value of such property? Give list of such property and value. Answer. One horse of the value of
 Twenty dollars

Q. What property and what is the value thereof have you sold or conveyed ^{with} in two year prior to the date of this application?

Answer. None

Q. What income if any do you receive?

Answer. None

Q. Are you in indigent circumstances; that is are you in actual want, and destitute of property and means of subsistence?

Answer. Yes.

Q. Are you unable by your labor to earn a support? Answer. Yes

Q. Have you transferred to others any property of value of any kind for the purpose of becoming a beneficiary under this law? Answer. None

Q. Did you ever desert the Confederacy? Answer. No

Q. Have you been continuously since the 1st day of January, 1880, a bona fide resident citizen of this State? Answer. Yes

Wherefore your petitioner prays that his application for pension be approved and that such other proceedings be had in the premises as are required by law.

(Signature of applicant)

W. H. Bick

Sworn to & subscribed before me this 28th day of July, A.D. 1899

W. H. Freeman

County Judge Henderson County, Texas



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 or oath, state that they personally know

the above named applicant for a pension, and that they personally know that the said

enlisted in the service of the Confederacy, and performed the duties of a soldier (or sailor) as claimed by him in the above and foregoing application, and that they further know that he, the said applicant, is unable to support himself by labor of any sort.

(Signature of witness)

(Signature of witness)

Signature of witness,

Signature of witness)

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

(Seal) County Judge

County, Texas.

COMMISSIONERS
 W. M. GAUNTY, - - - PRECINCT No. 1
 L. W. SMITH, - - - PRECINCT No. 2
 JNO. C. WILEY, - - - PRECINCT No. 3
 WOOD FORESTER, - - - PRECINCT No. 4



W. F. FREEMAN,
 COUNTY JUDGE.

Athens, Texas, 11/16 1899

This is to certify that I have examined
 W. H. Beck & find him very deaf & a subject of
 chronic Rheumatism & incapacitated to do
 hard labor.

C. R. Johnson, M.D.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 28th
 day July A. D. 1899.

W. F. Freeman County Judge
 Henderson County Texas

(TX)

In Re. Confederate Pension Application of W. A. Beese
Soldier or Sailor of the late
Confederacy for pension under the Act. of May 12th, 1899.

COMMISSION TO TAKE TESTIMONY OF WITNESS:

THE STATE OF TEXAS.

To Hon John Vasey JUDGE OF THE County
COURT OF Harrison COUNTY, STATE OF Texas or any
officer authorized by law to administer an oath
GREETING:--

You are hereby authorized and empowered to cause to come before you Wm
Barnes, Jasper & Allison Weaver, Isaac Richardson
Jesse Jones Cho Henderson, or any two of them
resident at
of your County, and their answers to take to the accompanying interrogatories propounded to them

in the matter of application of W. A. Beese
for Confederate Pensions under Act. of May 12. 1899, made and now pending before the County Judge of
Henderson County in the State of Texas, and having reduced the said answers to
writing, you will cause the said witness... to swear to and subscribe them before you, to which you will
Certify officially, after which you will seal up said Interrogatories and answers together with this commission,
in a package directed to the Judge of the County Court of Henderson County,
at Athens, in the State of Texas,

WITNESS W. F. Freeman, Judge of the County Court of
Henderson County, and the seal of said Court at my office, in the
City of Henderson Athens, State of Texas, this the 10th day
of August A. D. 1899

W. F. Freeman
County Judge of Henderson Co. Texas.
(Seal) Issued this the 10th day of August A. D. 1899
Co. Judge Henderson County.

Ex - Party,
W. A. Beese
Applicant for Confederate
Pension.

In the matter of an application for Confederate Pension, pending
before the County Judge of Henderson
County, State of Texas. Under Act. of May 12. 1899.

Statement of the Case:-



Applicant W. A. Beese for Confederate Pensions under Act. of May 12,
1899, of the State of Texas, applied for pensions and made Affidavit before me, on the 10th day of

August

A. D. 1899, to the following facts:-

That his name is W. A. Burt Age 69 years
resides in Henderson County, in the State of Texas, and resided in said County for

Post office address is Bute, Texas; That he never heretofore
Applied for pension and been rejected. That his occupation is Farming
That his physical condition is Feeble

and is unable to earn a support by his own labor; cause of his disability is Infirmity of
age

That he enlisted in the Confederate army in company "N", 1st Texas Partisan
Regiment
on or about the 3 or 4 day of years, and served for a term, of

3 or 4 years, That he has no income. That he is in indigent
circumstances; in actual want and destitute of property and means of Subsistence. That he never deserted the
Confederacy, and that he has been a bona fida resident citizen of the State of Texas, continuously since
January 1st, 1880,

Attest: W. H. Freeman
County Judge of Henderson Co., Texas.

Ex - Party,
W. A. Burt
Applicat for Confederate
Pension.

In the matter of an application for Confederate Pension, pending
before the County Judge of Henderson
County, State of Texas. Under Act. of May 12. 1899.

Depositions and answers of W. H. Barnes and S. H. J. Snow

to the following interrogatories propounded to them, in the
above entitled Pension claim, taken before J. J. Brumfield ~~and~~ doct Judge
of the County Court of Henderson County, State of
Texas, in accordance with the accompanying commission, issued by the County
Judge of Henderson County, State of Texas.

- Q. 1- What is your name? Answer S. H. Snow W. H. Barnes
- Q. 2- What is your age? Answer 72 years 69 yrs Barnes
- Q. 3- In what County and State do you reside? Answer Henderson Co Tex

Q. 4- What is your post office address? Answer Hauptman Tex

Q. 5- Do you personally know W. H. Beck who is an applicant for a pension? Answer: yes

Q. 6- Do you personally know that the said W. H. Beck applicant for pension enlisted in the service of the Confederacy and performed the duties of a Soldier or Sailor? Answer: yes

Q. 7- Do you personally know in what Company and Regiment said W. H. Beck enlisted in the Confederate army, and the time of his service? Answer: N. J. Snow Dragoon - Co. 1st Texas Cavalry - Capt. W. H. Barnes, 1st Lt. Barnes's Regiment 1st Texas Partisan Rangers

Q. 8- Do you further know that he, the said applicant, is unable to support himself by labor of any sort? Answer: yes

Q. 9-

Q. 10-

(Signature of Applicant)

By _____ Attorney.

=====**Cross Interrogatories by the County Judge:-**=====

Q. 1.

Q. 2.

Q. 3.

Q. 4.

I hereby waive cross examination
W. H. Keenan County Judge of Henderson County, Texas.

(Signature of Witness) H. J. Snow

(Signature of Witness) W. H. Barnes 1st Lieut

The State of Texas
County of Hauptman
of the County Court of Hauptman County, State of Texas
do hereby certify that H. J. Snow and W. H. Barnes
are personally known to me to be credible citizens of my County and State, that the foregoing answers of H. J. Snow and W. H. Barnes, the witnesses before named, were made before me and were sworn to and subscribed before me on the 10th day of August A. D. 1899, by the said witness.



Given under my hand and official seal this the 10th day of August A. D. 1899

H. J. Snow
Clerk
Judge of the County Court of Hauptman County, State of Texas

APPLICATION FOR MORTUARY WARRANT

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

County of Anderson I, J. J. Beck

do hereby certify that I am the person to whom is entrusted the paying of the accounts and indebtedness of the late Mrs Martha A. Beck, who was a pensioner of the State of Texas, and whose file number was 17820 and whose original county was Henderson

The said pensioner Mrs. Martha A. Beck died on the 31st day of Jan., 1928, in the town of Montalba, Anderson County, Texas.

The pensioner died in the home of J. J. Beck 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 funeral expenses incurred by the said pensioner Mrs Martha A. Beck

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 that my postoffice address is

Montalba, Texas

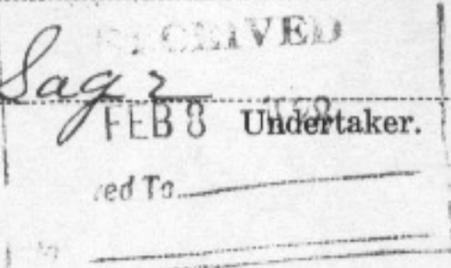
Signed J. J. Beck Sworn to before me this 6th day of Feb., 1928

Notary Public in and for Anderson State of Texas.

CERTIFICATE OF UNDERTAKER

I, A. B. Sager, do certify that I am undertaker in the town of Palestine, County of Anderson, State of Texas that I had charge of the body of Mrs Martha A. Beck, who died in the town of Montalba, Anderson County, Texas, on the 31 day of Jan., 1928. That said body was prepared for burial by me on the 2 day of Feb., 1928, and that I am of the opinion that warrant herein applied for should be issued to the said J. J. Beck who makes the foregoing application.

Signed A. B. Sager Undertaker.



CERTIFICATE OF PHYSICIAN

I, M. L. Austin, do certify that I am a practicing physician, and that I attended Mrs Martha A. Beck in his last illness, and am of the opinion that his ailments were produced by which resulted in death

Signed M. L. Austin MD Physician's Address Montalba, Tx



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.

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