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FORM B

# 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

*Robert X*  
*Mary Ann Reed*

*Stinson*  
County.

Postoffice

*Stinson #1 Box 26*

Filed  
DEC 27 1910

Approved

JAN 3 1911

Pension allowed from *December 1, 1910*

Rejected

*E. A. D. Jones*

Commissioner of Pensions.

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*East*

*Major Boon*  
*Navarota, Tex.*

*John Burger*  
*Rural shade, Tex*

*(Foster)*

*14*  
*Pale Horse*  
*San Jose*  
*14*  
*May 11 1911*  
*White*  
*Wortham*  
*Tex*



## FORM B

650-609-3M

For use of Widows of Soldiers who are in indigent circumstances.

THE STATE OF TEXAS }

County of Henderson

I, Mrs Maryann Bell, 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 George D. Bell, deceased, who departed this life on the 14 day of February, A. D. 1897, in the county of De Witt, 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 4 day of July, A. D. 1872 in the county of Houma, in the State of Texas.

My husband, the said George D. Bell, 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? 61 years
2. Where were you born? Missouri
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? 2 years, Athens R.F.D. #1.
5. What was your husband's full name? George Donald Bell
6. When and where were you married? In Navarro Co. Texas July 4, 1872
7. What was the date of his death? Feb. 14, 1897.
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. 4 years. 1861 to 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 of service. Can't give Company, or regiment 2nd Texas Infantry regiment.
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 how long did he serve? Infantry

12. Have you transferred to others any property of any kind for the purpose of becoming a beneficiary under this law? no

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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)

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 16 day of July, A. D. 1909.

County Judge Henderson County, Texas.

[SEAL.]

## AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESSES

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

THE STATE OF TEXAS }

County of Henderson

Before me John S. Pruett, County Judge of Henderson County,

State of Texas, on this day personally appeared G. A. Carrigan & I. Willis, 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.

Mary Ann Bell, applicant for a pension as the widow of Geo. D. Bell

deceased, is in truth and fact the widow of Geo. D. Bell 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)

(Signature of Witness)

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 16 day of July, A. D. 1909.

County Judge \_\_\_\_\_ County, Texas.

[SEAL.]

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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

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)

(Signature of Witness)

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 16 day of July, A. D. 1909.

County Judge Henderson 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 follow-  
ing facts touching the service of the applicant's husband in the Confederate Army:

(Signature of Witness) \_\_\_\_\_

(Signature of Witness) \_\_\_\_\_

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

County Judge.....County, Texas.

[SEAL.]

# CERTIFICATE OF STATE AND COUNTY ASSESSOR

W. H. Davis, State and County Assessor in the County of Henderson, State of Texas, do hereby certify that Mrs. M. A. Keel, 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 26 day of dec, A. D. 1910

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## EX PARTE

Mrs. Mary Ann Bell

Applicant for Confederate Pension.

Pending in Henderson County,  
Texas, before the Honorable County Judge of said  
County.

The Honorable County Judge of Henderson 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 G. J. Nance and who resides in the County of Limestone, in the State of Texas, 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 application 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 residing in the County of Henderson and State of Texas, of which is a bona fide resident.

Mary Ann Bell.

(Applicant) Attorney for Applicant.

## Direct Interrogatories to be Propounded to the Witness.

XXXXX G. J. Nance, of Thornton, Texas.

- 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 George D. Bell whose widow ~~xxx~~ is an applicant for pension under Act of March 26, 1909?
- INT. 3. How long had you known the said Geo. D. Bell ? and when and where did you first know him?
- INT. 4. Do you personally know that the said Geo. D. Bell 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 Geo. D. Bell 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 Geo. D. Bell 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 Geo. D. Bell 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 G. J. Nance.

CROSS INTERROGATORY 1. If, in answer to the foregoing direct interrogatories, you have stated that you personally know or did know said Geo. D. Bell 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 Geo. D. Bell 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 Geo. D. Bell serving in the same company or regiment, or special service in which you say the said Geo. D. Bell enlisted, if you have stated that said Geo. D. Bell enlisted and served in the navy of the Confederacy, then state whether or

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not you know any other soldier or sailor of the same name as said Geo.D.Bell

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 Geo.D.Bell  
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 Geo.D.Bell  
is the identical person serving as testified by you?

Cross INT. 3. Do you know whether or not the said Geo.D.Bell  
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 Geo.D.Bell  
deserted his command, or voluntarily abandoned his post of duty or the service during said war?

# THE STATE OF TEXAS,

County of Henderson

I, John S.Prince, 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 may be attached hereto.

John S Prince  
County Judge Henderson County, Texas.

Mary Ann Bell  
(Applicant) Attorney for Applicant.

In Re

## Application for Confederat Pension.

FOR USE OF SOLDIERS OR WIDOW

Henderson County, Texas

Pending before the County Judge of said Count

EX PARTE

Mrs M A Bell  
Applicant.

INTERROGATORIES

propounded to

H. G. Munn

Witnesses.



DEPOSITION IN PENSION CLAIMS, with Caption and Certificates.

1170-1109-3m

EX PARTE

IN RE APPLICANT FOR CONFEDERATE PENSION

Under Act March 26, 1909, pending County Court  
of Henderson

Mrs. M. A. Bell

Applicant for Confederate Pension.

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

Answers and depositions of (1) G. J. Nance

to the accompanying interrogations (2) and cross-interrogatories  
propounded to him in the above entitled cause taken before (3)  
in accordance with the accompanying (7) agreement

To the first interrogatory the said G. J. Nance

Witness, answers

G. J. Nance. 66 years. Thornton, Texas  
R. F. J. H.

To 2nd Int. said witness Ans:

G. J. Nance. 66 years  
Thornton, Texas. R. F. J. H. - yes.

To 3d Int he Ans:

about Sept. 6 - 1861. at Brenham  
Texas.

To 4th Int. he Ans:

yes

To 5th Int He Ans:

In Co. H. 2<sup>nd</sup> Texas Infantry in  
1861 and 1862 until wounded at Shiloh - served  
from Sept. 6 - 1861 to April 1862. in Tennessee & Mississippi

To 6th Int. he Ans:

He was not

To 7th Int. he Ans:

Was never detailed for special work  
as a private soldier

Answers and depositions of said witness to the cross interrogatories:

To 1st Cross-Int. he Ans:

I was personally acquainted with  
him. joined the army the same day and served together. I know  
of no other Geo. S. Bell

To 2nd Cross Int. he Ans:

yes

To 3d Cross-Int. he Ans:

yes

To 4th Cross-Int. he Ans:

He did not

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Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 24 day of December, 1910

J. A. Tucker Notary Public  
Limestone Co. Texas

THE STATE OF Texas

County of Limestone

and for Limestone Co. Texas do hereby certify that

I, J. A. Tucker Notary Public in  
(Here give name and official character of officer before whom taken.)

G. J. Nance

and G. J. Nance are personally known to me to be credible citizens of said County and State, and that the foregoing answers of

G. J. Nance

the witness before named, and

G. J. Nance, whose name appears signed to the foregoing deposition, were made before me and were sworn to and subscribed before me, by said witness (4) G. J. Nance

Given under my hand and official seal, this the 24 day of December, 1910

(L. S.)

J. A. Tucker Notary Public  
Limestone County, Texas

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 Henderson County, Texas.  
Before the Honorable County Judge of said County.

EX PARTE

Mrs. M. A. Bell  
Applicant for Confederate Pension

DEPOSITION

OF

G. J. Nance

Witness for Applicant

Filed \_\_\_\_\_ day \_\_\_\_\_

of \_\_\_\_\_ 19 \_\_\_\_\_

Clerk.

By \_\_\_\_\_ Deputy.

Fee for Taking Deposition, \$ \_\_\_\_\_

VON BOECKMANN-JONES COMPANY, PRINTERS, AUSTIN, TEX.





- (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.



VON BOECKMANN-JONES CO., AUSTIN, TEXAS

1390-210-2m



E. A. BOLMES, Commissioner

OFFICE OF  
Commissioner of Pensions

State of Texas

Austin

DEC 27 1910

To the Adjutant General,

War Department,

Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I have the honor to request the military record

of George D. Bell who is reported to have enlisted inCompany H, Regiment 2<sup>nd</sup> Texas Infantry

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.



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ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE  
DEC 30 1910  
1730019  
WAR DEPARTMENT

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

1730019

**WAR DEPARTMENT,**

**THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,**

WASHINGTON, December 30, 1910.

*Respectfully returned to the*

Commissioner of Pensions,  
State of Texas,  
Austin.

The records show that George D. Bell,  
private, Company H, 2d Texas Infantry,  
Confederate States Army, enlisted Sep-  
tember 12, 1861, for the war. On the  
roll dated June, 1862, he is reported  
discharged at Camp Priceville and  
final statements given.



The Adjutant General.

(A.G.O. 72-1)

Per *W*



Fill in this blank and return at once

## MORTUARY WARRANT ACCOUNT

Texas, 192

STATE OF TEXAS

To.....Dr.

WRITE ADDRESS PLAINLY.

Account of Death of Pensioner No. 19726, County Henderson

Pensioner's Name in full Mrs. Mary Ann Bell

Account must be itemized, but Mortuary Warrant will not be issued for more than Thirty Dollars.

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The above account for Fourteen DOLLARS

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 9 day of Oct, 1922

Notary Public, St. Louis County,

St. Louis County, State of Mo.

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Fill in this blank and return at once

Form 768b-S1048-1021-1m

THE E. L. STECK CO., AUSTIN

# APPLICATION FOR MORTUARY WARRANT

STATE OF TEXAS,

County of Henderson

I, Mrs. G. A. Carrigan

do hereby certify that I am the person to whom is entrusted the paying of the accounts and indebtedness of the late Mrs. Mary Ann Bell, who was a pensioner of the

State of Texas, and whose file number is 19726 and whose original county is Henderson  
Mrs. Mary Ann Bell

The said pensioner, Mrs. Mary Ann Bell, died on the 25 day of Sept., 1922, <sup>near</sup> the town of Athens  
County of Henderson, Texas.

The pensioner died in the home of Mrs. G. A. Carrigan  
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 expenses incurred by the said pensioner

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) Hallie Rainwaters  
and that my home is <sup>near</sup> the town of Athens, County of Henderson  
State of Texas, that my postoffice address is Athens Texas R.R.

Signed Hallie Rainwaters

Before me A. Timmin Notary Public in and for the County  
of Henderson, State of Texas, personally appeared Albert Carrigan  
who being by me duly sworn did certify to, and sign the foregoing statement.

(Seal of Office)

A. Timmin  
Notary Public in and for Henderson, Texas.

## CERTIFICATE OF UNDERTAKER.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, do certify that I am undertaker in the town of \_\_\_\_\_, County of \_\_\_\_\_, State of \_\_\_\_\_ that I had charge of the body of \_\_\_\_\_, who died in the town of \_\_\_\_\_, County of \_\_\_\_\_, State of \_\_\_\_\_ on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 192\_\_\_\_. That said body was prepared for burial by me on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 192\_\_\_\_. That said body was buried in the \_\_\_\_\_ Cemetery, which is located in the County of \_\_\_\_\_ State of \_\_\_\_\_, and that I am of the opinion that warrant herein applied for should be issued to the said \_\_\_\_\_, who makes the foregoing application.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Undertaker.

## CERTIFICATE OF PHYSICIAN.

I, R. A. Matthews, do certify that I am a practicing physician, and that I attended Mrs. Mary Ann Bell in his last illness, and am of the opinion that his ailments were chronic bronchitis  
and old age

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 R. A. Matthews Physician  
Physician's Address Wallerhoff Bldg. 2, L.

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Q. H.  
Sept 25th



Physician's Address

Physician

Signed

and approved March 5, 1913.

in the name of the aforementioned applicant, in accordance with Act passed by the Thirty-Ninth Legislature.

I further certify that I am of the opinion that the Mortuary Warrant above requested should be issued

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Physician, and that I attended

in his last illness, and

I do certify that I am a practicing

CERTIFICATE OF PHYSICIAN

Underwriter

Signed

foregoing application

issued to the said

who makes the

State of

and that I am of the opinion that warrant herein applied for should be

County, which is located in the County of

on the day of

1913 that said body was buried in the

on the day of

1913 that said body was prepared for burial by me

town of

County of

State of

that I had charge of the body of

who died in the

town of

County of

State of

I do certify that I am undertaker in the

CERTIFICATE OF UNDERTAKER

(Sign of Office)

COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE

who being duly sworn, depose and say that the foregoing statements

OCT 11 1922

referred to

No.

State of

that my postoffice address is

and that my home is in the town of

I am related to the pensioner as (Friend)

best of my knowledge and belief.

I further certify that the warrant for the current quarter has not been cashed by the pensioner, to the benefit incurred by the said pensioner.

That the warrant, which application is hereby made for, shall be applied to paying all or part of the ex- who was related to the pensioner as

The pensioner died in the home of

County of

Texas.

day of

1913

in the town of

The said pensioner

State of Texas, and whose file number is

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County of

STATE OF TEXAS

APPLICATION FOR MORTUARY WARRANT