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FORM NO. 2—AMENDED.
OCTOBER 1, 1902.

Confederate Pension Application.

Name of Applicant,

Mrs. S. A. Bell
Hudson County,
Post Office Macon

Comptroller's File No. 11228

I have carefully examined the within application for pension, together with the proof in support thereof, and I recommend that the application be

Approved
this 27 day of SEP 27 1905

A. D. E. A. Holmes
Chief Pension Clerk.

I hereby the within application for pension, this 27 day of SEP 27 1905

A. D. J. W. Stephens
Comptroller.

No Application Rejected by County Judge or County Commissioner's Should be Forwarded to Comptroller.

NOTE—The law provides that pensions can begin only on the first day of April and October of each year.

FORM No. 2. Amended October 1, 1902.

APPLICATION of Indigent widow of Soldier or Sailor of the late Confederacy for pension under the Act of May 12, 1899. Hereafter use no other blank but this.

THE STATE OF TEXAS, }

COUNTY OF Henderson

To the Honorable County Judge of Henderson County, Texas.

Your petitioner, Mrs. S. A. Bell respectfully represents that she is a resident citizen of Henderson County, in the State of Texas; that she is the widow of John Bell deceased, who was a Confederate soldier (or sailor), and that she makes this application for the purpose of obtaining a pension as the widow of said John Bell deceased, 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.

- Q. What is your name? Answer Mrs. S. A. Bell
- Q. What is your age? Answer 63 years
- Q. In what County do you reside? Answer Henderson
- Q. How long have you resided in said County and what is your post office address? Answer about 8 years
Post office address, Waverly
- Q. Have you applied for a pension under the Confederate Pension Law heretofore, and been rejected? If so, state when and where. Answer no
- Q. What is your occupation if able to engage in one? Answer none
- Q. What is your physical condition? Answer frail
- Q. What was the name of your deceased husband? Answer John Bell
- Q. Were you married to him anterior to March 1, 1866? If so, on what date were you married to him and where? Answer yes, married in Navarro Co. Tex. in Spring of 1865
- Q. What was the date of his death? Answer February 1882
- Q. Are you unmarried, and have you so remained unmarried since the death of your said husband for whose services you claim a pension? Answer yes
- Q. In what State was your husband's command originally organized? Answer Texas
- Q. How long did your husband serve? Give date of enlistment and discharge. Answer served about
4 years Enlisted in Summer 1861, discharged at close of war
- Q. What was the name or letter of your husband's company and name or number of his regiment? Answer Co. "A" Parson's Brigade
- Q. State whether he served in the infantry, artillery, cavalry, or the navy. Answer Cavalry (IX)
- Q. State whether or not you have received any pension or veteran donation land certificate under any previous law, and if you answer in the affirmative state what pension or veteran donation land certificate you have received. Answer no

- Q. 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 None
- Q. What property, and what was the value thereof, have you sold or conveyed within two years 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 No
- Q. Are you unable by your labor to earn a support? Answer No
- Q. Have you transferred to others any property of value of any kind for the purpose of becoming a beneficiary under this law? Answer No
- Q. Did your husband for whose services you claim a pension, ever desert the Confederacy? Answer No
- Q. Have you been continuously since the first day of March, 1880, a bona fide resident citizen of this State? Answer No

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

(Signature of Applicant)

J. A. Bell

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 11th day of October A. D. 1904

W. F. Freeman

(SEAL)

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 on oath, state that they personally know that Mrs. _____, applicant for a pension as the widow of _____, deceased, is in truth and fact the widow of the said _____, deceased; that they personally know that the said _____ that the said Mrs. _____, widow of the said _____ deceased, is unable to support herself by labor of any sort.

(Signature of Witness)

(Signature of Witness)

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

(SEAL)

County Judge _____ County, Texas.

CERTIFICATE OF COUNTY JUDGE.

THE STATE OF TEXAS, }
COUNTY OF Henderson } I, W. F. Freeman
County Judge of Henderson County, State of Texas, do hereby certify that on the 10
day of Oct, A. D. 1904, before me came on to be heard the application
of Mrs. S. A. Beel, widow of Geo. Beel
, deceased, for a pension under the Confederate Pension Law of this State, approved
May 12, A. D. 1899; that the answers of said applicant to the questions propounded were made under oath as the same appear
in writing in the foregoing application; that the affidavits of the witnesses who are credible citizens were made before me as the
same hereinbefore appear. I also certify that the said applicant, Mrs. S. A. Beel
is not disqualified under any of the provisions of Section 12, of the Confederate Pension Law. I further certify that after con-
sidering all of the proceedings had before me relative to the said application for a pension by the said Mrs. S. A. Beel
as widow of Geo. Beel
deceased, I find the said applicant is lawfully entitled to the pension provided for by the Confederate Pension Law of this State,
and I hereby approve said application.

Witness my hand and seal of office at Arthurs this 10
day of Oct, A. D. 1904

(SEAL)

W. F. Freeman
County Judge Henderson County, State of Texas.

CERTIFICATE OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

THE STATE OF TEXAS, }
COUNTY OF Henderson } We, the undersigned members of the Commissioners Court of
County, Texas, hereby certify that the foregoing application of Mrs. S. A. Beel
widow of Geo. Beel
deceased, for a pension, together with the proof in support thereof, was duly submitted
by Hon. W. F. Freeman County Judge of this Henderson
County, to the Commissioners Court of this Henderson County, at a regular term thereof on the 18th,
day of Nov, A. D. 1904, and after a careful consideration of the same we find the said applicant
is lawfully entitled to the pension provided for by the Confederate Pension Law of this State, and we hereby approve said
application.

Witness our hands and seal of office at Arthurs this 18
day of Nov, A. D. 1904

(Signature of Commissioners)

(SEAL)

W. S. Baker
Geo. J. Davidson
J. D. Warner



The State of Texas } Before me C. L. Fletcher
 County of Tarrant }
 on this day personally
 appeared L. J. Wheeler, personally known
 to me to a creditable citizen of said
 State & County and being by me duly
 sworn upon his oath to tell the
 truth & answer & say:-

That he is 74 years of age, that he
 served in Capt. R. D. McKies Company - Co. A.
 of which C. L. Morgan was Lt. Col.
 Tarrant Battalion - Division Brigade C. S. A.
 That he knew & served with John Bee - in
 said Company - That he was in the same Co.
 with the said John Bee from February 1862 till the
 close of the Civil War - That the said John Bee
 resided at Corsicana Texas where he lived and
 never deserted the C. S. A. That he was discharged
 of Corsicana Texas at the close of the Civil
 war. That Officer was Lieutenant in
 said Company & personally knows the
 foregoing facts - Officer also knows
 & further swears that John Bee was a
 married man & knew his wife, but not
 having seen her, cannot swear that
 she was the same person who makes
 this application - That was no other John
 Bee in said Company & that he knew no
 other John Bee who served in the
 Confederate States Army

L. J. Wheeler
 sworn to and subscribed before me this
 the 24 day of July A.D. 1905

C. L. Fletcher
 Notary Public for Texas

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 Ex parte S. A. Bell } Pending in Commissioner's
 Applicant for Confederate Pension } court & ends our county
 Texas

Witness A. J. Hoagier and Mr E. H. Hoagier
 being by me duly sworn according to law
 depose and say
 We live in Henderson county Texas. Post
 office office address, Mans. Tex.
 We personally know Mrs S. A. Bell, and we further
 that she is the surviving widow of John Bell,
 Have known personally both the said Mrs
 S. A. Bell, and the said John Bell, dead.
 for near **fifty** years. First knew the said John
 Bell, dead, in Houston county Texas, a
 We personally know that the said John
 enlisted as a soldier in the Confederate
 service, and performed the duties of a
 soldier. Enlisted in Summer of 1861
 in Navarro county Texas, served about
 4 years, and was discharged in May 1865
 Enlisted Co. "A" - "Parson's Brigade"
 We personally know that he never de-
 serted that the said John Bell dead never
 deserted the Confederate service.
 We personally know the said John Bell, ^{and}
 was the identical John Bell for whose
 services the said S. A. Bell makes applica-
 tion for Pension.
 We personally know that the said Mrs
 S. A. Bell is unable to earn a support
 by labor of any sort.
 The source of my knowledge as to service
 of the said John Bell dead - I served in
 same company and Brigade with him
 I knew when he enlisted. ^{first} Hoagier
 saw him while serving as a soldier, and knew
 him before during and after the war.

B. J. Hoagier

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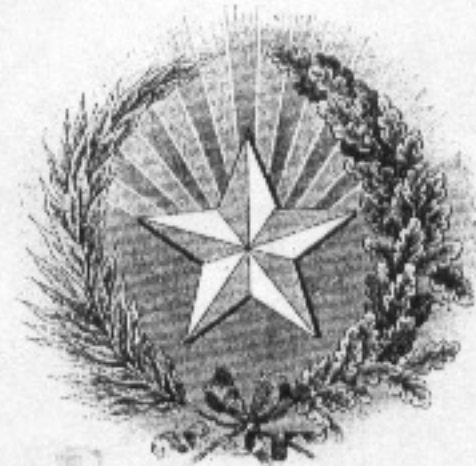
Subscribed and sworn to before me
 this October 10th 1914
 J. V. Freeman, County Judge
 Henderson County Texas

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OFFICE OF
J. R. BLADES,
County Judge.

COMMISSIONERS:

W. S. Coker, Precinct 1.
H. F. McShan, Precinct 2.
G. T. Davidson, Precinct 3.
T. J. Weesner, Precinct 4.

HENDERSON

COUNTY

ATHENS, TEXAS,

July 21 1905

The State of Texas } Before me, J. R. Blades
County of Henderson } Co. Judge of Henderson Co,
State of Texas, on this day personally
appeared A. J. Sprague, personally known
to me to be a credible citizen, who
being by me duly sworn on oath,
states that John Bell, late husband
of Mrs. S. A. Bell, Applicant for pension
served in "Parson's Brigade,"
"Morgan's Battalion" A. J. Sprague,
mark

Sworn to and subscribed before me
This July 21st, 1905,

J. R. Blades, Co. Judge,
Henderson County, Texas

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Comptroller's Department

State of Texas

Austin

J. W. STEPHENS, COMPTROLLER
JOHN T. SMITH, CHIEF CLERK

To the Military Secretary,
War Department,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I have the honor to request the military record of
John Bell who is reported to have enlisted in
Company *A*, *12th* Regiment, *Texas Cavalry*
in the service of the Confederate States army.

Purpose: 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,

J. W. Stephens
Comptroller

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MILITARY SECRETARY'S OFFICE

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Austin, Texas.

Mar. 10, 1905.

John Bell

Co A - 12th Tex Cav.
B & A.

Texas State Comptroller.
Requests military record

Address: "The Military Secretary,
War Department, Washington, D. C."

WAR DEPARTMENT,

THE MILITARY SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

WASHINGTON, March 16, 1905.

Respectfully returned to

The Comptroller,
State of Texas,
Austin.

The name John Bell has not been
found on the rolls, on file in this
office, of Company A, 12th Texas
Cavalry, C. S. A.

[Signature]

The Military Secretary.

(M. S. O. 72-1) Per *[Signature]*



Comptroller's Department,

State of Texas,

Austin.

J.W. STEPHENS, COMPTROLLER.
JOHN T. SMITH, CHIEF CLERK.

June 8th, 1905.

Hon. J. R. Blades,

County Judge Henderson Co.,

Athens, Texas.

Dear Sir:-

In the matter of Mrs. S. A. Bell, applicant for a pension, I have to state that it will be necessary for her to have the testimony of her witnesses to proof of her late husband's service in the army so amended that this office may know the number of the regiment or the name of the Colonel commanding said regiment, the command named "Parson's Brigade" not being definite.

His name was not found on the rolls of Company A, 12th Texas Cavalry, commanded by Col. Wm. H. Parsons.

The next beginning date for pensions under the provisions of the law is October 1st, nearly four months in which to secure additional proof.

Very Respectfully,

John T. Smith

Acting Comptroller.

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APPLICATION FOR MORTUARY WARRANT

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

County of ThrockmortonI, J. H. Darden

do hereby certify that I am the person to whom is entrusted the paying of the accounts and indebtedness of the late Mrs. S. A. Bell, who was a pensioner of the State of Texas, and whose file number was 44428 11228 and whose original county was Henderson

The said pensioner Mrs. S. A. Bell, died on the 18 day of June, 1930, in the town of Throckmorton County of Throckmorton, Texas.

The pensioner died in the home of Mrs. J. H. Darden her daughter who was related to the pensioner as her 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. S. A. Bell

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 in law that my postoffice address is Throckmorton

Throckmorton City Street or R. F. D. Texas State

Sworn to before me this 16 day of July, 1930

Signed J. H. Darden

Notary Public in and for Throckmorton State of Texas.

CERTIFICATE OF UNDERTAKER

I, Ed. L. Merriman, do certify that I am undertaker in the town of Throckmorton, County of Throckmorton, State of Texas that I had charge of the body of Mrs. S. A. Bell, who died in the town of Throckmorton, County of Throckmorton, State of Texas on the 18 day of June, 1930 That said body was prepared for burial by me on the 19 day of June, 1930, and that I am of the opinion that warrant herein applied for should be issued to the said J. H. Darden who makes the foregoing application.

Signed Ed. L. Merriman

Undertaker.

CERTIFICATE OF PHYSICIAN

I, Joel E. Harrell, do certify that I am a practicing physician, and that I attended Mrs. S. A. Bell in his last illness, and am of the opinion that his ailments were Heart disease - also partially due to Thigh injury.

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 Joel E. HarrellPhysician's Address Throckmorton

(TX)

7-11-30

THESE THINGS ARE NOT TO BE TAKEN

A rectangular stamp with a double border. The text inside reads "COMPTROLLERS OFFICE" on the top line and "RECEIVED" on the bottom line, both in bold, uppercase letters.

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