

FORM B.

WIDOW'S APPLICATION FOR A PENSION

The Comptroller of Public Accounts reserves the right to call for additional testimony if he deems it necessary.

Name of Applicant.

Mrs. N. L. Cotton

Henderson

County.

R. F. D. or Street No. Box 145

Postoffice Brownsboro, Texas

Filed April 20, 1935.

Approved

Pension allowed from

Rejected April 20, 1935

Geo. H. Sheppard
Comptroller of Public Accounts.

FOR R. L. STARK CO., AUSTIN

Age . Date of Birth

Widow's Application for Confederate Pension

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

County of Henderson

APR 20 1935

I, Mrs. Mrs. N. L. Cotten, do hereby make application for a pension pursuant to the provisions of Articles 6204 to 6227, inclusive, of the Revised Civil Statutes of 1925 as amended by H. B. No. 150, passed by the Forty-second Legislature at its Regular Session and all other laws of this State relating thereto.

I am a widow of W. T. Cotten deceased, who departed this life on the 10 day of Feb 1935, A. D., in the county of Henderson, in the State of Texas

I have not remarried since the death of my said husband; (or in case of remarriage that I am now a widow); and I do solemnly swear that I was never divorced from my said husband

W. T. Cotten 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 2nd day of July 1902 A. D., in the county of Henderson, in the State of Texas

My husband, the said W. T. Cotten, served as a Confederate soldier (or sailor) in the war between the States of the United States; or (that he was a soldier who, under special laws of the State of Texas during said war, served in organizations for the protection of the frontier against Indian raiders or Mexican marauders); or (that he was a soldier of the militia of the State of Alabama who was in active service during said war.) That my said husband served honorably from the date of his enlistment until the close of the war, (or until he was discharged or paroled in some military organization regularly mustered into the army or navy of the Confederate States until the surrender). He was honorably discharged or paroled

Dont know

(Give date and cause.)

That I have been a bona fide resident of this State continuously since the 2nd day of July 1902 A. D.

1. What is your age, and date of birth? 1876
2. How long have you resided in the county of your present residence? 33 years
3. What is your postoffice address? Brownsboro Texas Box 145
4. Have you applied for a pension under the Confederate pension law and been rejected? no
5. If rejected, state when and where --
6. Did your husband draw a pension? yes If so, give his file number see file #50312
7. Give, if possible, the postoffice address of your deceased husband at the time of his enlistment 50312

8. What was your husband's full name? William Thomas Cotten

9. In what State was your husband's command originally organized? 50312

10. How long did your husband serve? 50312

11. If known to you, give date of enlistment and discharge 50312

12. What was the name or letter of the company, or number of the regiment 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. (If applicant's husband was a pensioner give his file number, which is evidence sufficient for proof of service.) 50312

13. 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 50312

14. To what race do you belong? American



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

(Signature of Applicant) Mrs. N. L. Cotten

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 19th day of April A. D. 19 35.

[Seal]

Jno. W. B. Allen
County Judge Henderson County, Texas.

*Where applicant has remarried it is necessary that she state facts covering particulars of last marriage, date, to whom married, and date of last husband's death. She must also state that she is now a widow.

AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESSES

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(If possible the one witness should have served with the applicant's husband in the army, and if so, let him state it in his oath, also any other 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 is personally known to me to be a creditable citizen, who, being by me sworn, on oath states that (he or she) 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 (his or her) knowledge and belief, and that (he or she) has no interest in this claim. And further make oath to the following facts touching the service of applicant's husband in the Confederate Army:
(Witness must state fully the source of (his or her) knowledge of service of applicant's husband) _____

see file # 50312

(Signature of Witness) _____

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

[Seal.]

County Judge _____ County, Texas.



AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESSES

[Note.—There must be at least two creditable witnesses.]

THE STATE OF TEXAS,
County of Henderson }

Before me, Jno. W. Ballow, County Judge of Henderson County,
State of Texas, on this day personally appeared Mrs. B. B. Hall

, 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. N. L. Cotton, applicant for a pension as the widow of M. J. Cotton deceased, is in truth and fact the widow of Mrs. M. J. Cotton deceased; that they personally know that she has not remarried since the death of her husband, for whose services 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 15th day of April 1935, A. D. 19

[Seal.]

Jno. W. Ballow
County Judge Henderson County, Texas.

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Before me, Jno. W. Ballow, County Judge of Henderson County,
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, 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 Mrs. N. L. Cotton has been a bona fide resident citizen of the State of Texas since 1895 and that they have no interest in this claim.

(Signature of Witness)

(Signature of Witness)

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 19th day of April 1935, A. D. 19

[Seal.]

Jno. W. Ballow
County Judge Henderson County, Texas.

April 23, 1935.

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Mrs. N. L. Cotten
Box 145
Brownsboro, Texas

Dear Mrs. Cotten:

I am in receipt of your application for Confederate pension, and am sorry to advise that under the present law of Texas you are not eligible for pension on account of the date of your birth.

Under the law in order for the widow of a Confederate soldier to be eligible for pension she must be a woman born prior to January 1, 1873. Your application shows that your birth occurred in 1876 and your age is fifty-nine years. On account of the requirement of the law your application is rejected.

Yours very truly,

JHT:E.

Comptroller of Public
Accounts.

