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FORM No. 2  
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CONFEDERATE PENSION APPLICATION.

Name of Applicant,

Mrs. Matilda Keys  
Penderison County.

Post Office New York, Texas

Comptroller's File No. 6314

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

I recommend that the application be

this 12 day of March

A. D. 1900

Wm. J. Brown Pension Clerk.

I hereby approve the within application for pension, this 12 day of

March A. D. 1900

Wm. J. Brown Comptroller

No Application Rejected by County Judge or County Commissioners Should be Forwarded to Comptroller.

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FORM No. 2.

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

THE STATE OF TEXAS, }

COUNTY OF *Bender* }

To the Honorable County Judge of *Bend* County, Texas.

Your petitioner, Mrs. *Matilda Steys* respectfully represents that she is a resident citizen of *Bender* County, in the State of Texas; that she is the widow of *John Steys*, 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 Steys*, 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 *Matilda Steys*
- Q. What is your age? Answer *76 years*
- Q. In what County do you reside? Answer *Bender*
- Q. How long have you resided in said County and what is your post office address? Answer *Have resided in said county 20 years P.O. New York*
- 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 *Feeble*
- Q. What was the name of your deceased husband? Answer *John Steys*
- 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. Was married to him Oct 1842*
- Q. What was the date of his death? Answer *Sept. 20th 1888*
- 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. State in what company and regiment your deceased husband for whose services you claim a pension enlisted in the Confederate Army, and the time of his service therein? Answer *Warren's Company, Bates Regiment Tex Cavalry. Served from March 1862 to April 1865*
- Q. If your deceased husband served in the Confederate Navy, state when and where, and the time of such service? Answer \_\_\_\_\_



- 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 so received. Answer *None*

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 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 No

Q. Did your deceased 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 Yes

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.

Witness to Signature Malinda Spear (Signature of Applicant)

Matilda Keys her name day of August A. D.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 10

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

G. C. Keys (SEAL)

AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESSES.

(NOTE—There must be at least two credible witnesses.)

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

COUNTY OF Henderson

Before me, W. F. Freeman

County Judge of Henderson County, State of Texas, on this day personally appeared G. C. Keys & Malinda Spear

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. Matilda Keys, applicant for a pension as the widow of

John Keys, deceased, is in truth and fact the widow of the said

John Keys, deceased; that they personally know that the said

John Keys, deceased, enlisted in the service of the Confederacy, and

performed the duties of a soldier (or sailor) as claimed by his said widow in the above and foregoing application, and that they further

know that the said Mrs. Matilda Keys, widow of the said

John Keys, deceased, is unable to support herself by labor of any sort.

(Signature of Witness) G. C. Keys

(Signature of Witness) Malinda Spear

(Signature of Witness)

(Signature of Witness)

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 10 day of July A. D. 1899

(SEAL)

W. F. Freeman County Judge Henderson 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<sup>th</sup>  
 day of July A. D. 1899 before me came on to be heard the application of  
 Mrs. Matilda Keys widow of John Keys  
 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. Matilda Keys  
 is not disqualified under any of the provisions of Section 12, of the Confederate Pension Law. I further certify that after considering all  
 of the proceedings had before me relative to the said application for a pension by the said Mrs. Matilda  
Keys as widow of John Keys  
 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 Wheeler, Texas this 14  
 day of August A. D. 1899  
W. F. Freeman  
 County Judge Henderson County, State of Texas.

(SEAL)

CERTIFICATE OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

THE STATE OF TEXAS, }  
 COUNTY OF Henderson } We, the undersigned members of the Commissioners Court of  
Henderson County, Texas, hereby certify that the foregoing application of Mrs. Matilda  
Keys widow of John Keys 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 14 day of Nov A. D. 1899, 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 Wheeler this 14  
 day of Nov A. D. 1899

(Signatures of Commissioners.)

J. Wood  
W. H. Hester  
Wm. G. Hunt  
L. W. Smith



(SEAL)