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~~FORM B.~~

**Widow's Application  
for a Pension**

The Commissioner of Pensions reserves the right to call for additional testimony if he deems it necessary.

23504

Name of Applicant.

*Sarah Ann Loper*

*Beiderson* County.

Postoffice *Athens, Tex, R 3, Bx, 29*

Filed *June 26 - 18.*

Approved *July - 1 - 1918.*

Pension allowed from *June - 1 - 18.*

Rejected *[Signature]*

Commissioner of Pensions.

For Use of Widows of Soldiers who are in Indigent Circumstances

THE STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF Wade

I, Mrs. Sarah Ann Loper, do hereby make application to the Commissioner of Pensions for a pension, to be granted me under the Act passed by the Thirty-third Legislature of the State of Texas, and approved April 7, A. D. 1913, on the following grounds:

I am the widow of L. B. Loper, deceased, who departed this life on the 28 day of May, A. D. 1918, in the county of Wade 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 12 day of Aug, A. D. 1852, in the county of Newton Co., in the State of Miss.

My husband, the said L. B. Loper, 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 January 1, A. D. 1900, 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 \$300.00 per annum, nor do I own in my own right, nor does anyone hold in trust for my benefit or use, estate or property, either real, personal or mixed, either in fee or for life, of the value of one thousand dollars, exclusive of the home of the value of not over \$1000.00; 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? 79
- 2. Where were you born? Newton Co. Miss Dec 3, 1838
- 3. How long have you resided in the State of Texas? 56
- 4. How long have you resided in the county of your present residence? And what is your postoffice address? 15 years - Athens, Tex. P. # 3, Box 129
- 5. Did your husband draw a pension? If so, give his file number, 23504.
- 6. What was your husband's full name? Little Berry Loper
- 7. What was the date of his death? May 28, 1918
- 8. In what State was your husband's command originally organized? Refer to his application & proofs on file in your office
- 9. How long did your husband serve? If known to you give date of enlistment and discharge. Reference to his said application & proofs as above
- 10. What was the name or letter of the company, 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. Reference to his said proofs & application for pension on file in your department.
- 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. Reference to his proofs, as above



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 may be approved and such other proceedings be had in the premises as are required by law.

(Signature of Applicant) Mrs Sarah Ann Loper

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 24 day of June, A. D. 1918.

J. A. ...  
County Judge Wade County, Texas.

[Seal.]

**AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESSES**

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

THE STATE OF TEXAS, )

COUNTY OF Henderson

Before me, J. A. McDermott, County Judge of Henderson County, State of Texas, on this day personally appeared W. F. Gibbs & J. T. Dickerson, who are personally known to me to be creditable citizens, who, being by me duly sworn, on oath state that they personally know that Mrs. Sarah Ann Leeper, applicant for a pension as the widow of L. B. Leeper deceased, is in truth and fact the widow of L. B. Leeper 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) W. F. Gibbs

(Signature of Witness) J. T. Dickerson

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 24 day of June, A. D. 1918.

J. A. McDermott  
County Judge Henderson County, Texas.

[Seal.]

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(Signature of Witness) W. F. Gibbs

(Signature of Witness) J. T. Dickerson

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 24 day of June, A. D. 1918.

J. A. McDermott  
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 personally known to me to be creditable 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; (State fully your source of knowledge): \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ A. D. 191\_\_\_\_\_

[Seal.]

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

### CERTIFICATE OF STATE AND COUNTY ASSESSOR

I, J. W. Wood State and County Assessor in the County of Benderson, State of Texas, do certify that Mrs. Sarah Ann Lopez whose name is signed to the foregoing application for a pension, under the Act of the Thirty-third Legislature, approved April 7, 1913, is charged on the tax rolls of said county with a homestead of the value of \$640.00 Six Hundred & forty Dollars, and of other property, real or personal, or both, of the value of one hundred and ninety Dollars.

Given under my hand, this 24 day of June A. D. 1918

J. W. Wood  
State and County Assessor.

