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# WIDOW'S APPLICATION FOR A PENSION

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Name of Applicant.

Thos. Salling Melton  
Hudson County.

R. F. D. or Street No. \_\_\_\_\_

Postoffice Malakoff

Filed April 12th, 1930.

Approved April 12th, 1930.

Pension allowed from Mar. 1st, 1930.

Rejected \_\_\_\_\_  
G. H. Sheppard  
Comptroller of Public Accounts.

## Widow's Application for Confederate Pension

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

County of Henderson

I, Mrs. Sallie J. Melton do hereby make application for a pension, pursuant to the provisions of the First Section of Title 109, Revised Civil Statutes, 1925, providing for Confederate Pension, amended by Chapter 95, General Laws of the Fortieth Legislature, as amended by Senate Bill 287, Acts of the Regular Session of the Forty-first Legislature of the State of Texas, approved March 5, 1929, on the following ground:

I am a widow of Dr. R. D. Melton deceased, who departed this life on the 17 day of May, A. D. 1913, in the county of Henderson 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 31 day of July, A. D. 1872, in the county of Henderson in the State of Texas

My husband, the said Dr. R. D. Melton, enlisted and served in the military service of the Confederate States during the war between the States of the United States and he did not desert the Confederate service. I have been a resident of the State of Texas since prior to January 1, A. D. 1920, 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 above 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 \$2000; nor do I receive any aid or pension from any other State of the United States, and I do further state that the answers given to the following questions are true:

1. What is your age, and date of birth? October 28-1853
2. Where were you born? Henderson County Texas
3. How long have you resided in the State of Texas? 76 years
4. How long have you resided in the county of your present residence? 60 years
5. What is your postoffice address? Malakoff Texas
6. Have you applied for a pension under the Confederate pension law and been rejected? No

If rejected, state when and where \_\_\_\_\_

7. Did your husband draw a pension? No If so, give his file number \_\_\_\_\_
8. Give, if possible, the postoffice address of your deceased husband at the time of his enlistment \_\_\_\_\_

9. What is your husband's full name? Robert D. Melton

10. In what State was your husband's command originally organized? Mississippi

11. How long did your husband serve? 4 years If known to you, give date of enlistment and discharge \_\_\_\_\_

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.) 6th Miss

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 Surgeon in Army

14. Do you own any property other than that rendered for taxes in your county? If so, state value of same and county where located None

15. Have you transferred to another 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 required by law.

(Signature of Applicant)

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 4 day of March, A. D. 1930.

[Seal]

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

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

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

County of Hudson

Before me, A. B. Baker, County Judge of Hudson County, State of Texas, on this day personally appeared Geo W. Ballou

Jack I. Wofford, 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. Sallie J. Mutton, applicant for a pension as the widow of Dr. R. D. Mutton deceased, is in truth and fact the widow of Dr. R. D. Mutton 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) Geo. W. Ballou

(Signature of Witness) Jack I. Wofford

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 4 day of March, A. D. 1930.

[Seal.]

County Judge Hudson County, Texas.

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Jack I. Wofford, 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 Sallie J. Mutton has been a bona fide resident citizen of the State of Texas since prior to January 1, A. D. 1920, and that they have no interest in this claim.

(Signature of Witness) Geo. W. Ballou

(Signature of Witness) Jack I. Wofford

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 4 day of March, A. D. 1930.

[Seal.]

County Judge Hudson County, Texas.

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(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 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 are personally known to me to be creditable witnesses, 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 applicant's husband in the Confederate Army: (Witnesses must state fully the source of their knowledge of service of applicant's husband) \_\_\_\_\_

*I am enclosing letter from  
Capt Bridges Major General  
which shows all the available  
proof and think you may be  
able to grant pension on this proof.*

*W.B. Carter*

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

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

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

[Seal.]

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

CERTIFICATE OF STATE AND COUNTY ASSESSOR

I, *Jas. H. Wood*, State and County Assessor in the County of \_\_\_\_\_  
State of Texas, do certify that Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_

whose name is signed to the foregoing application for a pension is charged on the tax rolls of said county

with a homestead of the value of *\$500.00* Dollars, and, in

addition to homestead, of other property, real or personal, or both, of the value of *200.00*

Dollars.

Given under my hand, this *8* day of *March*, A. D. 19*30*.

*Jas. H. Wood*  
State and County Assessor.





WAR DEPARTMENT

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

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*J.A.Mc*

WASHINGTON March 12, 1930.

Respectfully returned to

Mrs. Sallie J. Melton,  
Malakoff, Texas.

The name Dr. R.D.Melton has not been found on the muster rolls on file in this office of any Confederate States Army organization from the State of Mississippi, numerically designated the 6th.

Other records show that R.D.Melton, M.D., signed a receipt, for \$80.00, dated Monroe, Louisiana, July 21, 1863, for one months services rendered at Hospital # 2, for the period from June 20, to July 20, 1863.

No other record of him has been found.

*C.H. Bridge*  
Major General,  
The Adjutant General.  
by *C.L.P.*

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THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

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WASHINGTON

Melton, R. D. (3-12-30)ORD

March 14, 1930.

- . Honorable Morgan G. Sanders,  
House of Representatives.

My dear Mr. Sanders:

I have your letter of March 12, with which you inclosed one, herewith returned, from Mrs. R. D. Melton, Box 62, Malakoff, Texas, who requests the Confederate military record of Dr. R. D. Melton, said to have served as a surgeon.

The records show that one R. D. Melton, M.D., signed a receipt roll for \$80.00, dated at Monroe, Louisiana, July 21, 1863, for one month service rendered at Hospital #2, from June 20 to July 20, 1863. This voucher was approved by J. C. Cummings, Post Surgeon, and was paid by Captain William Oliver, Quartermaster, C.S.A. No other record of him has been found, nor does that name appear on the rolls on file of any Confederate States Army organization.

The collection of Confederate records in this Department is incomplete, and the failure to find the complete record of a person thereon is by no means conclusive proof that such person did not serve during some period not covered by the records.

Very respectfully,

*C. B. Bridges*  
Major General,  
The Adjutant General. (TX)

1 Incl.  
(letter dated 3/9/30)

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MORGAN G. SANDERS  
3D DISTRICT TEXAS

Congress of the United States  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C.  
March 15, 1930

Mrs. R. D. Melton,  
Malakoff, Texas.  
Box #62

Dear Mrs. Melton:

With further reference to your letter of the 9th I hand you herewith a letter which I have received from the War Department under date of the 14th. Of course you understand that the pension matter to which you refer will have to come from the State of Texas. The fact that the records here show that your husband was in the service, I take it that this letter would be sufficient proof, however, let me suggest that you take this matter up with your County Judge who knows and understands the State law and who will give you the proper advice.

If there is any further service I can render you, let me have the pleasure.

Yours sincerely,



*Morgan G. Sanders*

# APPLICATION FOR MORTUARY WARRANT

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

County of Henderson

I, Addie Melton

do hereby certify that I am the person to whom is entrusted the paying of the accounts and indebtedness of the late Mrs Sallie J Melton, who was a pensioner of the State of Texas, and whose file number was 46426 and whose original county was Henderson.

The said pensioner Mrs Sallie J Melton, died on the 6th day of May, 19 35 in the town of Malakoff County of Henderson, Texas.

The pensioner died in the home of Mrs Sallie J Melton who was related to the pensioner as \_\_\_\_\_

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 Sallie J Melton

I further certify that the warrant for the current month has not been cashed by the pensioner, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

I am related to the pensioner as daughter that my postoffice address is Malakoff, Texas P O Box 74 Street or R. F. D.

City

State

Signed Addie Melton

Sworn to before me this 21st day of May, 19 35

Levin E. Carroll

Notary Public in and for Henderson State of Texas.

**Must return before  
40 days expires from  
date of Pensioner's death**

## 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 \_\_\_\_\_ 19\_\_\_\_. That said body was prepared for burial by me on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 19\_\_\_\_ 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, Dr. B. Owen, do certify that I am a practicing physician, and that I attended Mrs Sallie J Melton in his last illness, and am of the opinion that his ailments were Diabetes and myocarditis

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 Dr. B. Owen M.D.

Physician's Address Malakoff, Tex.

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