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FORM No. 2.

CONFEDERATE PENSION APPLICATION.

Name of Applicant,

Mrs. Lavinia Merchant

Henderson County.

Post Office Athens Texas

Comptroller's File No. 5485

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 8 day of February

A. D. 1900  
Pension Clerk

I hereby approve the within application for pension, this 8 day of

February A. D. 1900  
Comptroller

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

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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 Henderson }

To the Honorable County Judge of Henderson County, Texas.

Your petitioner, Mrs. Luisa Merchant respectfully represents that she is a resident citizen of Henderson County, in the State of Texas; that she is the widow of W. R. Merchant, 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 W. R. Merchant, 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 Luisa Merchant
- Q. What is your age? Answer I am 63 years old
- Q. In what County do you reside? Answer this Henderson County
- Q. How long have you resided in said County and what is your post office address? Answer I have resided in Henderson County, 45 years My P.O. address is Athens Texas
- Q. Have you applied for a pension under the Confederate Pension Law heretofore, and been rejected? If so state when and where. Answer no - never applied - never rejected
- Q. What is your occupation if able to engage in one? Answer House keeping - being unable to engage in it
- Q. What is your physical condition? Answer I am living with a widowed man - feeble - worn out with age
- Q. What was the name of your deceased husband? Answer W. R. Merchant
- 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 - I was married to him July 1854
- Q. What was the date of his death? Answer 27th May 1863
- 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 - I have so remained since his death
- 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 Company F. 20th Texas Regiment. He enlisted in March 1862 and served till his death May 27th 1863.
- Q. If your deceased husband served in the Confederate Navy, state when and where, and the time of such service? Answer He did not serve in the Confederate Navy
- 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 Never received any pension or veteran donation land certificate under any previous law.

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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: I own no property personal or real except - my wearing apparel and bed clothing & have not owned any property for years, except as above stated.

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: Have <sup>not</sup> sold nor conveyed any property for 2 years prior hereto.

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 I certainly am

Q. Are you unable by your labor to earn a support? Answer: yes I am

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. I had none to transfer.

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 January, 1880, a bona fide resident citizen of this State? Answer: yes, of this state and County

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) <sup>her</sup> Louisa Merchant

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

W. Freeman  
County Judge Henderson County, Texas.

(SEAL)

AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESSES.

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

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

COUNTY OF Henderson

Before me, W. Freeman

County Judge of Henderson County, State of Texas, on this day personally appeared E. M. Brown & H. Richardson

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. Louisa Merchant, applicant for a pension as the widow of W. R. Merchant, deceased, is in truth and fact the widow of the said W. R. Merchant, deceased; that they personally know that the said W. R. Merchant, 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. Louisa Merchant, widow of the said W. R. Merchant, deceased, is unable to support herself by labor of any sort.

(Signature of Witness) E. M. Brown

(Signature of Witness) H. Richardson

(Signature of Witness) W. Freeman

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

W. Freeman  
County Judge Henderson County, Texas.

(SEAL)

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 10th

day of July A. D. 1899

before me came on to be heard the application of Mrs. Larisa Merchant widow of W. R. Merchant

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 Larisa Merchant

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. Larisa Merchant as widow of W. R. Merchant

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 Athens Tex this 28th day of July 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. Larisa Merchant widow of W. R. Merchant 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 Athens Tex this 14 day of Nov A. D. 1899

(Signatures of Commissioners.)

Shirley  
Wood Forester  
Joe Curdley  
J. W. Smith

(SEAL)

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