

*Died*  
*March 21-1946*

32746

Form B.

H-3408

*Deceased 3-21-1946*  
**WIDOW'S APPLICATION**

**FOR A PENSION**

*Ent Feb. 1-1945*

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

*Deceased*  
*Mar. 21-1946*

*Mrs.* Name of Applicant.

*T. A. Merchant*

*Henderson* County.

Postoffice *Malakoff, Tx*

Filed

*Apr* **MAR 19 1916**

Approved

*Apr 24 - 1916*

Pension allowed from

*June 1 - 1916*

Rejected

Commissioner of Pensions.

*E. L. STECK, AUSTIN*

For Use of Widows of Soldiers who are in Indigent Circumstances

THE STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF

Henderson

I, Mrs.

J. A. Merchant

, 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

Christopher Carroll Merchant

deceased, who departed this life on the

6 day of

April

A. D. 1916

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 23 day of Jan, A. D. 1910, in the county of Henderson, in the State of Texas.

My husband, the said C. C. Merchant, 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?

55 years

2. Where were you born?

In Madison Co Alabama

3. How long have you resided in the State of Texas?

29 years

4. How long have you resided in the county of your present residence? And what is your postoffice address?

17 years - My post office is Malakoff, Texas

5. Did your husband draw a pension? If so, give his file number

yes # 19986

6. What was your husband's full name?

Christopher Carroll Merchant

7. What was the date of his death?

April 6 - 1916

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

In Texas

9. How long did your husband serve? If known to you give date of enlistment and discharge

See Application # 19986

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

See # 19986

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

See 19986



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)

J. A. Merchant

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this

18 day of

April

A. D. 1916

C. J. O'Connell

[Seal.]

County Judge Henderson County, Texas.

## AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESSES

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

THE STATE OF TEXAS }

County of Hudson

Before me, C. O. Owen, County Judge of Hudson County, State of Texas, on this day personally appeared W. H. Brazelton & Dodge Gentry, 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. J. G. Merchant, applicant for a pension as the widow of C. C. Merchant deceased, is in truth and fact the widow of C. C. Merchant 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. H. Brazelton

(Signature of Witness)

Dodge GentrySworn to and subscribed before me, this 18 day of April, A. D. 1916C. O. Owen

[Seal.]

County Judge Hudson County, Texas.

## AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESSES

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THE STATE OF TEXAS }

County of Hudson

Before me, C. O. Owen, County Judge of Hudson County, State of Texas, on this day personally appeared W. H. Brazelton & J. R. Rinson, 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. J. G. Merchant has been a bona fide resident citizen of the State of Texas since prior to January 1, A. D. 1900, and that they have no interest in this claim.

(Signature of Witness)

W. H. Brazelton

(Signature of Witness)

J. R. RinsonSworn to and subscribed before me, this 18 day of April, A. D. 1916C. O. Owen

[Seal.]

County Judge Hudson County, Texas.

# 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) \_\_\_\_\_

*See proof submitted in # 19986*

(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, *D. F. Kuy*, State and County Assessor in the County of *Henderson*, State of Texas, do certify that Mrs. *J. A. Merchant* 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 *no* Dollars, and of other property, real or personal, or both, of the value of *no* Dollars.

Given under my hand, this *18* day of *April* A. D. 191 *6*

*D. F. Kuy*

State and County Assessor.





J. C. JONES, Commissioner  
PHILIP D. LISSNER, Bookkeeper  
MISS ELLA BASSIST, Stenographer

OFFICE OF  
COMMISSIONER OF PENSIONS  
STATE OF TEXAS  
AUSTIN

~~RECEIVED~~  
APR 18 1916

APR 19 1916

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Your application has been received at this office and same will receive  
prompt attention.

It will take at least twenty days to carefully examine and act on your  
application, so please do not write regarding same before.....

MAY 10 1916

Thanking you in advance,

Yours truly,

J. C. JONES,  
Commissioner of Pensions.



MAY 10 1916

# COUNTY OF HENDERSON

FRANK J. DAVIS, COUNTY JUDGE

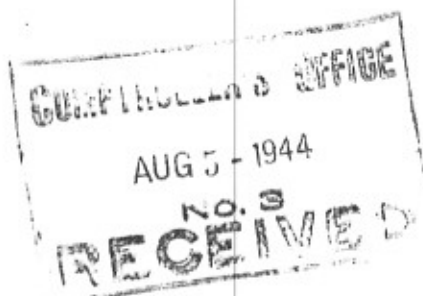
JACK OWEN, COUNTY CLERK  
C. C. ADRIAN, DISTRICT CLERK  
JEAN DAY, COUNTY ATTORNEY  
JESS SWEETEN, SHERIFF  
FRANK J. PARKER, COUNTY TREASURER  
MRS. MYRTLE B. DICKERSON, TAX ASSESSOR  
AND COLLECTOR  
BEN H. WATHEN, COUNTY SURVEYOR



MRS. LILLIAN B. HALL, SUPT. PUBLIC INSTRUCTION  
R. B. (RAB) WARREN, COMMISSIONER PRECINCT 1  
M. C. ANDREWS, COMMISSIONER PRECINCT 2  
W. C. (BUCK) TINDEL, COMMISSIONER PRECINCT 3  
BOYD BACON, COMMISSIONER PRECINCT 4  
W. R. MORGAN, COUNTY AGRICULTURAL AGENT  
MISS AUDREY PINKSTON, HOME DEM. AGENT  
C. SIMMONS, COUNTY AUDITOR

ATHENS, TEXAS

July 27, 1944



Postmaster  
Kemp, Texas

Dear Sir:

Please forward any mail belonging to Mrs. T. A. Merchant to Athens, Texas, Box 729.

Mrs. Merchant formerly resided at Aley in this county but she is now residing here where she is confined to her bed and is a charity case assisted by public funds.

Very truly yours,

*Frank J. Davis*  
Frank J. Davis  
County Judge  
Henderson County.

Dear Sir:

A Confederate pension check marked (do not forward to another postoffice) is in general delivery at Kemp. Suggest you write Geo. H. Sheppard, Comptroller, Austin, for special dispensation in this matter.

Yours very truly,

*W. H. L. L. L.* (TX)

February 19, 1942

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Mrs. T. A. Merchant  
Malakoff, Texas

Dear Mrs. Merchant:

I am today in receipt of your letter which is dated February 1, 1942 and in which you state that some one has received and cashed your pension warrant.

You do not give the date of the warrant to which you refer and I am supposing it was your warrant for January, 1942.

Whether or not this warrant can be charged back to the bank that cashed it is a matter that must be handled through the State Treasurer, and I am transmitting your letter to the Hon. Jesse James, State Treasurer, Austin, Texas. I am sure you will have a prompt reply from Mr. James.

Yours very truly,

Geo. H. Sheppard  
Comptroller of Public Accounts

JHT:EE

cc  
Hon. Jesse James  
State Treasurer

32746

Henderson

~~W/g  
g/g  
g/g~~



August 5, 1944.

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Hon. Frank J. Davis, County Judge  
Henderson County  
Athens, Texas

Dear Judge Davis:

I acknowledge receipt of your letter of August 4 requesting a change of address in the mailing of Confederate Pension warrants of Mrs. T. A. Merchant from Kemp, Texas to Athens, Texas, Box 729.

I have today written the Postmaster at Kemp to forward the warrant to Mrs. Merchant at Box 229, Athens, Texas. Next month I will change her address to Athens, Texas.

I note you state Mrs. Merchant is a charity patient. If Mrs. Merchant is not violent or disagreeable to the extent that she would disturb other patients in a hospital or residence, then it might be possible that she could be placed in the Woman's Confederate Home at Austin, Texas. She would receive care and treatment at the Home and everything necessary for her comfort. If Mrs. Merchant would like to make application for admission to the Home, then it is a matter that you should take up with Mrs. Susan Butler, Superintendent, Woman's Confederate Home, Austin, Texas. She will furnish you blank forms for making application for admission and all other information you might desire in regard to the rules and regulations of the Home. She will have every care necessary for her comfort, and will be furnished board, room, laundry, medical attention and hospitalization free of charge.

I am of the opinion that Mrs. Merchant is a white person. Of course if she is colored then she would not be admitted to the Home.

Yours very truly,



Geo. H. Sheppard  
Comptroller of Public Accounts.

JHT:EE

32 746,  
Henderson

August 5, 1944

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Mr. H. W. Haynie, Postmaster  
Kemp, Texas.

Dear Sir:

On July 31, 1944 a Confederate Pension Warrant was mailed from this office to Mrs. T. A. Merchant, Route 3, Kemp, Texas. I have just received notice that Mrs. Merchant has moved from Kemp and is now residing at Athens, Texas.

I am asking that you please forward Mrs. Merchant's warrant to her at Box 729, Athens, Texas.

Yours very truly,



Geo. H. Sheppard  
Comptroller of Public Accounts.

JHT:EE

## APPLICATION FOR MORTUARY WARRANT

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

County of TravisI, Sam Platt, Manager Cook Funeral Home

do hereby certify that I am the person to whom is entrusted the paying of the accounts and indebtedness of the late Tulitia Ann ##### Merchant (Mrs. J. A.), who was a pensioner of the State of Texas, and whose file number was 32746 and whose original county was Henderson

The said pensioner Tulitia Ann Merchant, died on the 22nd day of March, 1946, in the town of Austin  
County of Travis, Texas.

The pensioner died in the home of Confederate Woman's Home  
who was related to the pensioner as Friend

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 Tulitia Ann Merchant

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 Undertaker  
that my postoffice address is 1100 Colorado Street

Street or R. F. D.

Austin

City

Texas

State

Signed Sam Platt  
Sworn to before me this 22nd day of March, 1946

Notary Public in and for Travis State of Texas.

## CERTIFICATE OF UNDERTAKER

I, Ed. W. Meier, do certify that I am undertaker in the town of ##### Austin, County of Travis, State of Texas that I had charge of the body of Tulitia Ann Merchant, who died in the town of Austin, County of Travis, State of Texas on the 22st day of March 1946. That said body was prepared for burial by me on the 22 day of March 1946, and that I am of the opinion that warrant herein applied for should be issued to the said ##### Sam Platt who makes the foregoing application.

Signed E. W. Meier  
Undertaker.



## CERTIFICATE OF PHYSICIAN

I, \_\_\_\_\_, do certify that I am a practicing physician, and that I attended \_\_\_\_\_ in his last illness, and am of the opinion that his ailments were \_\_\_\_\_

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 \_\_\_\_\_

Physician's Address \_\_\_\_\_