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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.

Dead
1-6-26

Name of Applicant.

Mary J. Southerland

Reederson County.

Postoffice *Chandler, RR#1.*

Filed *3/8/17*

Approved *3/8/17*

Pension allowed from *Mar 1-1917*

Rejected

J. E. Jones
Commissioner of Pensions.

For Use of Widows of Soldiers who are in Indigent Circumstances

THE STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF Beecham

I, Mrs. Mary J. Southerland, 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 Henry D. Southerland, deceased, who departed this life on the 12 day of Feb, A. D. 1917, in the county of Beecham, 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 1st day of Sept, A. D. 1864, in the county of Pike, in the State of Alabama.

My husband, the said Henry D. Southerland, 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 \$1,000.00; 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? 77
2. Where were you born? Pike County, Alabama
3. How long have you resided in the State of Texas? about 40 years
4. How long have you resided in the county of your present residence? And what is your postoffice address? About 40 years: Chandler P.O.
5. Did your husband draw a pension? If so, give his file number. Yes, No 23490.
6. What was your husband's full name? Henry David Southerland
7. What was the date of his death? Feb 12, 1917
8. In what State was your husband's command originally organized? in Alabama
9. How long did your husband serve? If known to you give date of enlistment and discharge. I refer you to his application & the other papers on file in your office
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. Refer you also to application papers as in Par 9.

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. I refer also to his application & papers

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)

Mary J. SoutherlandSworn to and subscribed before me, this 6 day of March, A. D. 1917.J. J. McDonaldCounty Judge Beecham 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. McDaniel, County Judge of Henderson County,

State of Texas, on this day personally appeared B. C. Hall & C. Murrell, 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. Mary J. Sauterland, applicant for a pension as the widow of Henry J. Sauterland

deceased, is in truth and fact the widow of Henry J. Sauterland 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) B. C. Hall

(Signature of Witness) C. Murrell

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 6 day of March, A. D. 1917.

J. A. McDaniel

County Judge Henderson County, Texas.

[Seal.]

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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. Mary J. Sauterland

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) B. C. Hall

(Signature of Witness) C. Murrell

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 6 day of March, A. D. 1917.

J. A. McDaniel

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, A. B. Culbertson, State and County Assessor in the County of HENDERSON, State of Texas, do certify that Mrs. H. D. Sauthersland 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 five hundred Dollars, and of other property, real or personal, or both, of the value of no Dollars.

Given under my hand, this 6 day of March, A. D. 191 7



A. B. Culbertson
State and County Assessor.

3/8/1917

Hon. J. A. Mc Donald,
Athens, Texas.

My dear Sir:-

In reply to your letter of yesterday, beg to state that Mrs. Henry D. Southerland, would not be entitled to the warrant of her deceased husband, but that she must always draw her own warrant in her own name, and under the application number mailed her today.

No warrant issued on a number, after the pensioner who held said number has died, can be endorsed nor collected in part, even if the pensioner lived only one day of having lived the entire quarter.

I have had passed during the present session of the Legislature, a bill which will remedy this, and will be known as a mortuary warrant, but said bill does not go into effect until April 1st 1917, and complete data and instructions regarding same will be mailed you shortly.

Assuring you that it is a pleasure to serve you, I am,

Yours truly,

J. C. Jones,

Commissioner



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Copy filed

J. A. McDONALD

(LAWYER)

COUNTY JUDGE

HENDERSON COUNTY

ATHENS, TEXAS

Mar 6/17.

Hon J C Jones, Com. Pensions,

Austin, Texas.

Dear Sir:-

Inclosed herewith, I beg to hand you application of Mrs. Henry D. Southerland, for widows pension, whose husband died recently in this county near Chandler.

You will note that You are refered to her husbands application for pension whose file No. is 23490, for answers to some of the questions contained in the application blank; I beleive though that she could have answered all of them. Trusting the application will be granted and hoping to haer from you at your earliest convenience.

But if there is any thing not staisfatory to you in the matter, please dont turn it down until=~~her~~ you state the objections to me and then I will see if the same can be supplied.

Yours truly,



J. A. McDonald
Co. Judge.

P S Had Mr Henry D., her husband, lived until April 15th he would have been entitled to his Quarterly warrant. His widow-the Applicant has paper blank for affidavits with her husbands pension Number on it; *for warrant due Apr 15th*
I dont suppose this warrant will or can be issued now beause of his death. But, in this connection, I note that Legislature has passed some legislation recently, which provides for mortuary warrants. Will the widow be entitled to any thing under this new legislation?

Kindly advise me fully as ~~she~~ wants to know.

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APPLICATION FOR MORTUARY WARRANT

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal of office at the City of Chandler, Texas, this 9th day of January, 1926.

STATE OF TEXAS,
County of Henderson }
I, M.O. Southerland
do hereby certify that I am the person to whom is entrusted the paying of the accounts and indebtedness of the late Mrs. M.J. Southerland, who was a pensioner of the State of Texas, and whose file number was 33857 and whose original county was Henderson.
The said pensioner Mrs. M.J. Southerland, died on the 30th day of December, 1926, in the town of Chandler, County of Henderson, Texas.

The pensioner died in the home of M.O. Southerland who was related to the pensioner as Son.

That the warrant, which application is hereby made for, shall be applied to paying all or part of the expenses incurred by the said pensioner. Burial

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

I am related to the pensioner as (Friend) Son
that my postoffice address is Chandler, Texas.

Street or R. F. D.

City

State

Signed M.O. Southerland

Sworn to before me this 9th day of Jan., 1926.

[Signature]

Notary Public in and for Henderson State of Texas.

CERTIFICATE OF UNDERTAKER

I, J. F. Daniel, do certify that I am undertaker in the town of Chandler County of Henderson, State of Texas, that I had charge of the body of Mrs. M.J. Southerland, who died in the town of Chandler, County of Henderson, State of Texas on the 30th day of Dec, 1926. That said body was prepared for burial by me on the 31st day of Dec, 1926, and that I am of the opinion that warrant herein applied for should be issued to the said M.O. Southerland who makes the foregoing application.

Signed J. F. Daniel
Undertaker.

CERTIFICATE OF PHYSICIAN

I, G. F. Moon, do certify that I am a practicing physician, and that I attended Mrs. M.J. Southerland in his last illness, and am of the opinion that his ailments were old age.



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 G. F. Moon
Physician's Address Chandler Texas

Must return before
40 days expires from
date of Pensioners' death

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