Widow's Application for Pension

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

Name of Applicant:

[Signature]

County:

Postoffice:

Filed:

Approved:

Pension allowed from:

Rejected:

Commissioner of Pensions:
For Use of Widows of Soldiers Who are in Indigent Circumstances

THE STATE OF TEXAS

County of Henderson

I, Mrs. Jinnie Stalter, do hereby make application to the Commissioner of Pensions for a pension, to be granted me under the Act passed by the Thirty-first Legislature of the State of Texas, and approved March 26, A. D. 1909, on the following grounds:

I am the widow of David Stalter, deceased, who departed this life on the 23rd day of August, 1909, 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 21st day of December, 1876, in the county of Henderson, in the State of Texas.

My husband, the said David Stalter, 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 March 1, A. D. 1880, 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 one hundred and fifty dollars 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 assessed value of over one thousand dollars; 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? 56 years.
2. Where were you born? State of Alabama.
3. How long have you resided in the State of Texas? 40 years.
4. How long have you resided in the county of your present residence? And what is your postoffice address? 40 years, Athens, R. D. #2.
5. What was your husband’s full name? David Stalter.
6. When and where were you married? Dec. 21, 1876, Henderson County, Texas.
7. What was the date of his death? Aug. 23d, 1909.
8. In what State was your husband’s command originally organized? Louisiana.
9. How long did your husband serve? If known to you, give date of enlistment and discharge. 4 years. Surrendered at Vixburg when Pemberton surrendered.
10. What was the name or letter of the company, or name 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. Company E, 31st La.

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. Infantry. He was a private.

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

(Signature of Applicant)

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 10 day of January, A. D. 1910.

John S. Cravens
County Judge, County, Texas.

[Seal.]

AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESSES

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

THE STATE OF TEXAS

County of Henderson

Before me, John S. Cravens, County Judge of Henderson County, State of Texas, on this day personally appeared L. W. Thompson and J. W. Mosley, 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. Jennie Stalter, applicant for a pension as the widow of David Stalter deceased, is in truth and fact the widow of David Stalter 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) L. W. Thompson
(Signature of Witness) J. W. Mosley

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 10 day of January, A. D. 1910.

John S. Cravens
County Judge, County, Texas.

[Seal.]

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Before me, John S. Cravens, County Judge of Henderson County, State of Texas, on this day personally appeared L. W. Thompson and J. W. Mosley, who are personally known to me to be credible citizens, who, being by me duly sworn, on oath state that they personally know the above-named applicant for a pension, and that they personally know that the said Mrs. Jennie Stalter has been a bona fide resident citizen of the State of Texas since prior to March 1, A. D. 1880, and that they have no interest in this claim.

(Signature of Witness) L. W. Thompson
(Signature of Witness) J. W. Mosley

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 10 day of January, A. D. 1910.

John S. Cravens
County Judge, 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 [County Name]

Before me, [Name], County Judge of [County Name], State of Texas, on this day personally appeared, [Name of Witness 1], [Name of Witness 2], who are personally known to me to be credible 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:

1. [Name of Witness 1], am 59 years old, was well acquainted with David Staiter, since 1868, from then until his recent death. I was a neighbor boy when he enlisted and served in the Confederate army. He enlisted in La. We came to Texas together, and I have known his family ever since. I also knew his companions in arms, and know that he and they came home just after Vicksburg surrendered, and have often heard them speak of his service in the army.

2. [Name of Witness 2], was well acquainted with David Staiter, deceased, knew him during the war, and personally know that he served as a private in Company D, 8th La. and was surrendered at Vicksburg. He never deserted. He served from the beginning of the war until he was surrendered. I also know applicant and that she is his widow.

(Signature of Witness)

(Signature of Witness)

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this [Date] day of [Month], A. D. 19[10]

[Seal.]

County Judge, [County Name], Texas.

CERTIFICATE OF STATE AND COUNTY ASSESSOR

[Name], State and County Assessor in the County of [County Name], State of Texas, do hereby certify that Mrs. [Name], whose name is signed to the foregoing application for a pension, under the Act of the Thirty-first Legislature, approved March 26, A. D. 19[09]., is charged on the land and personal property rolls of the said county, in her name, or the name of a trustee, with estate, real, personal and mixed, at the assessed value of [Value] dollars.

Given under my hand, this [Date] day of [Month], A. D. 19[10].

[Seal.]

State and County Assessor.
To the Adjutant General,

War Department,

Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I have the honor to request the military record of David Stalter, who is reported to have enlisted in Company D, Regiment 31st Louisiana Infantry, in the service of the Confederate States Army.

Purpose: The widow of the person above named is an applicant for a Confederate pension granted by this State, and I desire to verify his proof of service.

Very respectfully,

E. A. Dolmes
Commissioner of Pensions.
WARR DEPARTMENT,
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,
WASHINGTON, February 26, 1910.

Respectfully returned to the
Commissioner of Pensions,
State of Texas,
Austin.

The records show that David
Stalter, a private, Company D, 31st
Louisiana Infantry, Confederate
States Army, enlisted April 26, 1862,
and that he was paroled, at Alex-
andria, Louisiana, June 26, 1865.

[Signature]

The Adjutant General.