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FORM B.

WIDOW'S APPLICATION
FOR A PENSION

The Comptroller of Public Accounts reserves the right to call for additional testimony if he deems it necessary.

* Name of Applicant.

Matha G Bauman
Anderson County.

R. F. D. or Street No. *1*

Postoffice *Tanawana Sydney*

Filed *July 12th, 1928.*

Approved

Pension allowed from

Rejected *August 15th, 1929.*

A. H. Cornell
Comptroller of Public Accounts.

THE E. L. STEIGER CO., AUSTIN

Failure to prove service.

Widow's Application for Confederate Pension

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

County of Anderson

I, Mrs. Martha J. Branson do hereby make application to the Comptroller of Public Accounts 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 Stephen B. Branson deceased, who departed this life on the 25 day of April, A. D. 1922 in the county of Anderson 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 15 day of December, A. D. 1857 in the county of Anderson in the State of Texas

My husband, the said Stephen B. Branson, 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. 1910, 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? 71 Born 9th day of June 1857
2. Where were you born? in Anderson County Texas
3. How long have you resided in the State of Texas? 71 year
4. How long have you resided in the county of your present residence? 71 year
5. What is your postoffice address? Tennessee Colony, P. O. #1
6. Have you applied for a pension under the Confederate pension law and been rejected? no

If rejected, state when and where. no

7. Did your husband draw a pension? no If so, give his file number.
8. What is your husband's full name? Stephen Allen Branson

9. In what State was your husband's command originally organized? Texas **(TX)**

10. How long did your husband serve? 2 years If known to you, give date of enlistment and discharge I do not know

11. 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.) ninth Texas regiment served under Colonel Walter Hays

12. 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. 19th Texas Infantry

He belonged to Henry McCollars Brigade

13. Do you own any property other than that rendered for taxes in your county? If so, state value of same and county where located. no

14. 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 he had in the premises as required by law.

(Signature of Applicant) Martha J. Branson

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 3 day of July, A. D. 1928

C. H. Shelton
County Judge Anderson County, Texas.

[Seal]

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AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESSES

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

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

County of Anderson

Before me, E. H. Shelton, County Judge of Anderson County, State of Texas, on this day personally appeared J. W. Seat and

M. J. Perden, 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. Martha G. Branson, applicant for a pension as the widow of Stephen A. Branson deceased, is in truth and fact the widow of Stephen A. Branson 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) J. W. Seat

(Signature of Witness) M. J. Perden

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 3 day of July, A. D. 1928
E. H. Shelton

[Seal.]

County Judge Anderson County, Texas.

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M. J. Perden, 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 Martha G. Branson has been a bona fide resident citizen of the State of Texas since prior to January 1, A. D. 1910, and that they have no interest in this claim.

(Signature of Witness) J. W. Seat

(Signature of Witness) M. J. Perden

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 3 day of July, A. D. 1928
E. H. Shelton

[Seal.]

County Judge Anderson County, Texas.



Comptroller's Department

State of Texas

Austin

July 12th 1928.

To the Adjutant General,
War Department,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:-

I have the honor to request the Military record of Stephen A Bransom, who is reported to have enlisted in Company "E" Regiment 19th Texas Infantry, under Col. Waterhouse, Walker's Division.

in service in the Confederate States Army.

Very respectfully,

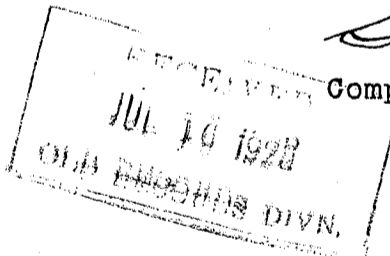
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A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "L. H. Terrell".

Comptroller of State of Texas.

Mrs. Martha E. Bransom

Form 2632b-S542-1126-2m



August 8, 1928.

Mrs. Martha E. Branson,
Route 1,
Tennessee Colony, Texas.

Dear Mrs. Branson:

Your Application for Confederate Pension has been on file with this office since July 12th.

In answer to a request from the War Department, Washington, D. C., for the military record of Stephen A. Branson, I have the following report:

"The name Stephen A. Branson (or Branson) has not been found on the muster rolls of Co. E, 19th. Texas Infantry, C.S.A., which cover in part the period from March 30, 1862 to February 29, 1864.

Nor has any record been found of his service, capture or parole as of the 19th. Texas Infantry, C.S.A."

Since this report fails to identify Mr. Branson as a member of Company E, 19th Texas Infantry, in which Company you claim your husband rendered military service as a Confederate Soldier, it will be necessary, under the Pension Law of Texas, that you prove the military service of Mr. Branson by the testimony of at least two credible witnesses who personally know he belonged to the army and rendered the service claimed by you, or if you cannot furnish the testimony of two witnesses, then you will be permitted to prove this service by documents or any other evidence that you may be able to furnish.

If the military record of Mr. Branson can be proven as required by the Statute, your application will have further consideration.

JIT/E

Yours very truly,



Comptroller of Public Accounts.