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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.

Name of Applicant

*Anna M. Carter*

*Anderson* County

Postoffice

*810 N. Jackson St. Palestine, Texas*

Filed

*June 1st 1914*

Approved

*June 1st 1914*

Pension allowed

*Sept. 1st 1914*

Rejected

*Geo. C. Myers*

*Chas*

Commissioner of Pensions.

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## FORM B

## For Use of Widows of Soldiers Who Are In Indigent Circumstances

## THE STATE OF TEXAS

County of Anderson

I, Mrs. Virginia H. Cotten, 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 April 7, A. D. 1913, on the following grounds:

I am the widow of P. C. Cotten, deceased, who departed this life on the 5 day of March, A. D. 1914, 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 12 day of Nov, A. D. 1867, in the county of Anderson, in the State of Texas.

My husband, the said P. C. Cotten, 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? 67 years old
2. Where were you born? Marings County, Alabama
3. How long have you resided in the State of Texas? Since 1865 - continuously
4. How long have you resided in the county of your present residence? And what is your postoffice address? Since 1865 - continuously; P.O. address: 810 N. Jackson St., Palestine, Tex.
5. What was your husband's full name? Peter Clay Cotten
6. What was the date of his death? Mar. 5 - 1914
7. In what State was your husband's command originally organized? Texas
8. How long did your husband serve? If known to you, give date of enlistment and discharge. Enlisted in 1861, and served until close of Civil war -
9. 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 D - 13th Texas Cavalry - Never transferred TX
10. 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. Cavalry - a Private - a Volunteer - Never detailed
11. Have you transferred to other 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 premisses as are required by law.

(Signature of Applicant)

*Virginia W. Cotten*

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this *14* day of

*March* A. D. 191*4*

*E. V. Swift*

[Seal.]

County Judge *Anderson* County, Texas.

### AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESSES

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

THE STATE OF TEXAS

County of *Anderson*

Before me, *E. V. Swift* County Judge of *Anderson* County,

State of Texas, on this day personally appeared *J. Broughton + H. H. Fitzgerald*, 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. *Virginia W. Cotten*, applicant for a pension as the widow of *P. C. Cotten* deceased, is in truth and fact the widow of *P. C. Cotten* 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)

*J. Broughton*

(Signature of Witness)

*H. H. Fitzgerald*

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(Signature of Witness)

*J. Broughton*

(Signature of Witness)

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County Judge *Anderson* County, Texas.



**E. V. SWIFT**

Attorney-at-Law

**COUNTY JUDGE**

Anderson County



Palestine, Texas, June 13th. 1914.

Hon. Geo. W. Keyser,  
Pension Commr.,  
Austin, Texas.

Dear Sir:

I herewith enclose to you pension application of Mrs. Virginia W. Cotten. I have known Mrs. Cotten many years, and know her to be honorable and upright, and of good moral character.

Her husband drew a pension up to the time of his death. His number was 13,687, and now since his death she wishes to draw same.

I sincerely recommend that this pension be granted, for she is in hard circumstances, and is deserving.

Yours very truly,

*E. V. Swift*  
County Judge.

