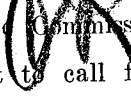


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FORM B.

### 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.

*Mr. Francis J. Betts,*  
*Anderson* County.

*570 - Palestine ave*

Postoffice *Palestine, Texas*

Filed .....

Approved *Sept. 1, 1913*

Pension allowed from *Dec. 1, 1913*

Rejected .....

*Geo. W. Kyles*

Commissioner of Pensions.

Commissioner of Pensions

E. L. Steck, Printing, Bookbinding, Austin

*20685 - [Signature]*

FORM B

For Use of Widows of Soldiers Who Are In Indigent Circumstances

THE STATE OF TEXAS

County of Anderson

I, Mrs. Francis Jane Betts, 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 James M Betts, deceased, who departed this life on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of July, A. D. 1912, in the county of Leon, 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 3 day May, A. D. 1892, in the county of Anderson, in the State of Texas

My husband, the said James M Betts, 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? I was born the 3rd day of Nov. 1838
2. Where were you born? Kemper Co. Miss.
3. How long have you resided in the State of Texas? Since 1856
4. How long have you resided in the county of your present residence? And what is your postoffice address?  
I have resided in Anderson Co. since July 25<sup>th</sup> 1912  
my post office is Palestine Texas
5. What was your husband's full name? James M. Betts
6. What was the date of his death? July 21<sup>st</sup> A.D. 1912
7. In what State was your husband's command originally organized? See no 20,685 Leon
8. How long did your husband serve? If known to you, give date of enlistment and discharge.  
See 20,685- Leon

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. My husband James M Betts, drew a pension from Texas - See his proof in No - 20,685 Leon.

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. See 20,685- Leon on file in your office.

11. Have you transferred to other any property of any kind for the purpose of becoming a beneficiary under this law? No.



I own no property - and have no income

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)

Frances J Betts

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 12 day of

Dec -

A. D. 1913

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 E. J. Barnes + Mrs. T. Y. Bell, 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. Frances J. Betts, applicant for a pension as the widow of James M. Betts

deceased, is in truth and fact the widow of James M. Betts 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)

E. J. Barnes

(Signature of Witness)

Mrs. T. Y. Bell

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 12 day of

Dec -

A. D. 1913

E. V. Swift

[Seal.]

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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 pension, and that they personally know that the said Mrs. Frances J. Betts,

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)

E. J. Barnes

(Signature of Witness)

Mrs. T. Y. Bell

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 12 day of

Dec -

A. D. 1913

E. V. Swift

[Seal]

County Judge Anderson 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 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: (State fully your source of knowledge.)

*Her husband James M. Bette went with you with this no more service than 20,685 - Leon*  
*E. J. Boyce*  
*County Judge*

(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, *O. B. Rogers*, State and County Assessor in the County of *Anderson*, State of Texas, do hereby certify that Mrs. *Francis J. Bette* whose name is signed to the foregoing application for a pension, under the Act of the 33rd Legislature, approved April 7, A. D. 1913, 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 *none* dollars. (TX)

*no property at all* Given under my hand, this *12* day of *Dec*, A. D. 191 *3*

*O. B. Rogers*  
State and County Assessor.

NOTICE.

Your next quarterly payment is due on Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> 1912. If this identification affidavit is made prior to Oct. 15<sup>th</sup> 1912, it will be cancelled, and your warrant will not be issued.

E. A. BOLMES, Commissioner of Pensions.

*E. A. Bolmes*

STATE OF TEXAS.

COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_ appeared \_\_\_\_\_

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, personally well known to me, who, after being by me duly sworn, says that \_\_\_\_\_ is the identical person to whom a pension has been granted under Acts approved May 12, 1899, and March 26, 1909.

That my application for a pension was originally made in Lem County, and that the number of my application, as shown by the records in the office of the Commissioner of Pensions, is 20685; that my postoffice address is \_\_\_\_\_ County of \_\_\_\_\_, Texas; and that the same conditions which existed at the time of making my application, on which the pension was originally granted, still exist; and that I am not a resident of the Confederate Home. And that I am a bona fide resident citizen of the State of Texas.

Also personally appeared \_\_\_\_\_ well known to me to be a credible person, who, after being by me duly sworn, says that \_\_\_\_\_ is personally acquainted with \_\_\_\_\_, the pensioner above named, and the statement made by \_\_\_\_\_ is true and correct.

(Signature of Pensioner) \_\_\_\_\_

(Seal.)

(Signature of Witness) \_\_\_\_\_

Sworn to and subscribed before me by each of above named parties, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_

Approved for Twenty-four Dollars.



\_\_\_\_\_  
Commissioner of Pensions.

**E. V. SWIFT**

Attorney-at-Law  
**COUNTY JUDGE**  
Anderson County



Palestine, Texas, December 12th. 1913.

Hon. Geo. W. Kyser,  
Pension Commissioner,  
Austin, Texas.

Dear Sir:

I herewith enclose pension application of Mrs. Francis J. Betts, for a Confederate Pension. Mrs. Betts is worthy and I sincerely recommend that her application be granted.

She is an invalid, and crippled and about blind and is getting very old, having been born in 1838. She is in need, having no income, and I certainly hope her application will be granted.

Her husband drew a pension up to the date of his death. His pension Number being 20,685 Leon County, and I refer you to this application for proof of service.

Yours very truly,



*E. V. Swift*  
County Judge.