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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 **AVANT**

Mrs N E Avant

Anderson County.

R. F. D. or Street No. *704 N Church*

Postoffice *Bellevue Tex*

PO Box 141

Filed *June 19th, 1935.*

Approved *June 19th, 1935.*

Pension allowed from *July 1st, 1935.*

Rejected

B. H. Shepard
Comptroller of Public Accounts.

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Widow's Application for Confederate Pension

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

County of Anderson

I, Mrs. Narcissa E. Avant, do hereby make application for a pension pursuant to the provisions of Articles 6204 to 6227, inclusive, of the Revised Civil Statutes of 1925 as amended by H. B. No. 150, passed by the Forty-second Legislature at its Regular Session and all other laws of this State relating thereto.

I am a widow of Mason S. Avant deceased, who departed this life on the 2nd day of August, A. D. 1906 in the county of Anderson, in the State of Texas.

I have not remarried since the death of my said husband; (or in case of remarriage that I am now a widow); 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 July, A. D. 1860, in the county of Anderson in the State of Texas.

My husband, the said Mason S. Avant, served as a Confederate soldier (or sailor) in the war (between the States of the United States; or (that he was a soldier who, under special laws of the State of Texas during said war, served in organizations for the protection of the frontier against Indian raiders or Mexican marauders); or (that he was a soldier of the militia of the State of Texas who was in active service during said war.) That my said husband served honorably from the date of his enlistment until the close of the war, (or until he was discharged or paroled in some military organization regularly mustered into the army or navy of the Confederate States until the surrender). He was honorably discharged or paroled Not known.

(Give date and cause.)

That I have been a bona fide resident of this State continuously since the day of Dec. (?) A. D. 1850

- 1. What is your age, and date of birth? 92 Born 6-26-1840
2. How long have you resided in the county of your present residence? about 1852-02 53
3. What is your postoffice address? Palestine Texas PO Box 141
4. Have you applied for a pension under the Confederate pension law and been rejected? No
5. If rejected, state when and where.
6. Did your husband draw a pension? No If so, give his file number.
7. Give, if possible, the postoffice address of your deceased husband at the time of his enlistment.
8. What was your husband's full name? Mason Simpson Avant
9. In what State was your husband's command originally organized? Texas
10. How long did your husband serve? about 3 yrs
11. If known to you, give date of enlistment and discharge not known

Avant, Mason Simpson, enlisted some time in 1862 at Palestine, Texas. Was sent to Mississippi Grumps Battalion, Co. F. Spent most of time in Little Rock Arkansas, later transferred to 2nd Texas Cavalry at Eagle Pass Texas.

The above is taken from an old History of Anderson (This County) County, cannot say how reliable it is.

... of such service, and time of service

14. To what race do you belong? white

Wherefore your petitioner prays that her application for a pension may be approved and such other proceedings be had in the premises as required by law.

(Signature of Applicant)

Narcissa E. Avant

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 17 day of June, A. D. 1933.

W. H. Shilton

[Seal]

County Judge Anderson County, Texas.

*Where applicant has remarried it is necessary that she state facts covering particulars of last marriage, date, to whom married, and date of last husband's death. She must also state that she is now a widow.



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 Laura McKenzie
and A. E. Sutton, who are personally known to me to be credible citi-
zens, who, being by me duly sworn, on oath state that they personally know that Mrs. Marysa E. Wait
E. Wait, applicant for a pension as the widow of Mason S. Wait
deceased, is in truth and fact the widow of Mason S. Wait 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) Laura McKenzie

(Signature of Witness) A. E. Sutton

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 29 day of May, A. D. 1933.

E. H. Shelton

[Seal.]

County Judge Anderson County, Texas.

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and A. E. Sutton, who are personally known to me to be creditable citi-
zens, 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 Marysa E. Wait
has been a bona fide resident citizen of the State of Texas since 1905
and that they have no interest in this claim.

(Signature of Witness) Laura McKenzie

(Signature of Witness) A. E. Sutton

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 29 day of May, A. D. 1933

E. H. Shelton

[Seal.]

County Judge Anderson County, Texas.

AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESSES

(If possible the one witness should have served with the applicant's husband in the army, and if so, let him state it in his oath, also any other 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 is personally known to me to be a creditable citizen, who, being by me sworn, on oath states that (he or she) is 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 (his or her) knowledge and belief, and that (he or she) has no interest in this claim. And further make oath to the following facts touching the service of applicant's husband in the Confederate Army: (Witness must state fully the source of (his or her) knowledge of service of applicant's husband) _____

In regard to this affidavit, I beg to say that there is no living soldier that served with applicants' husband. There hangs in my office a picture of the Confederate soldiers that composed the John H. Reagan Camp and the applicants picture is in this group. The Rostra of this camp has been lost and no one seems to know just how it was lost.

[Handwritten Signature]

County Judge.

(Signature of Witness) _____

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this _____ day of _____, A. D. 19 _____

[Seal.]

County Judge _____ County, Texas.



June 1, 1933.

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Hon. E. H. Shelton,
County Judge,
Palestine, Texas.

Dear Judge Shelton:

Enclosed I am returning to you the application for pension executed by Mrs. Narsisa E. Avant of Palestine, Texas, P. O. Box 141, which application must be sworn to before you.

You are further advised that before the application can be approved it will be necessary that the service record of Mason S. Avant as a Confederate soldier be proven as required by the pension law of this State.

If the application is properly executed and the service record of Mr. Avant proven, it will have further consideration.

Yours very truly,

JHP:E
cc
Mrs. Narsisa E. Avant,
P. O. Box 141,
Palestine, Texas.

Comptroller of Public
Accounts.



Mrs. N. E. Avant

E. H. SHELTON
COUNTY JUDGE OF ANDERSON COUNTY
PALESTINE, TEXAS

June 14th, 1933

Mr. Geo. H. Sheppard,
State Comptroller,
Austin, Texas

Dear Sir:

Inclosed you will find military record of M. S. Avant, as outlined by the War Department, Washington, D. C. This is about all the information I will be able to secure with reference to Mr. Avant's service in the Civil War due to the fact that all of his Confederate associates are dead and there is no way to secure additional proof.

I am returning Mrs. Avant's application and request that you act favorably on this matter if possible.

Yours very truly,


E. H. SHELTON

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P.S. I am inclosing herewith application of Mrs. Mary Etta Hopkins for pension.



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June 16, 1933.

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Hon. E. H. Shelton,
County Judge,
Palestine, Texas.

Dear Judge Shelton:

I am again returning to you the application for pension of Mrs. Narsisa E. Avant in order that the same may be sworn to before you.

If the above request is complied with and the application returned to this office the right of Mrs. Avant to a pension will have due consideration.



Yours very truly,

JHT:E.
encl.

Comptroller of Public
Accounts.

WAR DEPARTMENT
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY
REFER TO

O.R.D.

June 9, 1935.

Respectfully returned to

Hon. E. H. Shelton,
County Judge of Anderson County,
Palestine,
Texas.

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The records show that M. S. Avant, private, Company F, 32nd (also known as the 15th) Regiment Texas Cavalry, Confederate States Army, enlisted February 3, 1862, at Camp Grump.

Company Muster Roll for September and October, 1863, shows him absent at Hospital, Little Rock, Arkansas, 1862.

His name is not borne on the subsequent muster roll on file in this office of that company dated April 7, 1864, only subsequent roll on file.

No later record of him has been found.

James F. McKinley
Major General,
The Adjutant General.
By H.L.J.

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APPLICATION FOR MORTUARY WARRANT

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

County of Anderson } I, S. C. Avant

do hereby certify that I am the person to whom is entrusted the paying of the accounts and indebtedness of the late Mrs. N. E. Avant, who was a pensioner of the State of Texas, and whose file number was 51223 and whose original county was Anderson

The said pensioner Mrs. N. E. Avant, died on the 21st, day of February, 19 35, in the town of Palestine County of Anderson, Texas.

The pensioner died in the home of S. C. Avant who was related to the pensioner as Grandson

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

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

I am related to the pensioner as Grandson that my postoffice address is

Palestine, Texas P O Box 141 Street or R. F. D. State

Signed S. C. Avant Sworn to before me this 2nd day of March, 19 35 Lettie Biggs

Notary Public in and for Anderson County State of Texas.

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

CERTIFICATE OF UNDERTAKER

I, S. C. South, do certify that I am undertaker in the town of Palestine, County of Anderson, State of Texas that I had charge of the body of Mrs. N. E. Avant, who died in the town of Palestine, County of Anderson, State of Texas on the 21st, day of February 19 35. That said body was prepared for burial by me on the 22nd day of February 19 35, and that I am of the opinion that warrant herein applied for should be issued to the said S. C. Avant who makes the foregoing application.

Signed S. C. South Undertaker.

CERTIFICATE OF PHYSICIAN

I, R. W. Hunter, do certify that I am a practicing physician, and that I attended Mrs. N. E. Avant in her last illness, and am of the opinion that her ailments were Sanguine of Rt leg - Arteriosclerosis

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 R. W. Hunter M.D. Physician's Address Palestine, Texas.

44169 Feb 19 35 cancelled

Feb. 28, 1935

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