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FORM B.

### Widow's Application for a Pension

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

Name of Applicant.

*Mrs. Rena Bryan*

*Anderson* County.

*205 Rusk Street.*

Postoffice *Pallestine, Texas*

Filed *Aug. 30<sup>th</sup> 1913*

Approved *Sept 1 1913*

Pension allowed from *Dec. 1 1913*

Rejected

*George King*

Commissioner of Pensions.

E. L. Steck, Printing, Bookbinding, Austin

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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. Rena Bryan, 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 J. W. K. Bryan, deceased, who departed this life on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of February, A. D. 1910, 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 24<sup>th</sup> day of May, A. D. 1888, in the county of Anderson, in the State of Texas

My husband, the said J. W. K. Bryan, 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? 69
- 2. Where were you born? Mississippi
- 3. How long have you resided in the State of Texas? Since October 1863
- 4. How long have you resided in the county of your present residence? And what is your postoffice address? Since October 1863. Palestine Texas
- 5. What was your husband's full name? John Walker Knight Bryan
- 6. What was the date of his death? 26<sup>th</sup> day of February A.D. 1910
- 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 October 1861 & served during the entire term of 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 F. Seventh Regiment of Texas Cavalry, was aboard the Neptune & assisted in the recapture of Galveston, was captured

at battle of Grand La Terre, New Orleans, paroled at expiration of term, & then served as postmaster, all until month of 6.4.1864, then detailed to run an engine at Fort on St. Louis, Missouri - saw service with of Palestine & continued there until close of war.

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 in Cavalry Service & as (TX)

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) *Mrs Rene Bryan*

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this *27* day of *August*, A. D. 191*3*

*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 *H. H. Guinn & V. F. Dubose*, 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. *Rene Bryan*, applicant for a pension as the widow of *J. M. Bryan* deceased, is in truth and fact the widow of *J. M. Bryan* — 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) *H. H. Guinn*

*V. F. Dubose*

(Signature of Witness)

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this *27* day of *August*, A. D. 191*3*

*E. V. Swift*

[Seal.]

County Judge *Anderson* County, Texas.

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County of *Anderson* }

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

State of Texas, on this day personally appeared....., 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 pension, and that they personally know that the said *Mrs. Rene Bryan* 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)

*V. F. Dubose*

(Signature of Witness)

*H. H. Guinn*

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this *27* day of *August*, A. D. 191*3*

*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 Anderson }

Before me, E. V. Swift, County Judge of Anderson County, State of Texas, on this day personally appeared Levi Palmer & F. B. Taylor, 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.)

He enlisted in the same company with J. N. K. Bryan, and at the same time. We have read application and know facts to be true - We were in same company with him throughout the Civil War - He made a good soldier, never deserted and never abandoned his post of duty - Our knowledge is personal. We knew of no other man by this name.

(Signature of Witness) Levi Palmer - (TX)

(Signature of Witness) F. B. Taylor

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 27 day of August, A. D. 1913

E. V. Swift

[Seal.] County Judge Anderson County, Texas.

CERTIFICATE OF STATE AND COUNTY ASSESSOR

I, \_\_\_\_\_, State and County Assessor in the County of \_\_\_\_\_ State of Texas, do hereby certify that Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_ 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 \_\_\_\_\_ dollars.

Given under my hand, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, A. D. 191\_\_\_\_\_

State and County Assessor.

**E. V. SWIFT**

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



Palatine, Texas, Aug 27-13.

Dear Sir:

I join in asking that this pension be granted - I have known Mrs. Bryan a great many years, and know the facts in the application to be true - She is worthy and in need of this pension - Please give this your prompt attention.

Yours truly

E. V. Swift - County Judge



Certificate of State and County Assessor.

I, O. B. Rogers, State and County Assessor in the County of Anderson  
 State of Texas, do certify that Mrs Rena Bryan, or his wife, or his trustee,  
 or trustee for his wife, whose name is signed to the foregoing application for a pension, under the Act of the  
 Thirty-third Legislature, approved April 7, 1913, is charged on the tax rolls of said county with a homestead  
 of the value of Homestead of \$800.00 Dollars;  
 and of other property, real or personal, or both of the value of Not any  
 Dollars.

Given under my hand, this 22nd day of Aug. A. D. 1913



O. B. Rogers

State and County Assessor.

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