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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. M. E. Hodson

Anderson County.

Postoffice *Montalba*
Texas

Filed *Dec. 7th 1914*

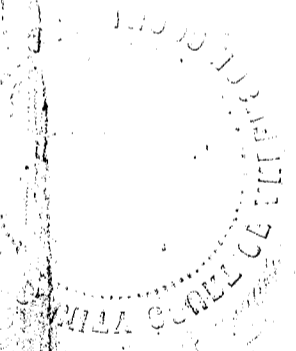
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Pension allowed *Mar. 1st 1915*

Rejected

Geo. W. Ryan
Commissioner of Pensions.

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For Use of Widows of Soldiers Who are in Indigent Circumstances

THE STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF Anderson Co.

I, Mrs. Martha Emeline Dodson, do hereby make application to the Commissioner of Pensions 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 Marion Leonidas Dodson, deceased, who departed this life on the 15 day of June, A. D. 1872, in the county of Anderson Co., 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 14 day of Sept., A. D. 1850, in the county of Murray Co., in the State of Tennessee.

My husband, the said Marion Leonidas Dodson, 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? 77
2. Where were you born? Murray Co., Tennessee
3. How long have you resided in the State of Texas? 64 years past
4. How long have you resided in the county of your present residence? And what is your postoffice address? 64 1/2 Montalba, Texas
5. Did husband draw a pension? If so, give his file number. NO
6. What was your husband's full name? Marion Leonidas Dodson
7. What was the date of his death? June th 15, 1872
8. In what State was your husband's command originally organized? Texas

9. How long did your husband serve? If known to you give date of enlistment and discharge. Enlisted in 1864 and served 12 or 13 months until end

10. What was the name or letter of the company, 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. G-13, Infantry - Bates Regiment - Never Transferred

11. 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. Infantry - A Private - Never detailed - A Volunteer

12. Have you transferred to others 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 be had in the premises as are required by law.

(Signature of Applicant) Martha Emeline Dodson

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 5 day of Dec - A. D. 1914

E. T. Swift County Judge Anderson County, Texas

[Seal.]

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 C. W. Kelley & H. M. Austin, who are personally

known to me to be creditable citizens, who, being by me duly sworn, on oath state that they personally know that

Mrs. M. E. Hodson, applicant for a pension as the widow of M. L. Hodson

deceased, is in truth and fact the widow of M. L. Hodson 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 pen-

sion, and that they have no interest in this claim.

(Signature of Witness) C. W. Kelley

(Signature of Witness) H. M. Austin

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 5th day of Dec, A. D. 1914

E. V. Swift

[Seal.]

County Judge Anderson County, Texas.

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

State of Texas, on this day personally appeared C. W. Kelley & H. M. Austin, 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 Mrs. M. E. Hodson

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) C. W. Kelley

(Signature of Witness) H. M. Austin

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 1 day of Dec, A. D. 1914

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 C. A. Fitzgerald & J. E. Fitzgerald, who 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):

I, C. A. Fitzgerald was with M. L. Dodson, for about one year during the Civil war; I, affiant was in Company G, Bates Regiment.

We both enlisted about 1864 and served some 13 months until the close of the war in 1865; M. L. Dodson made a good soldier. He never deserted and never voluntarily abandoned his post of duty. I saw him nearly every day during the war, for about one year, and he and I fought side by side for over a year, and hence my knowledge is personal. His widow making this application is his widow, and I know the facts set out by her to be true.

And, I, J. E. Fitzgerald, the other affiant join in this affidavit, and adopt the above as my testimony; I fought with M. L. Dodson, some 13 months, and he made a good soldier, and never deserted. We knew of no other M. L. Dodson.

(Signature of Witness) C. A. Fitzgerald

(Signature of Witness) J. E. Fitzgerald

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 5 day of Dec, A. D. 1914

E. V. Swift
County Judge Anderson County, Texas.

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CERTIFICATE OF STATE AND COUNTY ASSESSOR

I, R. R. Sadler, State and County Assessor in the County of Anderson, State of Texas, do certify that Mrs. M. E. Dodson 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 None

None Dollars, and of other property, real or personal, or both, of the value of None Dollars.

Given under my hand, this 5 day of Dec, A. D. 1914

R. R. Sadler
State and County Assessor. TX

E. V. SWIFT

Attorney-at-Law
COUNTY JUDGE
Anderson County

Palestine, Texas, Dec. 5th. 1914.

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

Dear Sir:

I herewith enclose to you pension application of
Mrs. Martha Emeline Dodson for a Confederate Pension.
I have known Mrs. Dodson some time and recommend that her
application be granted. I know of no reason why it should not
be granted.

Yours very truly,

E. V. Swift
County Judge.