

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.

Mrs. James W. Gordon

Anderson

County.

R. F. D. or Street No. 918 S. Magnolia St

Postoffice Palestine

Texas

Filed January 23rd, 1931.

Approved _____

Pension allowed from _____

Rejected May 26th, 1932.

W. L. ...
Comptroller of Public Accounts.

THE STATE OF TEXAS

Failure to prove service.

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East Texas
COMPTROLLER

JAN 23 1931

Widow's Application for Confederate Pension

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

County of Anderson

I, Mrs. James W. Gordon, 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 S. B. No. 27, passed by the Forty-first Legislature at its Fifth Called Session and all other laws of this State relating thereto.

I am a widow of James W. Gordon deceased, who departed this life on the 30th day of March, A. D. 1921, 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

James W. Gordon 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 11th day of January A. D. 1883, in the county of Clarke, in the State of Virginia.

My husband, the said James W. Gordon, 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

(Give date and cause.)

That I have been a bona fide resident of this State continuously since the 18th day of January A. D. 1883

1. What is your age, (and date of birth?) 74, Febr. 28, 1856
2. How long have you resided in the county of your present residence? 21 years
3. What is your postoffice address? 918 South Magnolia St., Palestine, Texas
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 Warren County, Virginia
8. What was your husband's full name? James W. Gordon

9. In what State was your husband's command originally organized? Virginia

10. How long did your husband serve?

11. If known to you, give date of enlistment and discharge Discharged at end of war

12. What was the name or letter of the company, or number of the regiment 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. (If applicant's husband was a pensioner give his file number, which is evidence sufficient for proof of service.) B. 17th Regt. Virginia infantry

13. 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 private Virginia Infantry



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) Mrs. J. W. Gordon

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 21st day of January A. D. 19 31

[Seal]

B. J. Kennedy
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, Ben J. Kennedy, County Judge of Anderson County,
State of Texas, on this day personally appeared J. H. Carson and
Sam O'Connell, 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. J. W. Gordon
J. W. Gordon, applicant for a pension as the widow of J. W. Gordon
deceased, is in truth and fact the widow of James W. Gordon 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) J. L. Law

(Signature of Witness) Sam O'Connell

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 21st day of January, A. D. 1931

B. J. Kennedy
County Judge Anderson County, Texas.

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Before me, Ben J. Kennedy, County Judge of Anderson County,
State of Texas, on this day personally appeared J. H. Carson
and Sam O'Connell, 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 Mrs J. W. Gordon
has been a bona fide resident citizen of the State of Texas since 1883
and that they have no interest in this claim.

(Signature of Witness) J. L. Law

(Signature of Witness) Sam O'Connell

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 21st day of January, A. D. 1931

B. J. Kennedy
County Judge Anderson County, Texas.

[Seal.]

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 Anderson

Before me, Ben J. Kennedy, County Judge of Anderson 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)

cannot find anyone living who served with him

(Signature of Witness)

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this _____ day of January A. D. 1931

[Seal.]

County Judge Anderson County, Texas.



February 4, 1931.

Mrs. J. W. Gordon,
918 S. Magnolia Street,
Palestine, Texas.

Dear Mrs. Gordon:

I have on file your application for pension together with a report from the War Department, Washington, and also a report from the Virginia State Library on the military record of a man named James W. Gordon, but I am of the opinion that neither of these reports give the record of your deceased husband, James W. Gordon on whose record you are asking for pension for the reason that both reports show that the man whose record is given died in April, 1862 in Shenandoah County, Virginia, a private, while your application for pension shows that your husband died on March 30, 1921.

If it can be shown that these reports are in error in this regard or if the service record of your deceased husband, James W. Gordon can be proven as required by the pension law of this State, your right as a pensioner will have further consideration.

Yours very truly,

JHT:E.

State Comptroller of Public
Accounts.





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DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE
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E. R. COMBS
COMPTROLLER

Jan. 16, 1931

Mr. Percy H. O. Green,
Box 568, Palestine,
Texas.

Dear Sir:-

We have your letter of the 10th instant referred to this office from the Adjutant General's Office for reply and upon examining the official Confederate war records, State Archives Department, we find a report of James W. Gordon, his enlistment, etc., and take pleasure in forwarding it to you, this being copied from the records. You will notice this report shows he died in April, 1862. We occasionally find errors in reports of death and I do not know whether this is correct or not.

Yours very truly,

E. R. Combs, Comptroller,

E. R. Combs
By *[Signature]*
Pension Clerk

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JAN 23 1931

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* should be wounded

VIRGINIA STATE LIBRARY
RICHMOND, VIRGINIA

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This certifies that on page 278, of volume 2, of the Confederate Records (manuscript volumes in the Virginia State Library) appears the name of *James W. Gordon*
The entry shows that he was a *private* in Company *B-17th Regt. Va. Inf.*
known as "Warren Rifles" of Warren County
of which company *Robt. H. Sampson* was captain. It is stated that he enlisted - - -
and served - - -

Remarks:

"Died April 1862"

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H. R. McIlwaine
H. R. McILWAINE, S. B.
State Librarian.

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PALESTINE, TEX.

Jan 21-1931

918 South Magnolia St.,
Palestine, Tex

Mr. Geo. P. Shepherd,
Comptroller of Public Accounts,
Austin

Dear Sir;-

I am having sent you for file and hereby make my application for pension under the laws giving compensation to widows of Confederate soldiers.

My husband served with the Army of Virginia and some years after he recovered from wounds and sickness contracted in the Army we married and moved to Texas in 1883 and have resided here since. My husband died in 1921 and I am left withOut any income and am rendered help less with rheumatism

Yours truly,

Mrs J W Gordon
by Alice Gordon Green
(daughter)





Comptroller of Public Accounts
State of Texas
Austin

GEO. H. SHEPPARD, COMPTROLLER
J. M. EDWARDS, CHIEF CLERK

January 23rd, 1931.

To The Adjutant General,
War Department,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I have the honor to request the Military record
of James W. Gordon, who is
reported to have enlisted in Company "B"
Regiment 17th, Virginia Infantry.

in service in The Confederate States Army.

Very respectfully,

Geo. H. Sheppard
COMPTROLLER OF STATE OF TEXAS

Mrs. James W. Gordon.

Received A. C. O. JAN 26 1931

JAN 27 1931
RECORDS DIV



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GUY B. GIBSON

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O.R.D.

WAR DEPARTMENT
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE
WASHINGTON Jan. 28, 1931.

Respectfully returned to

Comptroller,
State of Texas,
Austin, Texas.

The records show that James W. Gordon, Co. B, 17th. Virginia Infantry, C.S.A., enlisted May 3, 1861, at Front Royal.

Master roll May & June 1862, dated July 23, 1862, shows him died April 5, 1862, in Shenandoah Co., Va., a Private.

Other records show that he died of disease.



C. H. Bridges
Major General,
The Adjutant General.
By re

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