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WIDOW'S APPLICATION  
 FOR A PENSION

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Name of Applicant:

Mrs. Belle Ferguson,

Anderson County.

R. F. D. or Street No. I

Postoffice Palestine, Texas.

Filed July 18th, 1929.

Approved July 18th, 1929.

Pension allowed from June 1st, 1929.

Rejected

*A. F. Wells*  
 Comptroller of Public Accounts.

THE STATE OF TEXAS

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# Widow's Application for Confederate Pension

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

County of Anderson

I, Mrs. Belle Ferguson do hereby make application for a pension, pursuant to the provisions of the First Section of Title 109, Revised Civil Statutes, 1925, providing for Confederate Pension, amended by Chapter 95, General Laws of the Fortieth Legislature, as amended by Senate Bill 287, Acts of the Regular Session of the Forty-first Legislature of the State of Texas, approved March 5, 1929, on the following ground:

I am a widow of John Thomas (J.T.) Ferguson deceased, who departed this life on the 14 day of April, A. D. 1916, 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 15 day of Oct, A. D. 1902, in the county of Cherokee in the State of Texas

My husband, the said John Thomas (J.T.) Ferguson, enlisted and served in the military service of the Confederate States during the war between the States of the United States and he did not desert the Confederate service. I have been a resident of the State of Texas since prior to January 1, A. D. 1920, 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 above 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 \$2000; nor do I receive any aid or pension from any other State of the United States, and I do further state that the answers given to the following questions are true:

1. What is your age, and date of birth? 68 yrs age, Aug 28, 1861
2. Where were you born? Cherokee Co, Texas
3. How long have you resided in the State of Texas? All my life
4. How long have you resided in the county of your present residence? 26 yrs
5. What is your postoffice address? Palestine Texas, Route #1
6. Have you applied for a pension under the Confederate pension law and been rejected? no  
If rejected, state when and where \_\_\_\_\_
7. Did your husband draw a pension? yes If so, give his file number 23384
8. Give, if possible, the postoffice address of your deceased husband at the time of his enlistment \_\_\_\_\_
9. What is your husband's full name? John Thomas (J.T.) Ferguson
10. In what State was your husband's command originally organized? 23384
11. How long did your husband serve? 23384 If known to you, give date of enlistment and discharge 23384
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.) 23384

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 23384

14. Do you own any property other than that rendered for taxes in your county? If so, state value of same and county where located no

15. Have you transferred to another 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 required by law.

(Signature of Applicant) Mrs Belle Ferguson



Sworn to and subscribed before me this 17 day of July, A. D. 1929

R.A. Shelton

[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 B. J. Kennedy and H. L. Storkes, 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. Belle Storkes, applicant for a pension as the widow of John Thomas (J. T.) Ferguson deceased, is in truth and fact the widow of John Thomas (J. T.) Ferguson 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) B. J. Kennedy

(Signature of Witness) H. L. Storkes

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 17 day of July, A. D. 1929

E. H. Shelton

[Seal.] County Judge Anderson County, Texas.

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State of Texas, on this day personally appeared B. J. Kennedy and H. L. Storkes 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. Belle Ferguson has been a bona fide resident citizen of the State of Texas since prior to January 1, A. D. 1920, and that they have no interest in this claim.

(Signature of Witness) B. J. Kennedy

(Signature of Witness) H. L. Storkes

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 17 day of July, A. D. 1929

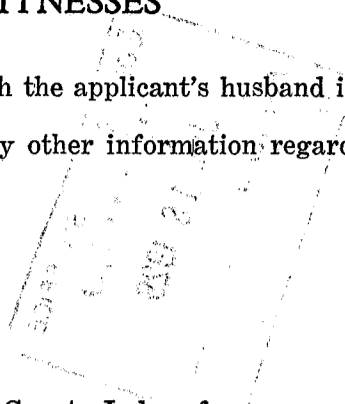
E. H. Shelton

[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 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 are personally known to me to be creditable witnesses, 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 applicant's husband in the Confederate Army: (Witnesses must state fully the source of their knowledge of service of applicant's husband)

*See file no  
23384*

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

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

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

[Seal.] \_\_\_\_\_ County Judge \_\_\_\_\_ County, Texas.

CERTIFICATE OF STATE AND COUNTY ASSESSOR

I, *A. G. Godley*, State and County Assessor in the County of *Auderson* State of Texas, do certify that Mrs. *Belle Ferguson* whose name is signed to the foregoing application for a pension is charged on the tax rolls of said county with a homestead of the value of *Three Hundred Eighty* <sup>00</sup>/<sub>100</sub> Dollars, and, in addition to homestead, of other property, real or personal, or both, of the value of \_\_\_\_\_ Dollars.

Given under my hand, this *17* day of *July*, A. D. 19*29*

*A. G. Godley*  
State and County Assessor. (TX)

APPLICATION FOR MORTUARY WARRANT JAN 31 1931

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

County of Anderson } I, Harold Ferguson

do hereby certify that I am the person to whom is entrusted the paying of the accounts and indebtedness of the late Mrs Belle Ferguson, who was a pensioner of the State of Texas, and whose file number was 45856 and whose original county was Anderson,

The said pensioner Mrs Belle Ferguson, died on the 27 day of Jan, 1931, in the town of near Palestine County of Anderson, Texas.

The pensioner died in the home of Harold Ferguson who was related to the pensioner as Son

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 Belle Ferguson

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

I am related to the pensioner as (Friend) Son

that my postoffice address is Palestine City R. F. D #1 Street or R. F. D. Texas State

Sworn to before me this 31<sup>st</sup> day of Jan, 1931 Signed Harold Ferguson

Notary Public in and for Anderson State of Texas.

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

CERTIFICATE OF UNDERTAKER

I, J. B. Bailey, 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 Belle Ferguson, who died in the town of near Palestine, County of Anderson, State of Texas on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of Jan 1931. That said body was prepared for burial by me on the 27 day of Jan 1931, and that I am of the opinion that warrant herein applied for should be issued to the said Harold Ferguson who makes the foregoing application.

Signed J. B. Bailey Undertaker.

CERTIFICATE OF PHYSICIAN

I, W Arthur Speagle, do certify that I am a practicing physician, and that I attended Mrs. Belle Ferguson in his last illness, and am of the opinion that his ailments were Pneumonia

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 W Arthur Speagle Physician's Address Palestine Texas

