

Form B.

**WIDOW'S APPLICATION
FOR A PENSION**

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

Name of Applicant.

(nee) Saunders

Mrs Sarah L. Elder

Anderson County.

Postoffice

Pedestrian 7,

611 West Kolatig St

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10/3/17

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Commissioner of Pensions.

E. L. STECK, AUSTIN

For Use of Widows of Soldiers who are in Indigent Circumstances

THE STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF Anderson } I, Mrs. Sarah L. Elder, 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 Ferdinand T. Saunders, deceased, who departed this life on the 15th day of June, A. D. 1872, in the county of Grayson 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 23rd day of October, A. D. 1867, in the county of Grayson, in the State of Texas.

My husband, the said F. T. Saunders, 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 any one 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 \$1000; 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? 75 years
2. Where were you born? Washington Co Arkansas
3. How long have you resided in the State of Texas? 57 years
4. How long have you resided in the county of your present residence. And what is your postoffice address? 22 years. 611 West Kolsted St Palestine Texas
5. Did your husband draw a pension? If so, give his file number. No
6. What was your husband's full name? Ferdinand Tilman Saunders
7. What was the date of his death? June 15th 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. four years
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.

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.

12. Have you transferred to others any property of any kind for the purpose of becoming a beneficiary under this law?

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) Sarah L. Elder

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 20 day of Sept A. D. 1917. M. D. Brewer County Judge Anderson County, Texas.

[Seal.]



AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESSES

[Note.—There must be at least two creditable witnesses.]

THE STATE OF ~~TEXAS~~ ^{Oklahoma}

County of Comanche

Before me, John Sutton a Notary Public Comanche County,

State of ~~Texas~~ ^{Oklahoma}, on this day personally appeared J. W. Barefoot, 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. Sarah L. Sanders, applicant for a pension as the widow of Ferdinand T. Sanders

deceased, is in truth and fact the widow of Ferdinand T. Sanders 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) J. W. Barefoot

(Signature of Witness)

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 1st day of Sept, A. D. 1917

my commission expires Feb 11th 1920.
[Seal.]

John Sutton
Notary Public

County Judge _____ County, Texas.

AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESSES

[Note.—There must be at least two creditable witnesses.]

THE STATE OF TEXAS

County of Anderson

Before me, Miss O. Ruess County Judge of _____ County,

State of Texas, on this day personally appeared A. M. Glenn M. Love, 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 _____

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) A. M. Glenn

(Signature of Witness) M. W. Love

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 26 day of Sept, A. D. 1917

Miss O. Ruess

[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

Before me,

County Judge of

County,

State of Texas,

on this day personally appeared

, who personally

known to me to be creditable 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 applicant's husband in the Confederate Army: (State fully your source of knowledge)

I was not in the Confederate Army but I had a neighbor to J. J. Sanders during the war, and know that he was in the Confederate Army of Army he was wounded at Yellow Bayou La, in about 1863, I saw him on parole in the early part of the war he belonged to what was known as Alexander Regiment

(Signature of Witness)

(Signature of Witness)

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this

9th day of

Aug

A. D. 1917

R. E. Sampson

County Judge

Grady

County, Texas

[Seal.]

CERTIFICATE OF STATE AND COUNTY ASSESSOR



I, P. R. Sadler State and County Assessor in the County of Anderson State of Texas, do certify that Mrs. Sarah S. Elder 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

nothing Dollars, and of other property, real or personal, or both, of the value of

nothing Dollars. Given under my hand, this 26 day of Sept A. D. 1917

P. R. Sadler

State and County Assessor.

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Mrs. Sarah L. Elder,
(nee) Saunders.

611 West Kolsted St.,
Palestine, Texas.

My dear Madam:-

Your application for a pension has been rejected, as our laws do not permit widows to draw on services of a husband, if said applicant later, remarries.

If your second husband was a Confederate Veteran, and your proof can be otherwise furnished, it is possible to secure a pension, on services of second husband, but no pension can be allowed under any circumstances, on services of first husband.

Yours truly,

J. C. Jones,

Commissioner



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Mr J C Jones

Dear Sir

I am asking for Pension
on my first Husband
F J Saunders who died
June 15-1872 I married
J L Eldier May 20-1879
he died March 12-1881

yours Truly

Mrs Sarah Saunders Eldier

611 W Kolsted St

Palatine Tex





OFFICE OF
Commissioner of Pensions

State of Texas

Austin

September
29
1917

J. C. JONES
COMMISSIONER
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CHIEF CLERK
MISS ELLA BASSIST
ASST CLERK

Mrs. Sarah L. Elder,
nee " " Saunders.

611 West Kolsted St.,

Palestine, Texas.

My dear Madam:-

I am returning herein, an application blanks received from you this A. M., however as there seems to be two names, I cannot consider same, untill you have fully explained, as you use name of Elder, and services of Saunders.

If you will fully explain this, and return application with a full explanation, I shall give same prompt attention.

Yours truly,

J. C. Jones,

Commissioner



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