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FORM B. 1020

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.

W. M. P. Howell

County.

Anderson

R. F. D. or Street No. 619 Tennessee Ave

Postoffice

Calverline

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5/31/24

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6/21/24

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6/1/24

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J. W. Massey  
Comptroller of Public Accounts.

Widow's Application for Confederate Pension

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

County of Anderson

I, Mrs. M. B. Spruill do hereby make application to the Comptroller of Public Accounts 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 J. A. Spruill deceased, who departed this life on the 6th day of April, A. D. 1914 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 15th day of March, A. D. 1890, in the county of Hunt in the State of Texas\*

My husband, the said J. A. Spruill, 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 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, 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? 65 yrs.
2. Where were you born? Alabama
3. How long have you resided in the State of Texas? 51 yrs.
4. How long have you resided in the county of your present residence? 3 yrs.
5. What is your postoffice address? 619 Tennessee Ave. Palestine, Texas
6. Did your husband draw a pension? Yes. If so, give his file number 24606.
7. What is your husband's full name? J. James Anderson Spruill
8. In what State was your husband's command originally organized? Texas

9. How long did your husband serve? 4 yrs. If known to you, give date of enlistment and discharge Don't know

10. 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.) File No. 24606 Houston Co.

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.

See File No. 24606.



12. 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)

M. B. Spruill

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 23 day of April, A. D. 1924

W. E. Spruill

[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, H. C. Quirk, County Judge of Anderson County,  
State of Texas, on this day personally appeared Mr. Bob Wright & Mrs. May Wilson

....., 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. B. Spruill

Spruill, applicant for a pension as the widow of J. A. Spruill deceased, is in truth and fact the widow of J. A. Spruill 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) ✓ Mrs. Bob Wright

(Signature of Witness) ✓ Mrs. May Wilson

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 23 day of April, A. D. 1924

H. C. Quirk

[Seal.]

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Mrs. May Wilson....., 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 Mr. M. B. Spruill 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) ✓ Mrs. Bob Wright

(Signature of Witness) ✓ Mrs. May Wilson

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 23 day of April, A. D. 1924

H. C. Quirk

[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 are 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) .....

See File No. 24606 Houston Co.

(Signature of Witness) .....

(Signature of Witness) .....

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this ..... day of ....., A. D. 192.....

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

CERTIFICATE OF STATE AND COUNTY ASSESSOR



I, R. R. Dudley, State and County Assessor in the County of Anderson State of Texas, do certify that Mrs. J. A. Spruill 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 ..... Dollars.

Given under my hand, this 24 day of April A. D. 1924 R. R. Dudley State and County Assessor.

APPLICATION FOR MORTUARY WARRANT

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

County of Texas } I, Chas B. Cook

do hereby certify that I am the person to whom is entrusted the paying of the accounts and indebtedness of the late Mrs. Mary B. Spruill, who was a pensioner of the State of Texas, and whose file number was \_\_\_\_\_ and whose original county was \_\_\_\_\_

The said pensioner Mrs. Mary B. Spruill, died on the 5 day of Aug., 1931, in the town of Austin, County of Texas, Texas.

The pensioner died in the home of The Confed. Veterans Home who was related to the pensioner as Friends

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. Mary B. Spruill

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) Friend & Undertaker that my postoffice address is 1100 Colorado St Street or R. F. D. Texas City Austin State Texas

Signed Chas B. Cook

Sworn to before me this 5 day of Aug., 1931

Ernest W. Harris

Notary Public in and for Texas State of Texas.

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

CERTIFICATE OF UNDERTAKER

I, H. Brown, do certify that I am undertaker in the town of Austin, County of Texas, State of Texas that I had charge of the body of Mrs. Mary B. Spruill, who died in the town of Austin, County of Texas, State of Texas on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of Aug. 1931. That said body was prepared for burial by me on the 5 day of Aug. 1931, and that I am of the opinion that warrant herein applied for should be issued to the said Chas B. Cook who makes the foregoing application.

Signed H. Brown Undertaker.

CERTIFICATE OF PHYSICIAN

I, \_\_\_\_\_, do certify that I am a practicing physician, and that I attended \_\_\_\_\_ in his last illness, and am of the opinion that his ailments were \_\_\_\_\_

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 \_\_\_\_\_

Physician's Address \_\_\_\_\_

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