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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.

*Wigginsbotham*  
*Mrs Laura Wigginsbotham*  
*Anderson* County.

R. F. D. or Street No. *7th 2*

Postoffice *Summer Colony*

Filed *July 20 - 1925*

Approved

Pension allowed from

Rejected *July 20 - 1925*

*S H Ferrell*  
Comptroller of Public Accounts.

THE E. L. STECK CO., AUSTIN

*acct of age*

Widow's Application for Confederate Pension

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

County of Anderson

I, Mrs. Laura Higginbotham 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 W. F. Higginbotham deceased, who departed this life on the 8 day of March, A. D. 1919, 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 8th day of Aug, A. D. 1887 in the county of Smith in the State of Texas.

My husband, the said W. F. Higginbotham, 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? 55 yrs.
2. Where were you born? Anderson Co., Texas
3. How long have you resided in the State of Texas? 55 yrs.
4. How long have you resided in the county of your present residence? 50 yrs.
5. What is your postoffice address? Sumner Colony, Texas, R # 2
6. Did your husband draw a pension? yes. If so, give his file number.
7. What is your husband's full name? William Franklin Higginbotham
8. In what State was your husband's command originally organized? Ala.

9. How long did your husband serve? 4 yrs. If known to you, give date of enlistment and discharge See File No. 31106 (Navarra Co.)

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.) See File No. 31106 from Navarra 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.

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) Mrs. Laura Higginbotham

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 7th day of March, A. D. 1923

W. C. Quick  
County Judge Anderson County, Texas.

[Seal.]

\*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, W.C. Quick, County Judge of Anderson County,  
State of Texas, on this day personally appeared M.A. Moser + J.H. Sexton

....., 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. Laura

Higgintown, applicant for a pension as the widow of .....

deceased, is in truth and fact the widow of W.F. Higgintown 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) M.A. Moser

(Signature of Witness) J.H. Sexton

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 16 day of July, A. D. 1925

W.C. Quick

[Seal.]

County Judge Anderson County, Texas.

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AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESSES

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THE STATE OF TEXAS,  
County of Anderson

Before me, W.C. Quick, County Judge of Anderson County,  
State of Texas, on this day personally appeared M.A. Moser + J.H. Sexton

....., 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. Laura Higgintown 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) M.A. Moser

(Signature of Witness) J.H. Sexton

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 16 day of July, A. D. 1925

W.C. Quick

[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 31106
(MacKee)

(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. K. Sadler State and County Assessor in the County of Anderson
State of Texas, do certify that Mrs. Laura Heggitt whom 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 16 day of July A. D. 1923
R. K. Sadler
State and County Assessor. (TX)

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 L Higginbotham*

*Anderson* County.

Postoffice *Palustrine 9+*


Filed **AUG 2 1919**

Approved

Pension allowed from

Rejected *Aug 6-1919*

*H B Ferrell*  
Comptroller of Public Accounts.

 E. L. STECK, AUSTIN

*act age \**  
*date of marriage*

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FORM B

375-119-1M

### For Use of Widows of Soldiers Who Are In Indigent Circumstances

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

COUNTY OF Anderson

I, Mrs. Mrs L J Higginbotham 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 W J Higginbotham, deceased, who departed this life on the 8 day of March, 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 8 day of Dec 1887, in the county of Smith, in the State of Texas

My husband, the said W J Higginbotham 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? 57
2. Where were you born? Anderson Co Tex
3. How long have you resided in the State of Texas? 57
4. How long have you resided in the county of your present residence. And what is your postoffice address? 57 years - Palestine Tex
5. Did your husband draw a pension? If so, give his file number # 31106
6. What was your husband's full name? William Franklin Higginbotham
7. What was the date of his death? 3/8/16
8. In what State was your husband's command originally organized? # 31106
9. How long did your husband serve? If known to you, give date of enlistment and discharge. # 31106
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. # 31106
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. # 31106



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. (Mrs.) L J Higginbotham  
(Signature of Applicant)

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 831 day of July A. D. 1916

Walter D. Kunes  
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, Mills Q Reeves, County Judge of Anderson County,

State of Texas, on this day personally appeared....., 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....., applicant for a pension as the widow of..... deceased, is in truth and fact the widow of..... 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 Mayron M. Cook

(Signature of Witness) Mrs Ida W. Bigelow

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 1 day of August, A. D. 1919

Mills Q Reeves

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, Mills Q Reeves, County Judge of Anderson County,

State of Texas, on this day personally appeared....., 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) Mrs Mayron M. Cook

(Signature of Witness) Mrs Ida W. Bigelow

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 1 day of August, A. D. 1919

Mills Q Reeves

County Judge Anderson County, Texas.

[Seal.]

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) .....

*Navarro*  
*# 31106*

(Signature of Witness).....

(Signature of Witness).....

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this.....day of..... A. D. 191.....

[Seal.]

County Judge.....County, Texas.

CERTIFICATE OF STATE AND COUNTY ASSESSOR



I, .....State and County Assessor in the County of..... State of Texas, do certify that Mrs.....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..... Dollars, and of other property, real or personal, or both, of the value of.....ollars.

Given under my hand, this.....day of.....A. D. 191.....

State and County Assessor.



July 22, 1925.

Mrs. Laura Higginbotham,  
Route # 2,  
Tennessee Colony, Texas.

Dear Madam:

I am in receipt of your application for Confederate Pension, but cannot approve same on account of your age, which is shown in your application being 55 years.

The Pension Laws of this State require that a Widow Applicant must have been born prior to the close of the year 1861, to be eligible for Confederate Pension. Your age, as shown in your application, indicates that you were born much later than the close of the year 1861. Therefore, I am compelled to reject your application at this time.

Application will be kept on file in this Office, and may be renewed at any time, should the Laws of this State be amended so as to permit approval of same.

Yours very truly,

C o m p t r o l l e r.

KTR:AE.



Aug. 6, 1919

Mrs. L. J. Higginbotham,  
Palestine, Texas.

Dear Madam:

Your application for a Confederate pension has been received, but cannot be approved in its present form. Under the pension laws of this State your marriage to the Confederate veteran should have taken place before March 1, 1880. And the date of your birth should have been prior to the close of the year 1861.

Your age is given at 52 in the application, placing the date of your birth at something like six years after the close of the year 1861. The date of your marriage is placed on 8th day of December, 1887.

I regret that I cannot approve you application, but am powerless to do otherwise than reject same, for reasons above stated.

Yours very truly,

Comptroller.



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