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WIDOW'S APPLICATION FOR A PENSION

The Comptroller of Public Accounts reserves the right to call for additional testimony if he deems it necessary.

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Name of Applicant.

Mrs Laura Anne Mills,

Anderson County.

R. F. D. or Street No. 403 East Angelina

Postoffice Palestine, Texas.

Filed March 4th, 1929.

Approved March 4th, 1929.

Pension allowed from March 1st, 1929.

Rejected

S. H. Terrell

Comptroller of Public Accounts.

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Widow's Application for Confederate Pension

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

County of Anderson

I, Mrs. Laura Anne Mills 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. M. Mills deceased, who departed this life on the 4th day of Jan, A. D. 1929, 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 24th day of Sept, A. D. 1903, in the county of Anderson in the State of Texas

My husband, the said J. M. Mills, 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. 1910, 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? 76 yrs old Born Dec. 22, 1852
2. Where were you born? Clay Co. Mississippi
3. How long have you resided in the State of Texas? Fifty three
4. How long have you resided in the county of your present residence? fifty
5. What is your postoffice address? Palestine, Texas 4103 E. Anglin St.
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 26206
8. What is your husband's full name? James Moses Mills

9. In what State was your husband's command originally organized? 26206

10. How long did your husband serve? 26206 If known to you, give date of enlistment and discharge 26206

11. 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.) 26206

12. 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. 26206

13. Do you own any property other than that rendered for taxes in your county? If so, state value of same and county where located. I do not own any property. Not even home

14. 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 he had in the premises as required by law.

(Signature of Applicant) Laura Anne Mills TX

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 2nd day of March, A. D. 1929

E. H. Shelton 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, E. H. Shelton, County Judge of Anderson County,
State of Texas, on this day personally appeared John Q. Adams
and J. R. Lunsford, 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. Laura Ann
Mills, applicant for a pension as the widow of J. M. Mills
deceased, is in truth and fact the widow of J. M. Mills 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. Q. Adams

(Signature of Witness) J. R. Lunsford

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 2 day of March, A. D. 1929
E. H. Shelton

[Seal.]

County Judge Anderson County, Texas.

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J. R. Lunsford, 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. Laura Ann Mills
has been a bona fide resident citizen of the State of Texas since prior to January 1, A. D. 1910, and that they
have no interest in this claim.

(Signature of Witness) J. Q. Adams

(Signature of Witness) J. R. Lunsford

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 3 day of March, 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 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: (Witnesses must state fully the source of their knowledge of service of applicant's husband)

26206

(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, A. G. Godly State and County Assessor in the County of Anderson State of Texas, do certify that Mrs. Laura Ann Mills 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, in addition to homestead, of other property, real or personal, or both, of the value of Nothing Dollars.

Given under my hand, this 2 day of March, A. D. 1929
A. G. Godly State and County Assessor. (TX)

March 5, 1929.

Hon. F. H. Shelton,
County Judge,
Palestine, Texas.

Dear Judge Shelton:

I have your letter of May 2nd, enclosing the application for Confederate Pension of Mrs. Laura Anne Mills.

You are advised that this application is being approved. Mrs. Mills will receive formal notice of approval within the next few days at which time an affidavit will be mailed her to be executed covering issuance of her first quarterly warrant to which she is entitled, which warrant will issue on or about May 31st, 1929.

You also advised this office of the death of Mr. J. M. Mills, a confederate pensioner, and stated that no Mortuary Warrant was issued on account of the death of Mr. Mills.

From the information given in this application, it is now too late to file application for Mortuary Warrant as the law requires that notice must be given this office within forty days after the death of a pensioner.

If notice had been properly given, then it would become the duty of the legal representatives of Mr. Mills to return the quarterly warrant issued to him for the quarter which ended February 28th, and the Mortuary Warrant would have been issued in place thereof.

As the matter now stands, it will be necessary that the quarterly warrant issued to Mr. Mills be handled through his executor or legal representatives as any other estate matter.

For your information, I am enclosing you copy of the Mortuarh Warrant Law.

JHT/E
encl.

Yours very truly,

Comptroller of Public Accounts.



E. H. SHELTON

COUNTY JUDGE OF ANDERSON COUNTY
PALESTINE, TEXAS

March 2, 1929.

Mr. S. H. Terrell,
Austin, Texas.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed you will find the application of Mrs. Laura Ann Mills for a widow's pension. Mrs. Mills states to me that her husband never had a mortuary warrant, consequently when her husband died a warrant of this nature was never sent to your office for collection. As a result of this condition your department was never informed of Mr. Mills death and you in turn sent the last quarter payment to Rev. J. H. Mills as usual. I have advised her to hold your check until I could get information from you as to the proper steps to be taken. She should have filed her application immediately following the death of her husband and the warrant would have come in her name but this was not done.

I suppose it will be necessary to file with you a proper affidavit of the undertaker certifying to the death of J. M. Mills which I would appreciate you sending me the blank form to have filled out.

Thanking you for early advise as to this matter, I am

Yours truly,

E. H. Shelton

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APPLICATION FOR MORTUARY WARRANT MAY 19 1932

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

County of Anderson } I, J.B. Bailey

do hereby certify that I am the person to whom is entrusted the paying of the accounts and indebtedness of the late Mrs. Laura A. Mills, who was a pensioner of the State of Texas, and whose file number was 45232 and whose original county was Anderson

The said pensioner Mrs. Laura A. Mills, died on the 12th day of May, 1932, in the town of Palentine County of Anderson, Texas.

The pensioner died in the home of Mrs. M.G. Simmons who was related to the pensioner as Niece

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. Laura A. Mills

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 that my postoffice address is Palentine Texas Street or R. F. D. Palentine Texas City State

Signed J.B. Bailey

Sworn to before me this 18th day of May, 1932

M. O. Strobel

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 Palentine, County of Anderson, State of Texas that I had charge of the body of Mrs. Laura A. Mills, who died in the town of Palentine, County of Anderson, State of Texas on the 12 day of May, 1932. That said body was prepared for burial by me on the 12th day of May, 1932 and that I am of the opinion that warrant herein applied for should be issued to the said Mrs. M.G. Simmons who makes the foregoing application. 403 E. Angleton St. Palentine Texas



Signed J.B. Bailey Undertaker.

CERTIFICATE OF PHYSICIAN

I, E. W. Linsch, do certify that I am a practicing physician, and that I attended Mrs. Laura A. Mills in his last illness, and am of the opinion that his ailments were Paralysis

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 E. W. Linsch

Physician's Address Palentine Texas