

NOTE—The law provides that pensions can begin only on the first day of April and October of each year.

1316-108-1m

FORM No. 2. Amended October 1, 1902.

APPLICATION of Indigent Widow of Soldier or Sailor of the late Confederacy for pension under the Act of May 12, 1899. Hereafter use no other blank but this.

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

COUNTY OF Trinity

To the Honorable County Judge of Trinity County, Texas.

Your petitioner, Mrs. Sarah Jane Bennett respectfully represents that she is a resident citizen of Trinity county, in the State of Texas; that she is the widow of Richard Oliver Bennett, deceased, who was a Confederate soldier (or sailor), and that she makes this application for the purpose of obtaining a pension as the widow of said Richard Oliver Bennett, deceased, under the Act passed by the Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Texas, and approved May 12, A. D. 1899, the same being an act entitled "An Act to carry into effect the amendment to the Constitution of the State of Texas, providing that aid may be granted to disabled and dependent Confederate soldiers, sailors, and their widows under certain conditions, and to make an appropriation therefor," and I do solemnly swear that the answers I have given to the following questions are true.

NOTE—Applicant must make answer to all of the following questions, and such answers must be written out plainly in ink.

- Q. What is your name? Answer Sarah Jane Bennett
- Q. What is your age? Answer I will be 75 years old April 9, 1909
- Q. In what county do you reside? Answer Trinity County Texas
- Q. How long have you resided in said county and what is your postoffice address? Answer I have lived in Trinity County Texas the last past 52 years my P.O. address is "Orsey Texas"
- Q. Have you applied for a pension under the Confederate Pension Law heretofore, and been rejected? If so, state when and where. Answer yes, in this County about 8 years ago
- Q. What is your occupation if able to engage in one? Answer I have none
- Q. What is your physical condition? Answer Very feeble I am afflicted with rheumatism
- Q. What was the name of your deceased husband? Answer Richard Oliver Bennett
- Q. Were you married to him anterior to March 1, 1866? If so, on what date were you married to him and where? Answer yes, in Dec 1860, in Trinity County Texas
- Q. What was the date of his death? Answer January 15<sup>th</sup> 1896
- Q. Are you unmarried, and have you so remained unmarried since the death of your said husband for whose services you claim a pension? Answer yes (TX)
- Q. In what State was your husband's command originally organized? Answer Texas
- Q. How long did your husband serve? Give date of enlistment and discharge. Answer 3 yrs 1 mo, 14 days he left home May 4, 1861 - discharged in March 1865
- Q. What was the name or letter of your husband's company and name or number of his regiment? Answer 1<sup>st</sup> Texas Reg. Ballinger Co. "M"
- Q. State whether he served in the infantry, artillery, cavalry or the navy. Answer Infantry
- Q. State whether or not you have received any pension or veteran donation land certificate under any previous law, and if you answer in the affirmative state what pension or veteran donation land certificate you have received. Answer yes we received a land certificate

Q. What real and personal property do you own, and what is the present value of such property? Give list of such property and value. Answer *I own no property of any kind.*

Q. What property, and what was the value thereof, have you sold or conveyed within two years prior to the date of this application? Answer *I have sold none*

Q. What income, if any, do you receive? Answer *none*

Q. Are you in indigent circumstances; that is, are you in actual want, and destitute of property and means of subsistence? Answer *yes*

Q. Are you unable by your labor to earn a support? Answer *yes*

Q. Have you transferred to others any property of value of any kind for the purpose of becoming a beneficiary under this law? Answer *No*

Q. Did your husband for whose services you claim a pension ever desert the Confederacy? Answer *No*

Q. Have you been continuously since the first day of March, 1880, a bona fide resident citizen of this State? Answer *yes*

Wherefore your petitioner prays that her application for a pension be approved and that such other proceedings be had in the premises as are required by law.

Witness: *J. A. Platt* (Signature of Applicant) *Sarah Jane Bennett*  
*J. R. Bennett*  
Sworn to and subscribed before me, this *1* day of *December* A. D. *1908*

[SEAL.] *C. J. Hinson*  
County Judge *Trinity* County, Texas

AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESSES

(NOTE—There must be at least two credible witnesses.)

THE STATE OF TEXAS, }  
COUNTY OF *Trinity* } Before me *C. J. Hinson*

County Judge of *Trinity* county, State of Texas, on this day personally appeared *W. J. White* *J. O. Parke*

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. *Sarah Jane Bennett*, applicant for a pension as the widow of *Richard Oliver Bennett*, deceased, is in truth and fact the widow of the said *Richard Oliver Bennett*, deceased; that they personally know that the said Mrs. *Sarah Jane Bennett*, widow of the said *Richard Oliver Bennett*, deceased, is unable to support herself by labor of any sort.

*J. H. West* (Signature of Witness) *W. J. White*  
*R. H. Moore* (Signature of Witness) *J. O. Parke*  
Sworn to and subscribed before me, this *7* day of *December* A. D. *1908*

[SEAL.] *C. J. Hinson*  
County Judge *Trinity* County, Texas.

DEPOSITION IN PENSION CLAIMS, WITH CAPTION AND CERTIFICATES.

EX PARTE

IN RE APPLICANT FOR CONFEDERATE PENSION  
Under Act May 12, 1899, pending in County Commis-  
sioners Court of \_\_\_\_\_

*Sarah Jane Bennett*

*Trinity*  
County, Texas, before the Honorable County  
Judge of said County.

Applicant for Confederate Pension.

Answers and depositions of (1) *W. T. White* of *Appl. Springs*  
*Trinity County Texas*

to the accompanying interrogations (2) *and Cross interrogatories*  
propounded to *him* in the above entitled cause taken before (3) *Ma. C. Henson Co. Judge*  
in accordance with the accompanying (5) *agreement*

To the first interrogatory the said *W. T. White*

Witness, answers

*My Name is W. T. White, I will be*  
*69 years old 24<sup>th</sup> of next Feb'y, I live in*  
*Trinity County Texas, my Post Office is*  
*Appl. Springs, Texas.*

To the 2<sup>nd</sup> Int. he answers.

*yes I personally knew*  
*Richard Oliver Bennett, who was the husband*  
*of Sarah Jane Bennett the applicant for pension*

(TX)

To the 3<sup>rd</sup> Int. he answers

*I first got acquainted*  
*with him in the year 1857, in Trinity County*  
*Texas, and was personally acquainted with him*  
*from that time until his death,*

To the 4<sup>th</sup> Int. he answers.

*yes I personally*  
*knew that he enlisted in the service of the*  
*Confederacy and performed the duties of*  
*a soldier*

To the 5<sup>th</sup> he answers - *yes, he enlisted*

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in Co. M, First Texas Regiment -  
he enlisted in the Spring of 1862 at  
Sumpter Texas in Trinity County - and he  
served from that time until April 1865.

To the 1<sup>st</sup> Q<sup>ues</sup>tion he answers - yes -

To the First Q<sup>ues</sup>tion, he answers the source  
of my knowledge is from personal service  
with him from the time that he enlisted  
until the close of the war and have been  
personally acquainted with him as up to  
the time of his death -  
I never knew any other person by the same  
name as Richard Oliver Bennett during  
the said war -

To the 2<sup>nd</sup> <sup>Q<sup>ues</sup>tion</sup> he answers - yes I am  
positively certain the said Bennett is  
the identical person who served in the  
Confederacy as testified by Yell

To the 3<sup>rd</sup> Q<sup>ues</sup>tion he answers -  
I am personally acquainted with and have  
been so acquainted with the applicant  
Sarah Jane Bennett ever since the said  
war and have lived within 5 or 6 miles of her  
all the said time and up to the present

To the 4<sup>th</sup> <sup>Q<sup>ues</sup>tion</sup> he answers -  
I know he never deserted the Confederacy -

Yes I ~~am~~ personally know that the applicant  
Sarah Jane Bennett is in truth and fact  
the surviving widow of Richard Oliver

File No. \_\_\_\_\_

In the Commissioners Court

OF

Trinity County, Texas.  
Before the Honorable County Judge of said County.

EX PARTE

Sarah Jane Bennett  
Applicant for Confederate Pension

DEPOSITION  
OF

W. T. White

Witness for Applicant

Filed 12th day  
of Feby 1909

J. L. Dawson Clerk.

By \_\_\_\_\_ Deputy.

Fee for taking Deposition, \$ \_\_\_\_\_

NOTE.—In Texas, any Clerk of the District Court, any Judge and Clerk of the County Court, or any Notary Public or Justice of the Peace, within their respective Counties, are authorized to take depositions. Out of the State and within the United States—any Clerk of a Court of record having a seal, any Notary Public, or any Commissioner of Deeds of Texas.

(L. S.)

and were sworn to and subscribed before me, by said witness, (4) \_\_\_\_\_  
Given under my hand and official seal, this the 23 day of January, 1909  
C. J. McCrean County Judge  
Trinity County Texas

W. T. White

County and State, and that the foregoing answers of \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ are personally known to me to be credible citizens of said

THE STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF

Trinity

I,

C. J. McCrean County Judge  
(Here give name and official character of officer before whom taken.)

do hereby certify that

W. T. White

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 23 day of

January, 1909

C. J. McCrean County Judge  
Trinity County Texas

W. T. White



## Comptroller's Office

Confederate Pension Department

State of Texas

Austin

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J. W. STEPHENS, COMPTROLLER  
B. F. TEAGUE, CHIEF CLERK  
E. A. BOLMES, CHIEF PENSION CLERK

To the Adjutant General,  
War Department,

Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I have the honor to request the military record  
of Richmond O. Bennett who is reported to have enlisted in  
Company M, 1<sup>st</sup> Regiment Texas Infantry  
in the service of the Confederate States Army.

Purpose: The widow of the person above named is an applicant for a  
Confederate pension granted by this State, and I desire to verify his  
proof of service.

Very respectfully,

J. W. Stephens  
Comptroller

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Address: "The Adjutant General,  
War Department, Washington, D. C."

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THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

WASHINGTON, March 17, 1909.

*Respectfully returned to the*

Comptroller,  
State of Texas,  
Austin.

It is shown by the records that R.  
O. Bennett, corporal, Company M, 1st  
Texas Infantry, Confederate States  
Army, enlisted May 5, 1862, and that  
he was captured October 7, 1864, and  
held as a prisoner of war until  
March 19, 1865, when he appears to  
have been exchanged at Aikens Land-  
ing, Virginia.

The Adjutant General.

### APPLICATION FOR MORTUARY WARRANT

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

County of Trinity } I, G. W. Kennedy

do hereby certify that I am the person to whom is entrusted the paying of the accounts and indebtedness of the late Mrs. S. J. Bennett, who was a pensioner of the State of Texas, and whose file number was 4450 and whose original county was Trinity.

The said pensioner Mrs. S. J. Bennett died on the 20th day of October, 1931, in the town of Groveton County of Trinity, Texas.

The pensioner died in the home of affiant who was related to the pensioner as son-in-law.

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 son-in-law.

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-in-law that my postoffice address is Box 212 Street or R. F. D. Texas City State

Signed G. W. Kennedy Sworn to before me this 20th day of October, 1931

Notary Public in and for Trinity State of Texas.

### CERTIFICATE OF UNDERTAKER

I, \_\_\_\_\_, do certify that I am undertaker in the town of Groveton, County of Trinity, State of Texas that I ~~had~~ did not have charge of the body of S. J. Bennett, who died ~~in~~ near the town of Groveton, County of Trinity, State of Texas on the 20th day of October 1931. That said body was prepared for burial by me on the 20th day of October 1931, and that I am of the opinion that warrant herein applied for should be issued to the said G. W. Kennedy who makes the foregoing application. I furnished coffin

Signed J. D. Collins Undertaker.

### CERTIFICATE OF PHYSICIAN

I, C. H. Bradley, do certify that I am a practicing physician, and that I attended Mrs. S. J. Bennett in his last illness, and am of the opinion that his ailments were Severely

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 C. H. Bradley M.D. Physician's Address Groveton Texas

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