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FORM No. 2.

CONFEDERATE PENSION APPLICATION.

Name of Applicant

Mrs N J Ritchey

Homeless J. County

Post Office Chapin and

Comptroller's File No. 2101

I have carefully examined the within application for pension, together with the proof to support thereof, and

I recommend that the application be

Approved

this 28 day of

Sept 1899

Comptroller

Pension Clerk

I hereby approve the within application for pension, this

28 day of

September 1899

Comptroller

If Application Rejected by County Judge or County Commissioners should be forwarded to Comptroller.

APPLICATION of indigent widow of Soldier or Sailor of the late Confederacy for pension under the Act of May 12, 1899.

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

COUNTY OF Houston

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To the Honorable County Judge of Houston County, Texas.

Your petitioner, Mrs. N. J. Ritchey respectfully represents that she is a resident citizen of Houston County, in the State of Texas; that she is the widow of J. R. Ritchey 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 J. R. Ritchey 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: N. J. Ritchey
- Q. What is your age? Answer: 56 years
- Q. In what County do you reside? Answer: Houston County
- Q. How long have you resided in said County and what is your post office address? Answer: 3 1/2 years Grapel and
- Q. Have you applied for a pension under the Confederate Pension Law heretofore, and been rejected? If so state when and where. Answer: No.
- Q. What is your occupation if able to engage in one? Answer: House Keeping
- Q. What is your physical condition? Answer: Bad.
- Q. What was the name of your deceased husband? Answer: J. R. Ritchey
- 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 the Spring 1865
- Q. What was the date of his death? Answer: 1st day of April 1895
- 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
- Q. State in what company and regiment your deceased husband for whose services you claim a pension enlisted in the Confederate Army, and the time of his service therein? Answer: Co. B. 13 - Texas Superintending
- Q. If your deceased husband served in the Confederate Navy, state when and where, and the time of such service? Answer: No
- 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 so received. Answer: None

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Q. What real and personal property do you now own, and what is the present value of such property? Give list of such property and value. Answer: None.

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: 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 deceased husband for whose services you claim a pension ever desert the Confederacy? Answer: No.

Q. Have you been continuously since the first day of ~~Jan~~ <sup>March</sup> 1880, a bona fide resident citizen of this State? Answer: Yes.

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

(Signature of Applicant) M J Ritchey

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 4<sup>th</sup> day of July A. D. 1899

(SEAL) \_\_\_\_\_ County Judge Hempton County, Texas.

AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESSES.

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

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

COUNTY OF Houston } Before me, W. P. Keefe  
County Judge of Houston County, State of Texas, on this day personally appeared M. M. Baker & W. H. Duren

who are personally known to me to be credible citizens, who being by me duly sworn on oath, state that they personally know that M. J. Ritchey (widow of the said J. Ritchey) applicant for a pension as the widow of J. Ritchey, deceased, is in truth and fact the widow of the said J. Ritchey, deceased; that they personally know that the said J. Ritchey, deceased, enlisted in the service of the Confederacy, and performed the duties of a soldier (or sailor) as claimed by his said widow in the above and foregoing application, and that they further know that the said M. J. Ritchey (or J. Ritchey) widow of the said J. Ritchey, deceased, is unable to support herself by labor of any sort.

(Signature of Witness) W. P. Keefe

(Signature of Witness) M. M. Baker

(Signature of Witness) W. H. Duren

(Signature of Witness) \_\_\_\_\_

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 1 day of August A. D. 1899

(SEAL) \_\_\_\_\_ County Judge Houston County, Texas.

CERTIFICATE OF COUNTY JUDGE.

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

COUNTY OF Houston

County Judge of Houston

Winfre

County, State of Texas, do hereby certify that on the

day of July A. D. 1899 before me came on to be heard the application of

Mrs. N. J. Ritchey widow of

J. B. Ritchey deceased, for a pension under the Confederate Pension Law of this

State, approved May 12, A. D. 1899; that the answers of said applicant to the questions propounded were made under oath as the same

appear in writing in the foregoing application; that the affidavits of the witnesses who are credible citizens were made before me as the

same hereinbefore appear. I also certify that the said applicant Mrs N. J. Ritchey

is not disqualified under any of the provisions of Section 12, of the Confederate Pension Law. I further certify that after considering all

of the proceedings had before me relative to the said application for a pension by the said Mrs. N. J. Ritchey

as widow of J. B. Ritchey

deceased, I find the said applicant is lawfully entitled to the pension provided for by the Confederate Pension Law of this State, and I

hereby approve said application.

Witness my hand and seal of office at Crockett this 4<sup>th</sup>

day of July A. D. 1899

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County Judge Houston County, State of Texas.

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CERTIFICATE OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

COUNTY OF Houston

Houston

We, the undersigned members of the Commissioners Court of

Houston County, Texas, hereby certify that the foregoing application of Mrs. N. J. Ritchey

widow of J. B. Ritchey deceased, for a pension,

together with the proof in support thereof, was duly submitted by Hon. E. Winfree

County Judge of this Houston County, to the Commissioners Court of this Houston

County, at a regular term thereof on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of August A. D. 1899, and after a careful

consideration of the same we find the said applicant is lawfully entitled to the pension provided for by the Confederate Pension Law of

this State, and we hereby approve said application.

Witness our hands and seal of office at Crockett Texas this 19<sup>th</sup>

day of August A. D. 1899

Willie Johnson

Tom Porter

E. B. Hill

(Signatures of Commissioners.)

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Grapeland Tex  
Aug. 1st 1899.

Mr. E. Kinfree  
Crossett Tex

Dear Sir,  
Not knowing, whether or not those witnesses have been sworn, I thought it would be best for me to write to you, asking you to please inform me as to whether this pension matter has been attended to. I saw the

in the Grapeland Messenger, requesting all applicants for pensions to see to getting their witnesses, if the witnesses have not been sworn, I can refer you to Britton Vaughan, Tadmor, Steven Vaughan Tadmor.

They can fully testify on any of these witnesses named on day of examination. Please inform

me as early as possible, if you can. If it has not been attended to it will be no trouble to get witnesses.

Very Respectfully,  
(Mrs) J. R. Ritchey  
Grapeland Tex.

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