

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. Mary I. Holbrook

Gregg

County.

R. F. D. or Street No.

Postoffice Longview, Texas.

Filed December 1, 1928

Approved

Pension allowed from

Rejected December 1, 1928

*S. H. Terrell*

Comptroller of Public Accounts.

THE K. L. STECK CO., AUSTIN

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Widow's Application for Confederate Pension

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

County of Gregg

I, Mrs. Mary E. Halbrook 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 1, A. D. 1913, on the following grounds:

I am the widow of Milo Franklin Halbrook, deceased, who departed this life on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of July, A. D. 1913, in the county of Gregg 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 14<sup>th</sup> day of July, A. D. 1886, in the county of Cherokee in the State of Texas

My husband, the said Milo Franklin Halbrook, 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? 61 yrs old. Jan 16, 1867
- 2. Where were you born? Clarks Mississippi
- 3. How long have you resided in the State of Texas? 59 years
- 4. How long have you resided in the county of your present residence? 34 years
- 5. What is your postoffice address? Loganville Texas
- 6. Have you applied for a pension under the Confederate pension law and been rejected? Yes.  
If rejected, state when and where. 4 or 5 years ago. Don't know reason of refusal
- 7. Did your husband draw a pension? yes. If so, give his file number
- 8. What is your husband's full name? Milo Franklin Halbrook

- 9. In what State was your husband's command originally organized? Don't know, Served at Brownsville
- 10. How long did your husband serve? 3 years If known to you, give date of enlistment and discharge Not known

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.) not known

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 Infantry

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. Yes.

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 be had in the premises as required by law.

(Signature of Applicant) Mary E Halbrook

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 27<sup>th</sup> day of Nov. A. D. 1928

[Seal] Ed Meredith  
County Judge Gregg 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 Gregg

Before me, W. Meredith County Judge of Gregg County,  
State of Texas, on this day personally appeared V. E. Gipson

E. O. McWhorter, 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. Mary J. Halbrook, applicant for a pension as the widow of Mrs. Franklin Halbrook deceased, is in truth and fact the widow of Mrs. Franklin Halbrook 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) V. E. Gipson  
(Signature of Witness) E. O. McWhorter

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 27th day of Nov., A. D. 1928  
[Seal.] W. Meredith County Judge Gregg County, Texas.

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County of Gregg

Before me, W. Meredith County Judge of Gregg County,  
State of Texas, on this day personally appeared V. E. Gipson

E. O. McWhorter, 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 Mary J. Halbrook 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) V. E. Gipson  
(Signature of Witness) E. O. McWhorter

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 27th day of Nov., A. D. 1928  
[Seal.] W. Meredith County Judge Gregg 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).....

(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



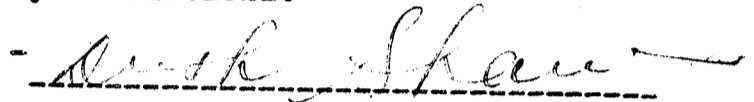
I, Oscar Woods, State and County Assessor in the County of Gregg State of Texas, do certify that Mrs. Mary R. Walcott whose name is signed to the foregoing application for a pension, under the Act of the Thirty-third Legislature, approved April 7, 1913, is charged on the tax rolls of said county with a homestead of the value of Two Hundred and fifty Dollars, and, in addition to homestead, of other property, real or personal, or both, of the value of none Dollars.

Given under my hand, this 27 day of Nov A. D. 1928  
Oscar Woods  
State and County Assessor.

The state of Texas §  
County of Gregg #  
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I Dush Shaw of the state and County aforesaid do certify that I am now County Clerk of Gregg County and have been continuously, since 1898 and that Mrs. Mary I. Holbrook is the widow of the said Milo Franklin Holbrook and that the said Milo Franklin Holbrook was drawing a pension from the State of Texas, at the time of his death, and that the proof of his service as a confederate soldier has already been established.

Witness my hand, this the 4th, day of Jan. 1921.



County Clerk of Gregg County Texas.

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From B.

**WIDOW'S APPLICATION  
FOR A PENSION**

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

Name of Applicant.

*Mrs Mary J Halbrook*

*Gregg* County.

Postoffice *Loudiview Tex*

Filed *Jan 7-1921*

Approved \_\_\_\_\_

Pension allowed from \_\_\_\_\_

Rejected *Jan 7-1921*

*M L Wigington*  
Comptroller of Public Accounts.

E. L. STECK, AUSTIN

*Acct of age*

FORM B

1998-1119-2M

For Use of Widows of Soldiers Who Are In Indigent Circumstances

COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE  
RECEIVED  
JAN 7 1921  
Referred to \_\_\_\_\_  
No. \_\_\_\_\_

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

COUNTY OF Gregg

I, Mrs. Mary E. Holbrook

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 Milo Franklin Holbrook deceased, who departed this life on the 11 day of July, A. D. 1913, in the county of Gregg 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 14 day of July A. D. 1887 in the county of Cherokee in the State of Texas

My husband, the said Milo Franklin Holbrook, 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 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 \$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? 53 years
2. Where were you born? Near Meridian Miss
3. How long have you resided in the State of Texas? 52 years
4. How long have you resided in the county of your present residence? And what is your postoffice address? 27 yrs Longview
5. Did your husband draw a pension? If so, give his file number. Yes
6. What was your husband's full name? Milo Franklin Holbrook
7. What was the date of his death? July 11 1913
8. In what State was your husband's command originally organized?

9. How long did your husband serve? If known to you, give date of enlistment and discharge. about 2 yrs. Went in about 1st of 3rd year and served

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

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

12. Have you transferred to others any property of any kind for the purpose of becoming a beneficiary under this law?

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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.

(Signature of Applicant) Mary E. Holbrook

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 3 day of Jan A. D. 1921

W. A. Ray  
County Judge Gregg 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

Gregg

Before me,

W. A. Ray

County Judge of

Gregg

County,

State of Texas, on this day personally appeared

O. H. Piques and J. C. Howard

, 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. Mary J. Holbrook

, applicant for a pension as the widow of

Milo Franklin Holbrook

deceased, is in truth and fact the widow of

Milo Franklin Holbrook

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)

O. H. Piques

(Signature of Witness)

J. C. Howard

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this

3 day of Jan

, A. D. 1921

[Seal.]

County Judge

County, Texas.

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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

Mary J. Holbrook

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)

O. H. Piques

(Signature of Witness)

J. C. Howard

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this

3 day of Jan

, A. D. 1921

W. A. Ray

[Seal.]

County Judge

Gregg

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 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) \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ A. D. 19 \_\_\_\_\_

[Seal.]

County Judge \_\_\_\_\_ County, Texas.

CERTIFICATE OF STATE AND COUNTY ASSESSOR

I, J. C. Person State and County Assessor in the County of \_\_\_\_\_ State of Texas, do certify that Mrs. Mary E. Halbrook 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 \$ 250 00 Dollars, and of other property, real or personal, or both, of the value of \_\_\_\_\_ Dollars.

Given under my hand, this 5 day of Jan A. D. 19 21

J. C. Person  
State and County Assessor.



January  
8, 1921.

Mrs. Mary I. Holbrook,  
Longview, Texas.

Dear Madam:

Your application for a Confederate pension has been received and filed, but cannot be approved on account of your age as shown therein. 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 a Confederate pension.

I regret that I cannot approve your application at this time but same will be kept on file in this office and may be renewed whenever the constitution and general laws of this state are amended so as to permit the approval of same.

Yours very truly,

Comptroller.



KR/mec

December 1, 1928.

Hon. D. S. Meredith, Jr.,  
County Judge,  
Longview, Texas.

Dear Judge Meredith:

I am in receipt of your letter of recent date enclosing the application for confederate pension of Mrs. Mary I. Holbrook.

You are advised that under the present pension law of this State, the widow of a confederate soldier must not be a woman born since the year 1861, in order to be eligible for pension.

The application of Mrs. Holbrook gives her date of birth as 1867, which makes her entirely too young to become a pensioner under the present law.

Mrs. Holbrook also fails to prove the military service record of her deceased husband, Milo Franklin Holbrook, and she does not give any information that would enable me to investigate his service record through the War Department, Washington, D. C.

On account of the age of Mrs. Holbrook and her failure to prove the military service record of her deceased husband, under whose record she is applying for pension, I am forced to reject her application for pension.

HH/E

Yours very truly,

Comptroller of Public  
Accounts.



DISTRICT COURT MEETS ON THE 2ND MONDAY  
IN FEBRUARY, 1ST MONDAY IN JUNE AND THE  
1ST MONDAY IN OCTOBER.

OFFICERS:

D. S. MEREDITH, JR., COUNTY JUDGE  
DUSH SHAW, COUNTY CLERK  
E. B. PENICK, PRECINCT NO. 1  
A. F. SHEPPARD, PRECINCT NO. 2  
LEO BRADSHAW, PRECINCT NO. 3  
JOHN HOLT, PRECINCT NO. 4  
D. R. CARPENTER, DEMONSTRATION AGENT

THE STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF GREGG

COMMISSIONERS' COURT MEETS ON THE  
SECOND MONDAY IN EACH MONTH



LONGVIEW, TEXAS

COUNTY COURT MEETS ON THE 2ND MONDAY IN  
JANUARY, APRIL, JULY AND SEPTEMBER

OFFICERS:

J. H. MCHANEY, DIST AND COUNTY ATTORNEY  
MRS. MAUDE WOOD, DISTRICT CLERK  
MARTIN HAYS, SHERIFF  
E. O. MCWHORTER, TAX COLLECTOR  
S. L. WILSON, SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT  
E. A. MORGAN, COUNTY TREASURER  
OSCAR WOOD, TAX ASSESSOR  
J. I. CHOICE, COUNTY SURVEYOR

*Comptroller  
Austin Texas*

*Dear Sirs:*

*Will you kindly let me know  
what disposition is made of the  
enclosed Application?*

*Thanking you, I am  
Yours very truly  
D. S. Meredith Jr*



*Handwritten notes:*  
10/24/48  
G. W. ...

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