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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.

Name of Applicant

Mr Sammie Horne

County

Postoffice

Madisonville

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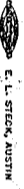
Approved _____

Pension allowed from _____

Rejected *11/23/23*

John A. Smith

Comptroller of Public Accounts.



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For Use of Widows of Soldiers Who Are In Indigent Circumstances

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

COUNTY OF Gregg

I, Mrs. Fannie Hooks 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. W. Hooks, deceased, who departed this life on the 25th day of September, A. D. 1923, 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 11th day of May A. D. 1898 in the county of Call in the State of Texas

My husband, the said John Wesley Hooks, 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? 49 years
- 2. Where were you born? Call County, Alabama.
- 3. How long have you resided in the State of Texas? 41 years
- 4. How long have you resided in the county of your present residence? And what is your postoffice address? resided in Gregg County 14 years. my address is Gladewater, Texas.
- 5. Did your husband draw a pension? If so, give his file number. 24270
- 6. What was your husband's full name? John Wesley Hooks
- 7. What was the date of his death? Sept. 25th, 1923
- 8. In what State was your husband's command originally organized? I do not know
- 9. How long did your husband serve? If known to you, give date of enlistment and discharge. I do not know
- 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. I do not know
- 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. I do not know
- 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.

(Signature of Applicant)

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 9th day of November, A. D. 1923

Witness: W. R. Hughes Fannie Hooks

[Seal.]

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*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.

Sworn and subscribed to before me this 9th day of November 1923

W. R. Hughes
County Judge Gregg County

AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESSES

[Note.—There must be at least two creditable witnesses.]

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

COUNTY OF Gregg

Before me, W R Hughes, County Judge of Gregg County, State of Texas, on this day personally appeared A D Palmer & R M Wood, 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 Ann Hanks, applicant for a pension as the widow of John Westly Hanks deceased, is in truth and fact the widow of John Westly Hanks 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) A D Palmer

(Signature of Witness) R M Wood

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 21st day of November, A. D. 1922

County Judge W R Hughes County, Texas.

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THE STATE OF TEXAS,

COUNTY OF Gregg

Before me, W R Hughes, County Judge of Gregg County, State of Texas, on this day personally appeared A D Palmer & R M Wood, 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 Ann Hanks 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) A D Palmer

(Signature of Witness) R M Wood

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 21 day of November, A. D. 1922

County Judge W R Hughes 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

Gregg
W. R. Hughes

Before me, _____, County Judge of _____ County,

State of Texas, on this day personally appeared *A. D. Palmer & R. M. Wood*, 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)

That John Westly Hooks did serve honorably through the entire war as a Confederate soldier, and was honorably discharged. This information from said Hooks personally, and from application for Confederate soldiers pension file No. 24240. paid to said Hooks. name of record in pension office.

(Signature of Witness)

A. D. Palmer

(Signature of Witness)

R. M. Wood

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this *11th* day of *November* A. D. 19*22*

W. R. Hughes

[Seal.]

County Judge *Gregg* County, Texas.

CERTIFICATE OF STATE AND COUNTY ASSESSOR



Oscar Wood

I, ~~B. G. McWhorter~~ State and County Assessor in the County of *Gregg*

State of Texas, do certify that Mrs. *Fannie Hooks* 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

Three Dollars, and of other property, real or personal, or

both, of the value of *Three hundred forty* Dollars.

Given under my hand, this *17th* day of *Nov* A. D. 19*23*

Oscar Wood

State and County Assessor.

July 22, 1925.

Mrs. J.W.Hooks,
Gladewater, Texas.

Dear Madam:

Your letter of July 18th, addressed to
Hon. Lon A. Smith, former Comptroller,
has been referred to me for reply.

You are advised that your application
for Confederate Pension, filed Nov. 25rd,
1923, was rejected on that date, on account
of your age, which was shown at that time
to have been 49 years,- placing the year
of your birth in 1874.

The Pension Laws of this State require
that a Widow Applicant must have been
born prior to the close of the year 1861,
therefore, your application cannot be
approved under the present Laws.

Your application will be kept on file in
this Office, and may be renewed whenever
the Laws of this State are amended so as
to permit approval of same.

Yours very truly,



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

KER:AE.

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Gregg

Gladewater, Texas

July 18, 1924

Mr. Lorr A. Smith, Comptroller
Austin, Texas

Dear Sir;

I am very badly in
need of the pension which
Mr. Hooks, my husband,
was getting before his decease.

The pension stopped
when he died Sept. 24, 1924
and I think I am entitled
to the pension because others
are getting that don't need it
or had used to. (TX)

I am nearly blind and
have been sick for some weeks.

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and am unable to ~~work~~^{because} work
and besides there is none to do.

I must school my
granddaughter and I need help and
need it bad

I am nearly blind
and have been so for nearly
a year.

The county has to keep
us up and it is impossible to
live on the meager help.

We are right now
needing clothing and food
which seems possible to
get ~~it~~, I know you can't TX
fix up a pension for me but
I thought ~~perhaps~~^{perhaps} perhaps
you could help me out in

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some way.

I have witnesses that I need it, they are: Mr. J. W. Victory and Dr. E. P. Walker.

I remain,

Yours truly,
Mrs. J. W. Hook's
By Grand daughter.

P.S. I thought, you being a friend to Mr. John W. Hook's would help out too.

