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WIDOW'S APPLICATION FOR A PENSION

The Commissioner of Pensions reserves the right to call for additional testimony if he deems it necessary.

3-13-31

Name of Applicant.

Mrs Catherine McDuffy

Fannin

County.

P#1
Postoffice

Leonard

Filed

7/24/24

Approved

May 28 - 1925

Pension allowed from

Mar 1 - 1925

Rejected

S H Gurrell

Commissioner of Pensions.

E. L. STECK, AUSTIN

Dec 1/24
4-20-25

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For Use of Widows of Soldiers who are in Indigent Circumstances

THE STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF

Fannin

I, Mrs. Catherine Mc Duffey do hereby make application to the Commissioner of Pensions 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 William Mc Duffey, deceased, who departed this life on the 18th day of June, A. D. 1906, in the county of Fannin in the State of Georgia.

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 26th day of July, A. D. 1866, in the county of Hays, in the State of Texas.

My husband, the said William Mc Duffey, 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 any one 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? 71 years
2. Where were you born? In Tennessee
3. How long have you resided in the State of Texas? 64 years
4. How long have you resided in the county of your present residence. And what is your postoffice address? 57 years. Leonard Texas RR #1
5. Did your husband draw a pension? If so, give his file number. No.
6. What was your husband's full name? William Mc Duffey
7. What was the date of his death? June 18, 1906
8. In what State was your husband's command originally organized? In Arkansas
9. How long did your husband serve? If known to you give date of enlistment and discharge. Over two years. Don't know date asked for.
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. Can't give this information. Co. B. 1st Cavalry Reg. 1st Div. 1st Army.
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. Cavalry; not commissioned

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)

Catherine Mc Duffey

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 25th day of June, A. D. 1924

Sam E. Nielson
Fannin County, Texas

[Seal.]

AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESSES

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

THE STATE OF TEXAS }

County of Fannin

Before me, E.C. Leslie

Notary Public

~~County Judge of~~ Fannin

County,

State of Texas, on this day personally appeared Parlee Sanders, Charley Williams 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. Catherine McDuffey, applicant for a pension as the widow of Bill McDuffey deceased, is in truth and fact the widow of Bill McDuffey deceased, that they personally know that she has not remarried since the death of her husband, for whose service in the army she claims a pension, and that they have no interest in this claim.

(Signature of Witness)

(Signature of Witness)

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 27th day of June, A. D. 19124

[Seal.]

AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESSES

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

THE STATE OF TEXAS }

County of Fannin

Before me, E.C. Leslie

Notary Public

~~County Judge of~~ Fannin

County,

State of Texas, on this day personally appeared H.H. Sanders, Chas. M. Parker, 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 Catherine McDuffey 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)

(Signature of Witness)

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 27th day of June, A. D. 19124

[Seal.]

Notary Public

~~County Judge~~

Fannin

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 Wise

Before me, J. H. Foster & P. E. Hoff, County Judge of Wise County,

State of Texas, on this day personally appeared John Walker, 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) I was well acquainted with William

M^c Duffey, the husband of the applicant. He

was working for my father on the farm

in 1861 at the beginning of the war and I

knew him up to the time of his death in

Tarrant County Texas. He served in the late

rebellion with my father about three years,

until the end of the war. They served under

Captain Dammons' company, Cavalry, up until

the time they were disbanded at the close

of the war. He was about fifteen years old when

he joined the army.

(Signature of Witness)

J. H. Walker

(Signature of Witness)

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 8th day of July A. D. 1914

J. H. Foster & P. E. Hoff

[Seal.]

County Judge Wise County, Texas.

CERTIFICATE OF STATE AND COUNTY ASSESSOR

I, J. E. Spies State and County Assessor in the County of Tarrant,

State of Texas, do certify that Mrs. M. M. (Catharine) McDuffey 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 \$600⁰⁰

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

of the value of None Dollars.

Given under my hand, this 22 day of July A. D. 1914

J. E. Spies

State and County Assessor.

L. R. Grubbs
Deputy



Comptroller's Department
State of Texas
Austin

LON A. SMITH, COMPTROLLER
W. T. GASTON, CHIEF CLERK

To the Adjutant General,
War Department,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I have the honor to request the military record of William M. Duffey,
who is reported to have enlisted in Company B, Regiment Col Hendrick's
Reg Garro's Brig. Tex Cav. 6th Col 17th Cav

in service in the Confederate States Army.


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Very respectfully, OLD RECORDS DIVN.

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 Lon A. Smith
Comptroller of State of Texas.

Address: "The Adjutant General,

War Department, Washington, D. C."

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WAR DEPARTMENT.

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE.

WASHINGTON, Sept 6, 1924.

Respectfully returned to the

Comptroller, State of Texas,
Austin,
Tex.

It does not appear from the records of this office that a colonel Hendricks served in any organization from the state of Texas in the service of the Confederate States Army. S.B.Hendricks was Lieut. colonel of the 17th Texas Cavalry, CSA, but the name William McDuffy has not been found on the rolls of any Co. of that Regiment, and no prisoner of war record has been found for a man of that name and organization.



Robert C. Davis
Major General,

The Adjutant General.

By *J.S.*


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Leonard, Texas
March 24, 1925

Commissioner of Pensions
Austin, Texas

Dear Sir:

I am the widow of Bill
Mc Duffey, who was a private in
Capt. Bill Dameron's Co., Hardeman's
Regiment, Ganda's Brigade of the
Confederate Army. Last July I
made application for pension,
but I received a letter from
Mr. Lon Smith, stating that I
had not sufficient evidence to
prove my claim.

My husband and I were 
reared where Dameron's Co. was
made up and there are a few
who know that Bill Mc Duffey
was in the company but their

are old men or women who were not in the company. I only know that he said and many of his company said in my hearing that he was in that company. He and I were reared in the same community and were acquainted at the time that he was a soldier in Bill Dameron's Co. If you will examine the records of Hardeman's Regiment, Dameron's Co., R. M. Gano's Brigade you will find that my husband was there.

Very truly yours,
Mrs. Catherine McDuffey





Comptroller's Department
State of Texas
Austin

S. H. TERRELL, Comptroller
J. M. EDWARDS, Chief Clerk

March 28, 1925.

Over

Mrs. Katherine McDuffey,
Leonard, Texas.

Dear Madam:

Your application for a Confederate pension filed with this department July 4, 1924, was not approved because of your failure to furnish sufficient proof of your husband's service and on account of report from the office of the Adjutant General, War Department, Washington, D. C., stating that the name of Wm. McDuffey could not be found on the rolls of any company in Col. Hendrick's regiment, Gano's Brigade, Texas Cavalry.

If you will furnish additional proof of your husband's service or file affidavit provided for by Article 6270, R.C.S., your application will again be taken up for consideration and approved if possible.

Very truly yours,

S. H. Terrell

Comptroller.

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Over
Trenton Texas. 3/31/25

Dear Mr Terrell

Mrs McDuffee knows of no one # living who was in Bill Dameron's Co Hardemans Regiment Gano's Brigade Texas Cavalry I was with Ganos Brigade in the summer of 1864 Having helped Guard train of supplies, I volunteered out of the Militia for That Service and I know that Hardeman's Regiment was either the 29-30-or 31. I see in your letter to Mrs McDuffee, you refer to (Hendricks) Hardeman's Regiment, and call it Hendri's Regiment, There was no Hendri's Regiment in Gano's Brigade. and if the U.S. government Has the rool of Gano's Brigade and McDuffee name is not on it it ought to be. and If you will take the trouble to Write again, I am sure you will find the name there. I did not Know that the U.S. Government had a list of the Confederate Soldiers If his Name can be found on the rool of Hardemans Regiment I suppose that will be quite sufficien evidence as she can prove She was his Wife.

Hoping to hear again from you on this subject

I am very truly your

J.D.Wilson - For Mrs Catherine McDuffey





Comptroller's Department
State of Texas
Austin

S. H. TERRELL, Comptroller
J. M. EDWARDS, Chief Clerk

To the Adjutant General,
War Department,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I have the honor to request the military record of William McPuffy
who is reported to have enlisted in Company B Regiment
Hardeman's Regt.
Gano's Brigade
Texas Cavalry

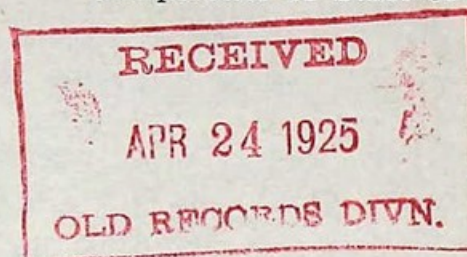
in service in the Confederate States Army.

Very respectfully,

S. H. Terrell

Comptroller of State of Texas.

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Address: "The Adjutant General,

War Department, Washington, D. C."

**WAR DEPARTMENT,
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE.**

WASHINGTON. April 27, 1925.

Respectfully returned to

Comptroller,
State of Texas,
Austin, Texas.

The name of,-

William McDuffy,

has not been found on the muster roll
of Hardeman's Regt. Texas Cavalry,
(Co. B), C.S.A., for March and April,
1863, (only roll on file).

Nor has any record been found of
his service, capture or parole as of
that organization.



Robert C. Davis,

Major General,
The Adjutant General,

By RC.

40824

May 12, 1925

Mr. J. D. Wilson,
Trenton, Texas.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your recent favor relative to application of Mrs. Catherine McDuffey, for Confederate pension.

You are advised that a report received from the office of the Adjutant General, War Department, Washington, D. C. reads as follows:

" The name of William McDuffy, has not been found on the muster roll of Hardeman's Regt. Texas Cavalry, (Co.B) C.S.A. for March and April, 1863, (only roll on file). Nor has any record been found of his service, capture or parole as of that organization."

If Mr.Wm.McDuffy served three years, as claimed by witness J. W. Walker, his name should have appeared on muster rolls for March and April 1863. I am, therefore, requesting that you file additional proof of service of Mr.McDuffy to be attached to application.

If you are unable to secure additional proof of service, you will have Mrs.McDuffey file affidavit provided for by Article 6270 R. C. S.

On receipt of this additional proof of service application will be given further consideration.

Yours very truly,

KR:MJB



COMPTROLLER.

Trenton Texas. 5/14/25

S.H.Terrell.Comptrooler

Austin Texas...

Dear Mr Terrell,

I enclose you your letter regarding Mrs Catherine McDuffey's Confederate Pension, for explanation.

From it i infer there is a final resort. That She make an affidavit in accordance with Article 6720 R.C.S. As I do not know what that Article is, I will ask you to send me the wording of the same, that I may have her sworn as to its provisions.

As to the Adjutant General's statement. I am satisfied that Bill McDuffey did not enlist till may or June 1863 as Mrs McDuffey told me that he did not enlist when the Company was made up not then being of military age. That he went to the command in Ark. and enlisted in Bill Damerons Co because he had kin and acquaintances in that Co, and was recruited with some others then. She said it must have been something like a year after the company was first made up.

She has despaired of getting evidence from a comrade, as there are none here and does know of any else where. Square Kind of Leonard Texas, this Co, was a member of old Col Bob Taylor's regiment. Capt Geo Aldridge's Co. He was acquainted with Bill McDuffey since the Civil war up till the time he died. What he knows about his service, is from hearing him talk, and is circumstantial evidence as well as mine. Rev Ben Blanton was Orderly sargent In Bill Damerins Co, and knew him here till he (McDuffy) died, Blanton is dead but Blanton told his son Charley that McDuffy was in his Co and made a good soldier. All in this neighborhood who were old enough to know McDuffy believe he was what he represented himself to be.

Hoping we can satisfy you, that there can be no doubt of his service as there is no doubt in our minds of the fact, and that she may get the benefit of the provisions of the law in her last days. as on the justness of the pension law, all Texas is agreed.

I subscrib very truly yours

J.D.Wilson



J.D. Wilson 14

May 22, 1925

Mr. J. D. Wilson,
Trenton, Texas.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your favor of May 14th.

The affidavit to be filed with application, where applicant cannot find witnesses to her husband's service record, should be executed before the County Judge and copy filed with County Clerk, in addition to copy being mailed to be attached to application.

The requirements of Article 6270 R. C. S. are clearly set out and should be followed to the letter. Her County Judge will assist her in properly executing this affidavit, provided for, and it must be filed with application before same may be approved.

Yours very truly,

KR:MJB

COMPTROLLER.



THE STATE OF TEXAS,

COUNTY OF FANNIN.

Before me, the undersigned authority on this day personally appeared Katherine McDuffy, who being by me first duly sworn on her oath says:

That she is in fact the widow of a Confederate Soldier to-wit; Bill McDuffy; that her husband rendered valuable service to the Confederacy as a soldier and that he served as such soldier for more than six months and did not desert such cause but was honorably discharged at the close of the war; ~~that~~ that said Bill McDuffy died on the 14th day of May, 1906, in Fannin County, Texas; that she has made diligent search ~~search~~ for all information as to the number of the regiment and company in which her deceased husband served but has been unable to learn same. She further states that all witnesses to said facts are dead or their whereabouts unknown to her and are ~~unascertainable~~ unascertainable.

Katherine M. McDuffy

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 25th day of May, 1925.

Sam E. Hudson
County Judge, Fannin County, Texas.




State of Texas,
County of Fannin.

In County Court, Fannin County, Texas.

On this the 25th day of May, 1925, came to be heard the application of Mrs. Katherine McDuffy for a Confederate Widow's pension and it appearing to the court that said Katherine McDuffy has made affidavit before the County Judge of Fannin County, Texas, that she is the widow of a Confederate soldier, to-wit; Bill McDuffy, who served as a soldier during more than six months and did not desert the cause and that information as to the number of the regiment and company in which her deceased husband served are unknown to her and that she has made diligent search but has been unable to learn same. Thereupon the court proceeded to hear other evidence and after hearing same is of the opinion, and so finds, that Mrs. Katherine McDuffy is the widow of a Confederate soldier, to-wit, Bill McDuffy; that all witnesses to said fact are dead, or their whereabouts unknown to said widow and are unascertainable and the court hereby recommends to the pension commissioner the grant of a pension to said widow, Katherine McDuffy.

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County Judge, Fannin County, Texas.



SAM E. NEILSON
COUNTY JUDGE, FANNIN COUNTY
BONHAM, TEXAS

May 25th, 1925.

Hon. S. H. Terrell,

Comptroller,

Austin Texas.

Dear Sir;-

Enclosed you will find affidavit and order of the court to be considered by you in connection with the application of Mrs. Katherine McDuffy for a Confederate pension.

I will thank you to consider the same in this connection.

Very truly yours,

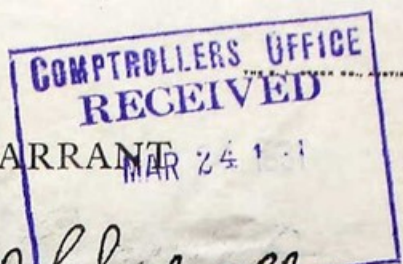
S. E. Neilson

Sam



*Mrs McDuffy
Co J. A. Wilson*

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APPLICATION FOR MORTUARY WARRANT

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

County of

Harrison

I, Mrs D. J. Chadwell

do hereby certify that I am the person to whom is entrusted the paying of the accounts and indebtedness of the late Mrs Catherine Mc Duffey, who was a pensioner of the State of Texas, and whose file number was 40824 and whose original county was Harrison

The said pensioner Mrs Catherine Mc Duffey

died on the

10

day of

March

, 1931,

in the town of

4 miles north of Whitewright

County of

Grayson

Texas.

The pensioner died in the home of

Mrs D. J. Chadwell, Bella Texas R.D.#

who was related to the pensioner as

Daughter

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 Catherine Mc Duffey

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)

Daughter

that my postoffice address is

Bella Texas Mrs D. J. Chadwell

Bella

City

R.F.D. #1

State

Texas

Sworn to before me this

19th

day of

March

, 1931

Signed

Mrs D. J. Chadwell

W. H. Chapman

Notary Public in and for Harrison

State of Texas.

Must return before
40 days expires from
date of Pensioners' Death

CERTIFICATE OF UNDERTAKER

I, G. L. Sudders

do certify that I am undertaker in the

town of

Harrison

County of

Harrison

State of

Texas

that I had charge of the body of

Mrs Catherine Mc Duffey, who died in the

town of

4 miles north of Whitewright

County of

Grayson

State of

Texas

on the

10

day of

March

1931.

That said body was prepared for burial by me

on the

10

day of

March

1931

and that I am of the opinion that

warrant herein applied for should be issued to the said

Mrs Catherine Mc Duffey

who makes the foregoing application.

Signed

G. L. Sudders

Undertaker.

CERTIFICATE OF PHYSICIAN

I, R. L. Sears

do certify that I am a practicing

physician, and that I attended

Mrs Catherine Mc Duffey

in his last illness, and

am of the opinion that his ailments were

Pneumonia

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

R. L. Sears

Physician's Address

Whitewright Tx

TX