

Application of Indigent Widows of Confederate Soldier or Sailor, for a Pension Under the Laws of the State of Oklahoma

EVERY QUESTION MUST BE FULLY ANSWERED. WRITE THE ANSWERS CAREFULLY, USING INK. APPLICATION MUST BE SWORN TO BEFORE SOME OFFICER AUTHORIZED TO ADMINISTER OATHS, AND FILED WITH AND DULY APPROVED BY THE COUNTY JUDGE OF THE COUNTY WHEREIN THE APPLICANT LIVES. READ THE ENTIRE APPLICATION BEFORE BEGINNING. OBSERVE THE INSTRUCTIONS IN FINE PRINT UNDER THE LINES. MAKE YOUR ANSWERS EXPLICIT.

STATE OF OKLAHOMA, COUNTY OF Pontotoc, ss:

I, the undersigned, the widow of a Confederate Soldier (or sailor), do hereby make application for a pension, to be granted me according to the laws of the State of Oklahoma, and under oath I make answer to the following questions:

- 1 What is your FULL NAME? Mary Francis Coffman
(Give your first name, your middle initial, and your surname.)
- 2 What is your post office address? 2214 Stidman Pontotoc County Okla
- 3 What is your street, route or box number? NO 50
- 4 Are you an actual resident of the State of Oklahoma? yes Of what county? Pontotoc
- 5 How long have you lived in the State of Oklahoma? 30 years
- 6 Where were you born? Harden County Tennessee What is your age? 62 years
- 7 Have you ever applied for a pension anywhere? no Where? _____ When? _____
- 8 If so, were you granted a pension? _____ If not, why not? _____
- 9 Do you receive any income, annuity, pension, salary, wages, fees, money or other means of support, from any source whatever? no If so, state in detail the source and amount thereof.
[Yes or no.]
- 10 Do you own a home, or property of any kind, either real, personal or mixed (household goods and wearing apparel not included), either in fee simple, for life, or in your own right, or an interest therein or does anyone hold in trust for your benefit or use, any such property? (Answer yes or no.) Own House and Lot on Stidman Okla
- 11 If so, give an itemized statement of each piece, article or head, and the assessed value of each:
[Inventory of real and personal property]

12 Have you transferred or sold property of any kind within the last two years? no If so, state fully the amount, value and circumstances.
[Yes or no.]

13 Have you a home of your own? yes If not, with whom do you live?

14 If related to the person you live with, state what relation.

15 Have you any relatives or connections whose natural duty it is to provide for you? (State fully) None, Son and Daughter but not able to support me

16 What is your physical condition? Bad Are you able to work? no

17 What occupation are you engaged in?

18 Are you an inmate of any public home or institution, charitable or otherwise? no

19 Do you apply for a pension because you are indigent and unable to earn a livelihood by manual labor? yes

20 What was your husband's FULL NAME? William Henry Coffman

21 Is the man named in answer to question 20 above, the one upon whose military service you base this claim for a pension?

22 Have you remarried since his death? no

23 When were you married to him? 1876 Where? Harden County Tennessee

24 When did he die? 1911 Where? _____

25 Did he ever draw a pension? no State fully when and where.

26 Did he serve in the Confederate infantry, cavalry, artillery or navy?

27 In what state was his command organized or from what state did he enlist? Tennessee

28 When did he enlist? 1863 Where? Tennessee How long did he serve? 2 years

29 What was the name or letter of his company, battery or ship?

30 State the name and number of his regiment or battalion. Fornet Cavalry 6th Division Co Buford Division

31 To what other commands if any was he ever transferred? no

32 If possible, state the names and rank of his officers.

33 How was he released from the Confederate service? (Captured, paroled or honorably discharged.)

Why? Because he had measles

When? 1865 Where? _____

34 Was he a commissioned officer? no State rank and date of his commission.

35 Was he detailed for special service in an armory or shop for the maintenance of the army or navy? _____ State fully.

I, the undersigned applicant, do solemnly swear that the foregoing answers are all true and complete, and I do further 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, and that I know of no reason why I am not entitled to receive a pension.

IF APPLICANT SIGNS BY MARK HAVE TWO WITNESSES TO MARK SIGN HERE

Mary Frances Coffman
[Applicant sign here, first name, middle initial and surname]

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 16 day of

Sept A.D., 1918

John Edwards Notary Public
[Signature and title of officer]

My commission expires _____ 1918
Pontotoc County, Oklahoma

NOTE: It is unlawful for anyone to charge or receive a fee, either directly or indirectly, for the procuring of a pension, or for taking the acknowledgments or oaths required herein. See that all the questions are answered and that you have listed all of your property, whether taxable or not, except household goods and wearing apparel. If applicant cannot write he must sign by mark, show the mark between the words "her" and "mark," and have two witnesses thereto sign on the lines for that purpose.

AFFIDAVIT NO. 1. RESIDENCE AND WIDOWHOOD. BY TWO CITIZENS WHO KNOW THE APPLICANT HAS RESIDED IN THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA SINCE FEBRUARY 25, 1914, AND THAT SHE IS NOW A WIDOW.

STATE OF OKLAHOMA, COUNTY OF Pontotoc ss:
 Before me John Edwards in and for said county and state, on this 16
 day of Sept 1918, personally appeared A. J. Cotner whose ad-
 dress is Steedman Okla, and J. R. Lambert whose address
 is Steedman Okla, who are personally known to me to be credible citizens, who by me
 being duly sworn, each for himself depose and saith:
 That he is personally acquainted with the within named applicant for pension; that he has read the within and foregoing ap-
 plication and to the best of his knowledge and belief the statements therein contained are true; that to his knowledge said applicant
 is now and has been a bona fide resident and citizen of the State of Oklahoma for 30 years
 next preceding this date; that said applicant is in truth and in fact the widow of the man named in this application upon whose
 military service she bases this claim for pension; that she has not remarried since his death; that the applicant's habits are good and
 free from dishonor; and that he knows of no reason why said applicant should not be granted a pension under the laws of Oklahoma;
 and further, that he has no interest whatever in this claim for a pension.

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE
 ME THIS 16 DAY OF Sept
 A.D., 1918
John Edwards
Notary Public
 In and for said County and State
 (SEAL)

A. J. Cotner
J. R. Lambert
 [SIGNATURES OF TWO WITNESSES]

My commission expires March 11 1919

AFFIDAVIT NO. 2. PROOF OF SERVICE IN THE CONFEDERATE ARMY OR NAVY—BY TWO COMRADES IF POSSIBLE

STATE OF _____ COUNTY OF _____ ss:
 Before me _____ a _____ in and for said county and
 state, on this _____ day of _____ 1918, personally appeared _____
 whose address is _____, and _____, whose address is
 _____, both known to me to be credible citizens, and after being duly sworn by me, each for
 himself depose and saith:
 That he knows personally that _____, deceased husband of the within named applicant,
 served in the Confederate army (navy) from _____ 1866 until _____ 1866, in
 Company (or Battery) _____ of the _____ Regiment of _____;
 that his officers were _____ [Infantry, Cavalry or Artillery];
 that he served honorably and did not desert at any time, but remained true to his colors; that he was released from service on the
 day of _____ 1866, at _____ by reason of _____
 [State fully why and by what method—honorable discharge, capture, parole, etc., and by what authority]

Affiants further state that they know these statements to be true because of having served themselves in the Confederate
 Army (Navy).
 _____ affiant first above named, states that he served in company _____
 of _____ Regiment of _____, from _____ 1866
 until _____ 1866,
 _____ affiant last above named, states that he served in Company _____
 of _____ Regiment of _____, from _____ 1866
 until _____ 1866

Affiants declare that they have no interest in this claim for a pension, and further state: _____

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE
 ME THIS _____ DAY OF _____
 A.D., 1918

 In and for said County and State
 (SEAL)

[SIGNATURES OF TWO WITNESSES]

My commission expires _____ 1918

NOTE: There must be two witnesses to each of the affidavits above. Both affidavits must be acknowledged before some officer authorized to administer oaths, which officer must express his title and affix his seal. Signatures by mark must be witnessed by two persons. If additional affidavits are needed, or it is necessary to send to distant points to secure proof of service, copies of Affidavit No. 2 may be made on separate sheets, and when executed, attached to the application proper. If applicant has a parole, discharge or other documentary evidence, it should be attached to the application, which when completed, SHOULD BE SENT TO THE COUNTY JUDGE of the county wherein the applicant lives.

Form B-1
 No. A 3716
 Application for Pension for Widow of Confederate
 Soldier or Sailor
 DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE
Mary J. Cotner
Steedman
 P. O. Steedman
 St. R. Bx. No. 13-50
 Filed in Pension Office OCT 1 5 1918

Disallowed 1/6/18
 Allowed No. P.
 Allowed from Amt. \$
 per month. Amt. \$
 Reconsidered _____ and _____ allowed
 From Amt. \$ No. P. _____
M. S. Matthews Chairman

THIS SPACE BELOW FOR USE OF COUNTY JUDGE ONLY
 State of Oklahoma, County of Pontotoc
 Filed in the office of the County Judge of said county
 and state this 16 day of Sept 1918
 It is hereby recommended that the within named ap-
 plicant for pension be granted a pension.
 (granted—refused)

(SEAL) Orrel H. ... County Judge

THIS APPLICATION MUST BE FILED WITH AND APPROVED BY THE COUNTY JUDGE OF THE COUNTY WHEREIN THE APPLICANT RESIDES.

Franklin Printing Co., Oklahoma City, Okla.

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WAR DEPARTMENT,

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

WASHINGTON, Oct 21, 1918

Respectfully returned to

Board Gen. Commissioners
Oklahoma City
Okla.

with the information that

J. R. Damon was Capt.
Co. F, 18 (Newsom's), Regt.
Tenn. Cav. C.S.A. formerly
known as Co. F, Forrest's Regt
Ala. Cav. C.S.A. but the
name William Henry
Coffman has not been
found as of said organ-
izations. No record of
capture or parole found.

P. C. Harris

The Adjutant General.

Per

Office Of The
BOARD OF PENSION COMMISSIONERS
STATE OF OKLAHOMA

Oklahoma City

No. A 3716

Hon. H. P. McCain,
Adjutant General,
War Department,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:--

For the purpose of determining the merits of a certain petition for pension to be granted by the State of Oklahoma, you are respectfully requested to furnish the military record of the following named soldier, who is said to have served in the Confederate States Army (or navy):-

Name:-- William Henry Coffman,
Company:- Daman's Company, Buford's
Division, Forrest's Cavalry,
of Tennessee. Enlisted
in Tenn., in 1863, and was
paroled on account of measles
in 1865.

Respectfully,

Wm D. Matthews
Chairman

Received A. G. O., OCT 19 1918

Steedman & Sila
from Mary J Coffman

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March 13. 1919

To the Board of Pension
Commissioners state of
Ohio

Dear Sir

I have sent you my witness
and haven't heard from
you I would like to know
if my pension was
granted please write me
at once so I will know
what to do

Yours truly

Mrs M J Coffman
Steedman & Sila
Box 16-

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Steedman Ok.

Jan 5-19.

Pension Commission

Well I havent Been able to git any other wittness to the knowing of Willam Henry Coffman of seaving in army.

I have written to severl But they was dead. But I am still trying to fine one more you written me to find one more wittness But have not Been able. I wish you would ans) and let me know about it I dont know

what to do well this
is all. as ever.

Mary J. Coffman
Steedman
Ma

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March 21, 1919.

Mrs. Mary F Coffman,
Steedman, Oklahoma.

Dear Madam:

Acknowledging receipt of yours of the 13th inst., I wish to say that your application for pension was acted upon by the Board of Pension Commissioners on January 6, 1919, and rejected on the ground of insufficient proof of service.

Upon receipt of your application we sent to the Adjutant General at Washington, D. C., asking for a copy of the records relative to your husband's service in the army; and received the following: "The name William Henry Coffman has not been found on the rolls as of said organization; and no record of capture or parole found".

If you could possibly secure the affidavit of one or two of his comrades who served with him in the army, and file with the Board, they would take it under consideration at the next meeting, and do all they can for you, in compliance with the law.

Respectfully,

Secretary.

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Oct. 31, 1918.

Mrs. M. F. Coffman,
Steadman, Oklahoma.

Dear Madam:

Your application for a pension was received and filed in this office, October 15, 1918 with ~~the~~ only the affidavit of one witness, Mrs. J. E. Atkins, as to your husband's service in the Army.

We sent to Washington, as the law requires us to do in every case and we failed to find any record of his service there but that does not indicate that he was not in the Army. He did not enlist until 1863 and they may have failed to send his name into Richmond as that was often done in the latter years of the War.

Now, the Pension law requires that every applicant ~~for~~ a pension shall have the affidavit of two credible citizens, who has personal knowledge of the applicants service in the Army. I would suggest, if it is possible for you to find anyone who has knowledge of your husband's service in the army to get them to make affidavit to the same telling where and when it happened and all that they know about it.

Understand me, I do not question but what your husband served in the Army but we have to go by what the law requires us to do and not what we would like to do. We will be glad to assist you in any way possible to perfect your husband's proof of service.

Yours very truly,

Chairman Pension Board.

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William Henry Coffman
enlisted in the
confederate army in September
1863 in Hardens Co Tennessee
in the foreste cavalry in
the Baker Companies Co F
in Buford's Division
I am William Henry
Coffman's son and
Mary F Coffman is
William Henry Coffman
wife. Malda M Coffman

Subscribe^d and sworn to before me, a Notary
Public, in and for Pontotoc County, on this,
the 21th day of January, 1919.

F. C. Sims. Notary Public.

My commission Expires,

May 12th. 1921.

Steedman & Co

To the Board of Pension
Commissioners

Dear Sir I am sending you
another witness

yours truly

Mrs Mary J Coffman

Steedman & Co

William Henry Coffman
enlisted in 8 Forest-
Calvary and Bol. Dancers
Co. 8 Buford's Division
in the year of 1863, in
Harden Co of Tenn, this
being his home at the
time.

Mary F. Coffman is
the wife of William
Henry Coffman,
William Henry Coffman
is my Brod
J. Mrs J. B. Atkins

Witnessed & Aug 13-18

I, Mrs J. B. Atkins do solemnly swear that
the above statement as to the enlistment of
William Henry Coffman is true and correct
to the best of my knowledge & belief.

Subscribed & sworn to this Mrs J. B. Atkins
18 day Aug 1868, C. D. W. R. Party Notary Public

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May 14th, 1919.

Hon. Clarence Robison

County Judge,

My dear sir:

Yours of the 5th, inst, received and in reply, as to the matter of George J. Campbell, applicant for pension, beg leave to inform you, that the Board of Pension Commissioners met during the first week in July and took under advisement the application and a history of his service, as furnished this office by you, was mailed to the Adjt, Gen. Washington D.C. and no record was found of the service of applicant.

For further information, this office by direction of the Pension Board, will write to the Commissioner of Pensions, at Austin, Texas and secure such other and further evidence of the service of George J. Campbell as may be possible.

Yours truly,

Sec. Board of Pensions.

By Todd