

Application of Indigent Soldier or Sailor of the Confederacy for Pension under the Act of February 25th, 1915

THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA, }
County of Carter }

I, Andrew Jackson Couch

do hereby make application to the Board of Pension Commissioners for a pension to be granted me under the Act passed by the Fifth Legislature of the State of Oklahoma, and approved February, 25, 1915, on the following grounds:

I enlisted and served in the military service of the Confederate States during the war between the States of the United States, and that I did not desert the Confederate service, but during said war I was loyal and true to my duty, and never at any time voluntarily abandoned my post of duty in the said service; that I was honorably discharged or surrendered April 1865

close of the war (don't remember exact date)

(Give date and cause)

and I have been a bona fide citizen of this State for over twelve months prior to the passage and approval of the Pension Act, approved February 25, 1915. I do further state that I do not hold any National, State, city or county office which pays me a salary or fees of \$180.00 per annum, nor have I an income from any other employment, nor do I receive from any source whatsoever, money or other means of support amounting in value to the sum of \$180.00 per annum, nor do I own in my own right, nor does any one hold in trust for my benefit or use, nor does my wife own, nor does any one hold in trust for my wife, estate or property, either real, personal or mixed, either in fee or for life, of the assessed value of over One Thousand Dollars, household goods and wearing apparel excluded, nor do I receive any aid or pension from any other State or from any other source, and that I am not an inmate of the Confederate Home, or any other benevolent or penal institution, and I do further state that the answers given to the following questions are true:

1. What is your age? 76
2. Where were you born? Arkansas
3. How long have you resided in Oklahoma? 35 years
4. In what county do you reside? Carter Co
5. What is your postoffice address? New Wilson

6. Have you applied for a pension under the Confederate Pension Law and been rejected? If rejected, state when and where No

7. What is your occupation, if able to engage in one? Farmer (not able to work)

8. What is your physical condition? Very feeble

9. In what State was the command in which you served organized? Texas

10. How long did you serve; give, if possible, the date of enlistment and discharge First Regiment that was made up in Brown Co Texas cannot remember the date

11. What was the letter of your Company, number of Regiment, Battalion or Battery Company "C" 11th Texas Cavalry

12. If transferred from one command to another, give time of transfer, name of command and time of service No

13. What branch of the service did you enlist in, infantry, cavalry, artillery or navy? Cavalry

14. If commissioned direct by the President, what was your rank and line of duty? No

15. If detailed for special service, under the law of conscription, what was the nature of your service and how long did you serve? No

16. What is the assessed value of your home, if you own a home? No

17. What is the assessed value of your other property? No

18. Have you ever transferred your property to anyone with the understanding that you were to be cared for during your life time? No

19. Have you transferred to others any property of any kind for the purpose of becoming beneficiary under this law? No

(Signature of Applicant) Andrew Jackson Couch

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 22nd day of July A. D. 1916

I, A.P. Couch signed the application in front of his request for the same
(SEAL)

W. W. Thompson
County Judge.

(Must be executed before the County Judge of County wherein Applicant Resides) Carter County, Okla.

(County Judge, Notary Public/Justice of Peace)

of Carter County, State of Oklahoma, on this day personally appeared A. H. Brown & A. P. Couch,

known to me to be credible citizens, who, being by me duly sworn, on oath state that they personally know Andrew Jackson Couch,

the above named applicant for a pension, and that they personally know that the said Andrew Jackson Couch

has been a bona fide resident citizen of the State of Oklahoma, twelve months prior to

February 25, 1915, and that they have no interest in his claim.

(Signature of Witness) *A. H. Brown*

(Signature of Witness) *G. P. Couch*

Sworn to and subscribed before me this *27* day of *July* A. D. 191*5*

Sho W. Champion

(County Judge, Notary Public, or Justice of Peace)

(SEAL)

AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESSES

NOTE—There must be at least two credible witnesses.

THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA, }

County of *Carter*

Before me, *Sho W. Champion*

County Judge of *Carter* County, State of Oklahoma, on this day per-

sonally appeared *A. H. Brown & G. P. Couch*

known to me to be credible citizens, who, being by me duly sworn, on oath state that they are personally acquainted with the said

Andrew Jackson Couch

the foregoing applicant, and that the facts set forth and statements made in his application are correct and true to the best of their knowledge and belief, and that they have no interest in his claim, and said applicant's habits are good and free from dishonor. And *Andrew Jackson Couch*

further make oath to the following facts touching the applicant's service in the Confederate Army (state fully your source of knowledge):

(Signature of Witness) *A. H. Brown*

(Signature of Witness) *G. P. Couch*

Sworn to and subscribed before me this *27* day of *July* A. D. 191*5*

Sho W. Champion

County Judge,

Carter County, Okla.

(SEAL)

Form A No. **1957**

The Commissioners of Pension re-serve the right to call for additional testimony if they deem it necessary.

Name of Applicant

Andrew Belmont Good

Adair County

Postoffice *Newell*
Adair *7-20-17*

Filed *7-23-15*

Approved **OCT 7 - 1915**

Amt. of Pension allowed

Pension allowed from

Rejected

Wm. S. Maxwell

Chairman.

Received 7-20-15

WARDEN COMPANY, OKLAHOMA CITY

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WAR DEPARTMENT,

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

WASHINGTON. July 27, 1915.

Respectfully returned to the

Chairman,
Oklahoma Board of
Pension Commissioners,
Oklahoma City.

The records show that Andrew J. Couch, private, Company C, 11th Texas Cavalry, Confederate States Army, was enrolled October 2, 1861. On roll for January and February, 1864, last roll on file, he was reported present. No later record of him has been found.

It is proper to add that the record given above was furnished to the Superintendent, Trustees of Confederate Home, Ardmore, Oklahoma, August 26, 1913.

H. J. McLean

The Adjutant General.

WM. D. MATTHEWS, *Chairman.*

W. L. CLARK, *Secretary.*

—OFFICE OF—

Board of Pension Commissioners

Oklahoma City, -----, 191-----

H. P. McCAIN,
ADJUTANT GENERAL,
Washington, D. C.

DEAR SIR:

Andrew Jackson Couch,

1957

who is an applicant for a Pension made to the Board of Pension Commissioners
of the State of Oklahoma, claims to have been a member of Company C,
Regiment 11th Tex Cav
Vol. C. S. A., and to have been

Please give us the record of this soldier.

Respectfully,

Wm D Matthews

Chairman.

ATTEST:

W L Clark

Secretary.

Received A. G. O.,

JUL 26 1915



CARTER COUNTY COURT HOUSE

OFFICE OF
THOS. W. CHAMPION
COUNTY JUDGE
CARTER COUNTY

W. A. MARTIN
STENOGRAPHER

1957

ARDMORE, OKLAHOMA, July 22nd, 1915

Commissioners of Pension,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Gentlemen:-

Am enclosing herewith the application of
Mr. Andrew Jackson Couch, for pension.

This application seems to meet with all the
requirements of the law and I recommend that same be
approved.

Yours very truly,

TWC/WAM

Enclosure

Thos. W. Champion
County Judge

Sawn and subscribed to before me this 17th day of July

A. D. 1915

J. Marshall
County Judge

Affidavit of Witnesses

(If possible, the two witnesses should have served with the applicant ~~the husband~~ in the army, and if so let them or either of them, state it in their oath.)

State of Oklahoma
County of Stephens

J. Marshall - County Judge

Before me, _____ in and for the County and State aforesaid, on this day personally appeared _____

W.P. Whinger who are personally known to me to be ^{is} credible citizens, who, being by me sworn, on oath state that they ^{he is} are personally acquainted with the foregoing applicant, and that the facts set forth and statements made in ^{his} her application are correct and true to the best of ^{his} their knowledge and belief, and that they ^{has} have no interest in this claim. And further make oath to the following facts touching the service of the applicant's ~~husband~~ in the Confederate Army (state fully your source of knowledge.)

Andy J Couch - Served in Co. C, 11th Texas Cavalry, I served in company B, same Regiment - and know him during and since the war. He was a good Soldier and made an honorable Record,

(Signature of Witness) W.P. Whinger

(Signature of Witness) _____

Sworn and subscribed to before me this 17th day of July -

A. D. 1915.

J. Marshall
County Judge

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New Wilson Apla.

7-11 1916-

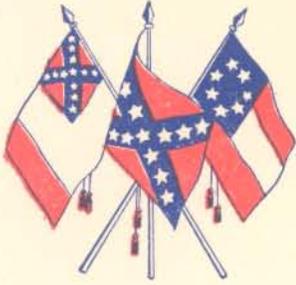
Board of Pension Commissioners
Oklahoma City

W. J. Clark (Secretary)

have not rec Pension No. 191
for July

application was made
to him in as well.

Andrew Jackson Couch.



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Board of
Pension Commissioners
of Oklahoma

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Oklahoma City



McAlester, Okla.
July 20th. 1917.

Hon. Wm. D. Matthews,
Chairman Pension Commission,
Oklahoma City, Okla.

Dear Sir:

I am herewith sending application of Andrew Jackson Couch, for admission to the Home, to Capt. Harris with my approval. You may therefore drop his name from the pension list from this date.

Yours very truly

DMH/H

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July 17, 1917.

Gen. D. M. Hailey,
Ardmore, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

As requested in your letter of 16th, I am enclosing herewith copy of the War Record of Comrade Andrew Jackson Couch. In addition to this we have the affidavit of one W. P. Winniger, who makes affidavit that Andrew Jackson Couch served in Company C, 11th Texas Cavalry and was a good soldier and made an honorable record.

Very truly yours,

CHAIRMAN.

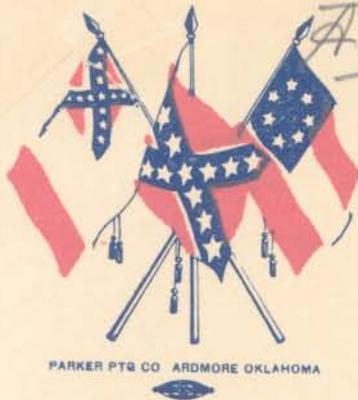
WDE:B

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OKLAHOMA CITY

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SULPHUR

COL. GEO. H. BRUCE, TREAS., ARDMORE



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CONFEDERATE HOME OF OKLAHOMA

ERECTED 1910

CAPT. J. W. HARRIS, SUPERINTENDENT
ARDMORE, OKLAHOMA

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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Errett Dunlap
Mrs. W. T. Culbertson

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McAlester, Okla.
July 16th. 1917.

Gen'l
Hon. Wm. D. Matthews,
Oklahoma City, Okla.

Dear Bro. Matthews:

Andrew Jackson Couch has made application for admission to the Home and I am writing you to ask that you send me his record. As he is drawing a pension this of course will cut off his perquisites there and upon receipt of his war record I will recommend his application for admission to the Home.

With kindest regards and best wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,

D. M. Hailey

Dec. 18, 1916.

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Andrew Jackson Couch,

New Wilson, Okla.

Dear Sir:-

Replying to your letter of the 15th inst., as dated, which is evidently in answer to ours of the 16th inst. will say that the postal card sent you with our letter of the 16th inst. IS NOT A RECEIPT, but when signed and sworn to by you, is a statement that you did NOT receive such warrant and can not therefore make the usual receipt. The affidavit on this postal must be signed and sworn to before we can mail out any more warrants to you, according to a ruling of the Board. It does not deprive you of the benefit of a duplicate warrant in lieu of the original or lost warrant, but such card is for the purpose of completing the files of this office. This office must show a receipt for every warrant it has received from the State Auditor for pensioners, or must show why it cannot produce such a receipt, and this card is for this purpose, and is in no sense a receipt for a warrant.

So please sign it up and have a notary acknowledge it, and send it in at once, so you will get your next payment when the others do.

Yours truly,

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Wilson, Okla.

12-15-1916.

State Board of Pension
Commissioners, Okla City.

I am in Receipt of
your letter stating you had
not Rec Postal Card Receipt
for my last Payment. You
will understand the Reason
for this is because I have
not up to this date rec'd
warrant for the last quar-
ter. which you say was
mailed me Oct 21 1916.

if said warrant in Payment
of Pension No. 191. was issued
& Mailed to me I have up to
now failed to Rec same.
I also written you in Regard
to this matter a few days ago.
The Card I Rec to Day 12-15-16.
as I understand is a Receipt
for the last quarterly Payment
which I cannot sign for the
reason I have not Rec the
Warrant which you say was
Mailed me Oct 21- 1916.

Andrew Jackson Couch
New Wilson Okla

Dec. 16, 1916.

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Andrew Jackson Couch

New Wilson, Okla.

Dear Sir:-

Warrant No. 8527 was mailed to you at New Wilson, Okla. on Oct. 21, 1916, and has never been returned to us, though the letter bearing same bore our return card.

The first thing for you to do is to fill out and sign the enclosed postal card, and SWEAR TO IT BEFORE A NOTARY PUBLIC, and mail it. This ^{is} ~~our~~ for our files, in order that they may be complete, and so that we can mail out your claim for the NEXT quarter. Do this at once.

Next, make complaint to your postmaster at New Wilson, giving him details of the situation, and ask him to find this letter for you. It was carefully addressed, and twice checked to make sure of the accuracy of the address.

Next, write to Hon. E. B. Howard, State Auditor, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; who issues all state warrants, give him you full name, post office, your pension number, and THE NUMBER OF THE LOST WARRANT, No. 8527, 1917 funds, and ask him to advise you how to procure a duplicate. He will send you the necessary blanks to make bond, etc.

We do not have anything to do with issuing duplicate warrants.

DON'T FAIL TO EXECUTE THE ENCLOSED POSTAL CARD BEFORE A NOTARY AND MAIL IT TO US AT ONCE. We cannot send your next claim blank until you do this. We must have a receipt for EVERY WARRANT, or one of these cards.

Yours truly,

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W 8527-

Wilson, Okla.

12-13-16.

To the Board of Pension Commissioners.

I am writing you to see why I did not Rec my Pension N. P. 1911. I Rec my Papers applied as before but failed to get it will you please advise me on the matter

This is the last payment for last quarter which I seen was Rained from \$500 to \$750

Andrew Jackson Couch.

New Wilson Okla.
Carter Co

Warrant # 8527- 10/21/16

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