

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

THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA, }
County of Rogers }

I, Garland Harper

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 I was at Salisbury N.C. at the time of the surrender, stood to my post until after the surrender and I refused to take oath and with others of my Co. stole away without (Give date and cause) taking the oath and being discharged

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? 71
2. Where were you born? Cocca County Tenn
3. How long have you resided in Oklahoma? 20 years
4. In what county do you reside? Rogers
5. What is your postoffice address? Claremore, Okla.

6. Have you applied for a pension under the Confederate Pension Law and been rejected? If rejected, state when and where no. Got pension in Arkansas, 20 years ago but moved ~~to~~ here
7. What is your occupation, if able to engage in one? none
8. What is your physical condition? poor health
9. In what State was the command in which you served organized? Tenn
10. How long did you serve; give, if possible, the date of enlistment and discharge from Nov-1861 To April 1865
11. What was the letter of your Company, number of Regiment, Battalion or Battery Co F. #5 Tenn Cav. with Wheeler
12. If transferred from one command to another, give time of transfer, name of command and time of service never
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? —
15. If detailed for special service, under the law of conscription, what was the nature of your service and how long did you serve? —
16. What is the assessed value of your home, if you own a home? no home
17. What is the assessed value of your other property? \$150⁰⁰
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

AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESSES

NOTE—There must be at least two credible witnesses.

THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA, }

County of Roger }

Before me H. Tom Right, Co Judge
(County Judge, ~~Notary Public~~, Justice of Peace)

of Roger County, State of Oklahoma, on this day personally appeared Samuel Dinker and

Aussie Dinker
known to me to be credible citizens, who, being by me duly sworn, on oath state that they personally know Garland Harper

the above named applicant for a pension, and that they personally know that the said Garland Harper
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)

Samuel Tinker

(Signature of Witness)

Annie Tinker

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 14 day of May A. D. 1915

Witness to mark
H. Pomroy
A. J. Wood

(SEAL)

H. Pomroy
(County Judge, Notary Public, or
Justice of Peace)

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THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA, }

County of Rogers

Before me,

H. Pomroy

County Judge of

Rogers

County, State of Oklahoma, on this day per-

sonally appeared

*Samuel Tinker and
Annie Tinker*

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

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 Samuel Tinker

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

*I enlisted in Co F 5th Penn with
Garland Harper, we served our
four years together, I came out
with him. We never were transferred
to any other Co. but stayed the
time together
all of his statements herein are
true*

(Signature of Witness)

Samuel Tinker

(Signature of Witness)

Annie Tinker

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 14 day of May A. D. 1915

Witness to mark
H. Pomroy
A. J. Wood

(SEAL)

H. Pomroy
County Judge,

Rogers County, Okla.

Form A No. **720**

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

Name of Applicant

Garland Harper

Regina County

Postoffice *Claremore*

Filed *May 15 - 1915*

Approved *JUL 8 - 1916*

Amt. of Pension allowed **\$2 50**

Pension allowed from *JUL 1 - 1916*

Rejected *OCT 7 1915*

PENSION **1319** Chairman.

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WAR DEPARTMENT,

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

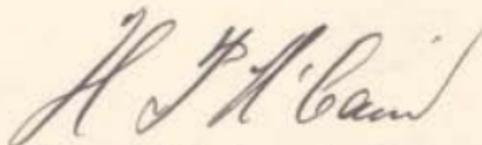
WASHINGTON, Sept. 18, 1915.

Respectfully returned to the

Chairman,

Oklahoma Board of Pension Com-
missioners,
Oklahoma City.

The records show that Garland Har-
per, bugler, Company F, 5th (Mc-
Kenzie's) Regiment Tennessee Cavalry,
C. S. A., enlisted November 22, 1861.
On the company roll dated March 12,
1864 (last on file), he was reported
absent without leave. No later rec-
ord of him has been found.



The Adjutant General.

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WM. D. MATTHEWS, Chairman

W. L. CLARK, Secretary

—OFFICE OF—

Board of Pension Commissioners

Oklahoma City, SEP 10 1915, 1915

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

No. 720

DEAR SIR:

Garland Harper,

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 F, 5th Tenn. Cav. Regiment 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., SEP 14 1915

AFFIDAVIT NO. 1. RESIDENCE AND CITIZENSHIP. BY TWO CITIZENS WHO KNOW THE APPLICANT HAS RESIDED IN THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA SINCE FEBRUARY 25, 1914.

STATE OF Oklahoma, COUNTY OF Rogers ss:
 Before me, Edward Jordan in and for said county and state, on this 20
 day of April 1916, personally appeared W. F. Payne whose ad-
 dress is Claremore, Okla., and W. M. McEllan whose address
 is Claremore, 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 seven years
 next preceding this date; that he personally knows that said 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 20 DAY OF April
 A. D., 1916
Edward Jordan
County Judge
 In and for said County and State
 (SEAL)
W. F. Payne
W. M. McEllan
 [SIGNATURES OF TWO WITNESSES]
 My commission expires _____ 1916

AFFIDAVIT NO. 2. PROOF OF SERVICE IN THE CONFEDERATE ARMY OR NAVY—BY TWO COMRADES IF POSSIBLE
 STATE OF Oklahoma, COUNTY OF Rogers ss:
 Before me F. L. Dale, a Notary Public in and for said county and
 state, on this 21st day of April 1916, personally appeared Sam Tucker
 whose address is Inda, Oklahoma, and Annie Tucker, whose address is
Inda, Oklahoma, 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 Garland Harper, the within named applicant for a pension,
 served in the Confederate army (navy) from November 1861, until April 1865, in
 Company (or Battery) F, of the 5th Tennessee Regiment of Cavalry
 that his officers were Capt. T. S. Gorman and Capt. L. Mims
 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
5th day of April, 1865, at Salisbury, N. C. by reason of
Closing of War
 [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).
Sam Tucker, affiant first above named, states that he served in company F
 of 5th Tennessee Regiment of Cavalry, from November 1861
 until April 1865
Garland Harper, affiant last above named, states that he served in Company F
 of 5th Tennessee Regiment of Cavalry, from Nov 1861
 until April 1865
 Affiants declare that they have no interest in this claim for a pension, and further state:

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE
 ME THIS 21st DAY OF April
 A. D., 1916
F. L. Dale
Notary Public
Rogers County, Okla.
 In and for said County and State
 (SEAL)
Sam Tucker
Annie Tucker
 [SIGNATURES OF TWO WITNESSES]
 My commission expires Oct. 13th 1919

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 A-1 No. A 720
 Application for Pension for Confederate Soldier or Sailor
 DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE
Garland Harper
 P. O. Claremore
 St., R., Bx. No. _____
 Filed in Pension Office May 9-16
 Disallowed _____
 Allowed _____ No. P. _____
 Allowed from _____ Amt. \$ _____
 per month. _____
 Reconsidered _____ and _____ allowed _____
 From _____ Amt. \$ _____ No. P. _____
 Chairman _____
 THIS SPACE BELOW FOR USE OF COUNTY JUDGE ONLY
 State of Oklahoma, County of Rogers
 Filed in the office of the County Judge of said county
 and state this 22 day of April 1916
 It is hereby recommended that the within named ap-
 plicant for pension be granted a pension,
granted—refused
granted—refused
granted—refused
granted
 (SEAL) Edward Jordan County Judge.
 THIS APPLICATION MUST BE FILED WITH AND AP-
 PROVED BY THE COUNTY JUDGE OF THE COUNTY WHERE-
 IN THE APPLICANT RESIDES.
 Franklin Printing Co., Oklahoma City, Okla.

Application of Indigent Soldier or Sailor of the Confederacy 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 Rogers, ss:

I, the undersigned, 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? Gayland Harper
(Give your first name, your middle initial, and your surname.)
- 2 What is your post office address? Lawson Oklahoma
- 3 What is your street, route or box number? _____
- 4 Are you an actual resident of the State of Oklahoma? yes Of what county? Rogers
- 5 How long have you lived in the State of Oklahoma? 24 years Twenty four years
- 6 Where were you born? Tennessee What is your age? 73
- 7 Have you ever applied for a pension anywhere? yes Where? in Arkansas When? 24 years ago
- 8 If so, were you granted a pension? yes 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
[Yes or no.] If so, state in detail the source and amount thereof. _____
- 10 Do you, your wife or both of 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.) No
- 11 If so, give an itemized statement of each piece, article or tract, and the assessed value of each: one pony of the value of \$35.00
- 12 Have you or your wife transferred or sold property of any kind within the last two years? yes If so, state fully the amount, value and circumstances. one mule for \$150 to apply on debts
[Yes or no.]
- 13 Have you a home of your own? No If not, with whom do you live? My son, Frank Harper
- 14 If related to the person you live with, state what relation. Father
- 15 Have you any relatives or connections whose natural duty it is to provide for you? (State fully) No
- 16 What is your physical condition? Poor Are you able to work? No
- 17 What occupation are you engaged in? None
- 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 Did you serve in infantry, cavalry, artillery or navy? Cavalry
- 21 In what state was your command organized or from what state did you enlist? Tennessee
- 22 When did you enlist? Nov. 1861 Where? New Port Tenn You served how long? four years
- 23 What was the name or letter of your company, battery or ship? Company F
- 24 State the name and number of your regiment or battalion. 5 Tennessee Regiment
- 25 To what other commands if any were you transferred? None
- 26 State the names and rank of your officers. J. S. Gorman Captain, A. M. Mize Captain, Geo. W. McKiezie was Col., Joe Wheeler Gen
- 27 How were you released from the Confederate service? (Captured, paroled or honorably discharged.) left the day before the surrender
Why? Didn't like it When? The day before the surrender
Where? Near Selma Tenn
- 28 Were you ever wounded in battle? yes
- 29 Were you a commissioned officer? No State rank and date of commission. _____
- 30 Were you detailed for special service in any armory or shop for the maintenance of the army or navy? No 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 never deserted, or abandoned my post of duty while in the service of the Confederacy or any of the states thereof, but served honorably until released 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

Gayland Harper
[Applicant sign here, first name, middle initial and surname]

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20th day of

April

A.D., 1916

My commission expires _____ 1916

Edward Jordan, County Judge

[Signature and title of officer]

Rogers

County, Oklahoma

(SEAL)

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 "his" and "mark," and have two witnesses thereto sign on the lines for that purpose.

Before the surrender to keep from taking the oath of Allegiance

CONFEDERATE HOME OF OKLAHOMA



ERECTED 1910

COL. JIM TOM STORY, SUPT.
MRS. EMMA STORY, MATRON. J. C. MCNEES, PHYSICIAN
MRS. ANNA LATIMER, CHIEF NURSE

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

H. H. ALLEN
MRS. W. T. CULBERTSON
R. R. SNEED

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

JOHN L. GALT
H. H. ALLEN
J. P. ALLEN
J. R. ACUFF
MRS. W. T. CULBERTSON
R. R. SNEED

ARDMORE, OKLAHOMA

5/24, 1920

Dear Comrade:

Comrade Garland Harper

from Foyil, Okla., has entered

the Home. His wife also is an inmate.

We are getting on all right. Big preparations being made by Ardmore for the Reunion.

With best wishes,

Your Comrade,

Jim Tom Story

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Foyil, Okla., May 10, 1917.

Gentlemen - In behalf of an ex-confed-
erate soldier - Garland Harper, Co F. 5th
Tennessee Cav. - I am writing you in
regard to his pension. Same was
allow'd and paid him last year
but as other have lately been paid and
he has heard nothing from you he is
naturally anxious. His address is
Genl Delury, Claremore, Okla., it is
possible that ~~if~~ vouchers have been sent
him, if so he says they have failed to reach
him.

Thanking you for giving
this early attention I remain

Very truly yours

W. R. Harper.

Foyil, Okla.

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Sent Dup PK MAY 11 1917

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July 14, 1916.

Mr. Elwyn E. Plew,
G R O V E, - OKLAHOMA.

Dear Sir:--

Replying to your letter of July 7th I will state that at a meeting of the Pension Board last week Mr. Garland Harper of Claremore was put on the pension roll for the current year commencing July 1st, 1916. At the end of the quarter ending September 30, 1916, he will draw a pension amounting to \$2.50 per month, or \$7.50 per quarter. None of this money can be paid out until a meeting of the Pension Board which will be the first Monday in October. He has never drawn a pension owing to the fact that he did not complete his proof as required by law until just before the last meeting of the Pension Board.

Very truly yours,

WDM-S

C H A I R M A N.

A. 720

Enveloped Proof

Grove Okla,
July 7-1916

Board of Pension Commissioners
Okla. City Okla.

Gentlemen. I would like
for you to please send
me the returns of the Board
of Pension Commissioners in
regard as to whether or not
Mr Garland Harper of
Claremore, Rogers Co. Okla.
has been allowed a Pension
from the State of Okla.
during the last meeting of
the Board. if he has, I ask
you to please notify me
when he draws his first
Pension. I remain yours very truly
Elwyn E. Plaw
Del. Co. Grove Okla.

A-720

June 20, 1916.

Mr. Elwyn E. Plew, Deputy Sheriff,
Grove, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of June 17,
I will state that G. B. Harper, of Claremore does
not draw a pension; but there is an application
on file in this office in favor of Garland Harper,
of Rogers County, that was filed May 15, 1915, and
was not allowed at the first meeting of the Board
on October 7, on account of insufficient proof of
service.

He was notified of the same and has
since that time filed an additional application; but
there has been no meeting of the Board since that
time. The next regular meeting of the Board will
be on Monday, July 3, at which time his application
with others will be reconsidered.

Yours very truly,

Chairman.

WDM/D

Grove Okla.

June 17-1916.

The Okla Pension Commission
Oklahoma City, Okla.

My dear Sirs I would
like for you to send me
information as to whether
Mr. G. P. Harper of Claremore
Okla. draws a Pension in Okla
or not.. thanking you.

I remain yours truly.

Elynn E. Plow.
Deputy Sheriff.

Delaware Co. Grove Okla.

JUN 20 1916

(He does not.)

MLC

COMMISSIONER OF PENSIONS
OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA
DEPARTMENT No. 69

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

In Account with **GARLAND HARPER**

Filed ~~JUN 22 1920~~

P. O. Address **B-315 Claremore,**

To Pension No. 1319

Amt. Claimed

For the quarter ending JUN 30 1920

Class A

*Home
5/24-20.*

45 00

The State Auditor is hereby authorized to deliver warrant issued in payment of this claim to the Commissioner of Pensions, and he is authorized to mail said warrant to claimant at address hereinafter stated.

I, the undersigned claimant, hereby declare that I am the identical person to whom the pension hereinabove claimed was granted; that I am a resident of the State of Oklahoma, and have not been absent therefrom for a period of more than six consecutive months, last past; that the conditions existing at the time of making my application and upon which the pension was originally granted, still exist; that I have full knowledge of the above and foregoing account; that the same is just, correct, due and according to law, and that the amount claimed, after allowing all just credits, is now due and wholly unpaid.

PENSIONER MUST SIGN NAME EXACTLY AS IT IS WRITTEN ABOVE, USING INK
READ THE INSTRUCTIONS ON THE BACK HEREOF

GIVE YOUR PERMANENT ADDRESS:

P. O. Claremore Okla.

Garland Harper

Route _____ Box 316

Pensioner sign name on this line as above written. Must be signed in the presence of two citizens who must also sign the claim as witnesses.

St. No. _____

On this 11 day of April, 1920, personally appeared the above named pensioner before the undersigned witnesses, and in their presence duly signed the foregoing claim.

SIGNATURES
OF TWO
WITNESSES

Myrtle Tamer Address Claremore Okla.
Bessie Stowe Address Claremore Okla.

Do not Date or Sign this Claim Before

SIGN AND RETURN AT ONCE

To do so will make it NULL AND VOID; FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS ON THE BACK HEREOF.

IMPORTANT—READ THIS CAREFULLY

Follow these instructions and save yourself delay and inconvenience.

This is the Quarterly Claim Blank for your Next Quarterly Payment. Keep it, and the Enclosed Addressed Envelope.

To Execute This Claim, Proceed as Follows:

First: **USE INK**, and write plainly.

Second: Sign your name exactly as it is typewritten at the top of the claim, omitting or adding nothing thereto. This must be done in the presence of "two creditable citizens" (in your own home if you wish, as claim does NOT have to be sworn to before any officer).

Third: At the left of your signature, give your permanent, "home" post office address, but not some address where you may be staying for only a few weeks.

Fourth: Give your Route and Box Number, or your Street and House Number.

Fifth: In the printed blanks below your signature, give the exact date on which you sign the claim.

Sixth: The two citizens, in whose presence you signed this claim, must sign the claim also as witnesses; and give their respective addresses, in the blank spaces therefor.

Seventh: If unable to write have one of the witnesses sign your name for you. You should then make a cross, with pen in your hand, and have such cross designated by the words "His (or Her) Mark."

Eighth: Inspect claim again to see that ALL THE BLANK SPACES included within the large brackets [] have been filled in according to these instructions.

No matter where you may be, execute this claim as above directed, and immediately after signing same, use the addressed envelope herewith enclosed to mail it to the Commissioner of Pensions, Oklahoma City.

EDWARD JORDAN
COUNTY JUDGE, ROGERS COUNTY

CLAREMORE, OKLAHOMA, Oct. 20, 1920

Commissioner of Pensions,
Oklahoma City, Ok.

Dear Sir: - Garland Harper, an old Confederate
Soldier has been an inmate of the Confederate
Home until a little more than 4 months ago.

He then returned to his former home at Foyt,
Oklahoma, where he is now living.

His people tell me that he has not received
his pension or only a part of it.

The old Veteran's memory is very faulty but
I told him I would write for him and enquire
about the matter.

Please look up his claim and kindly advise me.
Thanking you for the favor, I remain,

Yours resp.,

Edward Jordan.

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~~for file~~

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RC

October 21, 1920.

Judge Edward Jordan,
Claremore, Okla.

Dear Judge:

In reply to your letter of 20th instant relative to pension for last quarter for Garland Harper, I have to advise that this pensioner has been in and out of the Confederate Home, having spent 29 days out of the last quarter in that institution, and a ruling has been made that when a pensioner receives the benefits of that Home for as many as 21 days out of any one quarter he must draw the pension allowed for inmates of that Home.

Garland Harper was therefore, allowed only the \$15.00 pension which all inmates of the Home receive each quarter.

If he intends to remain out of the Home for the next quarter, he can draw his regular pension for quarter ending December 31, 1920, but if he goes back into the Home for as many as 21 days out of this quarter, he will again draw the \$15.00 pension.

It is not fair to either the inmates of the Home or the pensioners outside of the Home to allow some of these old people to go there and stay a good part of the quarter and then come out and draw the same pension as the pensioners who stay out of the Home have drawn, and in future this policy will hold good. Recently there have been too many of them going into the Home and staying for several weeks, or half the quarter and then coming out and drawing the pension outside the Home. The result was the recent decision as above.

I inclose claim for next quarter for Mr. Harper which he may sign and return, and thank you for your attention to this matter.

Respectfully,

Secretary.

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✓
R. C. C.

W. R. HARPER

ATTORNEY

—
CHELSEA, OKLA., February

Twenty-fifth,
Nineteen-twenty-one.

Col. C. H. Sneed,
Commissioner of Pensions,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

P. 1319

My Dear Sir:

At the suggestion of Hon. Thos. D. Bard, of Bushyhead, Oklahoma, I am sending you notice of the death of Garland P. Harper, which occurred at Claremore, Oklahoma, on February, 17, 1921.

He is survived by his second wife, now an aged woman who has been his constant companion for nearly forty years.

While she is only a step-mother of mine I am writing in her behalf to ask that the usual pension allowed widows of confederate soldiers be allowed her. Garland P. Harper, who has lately been on your pension roll--and I presume his name now appears there as such--was my father and the woman mentioned is his surviving widow. Her name is Martha Harper and she was married to my father about 1880, when I was a small boy and has lived with him continuously since that time, was very careful and painstaking during his last sickness (which has lasted for two or three years) and was at his bedside when he passed away. I know this all to be true. I myself was present and had been at his bedside for ten days when he passed away. My father has been almost an invalid for several years and his little fortune of other years became exhausted leaving the widow without means other than what the children do for her--for my part I have offered her a living and home with my family, but she expresses a preference for maintaining the modest little home where he died. I hope her name may be substituted for his on the pension rools in your office. If necessary all I say can be substantiated by affidavits. The family home is at Claremore, Oklahoma, but for the present mail for her should be addressed to Mrs. Martha Harper, (Care W. R. Harper), Box 525, Chelsea, Okla.

Very truly yours,

W R Harper

Hope to hear from you soon.

When Mrs. Harper returns to Claremore, please advise.
In the meantime, all communications will be addressed
to her as per your request.

February 26, 1921.

Mr. W. R. Harper,
Chelsea, Okla.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of 25th instant advising of the death of your father, Garland C. Harper, who was a pensioner on the rolls of this state. I regret to learn of the death of this old Confederate, and extend to you and your mother the sympathy of the members of this office force in your bereavement.

I inclose herein form of application for execution of your mother, Martha Harper, with information that your County Judge must approve this application, or it should be approved by the County Judge at Claremore. Either will be satisfactory.

I note your father had already signed his claim for the present quarter, so your mother will draw his warrant for this quarter. The warrant will be made in his name, and she should indorse it as follows:-

"Garland C. Harper,
by Martha Harper, widow"

and this must have two witnesses. She can then cash it at any bank. Her own pension will begin with quarter ending June 30th, and the pension will be granted to her for the Class B. classification, i. e. for \$10.00 per month. If it is found later she belongs in the Class A., this can be changed, but the inclosed law will be your information.

Please have your mother answer all question in the applications that have not already been filled out.

Respectfully,

Secretary.

To Hon. Commissioner of
Pension, State of Oklahoma

Claremore Okla.
Oct 4 1919

Dear Sir:

I am now receiving a Confederate Pension from the State of Oklahoma under the laws of said State, my Pension number being P. 1319

I am 76 years of age, and owing to my advanced age and physical condition unable to earn a living by manual labor, that such disability is from natural causes incident to age.

Therefore I respectfully request that I be placed in Class "A", under Senate Bill No. 37, passed by the 7th Legislature and approved March 25th, 1919. I herewith file Physician's certificate,

Witnesses,

Ernie Woodridge
Myrtle Farmer

Garland Harper

STATE OF OKLAHOMA,
COUNTY OF _____

Claremore Okla.
Oct 4 1919

I, J. A. Anderson, a duly registered and practicing physician in the County of Rogers, Oklahoma, do hereby certify that I am personally and well acquainted with Garland Harper, who is an applicant for an increase of pension under the Statutes of Oklahoma.

That at his request I have made an examination of his physical condition and find, that he is suffering Postural paralysis of left side which renders speech & locomotion very difficult. Contract of right eye & Extreme general debility with loss of memory which in my judgement incapacitates him from performing manual labor of any kind.

This 4 day of Oct. 1919

J. A. Anderson M. D.

The Hon. Commissioner of
Penal Institutions of Oklahoma

Dear Sir:

I am now writing a Certificate of Pardon from the State of Oklahoma under the laws of said

State my Prison number being 7-12117

I am of the age and being in my advanced age and physical condition such as

is being demonstrated, that my staying in your prison would be a

burden I respectfully request that I be given a "C" or "D" grade for the

of the The Legislature and approved March 20th, 1915. I would be the Prisoner's name

Witness:

W. H. ...
...

Recd

P-1319
A-720

Harold Harper

Class A

STATE OF OKLAHOMA
COUNTY OF

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Have filled, signed + return -