

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

THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA,

County of Delaware

I, John D. Smith

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 at Kingston Ga.

May 1865 The Lee's army had surrendered (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? Eighty (80)
2. Where were you born? South Carolina
3. How long have you resided in Oklahoma? 3 years
4. In what county do you reside? Delaware
5. What is your postoffice address? Oaks Okla

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

8. What is your physical condition? bad

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

10. How long did you serve; give, if possible, the date of enlistment and discharge enlisted 1862 and discharged, May 1865

11. What was the letter of your Company, number of Regiment, Battalion or Battery Co. G, 22 Georgia Reg. fire and artil.

12. If transferred from one command to another, give time of transfer, name of command and time of service none

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

14. If commissioned direct by the President, what was your rank and line of duty? private

15. If detailed for special service, under the law of conscription, what was the nature of your service and how long did you serve? I volunteered

16. What is the assessed value of your home, if you own a home? one hundred \$100

17. What is the assessed value of your other property? none except home,

18. Have you ever transferred your property to anyone with the understanding that you were to be cared for during your life time? I have not

19. Have you transferred to others any property of any kind for the purpose of becoming beneficiary under this law? I have not

AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESSES

NOTE—There must be at least two credible witnesses.

THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA,

County of Delaware

Before me

The undersigned Notary Public

(County Judge, Notary Public, Justice of Peace)

of Delaware County, State of Oklahoma, on this day personally ap-

peared Robert J. Mann and

G. C. Cabrell

known to me to be credible citizens, who, being by me duly sworn, on oath state that they

personally know John S. Smith

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

John S. Smith

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) Robert G. Brown

(Signature of Witness) G. C. Capwell

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 28 day of June A. D. 1915

J. T. Carrall
(County Judge, Notary Public, or Justice of Peace)
my com. exp. July 1916

AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESSES

NOTE—There must be at least two credible witnesses.

THE STATE OF Floyd OKLAHOMA,

County of Floyd

Before me, Harry Johnson, Ordinary

County Judge of Floyd County, State of Georgia, on this day per-

sonally appeared J. A. Sharp & W. J. Vincent

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

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 J. A. Sharp, & W. J. Vincent

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

that he and applicant enlisted Aug. 31, 1861, in Floyd County Ga in Co. G, 2nd Ga Regt, and said Smith remained in said Co till June 25, 1862, when stray ball wounded him in knee, sent to hospital, was not in company after that

(Signature of Witness) J. A. Sharp

(Signature of Witness) W. J. Vincent

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

Harry Johnson, Ordinary
County Judge,
Floyd County, Okla. Ga

(SEAL)

Form A No. **1954**

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

John D. Smith
Name of Applicant

Mr. J. D. Smith

Albion County

Postoffice

David

Filed

7-23-15

JUL 7 1916

Approved

Amt. of Pension allowed **\$250**

Pension allowed from **JUL 1 1916**

OCT 7 1915

Rejected

Chairman.

PENSION

1556

WARDEN COMPANY, OKLAHOMA CITY

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WAR DEPARTMENT,

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

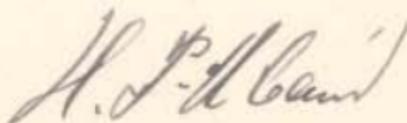
WASHINGTON. July 27, 1915.

Respectfully returned to the

Chairman,

Oklahoma Board of
Pension Commissioners,
Oklahoma City.

The records show that John D. Smith, private, Company G, 22d Georgia Infantry, C.S.A., enlisted October 4, 1861, at Camp McDonald, Ga. On the company roll for March and April, 1862, he was reported present. On a return for June, 1862, he was reported wounded in engagement June 25, 1862, and return for July, 1862, shows him sent to General Hospital at Richmond. No further record of him has been found, excepting that his name appears on the company muster roll for January and February, 1865, last on file, on which he was reported absent without leave, -for what period not stated.



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.

1954

DEAR SIR:

John D. Smith,

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 G,
Regiment 22nd Ga Reg Inft.
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.S.G.

JUL 26 1915

J. D. COX
COUNTY JUDGE OF CHEROKEE COUNTY
Tahlequah, Oklahoma

March, 28, 1916.

Hon Wm D. Mathews
Chairman Board Pension Commrs.
Oklahoma City Okla.

Dear Sir:

I enclose ~~you~~ herewith a supplementary petition for John D. Smith, for a pension under the Acts of 1915. I notice that the reason he has not been favorably passed upon before was because he failed to come before the County Judge as required by the Statute.

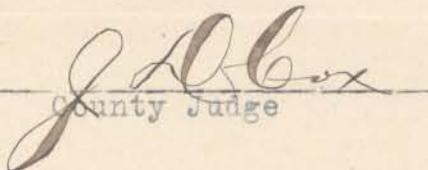
This man is very old and feeble, and there is no doubt in my mind but that he is entitled to a pension, and he explains the reason for the absence from the 22 Infantry by showing that when he left the Hospital, he was given a furlough of 40 days, and in place of returning to his old Company he joined the 6th Calvary, and remained with them until the close of the war.

The old man is bably crippled, and suffers all the time from wounds received in service, and I would like very much to see this old man put on the Pension roll, and assisted the remainder of his life, which will not be long.

When I can serve your department in any way, let me know.

Resp Yours

JDC/Mc


County Judge

*Supplement to the Original to be attached to
and made a part of the original petition*

APPLICATION OF INDIGENT SOLDIER OR SAILOR OF THE
CONFEDERACY FOR PENSION UNDER THE ACT
OF FEBRUARY 25th, 1915

THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA, }

County of *Cherokee* }

I, *John D Smith*

(Christian Name, Middle Initial and Surname)

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 *at at Kingston Ga. with the 6th Georgia*

*Cavalry, when I got able to leave the hospital I was given
40 days furlow. and joined the 6th Ga Cavalry I surrendered with
them at Kingston Ga.* (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 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? *81 years*
2. Where were you born? *in South Carolina*
3. How long have you resided in Oklahoma? *Ever since 1872*
4. In what county do you reside? *Cherokee*
5. What is your postoffice address? *Oaks, Okla.*

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? Farming but I am helpless now, have to go on crutches

8. What is your physical condition? I am unable to do anything

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

10. How long did you serve; give, if possible, the date of enlistment and discharge from 1861 to the surrender

11. What was the letter of your Company, number of Regiment, Battalion or Battery Co. G. 22 Ga. at first, but I surrendered with the 6th Ga Cavalry

12. If transferred from one command to another, give time of transfer, name of command and time of service. I was not transferred but when I left the Hospital I joined the 6th Ga Cavalry.

13. What branch of the service did you enlist in, infantry, cavalry, artillery or navy? first in infantry, but afterwards in 6th Cavalry

14. If commissioned direct by the President, what was your rank and line of duty? I was a private

15. If detailed for special service, under the law of conscription, what was the nature of your service and how long did you serve? after I was wounded & was detailed to hold horses, I was detailed to take Lieutenant Charles Bule, home after he was killed at Ricaca Ga

16. What is the assessed value of your home, if you own a home? About \$150⁰⁰

17. What is the assessed value of your other property? I only have a little house hold, worth about \$25⁰⁰ dollars

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

John D. Smith
(Applicant should sign Christian Name, Middle Initial and Surname)

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 27th day of March A. D., 1916.

(SEAL) J. D. Cox
(~~Other~~ County Judge Notary Public, or Justice of the Peace.)

My Commission expires.....191..... Cherokee County, Okla.

AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESSES

NOTE—There must be at least two credible witnesses.

THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA,
County of

Before me,
of (County Judge, Notary Public, Justice of Peace)
County, State of Oklahoma, on this day personally ap-
peared

known to me to be credible citizens, who, being by me duly sworn, on oath state that they personally know
the above named applicant for a pension, and that they personally know that the said

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).....

(Signature of Witness).....

Sworn to and subscribed before me this.....day of.....A. D. 191....

(SEAL)

My Commission expires.....191....

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

AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESSES

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THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA

County of

Before me,

County Judge ofCounty, State of Oklahoma, on this day personally appeared

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

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 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).....

(Signature of Witness).....

Sworn to and subscribed before me this.....day of.....A. D. 191....

County Judge,

(SEAL)

County, Okla.

Form A No. 1954

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

Do Not Write Below This Line.

Shirley D. Smith
Delaware County

Postoffice

Palmer

Filed

MAR 29 1916

Approved

Amt. of Pension allowed

Pension allowed from

Rejected

Chairman.

OK
P(1556)

Oaks Okla

Mar. 19 1917

The Hon State Board of
Pension Commission

This is
to notify you that John
D. Smith died at home near
Oaks Okla. on the 9th day of
March 1917. I return you his
Quarterly Claim Blank No 1556
please send me blank for
~~for~~ Widdows Pension Claim

yours Respect

Mrs Sarah Smith

Widdow of John D. Smith

Oaks Okla

Sent B1 - cer X &

P/C 1/17

MAR 24 1917

BOARD OF PENSION COMMISSIONERS
 Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
 DEPARTMENT No. 69

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

In Account with **John D Smith**

Filed.....

P. O. Address **Oaks**

To Pension No. **1556**

Amt. Claimed

For the quarter embracing the months of January, February and March, 1917

\$750

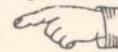
At the rate of \$2.50 per month, as allowed by the Board of Pension Commissioners, pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 54, S. L. 1915.

The State Auditor is hereby authorized to deliver warrant issued in payment of this claim to the Board of Pension Commissioners, and such Board is authorized to mail said warrant to claimant at address hereinafter stated.

I, the undersigned claimant, upon oath, do depose and say 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, so help me God.



PENSIONER MUST SIGN NAME EXACTLY AS IT IS WRITTEN ABOVE, USING INK.



READ THE INSTRUCTIONS ON THE BACK HEREOF.

My permanent address is, P. O.

St., R. F. D. or Box.....

(Pensioner sign name on this line as above written)

JURAT NO. 1 If Pensioner makes his own signature, use the Form below.

JURAT NO. 2 If Pensioner signs "by mark" use this Form. Have two witnesses to signature.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this.....

Witnesses to { Address
 signature by { Address.....
 mark.

..... day of..... 1917

Subscribed by mark in my presence, and in the presence of the above named witnesses, and sworn to before me this.....

..... day of..... 1917.

Notary Public—County Judge—Court Clerk

Notary Public—County Judge—Court Clerk

My commission expires.....

(SEAL) My commission expires.....

(SEAL)

THIS CLAIM MUST NOT BE SIGNED BEFORE MARCH 14, 1917

The OFFICER WHO ADMINISTERS THE OATH must not date his jurat prior to the above date. To do so will make this claim NULL AND VOID. *Read and follow the instructions on the back hereof.*

IMPORTANT--READ THIS

Follow these instructions and save yourself delay and inconvenience.

1 This is the Quarterly Claim Blank for your Next Quarter's Payment. Keep it and the addressed envelope with it until March 14, 1917.

2 You must not sign this blank before March 14, 1917.

3 Pensioner MUST GIVE POST OFFICE ADDRESS, and street, route or box number, in the space provided therefor.

4 The pensioner's name must be signed exactly as it is typewritten at the top of this claim, omitting or adding nothing thereto.

5 USE INK in filling out and signing claim.

6 If pensioner makes signature with his own hand and not by mark, the officer administering the oath should use JURAT NO. 1.

7 If pensioner cannot write, have a witness write the pensioner's name. The pensioner should make a cross mark with his own hand. Designate such mark by the written words "His (or her) mark," and have two witnesses (other than the officer taking the acknowledgment) sign the claim, giving their addresses. The officer administering the oath should then use JURAT NO. 2.

8 The claim must be properly dated, but it positively **must not** be dated, signed or sworn to **before** March 14, 1917. If executed prior to that date, it is VOID.

9 Pensioner must swear to this claim before one of the following named officers: District or County Judge, Court or County Clerk, Notary Public or Justice of the Peace.

10 Such officer must express his title, and when required by law, affix his seal and express the date of the expiration of his commission.

11 If claim is executed as directed in paragraph 8 hereof, and promptly mailed after that date, you will receive warrant about April 25th.

12 CLAIMS NOT PROPERLY MADE. OUT WILL BE REJECTED.

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A 1954

Oaks, Okla.

Nov. 17, 1915

To Hon. Com. Pension
State of Okla.

Oklahoma City

Gents:

Please send me
back my pension papers
so I can get the
County Judge to
approve it I could
have had it done
at first but under-
stood that it could
be done by a Notary,
Yours Respt,
John D. Smith
Y.D.S.C.

Dec. 11, 1915.

A-1954

Mr. John D. Smith,
Oaks, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:-

Replying to yours of recent date, I am enclosing a circular letter which explains the action of the Board in regard to your application for a pension.

It has not been signed and made out before the county judge of your county, and the law requires that. The affidavit of J. A. Sharp and W. J. Vincent, of the state of Ga., says that you were wounded in the knee, on June 25, 1862, and sent to the general hospital in Richmond, and not in the army after that.

The war record that we sent for to Washington, D. C., as we do in every case, states the same; but in the report of the company files in the War Dept. at Richmond, Jan. and Feb. 1865, you were reported absent without leave; and the law requires that the applicant must show when and where he was discharged, paroled or surrendered. This you have failed to do in your application.

The law requires this, and not the Board; but the Board is compelled to do what the law requires.

Yours very truly,

Chairman.

M/D