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FORM B-1

No. A

Application of Indigent Widow 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 Pushmataha 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? Sarah Caroline Bessent
Give your first name, your middle initial and your surname.
2. What is your post office address? Darwin, Okla.
3. What is your street, route or box number?
4. Are you an actual resident of the State of Oklahoma? yes Of what county? Pushmataha
5. How long have you lived in the State of Oklahoma continuously? About 40 years
6. Where were you born? Tennessee What is your age? 82
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.
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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 value of said property over and above all encumbrance
12. What is your physical condition? Peer Are you able to work? No
13. What occupation are you engaged in? Not able to work
14. Are you an inmate of any public home or institution, charitable or otherwise? No
15. Do you apply for a pension because you are indigent and unable to earn a livelihood by manual labor? Yes
16. What is your husband's FULL NAME? Robert A. Bessent
17. Is the man named in answer to question 16 above, the one upon whose military service you base this claim for a pension? Yes
18. HAVE YOU REMARRIED SINCE HIS DEATH? No Did you abandon your husband and live separate from him until his death? No
19. When were you married to him? About 1860 Where? Lousiana
20. When did he die? May 17th 1925 Where? Darwin, Okla
21. Did he ever draw a pension? yes State fully when and where. P-3616
22. Did he serve in the Confederate infantry, cavalry, artillery or navy?
23. In what state was his command organized or from what state did he enlist?
24. When did he enlist? Where How long did he serve?
25. What was the name or letter of his company, battery or ship?
26. State the name and number of his regiment or battalion.
27. To what other commands if any was he ever transferred?
28. If possible, state the names and rank of his officers.
29. How was he released from the Confederate service? (Captured, paroled or honorably discharged?)
- When? Where?
30. Was he a commissioned officer? State rank and date of his commission
31. 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 time of his death and that I know of no reason why I am not entitled to receive a pension.

Sarah C. Bessent ^{her} + _{mark}

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

Applicant sign here, first name, middle initial and surname.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 25th day of May A. D. 1925

H. L. Slamm
B. M. WALLEP

C. R. Barrow Notary Public
Signature and title of officer.

My Commission expires Jan. 15th 1925

(SEAL) Darwin, Okla 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. If applicant cannot write she 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.

1. What is your name?
2. What is your age?
3. What is your sex?
4. What is your race?
5. What is your birthplace?
6. What is your present residence?
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Fill Affidavit No. 1

Affidavit No. 1. Residence and Widowhood. By Two Citizens Who Know the Applicant Has Resided in the State of Oklahoma More Than One Year and That She is Now a Widow.

STATE OF OKLAHOMA, COUNTY OF Pushmataha ss:
Before me C. R. Barrow in and for said county and state, on this 25
County Judge, Notary Public or Justice of the Peace
day of May 1925, personally appeared H. L. Sloan whose ad-
dress is Darwin, Okla, and R. M. Waller whose address
is Darwin, 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 application 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 40 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 25
DAY OF May A. D. 1925
C. R. Barrow
Notary Public
In and for said County and State.
(SEAL)

H. L. Sloan
R. M. Waller
SIGNATURES OF TWO WITNESSES
My commission expires Jan. 15th 1928

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 _____ 192____, 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 _____ 186____, until _____ 186____, in
Company (or Battery) _____ of the _____ Regiment of _____
Letter. Give number and name. Infantry, Cavalry or Artillery.
that his officers were _____;
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 _____, 186____, 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 _____ 186____
until _____ 186____
_____, affiant last above named, states that he served in Company _____
of _____ Regiment of _____, from _____ 186____,
until _____ 186____

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. 192____

In and for said County and State.
(SEAL)

(SIGNATURES OF TWO COMRADES)
My commission expires _____ 192____

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. **6124**

Application for Pension for Widow of Confederate Soldier or Sailor.

DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE

SARAH C BESSENT

DARWIN

P. O. St., R., Bx. No. **6-2-1925**

Filed in Pension Office

Disallowed

Allowed **4-1-25** No. P. **4962**

Allowed from **4-1-25** Amt. \$ Class

Reconsidered and allowed

From **C. J. Stewart** Amt. \$ No. P. Commissioner

THIS SPACE BELOW FOR USE OF COUNTY JUDGE ONLY

State of Oklahoma, County of **Pushmataha**

Filed in the office of the County Judge of said county and state this **1** day of **June** 192**5**

It is hereby recommended that the within named applicant for pension be granted a pension, if found eligible by Commissioner.

Geo. R. Schickel

(SEAL) County Judge.

County Judge Must Approve

Grant 4-1-25

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THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Family of Sarah C. Bessent,
Darwin, Okla.

PENSION DEPT., OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA., August 30, 1926
B-98 State Capitol

P. 4962 ; (NAME) Sarah C. Bessent

We have not received pension claim of above named pensioner for quarter ended Sept. 30, 1926 and pension warrant cannot be issued until this is returned.

If the pensioner is dead, the family should advise us EXACT DATE OF DEATH so that we may close our records in this case.

~~Warrant for preceding quarter has been returned to us and family is entitled to receive this warrant.~~ PLEASE ANSWER AT ONCE, ALSO RETURN THIS CARD WITH YOUR REPLY.

May Robal
Secretary.

Sept the 10 - 1926

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To the Pension Department
State of Oklahoma
Oklahoma City

Gentlemen I am writing you
that I have changed my
postoffice from Dawkins
to Rattan

Please send my check to
Rattan Oklahoma
as ever Sarah. @. Bessent

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PL ✓

FROM

Sam G. Bennett

P. O.

Rattan Okla.

COUNTY

*P-4962
Bellview
Texas*



PENSION COMMISSIONER

CAPITOL BUILDING, ROOM 543

OKLAHOMA CITY,

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
STATE OF TEXAS

Bellevue
AUSTIN, TEXAS

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Hon. C. J. Stewart.

Oklahoma City - Okla.

Dear Sir:-

At this time Sarah C. Bessent
of Rattan Okla. no 4962. - Is temporarily
with her daughter. Mrs. Babe Shredgill
of Bellevue Texas. and wishes her
Claim blank, be sent to her at
this place, as she will be here some
two or three months before returning
home. Thanking you for this
favor I am yours Truly.

C. J. Sherrill.

C. J. R.

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STATE OF TEXAS
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*Hon G. Stewart -
Oklahoma city okla;*

Dear Sir:-

*Mrs Sarah. C. Bassenet of Rattan Okla.
is spending the holidays with her daughter of
Bellevue Texas - and will remain until
after the time for payment of her Pension
and asks that it be sent to her at
this place -*

*Yours truly
C. Sherrill -*

*Send to Mrs Sarah C Bassenet -
Bellevue Texas.*

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Government Pensions
Department

Will you please change

Miss Sarah Bessent
address from
Rattan ^{Okla.} to Darwin
Okla.

Yours very truly
Augusta Cafertore
Postmaster
at Darwin Okla.

Nov 24 - 34

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NOV 24 1934
OKLA.
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FROM Babe Theadgill
P. O. Bellevue
COUNTY DeWitt

4962



Jan 13-1931

PENSION COMMISSIONER

CAPITOL BUILDING, ROOM 543

OKLAHOMA CITY,

OKLAHOMA