

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

THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA, }
County of Seminole----- }

I, ~~William C. Cummings~~-----
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 Surrendered, 1865-----

(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? 70-----
2. Where were you born? Tennessee, Watren County.-----
3. How long have you resided in Oklahoma? About 30 years-----
4. In what county do you reside? Seminole-----
5. What is your postoffice address? Seminole, Oklahoma.-----

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? None.

8. What is your physical condition? Not ~~very~~ good

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 About 2 and a half years

11. What was the letter of your Company, number of Regiment, Battalion or Battery Company "C" 5th Tennessee Regiment

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? Infantry

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? No.

16. What is the assessed value of your home, if you own a home? None

17. What is the assessed value of your other property? None

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 Seminole

Before me A. S. Norvell County Judge.
(County Judge, Notary Public, Justice of Peace)

of Seminole County, State of Oklahoma, on this day personally appeared Dew Dunaway, and John Dickey

known to me to be credible citizens, who, being by me duly sworn, on oath state that they personally know William C. Cummings

the above named applicant for a pension, and that they personally know that the said William C. Cummings

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

Seminole Okla Aug 10/915
 Mr W. B. Matthews

Oklahoma City Ok

Sir

I to day send you my application
 for Pension signed by (4) ^{men} Good
 of Seminole and Pat City Sutch
 his County Charles County Commissioner
 and Justices of the Peace of Shawnee
 and one Good Farmer all Reliable
 men I hunted my old Country
 through and I found nothing all
 did I suppose I must be the
 youngest of the Regiment I have
 a sister living that is nowing
 to my service but Judge would
 insist on not taking her name

This to meet your and wife
 of your approval I am
 Yours William B. Matthews

(Signature of Witness)

(Signature of Witness)

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 1 day of Aug A. D. 1915

County Judge,

(SEAL)

Seminole County, Okla.

Form A No. **2262**

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

Name of Applicant

William C. Cummings

County

Postoffice

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Filed

8-11-18

Approved

JUL 2 1918

Amt. of Pension allowed

5.00

Pension allowed from

4-1-18

Rejected

OCT 7 1918 *7/3/17*

Chairman.

Wm. S. Matthews
President W. S. 1823

WARDEN COMPANY, OKLAHOMA CITY

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WAR DEPARTMENT, ✓

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

WASHINGTON, April 22, 1915.

Respectfully returned to the

Chairman,

Board of Pension Commissioners,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

The records show that William C. Cummings (name also borne as W. C. Cumings, but not found as W.C.Cummings), private, Company G, 35th Tennessee Infantry (also known as 5th Tennessee Regiment Provisional Army), G.S.A., enlisted November 26, 1862, and that he deserted April 7, 1863. No later record of him has been found.

H. P. McLean

The Adjutant General.

✓
Post Office

Seminole Okla

WM. D. MATTHEWS, *Chairman.*

W. L. CLARK, *Secretary.*

—OFFICE OF—

Board of Pension Commissioners

Oklahoma City, April 14, 1915

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

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DEAR SIR:

W. C. Cummings,

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 _____, Regiment 5th Tenn. Infantry. 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.

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WAR DEPARTMENT,

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

WASHINGTON,

June 28, 1918

Respectfully returned to

Board Pension Com.

Oklahoma City,

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with the information that

W. J. Cummings, not
borne as W. C. Cummings,
priv. Co. B, 2 Regt (Duke's)
Ky. Cav. U. S. A. enlisted Sept.
2, 1862 - and was reported
present on roll for Nov.
& Dec. 1862, dated Mch
2/63, last on file and only
one on which borne. No
record of Capture or pa-
role found.

The Adjutant General.

Per

Office Of The
BOARD OF PENSION COMMISSIONERS
STATE OF OKLAHOMA

Oklahoma City

No. A 2262

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:-- W. C. Cummings,

Company:- Duke's Reg. 2d Ky Cavalry,
Morgan's command.

Respectfully,

Wm. J. Matthews
Chairman

Received A.G.O JUN 27 1916

W. A. Bishop
ATTORNEY AT LAW
SEMINOLE, OKLAHOMA

April 19, 1916.

Mr. W.D. Mathews,

Oklahoma City, Okla.

Dear Sir:

Am writing you this letter relative to the application of W.C. Cummings of this place. Mr. Cummings was a member of the Fifth Tennessee Infantry and after the battle of Murfreesborrow was transferred to the 2nd Kentucky cavalry, Duke,s regiment and it seems to me that there must be some mistake as the old man ought to be entitled to a pension.

His age is 70 years and was wounded at Murfresburrow and in addition to that his feet are all deformed and he is in a helpless condition. He says that he does not want something that he is not entitled to but fails to see why he is not entitled to a pension.

The old gentleman is a loyal Southerner and I feel like doing all I can for him. If you can furnish me with blanks I would like very much to give the matter further investigation.

Very truly,

W.A. Bishop

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Sent cir S Form A-1 & blank affi.

P. M. Drake P. 2718

A. 484

Wm. C. Cummins, P. 2662

A. 2262

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Mr W. B. Mathews

{ Commission of Charities
{ Oklahoma City Ok

Sis and friend

I am at a loss to understand how Mr. Drake got three fifteen dollar warrants that is but one if it was but him not that I am expecting to him getting the money at all but I applied for my Pension as soon as the money was appropriated by act of the Legislature of more than two years ago and only received two warrants one for \$200 and one for \$1800 I am not claiming any back pay at all as you informed me by letter I was not entitled under the ruling I just don't understand how - -

Mr Drake Got Three \$15⁰⁰ wounds
and I feel he was in Whealy
county and I with General Mays
and Bott at the Battle of
Mumpshurnan Tenn in 62 and 63
and he ^{derable} with General Fairist Brought
the attack there if it is done
I want it and if not I don't
and you vice the Judge — —
Hoping this to not weary you
and great approval I am your
friend and will wish
William Jennings

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Oct. 30, 1918.

William C. Cummings,

Wewoka, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir and Comrade:

Replying to yours of October 28th, asking why Mr. P. M. Drake received three back warrants that you did not receive. In your application for a pension filed in this office August 11, 1915, in answering question 10, you stated that you served about 2½ years, in answering question 11, you stated that you belonged to Co. "C", 5th Tenn. Reg. In answering question 12, you stated that you were not transferred to any other command. In answering question 13, you stated you belonged to the Infantry. On receipt of this application we sent to Washington for your war record, as the law requires us to do in every case. That war record shows that "William C. Cummings, Private, Co. "G", 35 Tenn. Infantry, also known as 5th Tenn. Infantry, enlisted November 26, 1862 and that he deserted April 11, 1863: no later record of him has been found". So your application was rejected on that ground October 7, 1915. Your first application was signed by Judge Norvell.

We heard nothing more from you until we received your letter June 22, 1918, in which you stated that after the Battle of Murfreesboro you returned to Tuliahoma. You and your 2nd Lieutenant left and went home and Gen. Morgan's

command was camped on your father's farm and your father being acquainted with Colonel Hill, got you transferred to Duke's regiment, under Morgan's command.

Now, on receipt of this letter I wrote again to the War Department at Washington and got your record as Private Wm. C. Cummings, Co. "B", 2nd Reg., Duke's Kentucky Calvary, as having enlisted September 2nd, blank year. You furnished no other proof of your service and it was on this record that we received dated June 22, 1918 that your pension was granted, at the last meeting of the Board, so at my request the Board allowed you back for the quarter ending June 30th, the warrant for \$26.00. Your proof was not perfected until July, 1918, so you received back pay for one quarter. The reason Mr. Drake received pay for other quarters is that his proof of service was perfected six months before yours was. So that explains why Mr. Drake received more than you did. This was the action of the entire Board, September 7th 1918.

Every member of the Pension Board has tried earnestly to be fair in dealing with every applicant and no partiality has been shown to anyone. If you had written to me the letter you did June 22, 1918, two years earlier the matter would have been cleared up long before it was and I regret exceedingly that it was not done, for I am a little partial to Morgan's men as I served in Co. "L", 2nd Ky., Duke's Reg., Nat Lee being Captain and was with the command when it disbanded at Christiansburg, Va., April 12, 1865.

Yours very truly,

Chairman Pension Board.

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NORVELL & HAULSEE
ATTORNEYS AT LAW
NORVELL-KANAGA BLDG.
WEWOKA, OKLAHOMA

August 12, 1918.

Hon. D.W. Matthews,
Oklahoma City, Okla.

Dear Sir:

In-Re: Pension of Will C.
Cummings.

The above pension has been
allowed, but Mr. Cummings asked me
to write you relative to back pay.

Please advise if there is
any back payment coming to him.

Yours truly,

A S Norvell

ASN-M

August 14, 1918.

Mr. A. S. Norvell,
Wewoka, Oklahoma.

Dear Judge:

Replying to your inquiry regarding Mr.
Will C. Cummings receiving back pay.

It has been a rule of the Board since it was first organized; that owing to the great number of applicants and the small amount of the appropriation, it would be impossible for them to grant back pay, and that the pay could only commence with the quarter in which the pension was granted. If we granted back pay for one we would have to grant it for all of them and if we had commenced that there would have been no more than five hundred on the Pension roll, so the Board has been considerate and has given everyone same treatment.

Yours very truly,

Chairman Pension Board.

Seminole Okla June 7 1915
Mr W. D. Matthews
Commissioner
of Charity
Oklahoma
City

Sir

You find Enclosed Envelope
addressed to me which you will -
Kindly send me Blank application
for Pension as our County Judge
is out and I will go before
him and attend to the same
on Receipt of Papers and Return
to you

Yours
William D. Cummings

application mailed 6-8-15

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Mr W. B. Matthews

Commission of Charities
Oklahoma City ok

His and Command

How is it my

warrant has not ^{of} down yet I
sent the papers back as directed
if they was not properly filed
but return to me and I will
attend to them and if correct
Please forward warrant to this
office in sed of Seminal I
am however here now most
of time

Yours Respectfully
William B. Burdick

A. 2262.

War record sent for

Wewoka Okla 6 " 22 - 1918

Mr W. B. Matthews

Oklahoma City Okla

Sir and Friend

I am at a loss
to know the Cause that I am
not getting my Interest in the
Confederate Pension all though
it is small but will help
some if you remember -
I applied about 15 or 18 months
ago from Sumner and was
Rejected and I can't understand
why father was and officier
in the Confederate Army in
the battle of Shiloh and
Resigned in account of disspect
was in the 5th Tennessee
Commanded by Colonel B. L.
Hill of Mountainville Tenn
and after he come home

my father I went out in the
Spanie Regiment and was with
it at the Battle of Muffinsburgh
Stone River in Kentucky and
after the battle on the retreat
to Tusshona I and my second
Lieutenant left and went home
and General J. H. Morgan's
Command was Camped along
by our farm and my father
being acquainted with Colonel Hill
got me a transfer to the
Cavalry and I went out with
Driskill's Regiment Second Regt.
Cavalry Morgan's Command
and this being the case it
seems I am a little

hoping to hear from
you and your son and some
blank to fill out

I am yours

W. B. Jennings

PENSION DEPARTMENT,
STATE OF OKLAHOMA
Oklahoma City,
July 1, 1920.

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Dear Comrade:

On June 1st there was a balance left of the pension funds of 1920, the sum of \$46,440. To this amount Governor Robertson by Deficiency Certificate added \$35,000, making a sum total of \$81,440, with which to pay the pensions for quarter ending June 30th, 1920.

The amount paid for all classes of pensions for quarter ending March 31st, 1920, was \$89,625, and many pensioners have since been added to the list.

To meet this deficit, I am compelled to transfer from Class A. to Class B. 320 pensioners under 76 years of age, who are neither blind, crippled, paralyzed, confined to their rooms, or otherwise incapacitated from going about, and also to reduce all of Class B. pensioners from \$30.00 per quarter to \$27.00 per quarter (for this quarter only.)

After July 1st, Class B. will receive as before, \$30.00 per quarter until the last quarter of the fiscal year ending June 30th, 1921, at which time they may receive no more than now, i. e., \$27.00.

But before that date the 8th Legislature will convene, and may we not hope that ample provisions will be made to meet more fully the needs of every pensioner in the State of Oklahoma?

From July 1st to September 30th, 1920, upon application I will take up any individual case of those transferred from Class A. to Class B. and submit it to the State Health Officer for his examination, and should he decide that any such case comes within the Class A. classification, the same will be reinstated in the Class A. list.

With best wishes and kindest regards, I am,

Yours truly,

Commissioner.

*This I note what you say and in all (the) accident for otherwise you will note I am in class A if any appropriations are made. W. B. Matthews is presently acquainted with me both was in the company together General John H. Morgan carried several medals Regiment 1st Kentucky Cavalry
Johns
Mrs. L. L. Lanning*



Mr. Cummings
New York
OK

of 392

QUARTERLY CLAIM BLANK

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

COMMISSIONER OF PENSIONS
OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA
DEPARTMENT NO. 69

PENSION NO.

2662

WM C CUMMINGS
225 EAST PEAR
WEWOKA OKLA

In Account with

P. O. Address

Filed _____

For quarter ending _____

MAR 31 1930

Amt. Claimed

\$120.00

The State Auditor is hereby authorized to deliver warrant issued in payment of this claim to the Commissioner of Pensions, who 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.

Petitioner Must Sign Name Exactly As It Is Written Above, Using Ink

GIVE YOUR PERMANENT ADDRESS:

P. O. _____

Route _____

St. No. _____

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

On this _____ day of _____ 192____, personally appeared the above named pensioner before the undersigned witnesses, and in their presence duly signed the foregoing claim.

SIGNATURES
OF TWO
WITNESSES

Address _____

Address _____

DATE, SIGN AND RETURN AT ONCE

R. P. Cd. List



*Wm C Cummings
225 East Pearl
Wewoka Okla
Date at Sam Houston
Jan 7 1930
2662
1929*

January Eighth,
1930

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Mr. Zeno Cummings,
Seminole, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

We surely are sorry about your father, and we extend to you and all others of his family our deep sympathy. This had made a sad Christmas for you, but think what a happy, happy one for him - to enter Heaven on our Lord's birthday.

You did not speak of the pension warrant, so we take it for granted that you cashed it and used the money to apply on funeral expenses, and if so, you did exactly right.

With sympathy and many kind wishes to you,
we are

Very sincerely,

CONFEDERATE PENSION DEPARTMENT,
C. J. STEWART, COMMISSIONER.

By

Clerk.

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M. W. JANES
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW
HOMESTAKE BUILDING
SEMINOLE, OKLA.

Feb. 8, 1930.

Commissioner of Pensioners,
Capitol Building,
Oklahoma City, Okla.,

Dear Sir:-

The family of W.C. (William Columbus) Cummings,
deceased, veteran of the Confederate army from Tennessee, ^{who died 12-25-29} wish to
secure a tomb stone for the veteran as provided by Act of Congress,
and ask that you refer to your records and give us the record you have
of the military company and regiment that the veteran was in when he served
in the war. This information is needed in making the application for
the stone. We thank you very kindly for your trouble in looking this
up, and am

Very truly yours,

M. W. Janes

Record sent 2-10-30