Form A No. 1378

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

THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA,
County of Beaver

I, W. F. Ragsdale

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 Discharged in Richmond Va. on account of sickness in the fall of 1861, & was Re-enlisted in 1862 in Cavalry & served about six months was discharged on account of sickness. & was re-entered in 1863 & served until the close of the war.

(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? 72
2. Where were you born? Madison County, Alabama.
3. How long have you resided in Oklahoma? About 12 years
4. In what county do you reside? Beaver
5. What is your postoffice address? Gray, Okla.

6. Have you applied for a pension under the Confederate Pension Law and been rejected? If rejected, state when and where

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7. What is your occupation, if able to engage in one? Superintending farm.

8. What is your physical condition? Fairly good for age

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

10. How long did you serve; give, if possible, the date of enlistment and discharge Enlisted at beginning of war & served until fall of 1861, & again in 1862 & in 1863 & served until close of war

11. What was the letter of your Company, number of Regiment, Battalion or Battery Co. F. 4" Alabama. 1st enlistment second enlistment under Bedford Forrest, Cavalry, third enlistment in in 4" Ala. Battalion from Mag Gen Loring.

12. If transferred from one command to another, give time of transfer, name of command and time of service Apr 29, 1861 Originally went out with North Alabamians & transferred to C.F. 4 Ala. about May 1861

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

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

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

Never detailed

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

Do Not own a home

17. What is the assessed value of your other property? $285

18. Have you ever transferred your property to anyone with the understanding that you were to be cared for during your life time? Mo

19. Have you transferred to others any property of any kind for the purpose of becoming beneficiary under this law? Mo

W. F. Ragsdale

AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESSES

NOTE—There must be at least two credible witnesses.

subscribed & sworn to before me this 16" day of June 1915

John A. Holm
County Judge

THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA,
County of Beaver

Before me John A. Holm
(County Judge, Notary Public, Justice of Peace)

of Beaver County, State of Oklahoma, on this day personally appeared T. W. Gray, & B. F. Creed

known to me to be credible citizens, who, being by me duly sworn, on oath state that they personally know W. F. Ragsdale

the above named applicant for a pension, and that they personally know that the said W. F. Ragsdale

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) T. N. Gray

(Signature of Witness) B. F. Creed

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 17 day of June A. D. 1915

John A. Hohn
(County Judge, Notary Public, or Justice of Peace)

(SEAL)

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THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA,
County of Beaver

Before me, John A. Hohn

County Judge of Beaver County, State of Oklahoma, on this day personally appeared T. W. Gray & B. F. Creed

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

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 We

further make oath to the following facts touching the applicant's service in the Confederate Army (state fully your source of knowledge): We have been acquainted with applicant for a number of years and have talked with him and he with us relating his experiences and connection with the war of the rebellion and knowing applicant to be a truthful and reliable man we believe his statements as to service in the confederate army to be true

(Signature of Witness) T. N. Gray

(Signature of Witness) B. F. Creed

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 17 day of June A. D. 1915

John A. Hohn
County Judge,
Beaver County, Okla.

(SEAL)

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

Name of Applicant
W. F. Rogsdale

Beaver County

Postoffice Gray

Filed 6-19-15

Approved 7/3/17

Amt. of Pension allowed 5.00

Pension allowed from 7/4/17

Rejected OCT 7 1915

Wm. D. Matthews
Chairman.

WARDEN COMPANY, OKLAHOMA CITY

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WAR DEPARTMENT,

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

WASHINGTON. June 24, 1915.

Respectfully returned to the

Chairman, Oklahoma Board of Pension Commissioners, Oklahoma City.

The records show that William F. Ragsdale, private, Company I, 4th Alabama Infantry, C.S.A., enlisted April 26, 1861; was transferred to Company F, said regiment, May 9, 1861, and was discharged March 1, 1862, at Richmond, Virginia.

H. P. McCain

The Adjutant General.

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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:

Wm. F. Ragsdale,

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", Regiment 1st Lieut 4th Ala Inft Vol. C. S. A., and to have been

Please give us the record of this soldier.

Respectfully,

Wm. D. Matthews

Chairman.

ATTEST:

_____

Secretary.

Received A.G.O., JUN 22 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 Alabama, ss:

Before me C O Reed, a Notary Public in and for said county and state, on this 14th day of June 1917, personally appeared F B Greeley whose address is Greeley, Ala, and whose address is _____, who are personally known to me to be credible citizens, who by me being duly sworn, each for himself deposeth 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 _____ 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 14th DAY OF June A.D., 1917

C O Reed
a Notary Public
In and for said County and State
(SEAL)

A J Byrne Co F 4th Ala Regt Intry
F B Greeley Capt Co C 4th Ala Cav
[SIGNATURES OF TWO WITNESSES]

My commission expires Mch 1917

AFFIDAVIT NO. 2. PROOF OF SERVICE IN THE CONFEDERATE ARMY OR NAVY—BY TWO COMRADES IF POSSIBLE

STATE OF Alabama, COUNTY OF Madison, ss:

Before me K. T. Daniel, a Justice of the Peace in and for said county and state, on this 11 day of June 1917, personally appeared A. J. Byrne whose address is Maysville Ala, and _____, whose address is _____, both known to me to be credible citizens, and after being duly sworn by me, each for himself deposeth and saith:

That he knows personally that W. F. Pagsdale [Give full name of applicant], the within named applicant for a pension, served in the Confederate army (navy) from April 29 1861, until December 1861, in Company (or Battery) F [Letter], of the 4th Alabama [Give number and name] Regiment of Infantry Bee's Brigade [Infantry, Cavalry or Artillery] that his officers were Jones' Regiment, G. B. Mastin's Company; 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 December, 1861, at Richmond Virginia by reason of Sickness

[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 11th DAY OF June A.D., 1917

K. T. Daniel
Justice of the Peace
In and for said County and State
(SEAL)

A J Byrne Co F 4th Ala Intry
D. A. Linnebaldt Co F 4th Ala Mtn
[SIGNATURES OF TWO WITNESSES]

My commission expires _____ 191__

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.

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Application for Pension for Confederate Soldier or S

DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE

P. O.

St., R., Bx. No.

Filed in Pension Office JUL 2 - 1917

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 Bonner

Filed in the office of the County Judge of said county and state this 30 day of June 1917

It is hereby recommended that the within named applicant for pension be granted—refused a pension,

(SEAL) John Dodson County Judge.

THIS APPLICATION MUST BE FILED WITH AND APPROVED BY THE COUNTY JUDGE OF THE COUNTY WHEREIN THE APPLICANT RESIDES.

Franklin Printing Co., Oklahoma City, Okla.

FORM A-1 No. A 1378

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 Beaver, 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? W. F. Ragsdale (William F. Ragsdale)
[Give your first name, your middle initial, and your surname.]

2 What is your post office address? Gray, 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? Beaver

5 How long have you lived in the State of Oklahoma? Thirteen Years

6 Where were you born? Huntsville, Alabama What is your age? 74

7 Have you ever applied for a pension anywhere? Yes Where? In Okla. When? June 17, 1915

8 If so, were you granted a pension? No If not, why not? Insufficient Proof

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.
[Yes or no.]

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 trade and the assessed value of each.

12 Have you or your wife transferred or sold property of any kind within the last two years? No If so, state fully the amount, value and circumstances.
[Yes or no.]

13 Have you a home of your own? No If not, with whom do you live? With a Son — Geo. R. Ragsdale

14 If related to the person you live with, state what relation.

15 Have you any relatives or connections whose natural duty it is to provide for you? (State fully)
Yes, My Children

16 What is your physical condition? Not Physically able to work 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? Infantry

21 In what state was your command organized or from what state did you enlist? Alabama

22 When did you enlist? April 29, 61 Where? Huntsville, Ala. How long did you served how long? To Dec. '61

23 What was the name or letter of your company, battery or ship? Co. F. 4th Alabama

24 State the name and number of your regiment or battalion.

25 To what other commands if any were you transferred? None

26 State the names and rank of your officers. Gen. Johnson, Bees Brigade, Johns Regiment
Mastin's Company

27 How were you released from the Confederate service? (Captured, paroled or honorably discharged.) Discharged
Why? Sickness When? DEC. 1861
Where? Richmond, Tenn.

28 Were you ever wounded in battle? No.

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? State fully.
No

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

W. F. Ragsdale
[Applicant sign here, first name, middle initial and surname]

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 29 day of Dec A.D., 1916

My commission expires 191

[Signature and title of officer]

(SEAL) County Judge Beaver County, 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 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.

At a later date, which I do not recall I enlisted in Gurley's Co. "C" 4th Alabama Cavalry, Russell's Regiment and Martin's Brigade and served therein about 10 Months.

He served in 3 different "4th Ala." commands

Gray Okla 5/3/20

Pension Commisioners Ok city
I am sory to have to state to
you that my last Pension
check has not been recieved
and the P M at this office
thinks it did not come to
his Office So please look
to the East and govern your
self accordingly

W J Ragsdale
Gray
Beaver Co Okla

P. 2166.

Mailed 4/6-20.

$30.00 N. 38921-

After 5 days, return to

W. H. Ragsdale

Gray Okla.

~~PERRYTON, TEXAS.~~

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UNITED STATES POSTAGE
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Pension Commissioners,
Capitol Building,
Room 543, Oklahoma City,
Okla.

May 5, 1920.

Mr. W. F. Ragsdale,
Gray, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of 3rd instant, advising that your warrant No. 38921 has not yet been received in the Gray post-office, I have to say that there is nothing that can be done at this time but wait and have the post master keep on the look-out at Gray.

The warrant was mailed on the 6th of April to Gray, and should have been delivered there long before now.

It is impossible for us to do anything more here until the Treasurer's office has time to get the paid warrants numbered, so we can tell whether or not anybody else has cashed the warrant. After this is done, if we find your warrant has not been paid, we can issue a duplicate to you after you have executed a bond for twice the amount of the warrant.

If you do not receive the warrant within the next few weeks advise us again, but it is not worth while to write again about it until the Treasurer has had time to get these warrants numbered. In the meantime, I have the Treasurer advised to notify us at once in case he finds your warrant paid.

Respectfully,

Secretary.

Gray Okla 4/24
1920

To Pension Office Oklahoma
city Okla have you sent
my Pension check if so I
have not recevd same
please give this attention
and oblige

W. F. Ragsdale
Gray
Okla

N. 38921 - $30.00 - Apr. 6 -

P. 2166.

Mailed 4/6 - '20 to
Gray.

April 26, 1920.

Mr. W. F. Ragsdale,
Box 17, Gray, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of 24th instant, I beg to advise that Warrant No. 38921 for $30.00 was mailed to you at the above address on April 6th, and I see no reason why you should have failed to receive it.

Please see your postmaster and request that he make careful efforts to locate this warrant, as it has not been returned to this office, and the envelope in which it was mailed bears a 10 day return request in case of failure to deliver.

If you do not receive this warrant in a very short time, please advise us again, and in any event, let us know about this.

Respectfully,

Secretary.

Gray Okla 6/6/21
Pention Com Okla city
My Pention Check Come to this
Office in my absence I m
forwarded back to your Office
So I will kindly ask
you to forward back to
me at Gray
W F Ragsdale

P. 2166
Remailed 6/9-21
to B. 17 - Gray

Gray Okla.
1-23-23

Pension Dept
Okla, Okla,
Dear Sir.

A letter is
held at this office
dressed to W. F.
Ragsdale, He sons
ask if it could
be delivered to
them, or returned to
the sender, as he
died 1-2-23.?

yours truly
Postmaster

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