

# Fill and Return

No. A. **5991**

FORM A-1

## 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 Atoka 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? Obodiah S. Wells  
Give your first name, your middle initial and your surname.
2. What is your post office address? Caddo
3. What is your street, route or box number? R 346
4. Are you an actual resident of the State of Oklahoma? Yes Of what county? Atoka
5. How long have you lived in the State of Oklahoma continuously? Two Years
6. Where were you born? Anderson District of Carolina What is your age? 82
7. Have you ever applied for a pension anywhere? Yes Where? Alabama When? 1903 or 1904
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? None If so, state in detail the source and amount thereof.

10. Do you, your wife or both of you, own 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? Poor Are you able to work? no
13. What occupation are you engaged in? None
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. Did you serve in infantry, cavalry, artillery or navy? Cavalry
17. In what state was your command organized or from what state did you enlist? Alabama
18. When did you enlist? August 1862 Where? Marshall Co. You served how long? 3 years
19. What was the name or letter of your company, battery or ship? C. H. Cavalry
20. State the name and number of your regiment or battalion. 4th Alabama Regiment Cavalry
21. To what other commands if any were you transferred? None
22. State the names and rank of your officers. General Gate and Colonel Russell
23. How were you released from the Confederate service? (Captured, paroled or honorably discharged.) Honorably Discharged When? June 1865  
Where? Jessieville Alabama
24. Were you ever wounded in battle? Yes
25. Were you a commissioned officer by the President of the Confederate States? Yes State rank and date of commission. Capt. Ressemaher
26. Were you detailed for special service in any army 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 no reason why I am not entitled to receive a pension.

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

Obodiah S. Wells  
Applicant sign here, first name, middle initial and surname.  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 13 day of December A. D. 1924  
Howard P. Audree  
Signature and title of officer.

My Commission expires Jan 25 1926

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 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.

# Fill Affidavit No. 1

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

STATE OF OKLAHOMA, COUNTY OF Adair ss:

Before me, M. S. Peirson County Judge, Notary Public or Justice of the Peace, in and for said county and state, on this 13th day of Dec, 1924, personally appeared Robert Gordon whose address is Ladda, Okla., and [Signature] whose address is Ladda, 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 two 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 13th DAY OF Dec, A. D. 1924  
M. S. Peirson  
Notary Public,  
In and for said County and State.  
(SEAL)

Robert Gordon  
[Signature]  
SIGNATURES OF TWO WITNESSES  
My commission expires Aug. 23rd 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 \_\_\_\_\_, the within named applicant for a pension, 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.

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STATE OF OKLAHOMA, COUNTY OF...  
I, the undersigned, being duly sworn, depose and say that the following named person is the person to whom the pension is due, and that he is entitled to the same by reason of his service in the Confederate Army (No. 1).

Form A-1 No. A 5991  
Application for Pension for Confederate Soldier or Sailor.

DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE

OBEDIAH S WELLS

P. O. CADDO B-346

St. R, Bx. No. Filed in Pension Office 1-6-1925

Disallowed

Allowed 1-6-25 No. P. 4866

Allowed from 1-1-25 Amt. \$

Reconsidered and allowed

From Amt. \$ No. P.

C. J. Stewart Commissioner.

THIS SPACE BELOW FOR USE OF COUNTY JUDGE ONLY

State of Oklahoma, County of *Ottawa*

Filed in the office of the County Judge of said county and state this *26* day of *Dec* 192 *25*

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

(SEAL) *[Signature]*  
County Judge

County Judge Must Approve

*Write also 12-30-25*

State fully why and by what method—provide discharge papers, etc., and by what authority.  
Affiant hereabove named, states that he served in Company...  
Affiant last above named, states that he served in Company...  
Affiant declares that they have no interest in this claim for a pension, and further state:  
SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME THIS...  
A. D. 192...  
(SIGNATURES OF TWO COMRADES)  
In and for said County and State  
(SEAL)  
My commission expires...

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In what county did you live when  
you drew your pension in Alabama?

*G Jackson Scottsboro County*  
Your application is returned to you  
so that you may have it approved by  
your County Judge, as the pension  
law requires.

*G Jackson County*  
*Scottsboro County seat*

*White Ala.*

he was at my room  
when Mrs J Williams  
wrote to Mr Mable Barrett  
about his condition  
So his daughter brought  
him down here to stay  
with her he has a son  
and a daughter there  
and had with them while  
he is very near helpless  
and if a man ever deserved  
a pension he does

respectfully

D. M. Hartman

Caddo Okla.

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12/13. 1924

ms C. J. Stewart

Dear Sir

Mr J. S. Wellman  
granted a pension in  
Alabama Dressed  
until 1904 and left  
the State and it  
stopped his witness  
was J. J. Jones and

J. H. G. Warthey

of Paint Rock Ala  
G. Warthey is dead

so the evidence can  
be got from the

pension Bureau Alabama  
Montgomery Ala  
over

in regard to abolition's smelly  
needling and justly  
Desp. perdition according to  
evidence of his service  
in the Rebel army threw  
the perdition conviction  
of Alabama on the unders  
signers Do perdition the  
County Judge of Bryan  
County Oklahoma to  
approve his papers for  
same his being almost  
helpless and wholly  
Dependant

C. W. Banta

J. R. Payne

H. B. Baydree

J. M. New

Orner

Caddo Okla

12/26 1924

Dear Sir you will  
please let me know  
any thing nec-  
essary for me to do to  
aid him in connection  
with making his  
prose from Okla and  
if should fail please  
return and state  
why respectfully

Yours D. M. Hartman  
Caddo Okla



STATE OF ALABAMA  
AUDITOR

MONTGOMERY

January 1, 1925.

W. B. ALLGOOD  
STATE AUDITOR  
E. W. WADSWORTH  
CHIEF CLERK  
C. W. LEE  
WARRANT CLERK

Miss. Margaret Lewis,  
Secretary, Pension Department,  
Oklahoma City, Okla.

Dear Madam:

Replying to your letter of December 30th, we beg to advise that our records show that one O. S. Wells drew a pension from Jackson County, Alabama, from 1899 to October 1st, 1907, on account of leaving Ala. his name was stricken from the pension rolls.

He claimed in his pension application that he enlisted August 2, 1861 at Bristol Cove, as a private in Co., H, 4th, Ala., Regt., and that he was discharged on May 15th, 1865 in Georgia.

Trusting this is the information you desire,

We are,

Yours respectfully,

ALABAMA PENSION COMMISSION.

*J. H. Waldman*  
Chief Clerk, Pension Division.



The Grand Lodge of Oklahoma  
Of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows

OFFICE OF S. D. WILLIAMS, GRAND MASTER

WYNNEWOOD, OKLA.

Nov. 24, 1924.

Mrs. Mabel Bassett,  
Oklahoma City, Okla.

Dear Mrs. Bassett:-

There is a Confederate Veteran here who is entitled to a pension. Will you kindly have the Commissioner of Pension send me blanks and instructions as to procedure in getting it for him.

Thanking you for the same, I am,

Yours truly,

*Mrs. S. D. Williams*

*N. B. Be sure all questions are answered plainly and as correctly as possible. That will save time and trouble. No application can be passed on till all the facts are before this office. After we received the application we will write for War record.*

*This 11-29-24.*

*Respectfully,  
C. J. Stewart*

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Yours truly,

Mrs. S. D. Williams

*[Faint, mostly illegible handwritten text, possibly bleed-through from the reverse side of the page.]*

*Original & will  
Applied  
for co-judges  
12-15-24*

United States Postoffice

A. E. RICHEY, P. M.  
VIRGINIA RICHEY, ASSISTANT

Caddo, Oklahoma,

July 24th 1925.

Hon. C. J. Stewart, Commissioner,  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Dear Commissioner:-

I am returning herewith State Warrant #4866 issued to Obediah S. Wells, who is deceased.

Pensioner died May 6th 1925 and was interred in the Folsom Cemetery May 7th 1925.

I learn from reliable source that Mr. Wells, had no property at the time of his death and resided with his son-in-law D. M. Hartman, who was at the expense of burial, and he, D. M. Hartman has requested me to write your department for permission to use the enclosed Warrant for the expenses incidental to his father-in-laws burial.

Trusting you can comply with his request, I am,

Yours truly,

*A. E. Richey*

*From Letter 7-25-25*

**QUARTERLY CLAIM BLANK**

**STATE OF OKLAHOMA**

COMMISSIONER OF PENSIONS  
OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA  
DEPARTMENT NO. 69

PENSION NO.

In Account with 4866 OBEDIAH S WELLS

P. O. Address

R-4  
CADDO OKLA

Filed -----

SEP 30 1925

For quarter ending -----

Amt. Claimed

**\$75.00**

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 ----- Box -----

St. No. -----

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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**

