

Application of Indigent Widows 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 Carter, 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? Eliza J Harris
[Give your first name, your middle initial, and your surname.]
- 2 What is your post office address? Joiner Okla
- 3 What is your street, route or box number? none
- 4 Are you an actual resident of the State of Oklahoma? yes Of what county? Carter
- 5 How long have you lived in the State of Oklahoma? 10.4 years
- 6 Where were you born? in Choctaw Co Mississippi What is your age? 74 years
- 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. _____
[Yes or no.]
- 10 Do 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 head, and the assessed value of each: _____
- 12 Have you 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? J. M. Brown
- 14 If related to the person you live with, state what relation. a son-in-law
- 15 Have you any relatives or connections whose natural duty it is to provide for you? (State fully) no
- 16 What is your physical condition? very bad health Are you able to work? no
- 17 What occupation are you engaged in? not able to engage in any occupation
- 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 What was your husband's FULL NAME? William Joshua Harris
- 21 Is the man named in answer to question 20 above, the one upon whose military service you base this claim for a pension? yes
- 22 Have you remarried since his death? no
- 23 When were you married to him? Feb 17th 1865 Where? Lagrange Choctaw Co Miss
- 24 When did he die? April 5th 1891 Where? in W. Montague Co Texas
- 25 Did he ever draw a pension? no State fully when and where. _____
- 26 Did he serve in the Confederate infantry, cavalry, artillery or navy? infantry
- 27 In what state was his command organized or from what state did he enlist? in Miss
- 28 When did he enlist? in 1861 Where? in Miss How long did he serve? 4 years
- 29 What was the name or letter of his company, battery or ship? company D
- 30 State the name and number of his regiment or battalion. no 15 infantry
- 31 To what other commands if any was he ever transferred? none
- 32 If possible, state the names and rank of his officers. _____
- 33 How was he released from the Confederate service? (Captured, paroled or honorably discharged.) Honorably discharged
Why? _____
When? 1865 Where? at Grenada Miss
- 34 Was he a commissioned officer? no State rank and date of his commission. _____
- 35 Was he detailed for special service in an armory 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 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 date of his death, 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

Eliza J. Harris
[Applicant sign here, first name, middle initial and surname]

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 24th day of _____

My commission expires Sept 6th 1917

W. T. Wiseman A.D., 1916
notary Public
[Signature and title of officer]

(SEAL)

Carter 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 "her" and "marks," and have two witnesses thereto sign on the lines for that purpose.

AFFIDAVIT NO. 1. RESIDENCE AND WIDOWHOOD. BY TWO CITIZENS WHO KNOW THE APPLICANT HAS RESIDED IN THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA SINCE FEBRUARY 25, 1914, AND THAT SHE IS NOW A WIDOW.

STATE OF OKLAHOMA, COUNTY OF Garfield ss:
 Before me Wm. M. C. Ferguson in and for said county and state, on this 3
 day of Jan 1917, personally appeared M. C. Cameron whose ad-
 dress is Admonore and Alex whose address
 is _____, 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 ap-
 plication 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 3 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 3 DAY OF Jan
 A.D., 1917
Wm. M. C. Ferguson)
 In and for said County and State)
 (SEAL))
 My commission expires before me
 [SIGNATURES OF TWO WITNESSES] W. A. Cameron
W. G. Southworth

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

STATE OF Texas, COUNTY OF Ellis, ss:
 Before me C. W. Brown a Notary public in and for said county and
 state, on this 29 day of Dec. 1916, personally appeared J. L. Hillyer
 whose address is Bardwell, Texas 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 William J. Harris, deceased husband of the within named applicant,
 served in the Confederate army (navy) from 1861 until 1865 in
 Company (or Battery) D, of the 15th Regiment of Miss. Infantry;
 that his officers were Brantley, Cochran, Widdleton and McCoy;
 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
30 day of 1865, at Grenada, Miss by reason of
at the close of the war

[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). army, affiant first above named, states that he served in company I
 of 15th Regiment of Miss. Infantry from 1861
 until 1863 after which time I was transferred to the Cavalry
 of _____, 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 29 DAY OF Dec
 A.D., 1916
C. W. Brown)
A Notary public)
 In and for said County and State)
 (SEAL))
 My commission expires June 30th 1917
 [SIGNATURES OF TWO WITNESSES] J. L. Hillyer

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 wit-
 nessed 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 3376
 Application for Pension for Widow of Confederate
 Soldier or Sailor
 DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE
Ella J. Harris
 P. O. Garner
 St., R., Bx. No. _____
 Filed in Pension Office JAN 13 1917
 Disallowed _____
 Allowed JUL 3 1917 No. P. _____
 Allowed from JUL 1 1917 Amt. \$ 5 00
 per month. _____
 Reconsidered _____ and _____ allowed
 From Amt. \$ _____ No. P. _____
Wm. B. Mattson
 Chairman
 THIS SPACE BELOW FOR USE OF COUNTY
 JUDGE ONLY
 State of Oklahoma, County of Garfield
 Filed in the office of the County Judge of said county
 and date this 23 day of Jan 1917
 It is hereby recommended that the within named ap-
 plicant for pension be granted a pension,
Wm. M. C. Ferguson
 County Judge.
 (SEAL)
 THIS APPLICATION MUST BE FILED WITH AND AP-
 PROVED BY THE COUNTY JUDGE OF THE COUNTY WHERE-
 IN THE APPLICANT RESIDES.
 Franklin Printing Co., Oklahoma City, Okla.

WAR DEPARTMENT,

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

WASHINGTON,

Jan. 18. 1917

T.A.
10th.

Respectfully returned to

Board of Pension Comrs.
State of Oklahoma
Oklahoma City

with the information that

William J. Harris
Pot. Co D 45 Miss.
Inf. C.S.A. enlisted
May 26. 1861 and
on roll July 8
Aug. 1864 (last
on file) he is
borne absent
wounded since
Aug. 14. 1864.
No prisoners of
war record on
file.

Not found as
William Joshua
Harris. As W. J. Harris of
above orgn; appear on register of Floyd
House & occur vulg. Hoapls Macon Ga Oct 31/64; G.S.W.
of left arm fracturing ulna & radius. No later record found

H. S. McQueen

The Adjutant General.

Per

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Office Of The
BOARD OF PENSION COMMISSIONERS
STATE OF OKLAHOMA

Oklahoma City

3376

No. A _____

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:-- William Joshua Harris

Company:-D, 15th Miss. Infty. Enlisted in 1861, discharged at Grenada, Miss. in 1865.

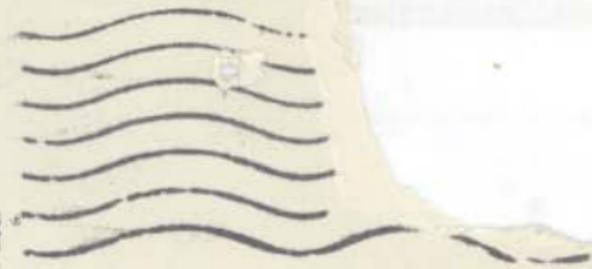
Respectfully,

Wm. D. Matthews
Chairman

Return 5 Days to
MULLEN & MULLEN
LAW AND REAL ESTATE
ARDMORE, OKLAHOMA

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OKLA.



Eliza J. Harris -
New Wilson Okla

State of Oklahoma Board of
Pension Commissioners -
Oklahoma City

Okla

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June 20th, 1919.

Mrs. Eliza J. Harris
New Wilson, Oklahoma.

Mrs. Harris:

Yours of the 6th, of June received and this is to inform you, that your past quarterly claim, is now in the hands of the State Auditor to be audited by him and as soon as it is returned to this office, we mean the warrant, will be mailed to you.

We are enclosing your Quarterly Claim Blank, which you will please execute properly and return to this office in the enclosed envelope.

We regret the delay in this matter and for the cause of the delay we are not informed however, you will get your warrant as soon as we receive it from the Auditor and your next warrant will follow early in next month.

Very respectfully,

Secretary of the Pension Board.

By _____

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New Hilson - Okla

June 6th 1919

State of Oklahoma Board of

Pension Commissioners -
Oklahoma City

Dear Sir -

Will again write you in regard to my pension, I should have got my \$1800 some time ago, what is wrong I sign up the papers & sent them back some time ago and havent heard from them, I have only received \$1800 for the last check, attend to this at once please I need my money bad

Yours truly

Eliza J. Harris -
New Hilson

Carter Co Okla

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New Windsor - Okla

March 13 1919

State Board of Pension Commissioners

Dear Sir-

I am again writing to see why my pension hasent come

I have always fixed it up right and mailed it out on time

Please let me here from you at once

In regards to the matter will you

I witten you a few days ago

But havent heard a word from you

yours Truly

Eliza J. Harris
New Windsor - Okla

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March 20, 1919.

Mrs. Eliza J. Harris,
New Wilson, Oklahoma

Dear Madam:

Acknowledging receipt of your letter of the 13th inst., I beg to say that we mailed your warrant for the quarter ending December 31, on January 23. Warrant #20740, for \$18.00. It has not been returned to this office, and I would advise that you take the matter up with the State Auditor if you do not receive it soon.

The Auditor will send you a bond for you to execute and return to him after which he will issue a duplicate warrant in the place of the one which must be lost. Warrant #20740 has not been paid by the State Treasurer up to date.

Respectfully,

Secretary.

P. S.

We mailed your warrant to New Wilson.

H. L.

Dup 20 sent

New Wilson Okla

May 5th 1919.

State of Oklahoma Board of
Pension Commissioners-

Dear Sir

I am again writing you in regard
to my Pension, I received the money
for my lost check for last year.

But I havent heard any thing from
this years check.

I should have got - \$18⁰⁰ in April
What the matter - let me here from
you at once please in regard
to the matter

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Yours-

Eliza J. Harris

P.P. Attend to this at once please Sir
Im reading my money bad.

July 25, 1917.

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Mrs. Eliza J. Harris,
Joiner, Oklahoma.

Dear Madam:

Replying to your letter of July 24th, I will state that your application was acted upon by the Board July 3, 1917 and you were placed on the pension roll commencing with July 1, 1917, but none of this money can be paid out until the close of the first quarter which will be September 30th. On or about September 14th there will be mailed to your address at Joiner, Oklahoma, a pay claim for you to sign and your signature to be witnessed by two citizens and returned to this office and at the meeting of the Board on the first of October these pay claims are all approved and certified up to the Auditor of the State who issues the warrants and as soon as the warrants are received at this office they will be mailed out.

Commencing with this quarter we have raised the amount of the pension from \$7.50 a quarter to \$15.00, so the amount of the first warrant received about the first of October will be \$15.00.

Very truly yours,

CHAIRMAN.

WDM:B

A-3376 Granted 7/3/17

Joiner Okla 7/24 1917

Board of Pension Commissioners
Gentlemen early in in the
Spring I sent corrected
application for Pension and I have
never heard a word from the Board
and I am at a loss to know why I
have not been notified as to
whether the application was
disapproved or not. if they were
disapproved I want to know the
grounds for disapproving.
as I feel sure I am in every way
worthy of a Pension
I please let me hear from
you at once.
Mrs. Eliza J. Harris

Joiner
Okla.

A 3376

Ans'd Cir U

5/8/17

Joiner City Okla
May 6th 1915.

State Board of Pensions
Commissioners

Okla City

Dear Sir

I am writing you to
see why I haven't heard
from my Pension.

I signed up something over
three month ago and haven't
heard a word from them.

I would be very glad you
would attend to this at once

so I could get in line and be
drawing my money every three month.
Let me here from you at
once please.

Yours

Eliza J. Harris