

For B—For Use of Widows of Confederate Soldiers Who Are in Indigent Circumstances

THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA,

County of Pottawatomie

I, Mrs. Newesta O'Connor

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 am the widow of Patrick H O'Connor

deceased, who departed this life on the 10 day of Nov A. D. 1905

in the County of Pottawatomie, in the State of Oklahoma

I have not remarried since the death of my said husband, and I do solemnly 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. I was married to him on the 15 day of Nov A. D. 1874

in the County of Tarrant, in the State of Texas

My husband, the said Patrick O'Connor

enlisted and served in the military service. I have been a resident of the State of Oklahoma for over twelve months prior to February 25, 1915. I do further state that I do not receive from any source whatever, 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 anyone hold in trust for my benefit or use, estate or property, either real, personal or mixed, either in fee or for life, of the value of One Thousand Dollars, household goods and wearing apparel excluded, nor do I receive any aid or pension from any other State or from the United States, or from any other source, and I do further state that the answers given to the following questions are true:

1. What is your age? 67

2. Where were you born? Tennessee

3. How long have you resided in the State of Oklahoma? 13 years

4. In what county do you now reside? Pott

Postoffice Asher Route 1

5. Did your husband drawn a pension? no

If so, in what State? no

6. What was your husband's full name? Patrick H. O'Connor

7. What was the date of his death? Nov 10 1905

Where? Pott Co. Okla.

8. In what State was your husbands command originally organized?

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9. How long did your husband serve? If known to you, give date of enlistment and discharge 1861 to close of war

10. What branch of the service in which your husband served, whether infantry, cavalry, artillery or the navy, or if commissioned as an officer by the President, his rank and line of duty, or if detailed for special service, under the law of conscription, the nature of such service, and the time of service

Artillery

11. What was the letter or name of the Company or number of regiment, battalion, or battery of artillery in which your husband served

Carpenter's Battery, Col Andrews Battalion 2d Army Corps.

12. Have you transferred to others any property of any kind for the purpose of becoming a beneficiary under this law? no

Wherefore your petitioner prays that her application for a pension may be approved and such other proceedings be had in the premises as are required by law.

(Signature of Applicant) Merveta O'Connor

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 10 day of Sept A. D. 1915

Hal Johnson
(By either County Judge, Notary Public, or Justice of the Peace)

Pott County, Okla.

AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESSES

NOTE—There must be at least two credible witnesses.

STATE OF OKLAHOMA,

County of Pottawatomie

Before me, Hal Johnson

County Judge, Notary Public, or Justice of Peace

of Pott

County, State of Oklahoma, on this day personally appeared

W Burrows & A O'Connor

who are personally known to me to be credible citizens, who being by me duly sworn,

on oath state that they personally know that Mrs. Merveta O'Connor

applicant for a pension as the widow of Patrick O'Connor

deceased, is in truth and fact the widow of Patrick O'Connor

deceased; that they personally know that she has not remarried since the death of her husband for whose service in the army she claims a pension, and that they have no interest in this claim.

(Signature of Witness) W Burrows

(Signature of Witness) A. O'Connor

Sworn and subscribed to before me this 14 day of Sept A. D. 1915

Hal Johnson
County Judge, Notary Public, or Justice of Peace

(SEAL)

Pett County, Okla.

AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESSES

NOTE—There must be at least two credible witnesses.

STATE OF OKLAHOMA,

County of Pett

Before me, Hal Johnson

(County Judge, Notary Public, Justice of Peace)

of Pett County, State of Oklahoma, on this day personally appeared W Burrows
A C Connor

who are personally known to me to be credible citizens, who being by me duly sworn, on oath state that they personally know the above named applicant for pension, and that they personally know that the said Mrs. Herresta Connor

has been a bona fide citizen of the State of Oklahoma for twelve months prior to February 25, A. D. 1915, and that they have no interest in the claim.

(Signature of Witness) W Burrows

(Signature of Witness) A.C. Connor

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 10 day of Sept A. D. 1915

(SEAL)

Hal Johnson
Pett County, Okla.

+ AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESSES

(If possible, the two witnesses should have served with the applicant's husband in the army, and if so let them or either of them, state it in their oath.)

THE STATE OF ~~OKLAHOMA~~ Virginia

County of Roanoke

Before me, J. W. Carper

Notary Public

~~County Judge of~~ Roanoke County, State of ~~Oklahoma~~ Virginia, on this day personally appeared Patrick Lillis aged 65 years
Eliza Murphy aged 58 years

who are personally known to me to be credible citizens, who being by me sworn, on oath state that they are personally acquainted with the foregoing applicant, and that the facts set forth and statements made in her application are correct and true to the best of their knowledge and belief, and that they have no interest in this claim. And further make oath to the following facts touching the service of the applicant's husband in the Confederate Army (state fully your source of knowledge)

While we did not serve in the army with the applicant, but we remember well his being in the army and coming home several times

(Signature of Witness) Patrick Lillis

(Signature of Witness) Eliza Murphy

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 12 day of July A. D. 1910

(SEAL)

J. W. Carper
County Judge, Notary
Roanoke County, Okla.

Form B No. **3141**

CONFEDERATE'S
WIDOW'S APPLICATION
FOR A PENSION

The Commissioners of Pensions re-
serve the right to call for additional
testimony.

Name of Applicant

Mervela O'Connor

Pottawatomie County

Postoffice *David Frank*

Filed **MAR 6 1916**

Approved **JUL 6 - 1916**

Amt. of Pension allowed **\$2 50**

Pension allowed from **JUL 1 - 1916**

Rejected _____

Chairman.

PENSION **1477**

WAR DEPARTMENT,

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

WASHINGTON, March 14, 1916.

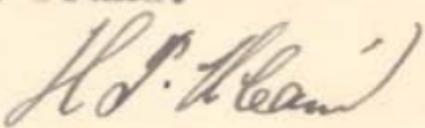
Respectfully returned to the

Chairman,

Oklahoma Board of
Pension Commissioners,
Oklahoma City.

The records show that Patrick H. O'Connor, 8th corporal, was enrolled and mustered into service to date March 10, 1862, at New Town, by one Cutshaw, in Capt. Cutshaw's Co., Virginia Light Artillery, CSA, and on the last roll of this company on file, that covering the period from March 10 to Sept. 23, 1862, he was reported present. The records further show that the organization was broken up, and the members thereof transferred to Captain Carpenter's Co., Virginia Light Artillery, CSA, on Sept. 23, 1862.

It is also shown by the records that Patrick O'Connor, 4th corporal, Captain Carpenter's Company, Virginia Light Artillery (which organization served for a time with Andrews' Battalion of Artillery), CSA, enlisted (data relative thereto same as shown above); that he was captured at Winchester, Va., Sept. 19, 1864; was paroled at Pt. Lookout, Md.; was exchanged Oct. 30, 1864, and was received at Venus Point, Savannah River, Nov. 15, 1864. No later record of him has been found.


The Adjutant General.

OFFICE OF

Board of Pension Commissioners

H. P. McCain,
Adjutant General,
Washington, D. C.

Oklahoma City, MAR 7 1918 1918

DEAR SIR:

No. 3141

Patrick H. O'gonnor

who is an applicant for a Pension to the Board of Pension Commissioners of the State of Oklahoma, claims to have been a member of Company Carpenter's Battery, Regiment Andrew's Battalion, Artillery, Vol. C. S. A., and to have been

Please give us the record of this soldier.

Respectfully,

Wm D. Matthews

Chairman

ATTEST:

Secretary

State of Oklahoma,
Pottawatomie County, ss.

Mrs. Nervesta O'Connor, of lawful age, being first
duly sworn on oath, deposes and says that she has no real
or personal property wha ever.

Nervesta Connor

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 3 day of
March, 1916.

Albert J. Nicklass

My Commission expires Oct 30 1917 Notary Public

State of Oklahoma,
Pottawatomien County ss.

John Lacey and Eustace Hall

of lawful age being first duly swron on oath, depose and says t
that they are residents of the aboge named county and
state and that they know the facts stated in the above
affidavit are true.

John Lacey
Eustace Hall

Subscribe d and sworn to before me this 3 day of
March, 1916.

Albert J. Nicklass
Notary Public

My Commission expires Oct 30. 1917

January 3, 1934.

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Postmaster,
Sacred Heart, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

We are in receipt this morning of a pension warrant and claim blank which we mailed last Saturday to Mrs. Nervesta O'Connor, of your town. This envelope is stamped with the word "Deceased," and since our files show that we have never been in communication with any member of Mrs. O'Connor's family and therefore have not been notified of the date of her death, we are appealing to you to give us some information.

If we can secure the date of this pensioner's death we will know whether the family is entitled to this pension warrant to apply on funeral expenses. Would it be possible for you to get in touch with some member of this family and have him (or her) write fully to us?

We will greatly appreciate this favor and we thank you in advance. We certainly will miss Mrs. O'Connor's name from our roll, as it has been there since 1916.

Trusting that we may hear either direct from you, or from the family of the pensioner, I am

Yours very truly,

Clerk

R. Pl. ed. List-agent.

January 15, 1934.

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Family of Mrs. Nervesta O'Connor,
Sacred Heart, Oklahoma.

Dear Friends:

The December, 1933 pension warrant and March, 1934 claim blank which we mailed on last December 30th to Mrs. Nervesta O'Connor were sent back to us by the Sacred Heart Postmaster on January 2nd. On January 3rd we wrote to the Postmaster, but to date have not heard from him. He had marked the envelope containing these papers "Deceased." We were sorry to see that word, as we regret losing Mrs. O'Connor from our roll, and we deeply sympathize with you all as her family.

It is necessary that we have some information concerning this death, and we hope very much that you will write us at an early date.

Thanking you in advance for this favor, I am

Yours very sincerely,

PENSION COMMISSIONER.

January 20, 1934.

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Postmaster,
Sacred Heart, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

Under date of January 3rd I wrote you asking for your help in locating the family of one Mrs. Nervesta O'Connor, an Oklahoma State Pensioner whose pension warrant you returned to us with the envelope stamped "Deceased." To date I have had no reply. On January 15th, not having heard from you, I wrote a letter which I addressed to the "Family of Nervesta O'Connor," at your town, and I have had no reply from that letter.

This pension warrant is still here in our office, and it should go to that member of the deceased pensioner's family who attended to the funeral expenses, providing we learn that no fraud was practiced in the signing of the claim which the warrant covered.

We have no way in which to locate this family excepting through you, as we never were in communication with this family, and through the years that this pensioner was on our roll the only thing we knew about her was that she signed and returned her claims regularly. We would be so grateful to you if you could and would assist us in this search. This pensioner was on our roll since July of 1916, and never in all those years had any other postoffice address than Sacred Heart. Her pension mail must have been delivered to her herself, or to some member of her family, or to some friend during all that time.

Hoping that you will let us hear from you in this connection at an early date, and thanking you in advance for this favor, I remain

Very truly yours,

Clerk

January 20, 1934.

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Honorable W. M. Haight,
County Judge,
Shawnee, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

We have on our pension roll the name of Mrs. Nervesta O'Connor, a lady who was granted a pension in July of 1916 and who has drawn her quarterly payments regularly ever since that date, which payments were at all times addressed to her at the town of Sacred Heart, your County.

The last pension warrant sent her was mailed from here on December 30th, 1933, received at Sacred Heart on January 3rd, 1934 and immediately sent back to us with the envelope stamped "Deceased," being received here on January 3rd. On that same date I wrote to the Postmaster of Sacred Heart asking his assistance in the matter of locating this pensioner's family, since our files showed no letters from any member of such family, and we desired to send this warrant to that member of the family who had assumed the funeral expenses, if the pensioner really had died. The Postmaster did not reply, so on January 15th I wrote to "Family of Nervesta O'Connor," Sacred Heart, and have had no reply from that source.

Would you do us the favor of looking into this matter and finding out, if possible, whether our pensioner is deceased, and whether she had a family? Some one, either she herself or some relative or friend must have received the pension warrants during all those years, as the claims came in here regularly every quarter signed apparently by Mrs. O'Connor.

We will certainly be grateful to you for any assistance you may be able and willing to give us.

Thanking you in advance for this favor, I am

Very truly yours,

Clerk

January 23, 1934.

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Mr. August Zoeller,
Postmaster,
Sacred Heart, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

I certainly do thank you for the information contained in your letter of January 22nd. It does seem strange that the family of Mrs. O'Connor neglects writing us, especially since this lady has drawn a pension from the State of Oklahoma for many years. However, we do appreciate your efforts to help us. We still do not know the date of this death, and we do need that date so badly. We would like to send this last pension warrant to this family, to apply on anything in connection with the illness and death of the pensioner, but we first must have the date of her death. It is too bad to impose on you again, but if it is not too much trouble would you get this date and send it to us? It appears that the family will not write us.

Trusting that we may be of service to you some time, to repay you for your kindness in this matter, I remain

Very truly yours,

Clerk



AUGUST ZOELLER

GINNER AND COTTON MERCHANT



SACRED HEART, OKLA.

Jan. 22, 1934

Pension Department,
Oklahoma City, Okla.

Gentlemen:

I talked with one of the members of Mrs. Nervesta O'Connor's family and asked them to send you the information that you requested in your first letter to this office.

However it seems that they have neglected to do so. At the time that I was talking to them they said that she had saved enough money to pay for her funeral expenses and that she only had a small doctor bill of about \$2.00. She has a small house in this town and the family are saving the rent to buy a monument so I imagine if you would like to send a check for that purpose it would be greatly appreciated.

Sorry that you did not receive the information from them before this and if I can do anything further please let me know.

Yours very truly,

A. Zoeller

Postmaster

QUARTERLY CLAIM BLANK

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

COMMISSIONER OF PENSIONS
OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA
DEPARTMENT NO. 69
Filed

PENSION NO.

1477

NERVESTA O'CONNOR

In Account With

SACRED HEART OKLA

P. O. Address

For quarter ending.....**MAR 31 1934**.....

Deceased

Amt. Claimed

\$ 81.00

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, 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.

.....
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.....193....., 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



AUGUST ZOELLER

GINNER AND COTTON MERCHANT

SACRED HEART, OKLA.

Jan. 27, 1934

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Pension Department,
Oklahoma City.

Gentlemen:

The date of Mrs. O'Connor's death was on
November 10, 1933.

The children are elated over the prospect
of receiving a check to apply on a
monument for their mother.

I was glad to render you this small service.

Sincerely,

A. Zoeller

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January 31, 1934.

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Mr. August Zoeller,
Postmaster,
Sacred Heart, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of January 27th received and while we will be doing a somewhat irregular thing in sending the pension warrant of the deceased Nervesta O'Connor to you to be handed to some one of her family, yet, since it seems to be an impossibility for us to persuade this family to write directly to us, we are sending the warrant in your care, with a message attached giving instructions as to cashing the warrant.

Thank you again for your kindness in this matter, and we hope to be able to repay that kindness some day.

Yours very truly,

Clerk

Warrant No. 35644 enclosed.

*Write -
will cash here if
bank refuses.*

In 5 days return to

Pension Department

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

Oklahoma City



RETURN TO WRITER
 REASON FOR NON-DELIVERY CHECKED

undelivered For better address
 returned, left no address Refused
 No such post office in state named

RET. MAIL
 W.R.I.E.

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NERVESTA O'CONNOR
 SACRED HEART OKLA



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February 6, 1934.

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Mr. August Zoeller,
Postmaster,
Sacred Heart, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed you will find the envelope and letter which our Commissioner wrote to the family of Mrs. Nervesta O'Connor on last January 15th, and which came back to us recently. Won't you please hand this letter to some member of this family; also, won't you please let us know, at your convenience, the name of the person who received and cashed the pension warrant No. 35644, which I sent to you on January 31st? This is simply that we may have some definite hold on the matter, as no one of this family has ever communicated with us.

Thanking you once more for all past favors, and in advance for this one now requested, I remain

Very truly yours,

Clerk

Encl.



AUGUST ZOELLER

GINNER AND COTTON MERCHANT

SACRED HEART, OKLA.

Feb. 8, 1934

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CONFEDERATE PENSIONS

Pension Department,
Oklahoma City, Okla.

Dear Madam:

I received your letter this morning and am glad to give you the information you requested.

The pension warrant was endorsed by Mrs. Nervesta O' Connor's daughter Mrs. Deister. She told me that she was going to write to you and thank you for what you have done for them. They are rather slow about doing things but I imagine that you will hear from them before long.

Hoping that everything is ok, I remain

Sincerely,

A. Zoeller

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