

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

THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA, }
County of Okmulgee

I, James Marion Palmer

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 on or about the 10th day of June, 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? 71 years
2. Where were you born? near Beech Grove, Tennessee
3. How long have you resided in Oklahoma? about 22 years
4. In what county do you reside? Okmulgee County
5. What is your postoffice address? Morris, Okla.

6. Have you applied for a pension under the Confederate Pension Law and been rejected? If rejected, state when and where Never applied for a pension
7. What is your occupation, if able to engage in one? Farmer
8. What is your physical condition? Am in poor health
9. In what State was the command in which you served organized? Arkansas
10. How long did you serve; give, if possible, the date of enlistment and discharge about 4 years; unable to give dates accurately
11. What was the letter of your Company, number of Regiment, Battalion or Battery Company G, Gordon's Regiment 1st Ark Cavalry
12. If transferred from one command to another, give time of transfer, name of command and time of service never transferred
13. What branch of the service did you enlist in, infantry, cavalry, artillery or navy? Cavalry
14. If commissioned direct by the President, what was your rank and line of duty? not commissioned
15. If detailed for special service, under the law of conscription, what was the nature of your service and how long did you serve? None
16. What is the assessed value of your home, if you own a home? Dont own home
17. What is the assessed value of your other property? About \$800⁰⁰
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 Okmulgee }

Before me Hugh Murphy, a Notary Public

~~(County Judge)~~ Notary Public, ~~Justice of Peace~~

of Okmulgee County, State of Oklahoma, on this day personally appeared A. P. Roach and J. R. Ashley

known to me to be credible citizens, who, being by me duly sworn, on oath state that they personally know James Marion Palmer

the above named applicant for a pension, and that they personally know that the said

James Marion Palmer

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

*James Marion & Palmer
witnesses to his
mark!
J. W. Worshon
Hugh Murphy*

February 25, 1915, and that they have no interest in his claim.

(Signature of Witness) *C. F. Rosch*

(Signature of Witness) *J. D. Gley*

Sworn to and subscribed before me this *19th* day of *June* A. D. 191*5*

Hugh Murphy
~~County Judge~~, Notary Public, ~~of~~
~~Justice of Peace~~

HUGH MURPHY

(SEAL) My commission expires August 28th, 1918.

AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESSES

NOTE—There must be at least two credible witnesses.

THE STATE OF ~~OKLAHOMA~~ }
Arkansas
County of *Benton*

Before me, *S. J. Anderson, a Notary Public*

~~County Judge~~ of *Benton* County, State of ~~Oklahoma~~ *Arkansas*, on this day per-

sonally appeared *B. F. Coeils, and*
J. A. Fields

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

James Marion Palmer

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 *He, B. F. Coeils, and J. A. Fields* further make oath to the following facts touching the applicant's service in the Confederate Army (state fully your source of knowledge):

J. A. Fields state that I served with James Marion Palmer in the Confederate Army about 3 years, unable to give dates accurately.

I, B. F. Coeils state that I served with James Marion Palmer about 3 years in Co. "D" Gordon's Regiment, Coeils' Brigade.

(Signature of Witness) *B. F. Coeils*

(Signature of Witness) *J. A. Fields*

Sworn to and subscribed before me this *19th* day of *June* A. D. 191*5*

S. J. Anderson
~~County Judge~~,
Benton County, ~~Ark.~~

MY COMMISSION EXPIRES APRIL THE 22ND, 1918.

(SEAL)

Form A No. **1272**

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

Name of Applicant

James Marion Palmer
Stimpegee County

Postoffice

Merrie

Filed

6-23-15

Approved

JUL 3 1917

Amt. of Pension allowed

15 00

Pension allowed from

JUL 1 1917

Rejected

OCT 7 1915

JUL 20 1916

not signed by
Co. Judge
Chairman.

WARDEN COMPANY, OKLAHOMA CITY

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WAR DEPARTMENT,

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

WASHINGTON, June 30, 1915.

Respectfully returned to the

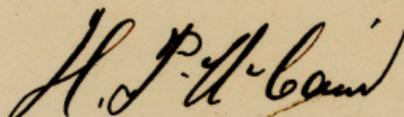
Chairman,

Oklahoma Board of

Pension Commissioners,

Oklahoma City.

The records show that James Palmer (name not found as James Marion Palmer) private, Company G, Gordon's Regiment Arkansas Cavalry (also known at various times as 1st, 2d, 9th, 11th, Carroll's and Thompson's Arkansas Cavalry), Confederate States Army, enlisted May 15, 1863, and on the company roll for January and February, 1864 (last on file), he was reported present. No later record of him has been found.



The Adjutant General.

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:

James Marion Palmer,

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 "G"
Regiment **Gordon's Reg 1st Ark Cav**
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 28 1912

APPLICATION OF INDIGENT SOLDIER OR SAILOR OF THE CONFEDERACY FOR PENSION UNDER THE ACT OF FEBRUARY 25th, 1915

THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA, }
County of Okmulgee..... }

I, James Marion Palmer
(Christian Name, Middle Initial and Surname)

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~~ Washington, Hempstead County, State of Arkansas
June 10, 1865. After the treaty of peace.

(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 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? 71. (last birthday; December 15, 1916)
- 2. Where were you born? Tennessee
- 3. How long have you resided in Oklahoma? Twentythree years.
- 4. In what county do you reside? Okmulgee County
- 5. What is your postoffice address? Morris, Oklahoma

6. Have you applied for a pension under the Confederate Pension Law and been rejected? If rejected, state when and where No. (recently I sent in an application which inadvertently failed to have the County Judge's signature, and for that reason this application is made)

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

8. What is your physical condition? Very feeble

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

10. How long did you serve; give, if possible, the date of enlistment and discharge Enlisted in the fall of 1862, and was discharge in June, 1865.

11. What was the letter of your Company, number of Regiment, Battalion or Battery Company G. 1st Arkansas Cavalry.

12. If transferred from one command to another, give time of transfer, name of command and time of service. -----

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

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? -----

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

17. What is the assessed value of your other property? Five Hundred Dollars.

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.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 8 day of Sept A. D., 1916
Applicant signed this by mark

I certify copy at request of applicant signed his name and witnessed his mark applicant being unable to write.
My Commission expires Apr. 3rd 1920
James Marion Palmer (Applicant should sign Christian Name, Middle Initial and Surname)
Addie Williams (By either County Judge Notary Public, or Justice of the Peace)
Okmulgee County, Okla. Notary Public

AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESSES

NOTE—There must be at least two credible witnesses.

THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA,

County of Okmulgee

Before me, Marshall L. Boparth, County Judge
(County Judge, Notary Public, Justice of Peace)

of Okmulgee County, State of Oklahoma, on this day personally appeared J. L. Vaughan and Hugh Murphy

known to me to be credible citizens, who, being by me duly sworn, on oath state that they personally know James Marion Palmer the above named applicant for a pension, and that they personally know that the said

James Marion Palmer

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) J. Z. Vaughan

(Signature of Witness) Hugh Murphy

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 7th day of October A. D. 1916

(SEAL) Mark Bozart
(County Judge, Notary Public, or Justice of Peace)

My Commission expires.....191.....

AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESSES

NOTE—There must be at least two credible witnesses.

THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA, }

County of Okmulgee

Before me, Mark L. Bozart

County Judge of Okmulgee County, State of Oklahoma, on this day per-

sonally appeared J. R. Ashley

known to me to be credible citizens, who, being by me duly sworn, on oath state that they are personally acquainted with the said James Marion Palmer

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 J. R. Ashley

further make oath to the following facts touching the applicant's service in the Confederate Army (state fully your source of knowledge):

J. R. Ashley states: I served in the Confederate Army Company 2, 18th Arkansas. I know that James Marion Palmer served in the Confederate Cavalry at Camden Ark under Genl Jo Shelby; I know him to be a former Confederate soldier.

M. R. Whinery states: I am a former Union soldier and served in time of the war in the 1st Ark Cavalry; I have known James Marion Palmer for over 25 years; I am reasonably certain and believe him to be a Confederate soldier; Jo Shelby's command served a great deal of time in the Arkansas mountains and I have received thousands of letters from that command.

(Signature of Witness) J. R. Ashley

(Signature of Witness) Mark R. Whinery

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 6th day of November A. D. 1916
Mark Bozart County Judge,

(SEAL) Okmulgee County, Okla.

Form A No. 1272

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

Do Not Write Below This Line.

James M. Calmer

Opinibee County

Postoffice Morris

Filed NOV 18 1916

Approved

Amt. of Pension allowed

Pension allowed from

Rejected

Chairman.



Approved W. L. ... 1916
State Printer and Publisher, Oklahoma City.

Wanda ...
County Judge

JOE S. EATON
LAWYER
FIRST NATIONAL BANK BLDG.
OKMULGEE, OKLAHOMA

November 15th, 1916.

State Board of Pension Commissioners,
Oklahoma City, Okla.

Gentlemen:-

Re Pension Application of James Marion Palmer

We are enclosing herewith the additional application for pension of James Marion Palmer for your consideration. We forwarded a similar application some time ago but same was rejected for the reason as stated the same was not signed by the County Judge of this county.

The two witnesses, being old confederate comrades of Mr. Palmer, in the other application lived in Arkansas and this was the reason this application could not be sworn to before the County Judge of this county. As the two witnesses have since died and very few of Mr. Palmer's comrades are living it has been difficult to secure the evidence of his service. We have however located two witnesses in this county who have known Mr. Palmer for a number of years and have personal knowledge of his service in the confederate army.

We will respectfully request that your honorable board consider the former application filed by Mr. Palmer as part of the documentary evidence in the matter along with this application.

Mr. Palmer, who makes this application, is one of the few old confederate soldiers around here having lived here many years and highly respected. He is very feeble and unless this meager relief is granted him very soon it will be too late. He is unable to do heavy work and has small means.

The present application is signed and sworn to as your letter suggests before the County Judge of this county whose signature it bears.

Thanking you for an early consideration of this additional application in the old gentlemen's behalf, we are,

Very respectfully,

EATON AND MURPHY,

By *Hugh Murphy*

STATE BOARD OF PENSION COMMISSIONERS

Oklahoma City, Okla.

Your application for a pension was taken up and duly considered by the Board at its last meeting which was held

After carefully reviewing your petition, same was denied for the following reason:--

Not Signed by County Judge

The application itself is the property of the Board and must remain in our files, but any other documents thereto attached will be returned to you if you so request.

In writing always refer to your application number.

Yours respectfully,

BOARD OF PENSION COMMISSIONERS

By *W. D. Matthews*

Your Application
Number is --A-

(Cir. V.)

THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS



James Marion Palmer -
321 N. Grand -

Akron, Ohio -

P. 1964 Pension Office, Oklahoma City, Okla.

AUG 19 1920

Dear _____ 1920
Why have you not sent in your claim for
quarter ending June 30, 1920?

We cannot have your pension warrants issued until your claims are properly signed and returned.

Answer,

Una Lee Roberts

Commissioner.

PLEASE RETURN THIS CARD WITH YOUR REPLY.

Boyer

Okmulgee Okla, Aug, 20, 1920.

Mr, Roberts dear Sir,

I filled out My papers some time ago , and I guess they have been misplaced if You will send Me another blank I will attend to them at once, thanking You in advance I remain respectfully,

James M. Palmer

New Claim
sent for James
Sept. 1920 - 8/24-20.
P. 1964

CHAS. L. PHILLIPS
ATTORNEY AT LAW
OKMULGEE, OKLAHOMA

December
Eighteenth,
1 9 2 2.

State Board of Pensions,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Gentlemen;

dependent
John Palmer, a veteran soldier, who
was receiving a pension has recently died. His
widow desires to make application for a pen-
sion. Be so good as to provide me with nec-
essary blanks upon which to do this.

Kindly give this your early atten-
tion and oblige

Yours very respectfully,

Chas. L. Phillips

P:B

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✓ RQ*

December 19, 1922.

Mr. Chas. L. Phillips,
Okmulgee, Okla.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of 18th instant relative to death of a Confederate pensioner named Palmer, I have to advise that I do not find a "John" Palmer on our rolls, but do find one "James Marion" Palmer in Okmulgee on our rolls, so I am presuming that this is the man about whose death you write.

I inclose herein form of application for this widow, and will ask that you see that she completes this in every detail before returning to us, answering all questions not already replied to, also having County Judge approve and affidavit No. 1 completed. Affidavit No. 2 not required.

I note there is no December claim in our files for Mr. Palmer, so inclose herein claim for Mrs. Palmer for this quarter. We will fill out the top of this claim when it is received properly signed and witnessed, so you need not have it filled in at top. I send this merely to avoid delay in getting out her pension for present quarter.

Please return the application and the claim at the very earliest possible time. We are now getting up the December payments so we can get them off promptly.

Thanking you for your interest in this old Confederate, and asking that you kindly extend to the widow our deepest sympathy with her in the loss of her companion of so many years, I remain,

Very truly yours,

Secretary.

December 23, 1922.

Mr. Chas. L. Phillips,
Attorney-at-law,
Okmulgee, Okla.

Dear Sir:

In my letter to you of 19th instant, I asked that you see that Mrs. Sarah E. Palmer complete her application for a pension in every detail, including the approval of the County Judge.

I received the application this morning without this approval, and am returning it for completion. The pension cannot be granted and warrant for present quarter issued until this is done and the application is filed in this office.

Will you kindly see that this is done, and greatly oblige,

Yours very truly,

Secretary.