

Application of Indigent Widow 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? Antie Alma Shears
Give your first name, your middle initial and your surname.
- 2. What is your post office address Aradmore Okla
- 3. What is your street, route or box number? 502 A. N. W.
- 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 continuously? 25 yrs -
- 6. Where were you born? Holmes Co. Miss. What is your age? 53
- 7. Have you ever applied for a pension anywhere? no Where? no When? no
- 8. If so, were you granted a pension? no If not, why not? no
- 9. Do you receive any income from any source whatever? no If so, state amount thereof. no
Yes or no.

10 Do you own property of any kind, either real, personal or mixed (household goods and wearing apparel not included) 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? under care of Dr. now Are you able to work? some
- 13 What occupation are you engaged in? sales lady
- 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 What was your husband's FULL NAME? John Shears

17 Is the man named in answer to question 16 above, the one upon whose military service you base this claim for a pension? yes

18 Have you remarried since his death? no Did you abandon your husband and live separate from him until his death? no

19 When were you married to him? Sept - 2 - 1883 Where? Mansville, Okla

20 When did he die? Feb 1909 Where? Mansville

21 Did he ever draw a pension? no State fully when and where

22 Did he serve in the Confederate infantry, cavalry, artillery or navy? Infantry

23 In what state was his command organized or from what state did he enlist? Tex

24 When did he enlist? Where? How long did he serve?

25 What was the name or letter of his company, battery or ship? Co. C. 16th Tex. Infantry

26 State the name and number of his regiment or battalion. not sure whether it was Inf or Cav.

27 To what other commands if any was he ever transferred?

28 If possible, state the names and rank of his officers.

29 How was he released from the Confederate service? (Captured, paroled or honorably discharged?) Discharged

When? Where?

30 Was he a commissioned officer? don't know State rank and date of his commission.

31 Was he detailed for special service in an armory or shop for the maintenance of the army or navy? State fully.

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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

Lee Lee's Clara Sheave
Applicant sign here, first name, middle initial and surname

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 30 day of

January A. D., 1922

W. H. Manly
County Judge
County, Oklahoma.

My commission expires 191
(SEAL)

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 acknowledgements or oaths required herein. See that all the questions are answered. If applicant cannot write she must sign by mark, show the mark between the words "her" and "mark," 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 More Than One Year and That She is Now a Widow.

STATE OF OKLAHOMA, COUNTY OF LeFlore, ss:
 Before me W. M. Newberry in and for said county and state, on this 30
County Judge, Notary Public or Justice of the Peace.
 day of January, 1922, personally appeared Mrs. Fay Wallace whose ad-
 dress is Chickasha, Okla., and Mrs. Effie W. Gee whose address
 is Chickasha, 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 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 4 1/2 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 Okla-
 homa; and further, that he has no interest whatever in this claim for a pension.

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME THIS ...
 DAY OF 30 January A. D., 1922
W. M. Newberry
 In and for said County and State.
 (SEAL)

Mrs. Fay Wallace
Mrs. Effie W. Gee
 SIGNATURES OF TWO WITNESSES

My commission expires191....

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 191...., 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, deceased husband of the within named applicant,
Give his full name
 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., 191....

 In and for said County and State.
 (SEAL)

(SIGNATURES OF TWO WITNESSES)

My commission expires191....

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.

J. H. Hargis says he
thinks he belonged to
Co. C, 16th Regt Texas

11-26-21

Ardenmore Okla

Mr W C Gera

Dear Sir

I am writing you
in regard to the old
Confederate record, Mr D. P.
Rich of Maumville said
he thought - probably you
had them now, I want
to get the Co and Regiment -
that - Mr John Spears
belonged too, if you have
the record or can tell
me Mr Spears Co and
Regiment - I will appreciate
it so much

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I am writing you
at Mr Ricker's suggestion
he said Col C to sure
did have them and
he thought likely that you
had them too

Thanking you in
advance

Address

Miss Leticia Shear
502-a - N West -
Ardenmore
Akla

John Stearns
John Stearns
Andrew
502, a st N. Y.

Letter to Mr Stearns

JAN 6 1922

WAR DEPARTMENT,

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10, 1922.

Respectfully returned to

Pension Department, *State of Okla.*
Oklahoma City,
Oklahoma.

with the information that John Shears
(also borne as Sheers) private Company
C, 16th Regiment Texas Cavalry, C.S.A.
Enlisted February 22, 1862, at
Grayson County.

Muster roll for July and August,
1863, (last on which borne) shows him
absent on furlough.

Regimental return for April, 1865,
shows him on daily duty Division
Headquarters Pioneer.

No capture parole or later record
found.

P. C. Harris

The Adjutant General.

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STATE OF OKLAHOMA.
Pension Dept.

Okla. City, Okla.

JAN 31 1922

Dear Sir:

I have the honor to request the official C. S. A. record of:-

John Shears

who claims to have served in

Co. C 16th Texas

Regt. of Infantry & Cavalry

His Captain was _____

His Major was _____

His Colonel was _____

Enlisted in 1861, and was

Discharged 1865.

REC'D MAIL SECTION

Archives Branch, A. G. O.

3 FEB 3 1922

Yours respectfully,

R. J. Gineed

Commissioner.

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FEB 4 - 1922
OLD RECORDS DIV.
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Received A. G. O. FEB 3 1922

Department of Education
County of Carter
KATE GALT ZANEIS, SUPERINTENDENT
Ardmore, Oklahoma

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

This is to certify that Mrs Lutie Alma Shears is the wife of John Shears of Co C. 16th Tex. Infantry. I never knew John Shears before the war but immediately after the war and have heard him speak so often of his service in the Army and have seen him with his Uniform on and feel sure of his service and hope to help his wife get a Pension as she is very deserving.

Respectfully, submitted.

Sam H. Heergis

co, D 2nd Ark, Mounted Rifleman.

Ada, Okla.

Subscribed and sworn to before me a Notary Public, This the
24th. day of Dec. 1921.

My Com. Exp. Aug. 11 1923

Vigil Harris
Notary Public.

P-3928

Ardmore, Okla

Oct 15-1924

Pension Commissioner,
Okla., City, Okla.

Sir:-

Mrs Letic Shears
passed away Aug
25-1924.

I thank you very
kindly for the
warrant sent-

I am,

Mrs W. L. Couch

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QUARTERLY CLAIM BLANK

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

COMMISSIONER OF PENSIONS
OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA
DEPARTMENT NO. 69

Pension No. 3928

LUTIE A SHEARS
604 D AVE NW
ARDMORE OKLA

In Account with

P. O. Address

Filed.....

Amt. Claimed

For quarter ending.....

DEC 31 1924

\$75.00

Deceased

The State Auditor is hereby authorized to deliver warrant issued in payment of his claim to the Commissioner of Pensions, and he 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.....

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

