4176

FORM B-1

No. A.....

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 Pittsburg, 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? Alice B. Griffin
   Give your first name, your middle initial and your surname.
2. What is your post office address McAlester, Oklahoma
3. What is your street, route or box number? Box 543
4. Are you an actual resident of the State of Oklahoma? Yes. Of what county? Pittsburg
5. How long have you lived in the State of Oklahoma continuously? Nearly twenty (20) years
6. Where were you born? Lexington, Holmes Co. Mississippi. What is your age? 68 yrs.
7. Have you ever applied for a pension anywhere? No. Where? No. When? No.
8. If so, were you granted a pension? — If not, why not? —
9. Do you receive any income from any source whatever? No. If so, state amount thereof
   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.) Yes.

11 If so, give value of said property over and above all encumbrance Real estate, my say property could not sell for more than $1000.00. It is my little home in North McAlester.

12 What is your physical condition? Feeble. Are you able to work? No. Only my household work.

13 What occupation are you engaged in? None. Only housekeeper

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? Benjamin Franklin Griffin

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? Aug. 4th 1868. Where? Lexington, Miss.

20 When did he die? October 5th 1903. Where? In asylum Washington, D.C.

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? Enlisted Company A, 11th Miss. Regiment.

23 In what state was his command organized or from what state did he enlist? Enlisted at Oxford, Miss.

24 When did he enlist? First yr. of war. Where Oxford, Miss. How long did he serve? 4 years.

25 What was the name or letter of his company, battery or ship? Enlisted Co. A, 11th Miss. Inf.

26 State the name and number of his regiment or battalion. Enlisted Co. A, 11th Miss. Inf.

27 To what other commands if any was he ever transferred? Was transferred to Co. A, 28th Miss. Cavalry.

28 If possible, state the names and rank of his officers. Enlisted with Capt. Lowry, who was afterwards Gov. of Miss.

29 How was he released from the Confederate service? (Captured, paroled or honorably discharged?) At time of surrender was under Colonel McBee of 28th Miss. Cavalry. Was honorably discharged

When? In April 1865 Where? Gainesville, Ala.

30 Was he a commissioned officer? No. State rank and date of his commission. Private.

31 Was he detailed for special service in an armory or shop for the maintenance of the army or navy? State fully. No. Served as soldier and at time of discharge was in Armstrong's Brigade of Jackson's Division.

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

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Alice S. Griffin
Applicant sign here, first name, middle initial and surname

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 19th day of February A. D., 1920

A. W. Rutledge
Signature and title of officer.

My commission expires Jan. 17, 1923.

(SEAL) Notary Public Pittsburg 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 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 Pittsburg, ss:

Before me A. W. Rutledge in and for said county and state, on this 19th
County Judge, Notary Public or Justice of the Peace.
day of February 1920, personally appeared Edward P. Hice whose address is McAlester, Okla., and Jorthel Watson whose address is McAlester, Okla., who are personally known to me to be credible citizens, who by me being duly sworn, each for himself deposeth 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 Five years or more 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 19th DAY OF February A. D. 1920.

A. W. Rutledge
Notary Public
In and for said County and State.
(SEAL)

Edward P. Hice
Jorthel Watson
SIGNATURES OF TWO WITNESSES

My commission expires Jan. 17-1923 191....

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 deposeth 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.....

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In and for said County and State.
(SEAL)

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(SIGNATURES OF TWO WITNESSES)

My commission expires .....191.....

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.

Form B-1 No. A 4176

Application for Pension for Widow of Confederate Soldier or Sailor.

DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE

Mrs. Alice G. Griffin

P. O. McAlester Okla

St., R., Bx. No. Box 543

Filed in Pension Office FEB 23 1920

Disallowed .....

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Allowed Feby 23rd 1920 No. P 3300

Allowed from Jany 1st 20 Amt. $..... per month. Class.....

Reconsidered .....and .....allowed

From .....Amt. $..... No. P.....

R. A. Speed
Commissioner.

THIS SPACE BELOW FOR USE OF COUNTY JUDGE ONLY.

State of Oklahoma, County of Pittsburg

Filed in the office of the County Judge of said county and state this 21st day of Feby 1920.

It is hereby recommended that the within named applicant for pension be granted a pension,
Granted—refused

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S. F. Brown
(SEAL) County Judge.

THIS APPLICATION MUST BE FILED WITH AND APPROVED BY THE COUNTY JUDGE OF THE COUNTY WHEREIN THE APPLICANT RESIDES.

U S FEB 24 1920

LPA 10 St.

WAR DEPARTMENT,

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

WASHINGTON, Mch. 1. 1920

Respectfully returned to Pen. Comm
State of Okla
Oklahoma City

with the information that Benjamin F. Griffin not borne B. F. Pvt Co. A 11, Miss Inf. C. S. A enlisted May 13. 1861 and appears on roll for Mch & Apr. 1862 last on which borne, as present
B. F. Griffin, Pvt. & Sgt. Co A 28 Regt. Miss. Cav. C. S. A enlisted Sept. 23. 1862 and appears on roll for Mch. & Apr. 1865, last on file, as present.
Union Prisoner of War records show that he was paroled at Gainesville, Ala. May 12, 1865.

H C Hans
The Adjutant General.

Per

Form No. 160-2—A. G. O.
Ed. July 23-19—20,000.

Office Of

THE PENSION COMMISSIONER

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

Oklahoma City. FEB 24 1920

No. A._____

Hon. 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:-- B. F. Griffin

Company:- A. 11th Miss Infty Regt. Transfered to Co. A, 28th Miss Cavly. Enlisted 1861, discharged 1865, at Gainesville Ala.

Respectfully,

R. A. Gilbert

Commissioner of Pensions

Benj A
28 Miss L. Cav.

22 Received AG.O FEB 28 1920

my husband Benjamin Franklin Griffin
enlisted at the beginning of the Civil
war at Oxford Miss in "University
Grays" Copt A 11th Mississippi
regiment Capt Lowry Infantry
served 1 year in Virginia
where he was severely wounded
in some hard-fought battle & carried
to a hospital in Richmond
Va where he lay for sometime
and after his recovery was trans
fered to Copt A 28th Mississippi
Calvary. Armstrongs Brigade Jackson's
Division some of his officers were Col McKee
Capt Henry Ray & 1st Lieut Frank Wyatt
under whom he served the remainder
of the war till his command surrendered
at Gainesville Ala in 1865
My husband Benjamen Franklin Griffin
had preserved all his papers pertaining to
the four yrs of his service in the Civil
War till they were lost in a fire which
consumed our home in 1874

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~~, Mississippi

County of Holmes

Before me, J. R. Weeks

Circuit Clerk ~~County Judge~~ of Holmes County of ~~Oklahoma~~ Mississippi on this day personally appeared

Baxter Wilson and F. W. Eakin

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)

We the undersigned witnesses served in the same Company with Benjamine Franklin Griffin and know that he made a good and faithful soldier and that he surrendered with us at Gainsville Ala. in April 1865

(Signature of Witness) Baxter Wilson

(Signature of Witness) F. W. Eakin

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 6th day of March A. D. 1916

I hereby certify that is no County Judge in this County

J. R. Weeks

(SEAL) ~~County Judge~~, Circuit Clerk

Holmes County, ~~Okla.~~ Mississippi

P-3300
A-4176

McAlester Jan 15th 1923

Commissioner of Pensions

This being late in Jan & having heard nothing of the pension I have been receiving as widow of a confederate veteran will you kindly investigate the oversight as I have never had any trouble before.

No of Pension is 13655

No of claim issued 106105 - to Alice E Griffin

McAlester Okla

Box 543

McAlester Ok Jan 15th 1928

Col K A Sneed Secretary of State

As this is Jan 15th & I've not received my pension due Jan 1st & you being the retiring commissioner of Pensions & a old confederate veteran & Mississian as my husband was will you kindly investigate the reason that I do not get the pension granted me as widow of a confederate veteran who served through all the civil war. I've been getting $10 per month for over two yrs till I missed this last payment & will greatly appreciate any help you may be able to give

Rspt Alice E Griffin
McAlester
Okla

B04543

OKLAHOMA CITY
AUG 10
3 PM
1935
OKLA.

BUY U.S. SAVINGS
BONDS
ASK YOUR POSTMASTER

THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

3300

P-3300 Alice G. Griffin
Box 543
McAlester, Oklahoma

Duplicate
mid. 8-13-35

Reg letter
July 2-1935
Reg # 24

PENSION DEPT., OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA., August 9, 1935

P. 3300 ; (NAME) Alice G. Griffin

We have not received pension claim of above named pensioner for quarter ended ~~Sept. 30, 1935~~ and pension warrant cannot be issued until this is returned.

If the pensioner is dead, the family should advise us EXACT DATE OF DEATH so that we may close our records in this case.

~~Warrant for preceding quarter has been returned to us and family is entitled to receive this warrant.~~ PLEASE ANSWER AT ONCE, ALSO RETURN THIS CARD WITH YOUR REPLY.

Lutie Hailey Walcott
Secretary.

P-3300

Form 3849
10-19-27

United States Post Office

NOTICE OF ARRIVAL OF REGISTERED MAIL

(If delivery is restricted to addressee, postmaster must check Item 1 in Instructions below)

M Pension Commnr.

The registered mail described below awaits delivery at post office or station named in postmark. (Carefully note "Instructions" printed below.)

Postmark of delivery office or station. To be written or stamped in when not postmarked.

Oklahoma City Sta. Oklahoma
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1934
REGISTERED

ARTICLES NOS. (Draw lines through spaces not used)

1079				

Received the above-described registered mail.

Date

Delivered by

Identified by

Return Receipt Requested
Fee Paid

Name or signature of addressee. When *desk delivery* is made to a person *known to be* the authorized agent of addressee, this space need not be filled in, if addressee's name was placed at top of notice at time of issue.

c5—6741

(Signature of person signing receipt, if other than addressee)

INSTRUCTIONS.—*If your mail is not customarily delivered by carrier*, you should call or send an authorized representative for the article promptly. *If your mail is customarily delivered by carrier*, he will bring the article out on next trip *unless* Item 2 below is checked indicating that you must call for the article, or unless you voluntarily call in the meantime. If you desire the article forwarded, returned as refused, or delivered to an authorized representative, fill out order on reverse side.

☐ (1) Can be delivered only to addressee in person. ☐ (2) Must be called for at post office or station named in postmark. ☐ (3) Call for article at post office or station, or meet carrier at rural box.

POSTMASTER.

The order below affects the article or articles described on the face of this slip only, and should be filled in if delivery to another person is desired (this can not be done where delivery has been restricted to the addressee) or in case of forwarding or returning to another office.

POSTMASTER: DATE _____, 19____

* Deliver
* Forward } the mail described on the other side of this card to
* Return

* Cross out words not applicable.

_____

(Name of person to whom delivery is to be made, or name of post office. State, and local address, where mail is to be forwarded or returned)

I verify signature to this Order

_____ _____

(Signature)

Additional postage required to forward _____ cents. (Amount to be filled in by postmaster when the notice is sent to another post office.)

OFFICE RECORD OF DISPOSITION WHEN DELIVERY CAN NOT BE EFFECTED

Forwarded to addressee at _____ Date _____

(Full address of addressee)

Returned to sender at _____ Date _____

(Full address of sender)

Reason for nondelivery: ☐ Unclaimed ☐ Refused ☐ Not found ☐ Removed

_____

(Name of sender)

c5—6741 U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE: 1932

McAlester, Okla
Aug. 12th 1935

Lutie Bailey Walcott
Oklahoma City Okla.

This pension claim was registered no 24. on July 2nd at McAlester.

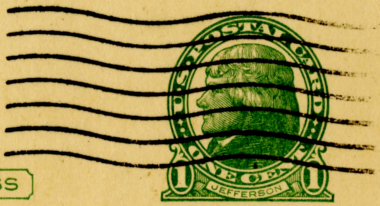
Please mail duplicate claim and I will sign and return at once.

P. 3300 Alice G. Griffin
by daughter (Mrs R. D. Webster)

Inclosed find postal card please receipt for this letter.

OKLAHOMA CITY
AUG 10
4 PM
1936
OKLA.

THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS



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Lutie H. Walcott
Secretary.

P-3300

Luther H Walcott.
Pension Dept
Okla City
Okla

Aug 11-1936

Dear Madam.

We have your signature on return register receipt Dated July 9-1936 #68 for Pension Claim ending Sept 30 1936 for Mrs Alice D. Griffin of McAlester Okla. #P 3300

Mrs R. D. Webster
Daughter

Please return this Postal card so that I will know you received this letter.

Mailed Duplicate Claim
8-13-1936

J. F. GRIFFIN C. S. SPRINGER

GRIFFIN-SPRINGER COMPANY

HARDWARE

GENERAL SALES AGENTS

McCORMICK-DEERING FARM OPERATING EQUIPMENT

McALESTER, OKLAHOMA

April 1st 38

Commissioner of Confederate Pensins
Capital Building, Room 543
Oklahoma City. Okla.
Dear Sirs:-

In Re: 3300 Alice G.Griffin

I have the warrant No.103387, Confed. Pens. Com'r made to Alice G.Griffin, my mother, who passed away during the last month. March

County Judge Wm. Jones Jr. advised me to write to you to see if the check ~~to~~ could be re-issued or authority be given to me to cash the check. as he could not find any statue that seem to apply to the Confederate Pension Check issued after the death of person to whom it was issued.

Kindly advise as early as convenient, as I would like to pay the expenses and clean up same with as little expense as possible.

Very truly

J. F. Griffin

P. 3300

R. Pl. Cd Cl. Lt. cage

April 2, 1938

Mr. J. F. Griffin,
McAlester, Okla.,

Re: P-3300
Alice G. Griffin.

Dear Sir:

Your letter received in regard to the warrant for Alice G. Griffin,

Sign her name by you , as son with two witnesses and the bank will cash it and you can use it on the funeral expenses, had we known of this before, instructions would have been sent with the warrant.

We are sorry to lose her name from our roll and she will be missed, the office extends sympathy to you and family.

Yours truly,

John W. Harris, Commissioner
By,

Secretary.

Foss, Oklahoma. Oct. 12th, 1922.

Pension Commissioner,
Oklahoma City, Okla.

Daar Sir;

For the past three years I have only been drawing my regular allowance of $10.00 per month.

During the past three years on account of the hard years and sickness I have been falling behind and have went behind about $350.00

I have been absolutely without other income except my pension because I am not able to work or earn anything from my own efforts.

I would be glad to have you look up my record and take into consideration my age and my small income and see if you cant get my pension increased and allow me some back pay.

Yours very truly,

B G Foss

Foss, Okla. R F D # 4.

P. 3301.
a-4177 & 3
Age
Class "6"
Sent 10-12-22

October 12, 1922.

Mr. B. G. Royse,
R-4, Foss, Okla.

Dear Mr. Royse:

I inclose herein application for Class A pension, and am sorry you have not applied for this at an earlier date, for we cannot pay increased pensions back of date of quarter during which the Class A application is filed in our office. Your pension payments for previous quarters are shown as already paid and it would be impossible to go back and pay additional amounts on back quarters.

We wrote you in June 1919 to make application for the increase when you felt you should have had it, but you failed to do so, and now we cannot go back and make the back payments. We wrote a circular letter to every Class B pensioner asking that all pensioners over 76 years of age who felt they belonged in Class A to forward us their applications. I am very sorry indeed that you did not comply, but this is the best we can now do.

With best wishes, I remain,

Very truly yours,

Secretary.

R-3301

Widow

Foss Okla
Apr 30-28

Pension Dept.
Dear Sir.
Owing to the death of B. G. Royse Apr 24, would like for you to transfer Pension to Mrs B. G. Royse, or please advise me what to do to have it transferred

Yours truly
Mrs. B. G. Royse
Foss, Okla

R Pl Cl ~~Claim~~

P-3301

May 2, 1928.

Widow

P-3301

Mrs. B. G. Royse,
Foss, Oklahoma.

Dear Mrs. Royse:

Your letter just received and I want to tell you how sorry we are to hear of your husband's death. You do certainly have our sympathy.

You will find enclosed a blank which you should fill out carefully, except where crossed off in red, have approved by your County Judge and returned to us at once. If you are in every way eligible to this pension, as no doubt you are, your name will be put on our roll on receipt of your application, you will be given a pension number and claim blank for this present quarter will be sent you. Mr. Royse had signed his claim for this quarter, but we will file it and issue the pension in your name instead.

Again expressing our sympathy, I am

Sincerely yours,

Clerk.

Encl.

R Pl Cd