

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

THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA, }
County of Pushmataha }

I, W. J. Baker

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 about May 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? 73 years
2. Where were you born? Miss.
3. How long have you resided in Oklahoma? 25 years
4. In what county do you reside? Pushmataha
5. What is your postoffice address? Antlers, Okla.

6. Have you applied for a pension under the Confederate Pension Law and been rejected? If rejected, state when and where No.
7. What is your occupation, if able to engage in one? not able
8. What is your physical condition? Health bad and 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 4 years, enlisted first of the war and was discharged at the end
11. What was the letter of your Company, number of Regiment, Battalion or Battery Company F, Bell's Regiment, Fagan's Brigade
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? Infantry
14. If commissioned direct by the President, what was your rank and line of duty?
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? Do not own any home
17. What is the assessed value of your other property? no property of any description
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 Pushmataha }

Before me L. P. Davenport

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

of Pushmataha County, State of Oklahoma, on this day personally appeared P. W. Hudson and C. A. Hurd

known to me to be credible citizens, who, being by me duly sworn, on oath state that they personally know W. J. Baker

the above named applicant for a pension, and that they personally know that the said W. J. Baker

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) *P. W. Hudson*

(Signature of Witness) *E. A. Hurd*

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 5th day of June A. D. 1915

J. P. Gaueport

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

(SEAL)

AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESSES

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THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA, }
County of Pontatoe }

Before me, *Leath Stallings* a Notary Public
County Judge of Pontatoe County, State of Oklahoma, on this day personally appeared A. J. Ollar

known to me to be credible citizens, who, being by me duly sworn, on oath state that they are personally acquainted with the said ~~W. J. Baker~~ *A. J. Ollar*
W. J. Baker

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

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

(Signature of Witness) *A. J. Ollar* his
R. L. Donaghy mark

(Signature of Witness) -----

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 8th day of July A. D. 1915

Leath Stallings
Notary Public, County Judge,
Pontatoe County, Okla.

(SEAL)

Form A No. 83

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

Name of Applicant

W. J. Baker
Adair County

Postoffice *Putnam*

Filed JUL 19 1915

Approved JUL 8 - 1916

\$250

Amt. of Pension allowed

Pension allowed from JUL 1 - 1916

Rejected OCT 7 1915

~~JAN 9 - 1910~~
Eligible No. 61 Chairman.

WARDEN COMPANY, OKLAHOMA CITY

PENSION 1144

WAR DEPARTMENT,

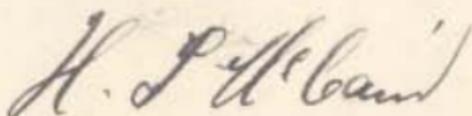
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

WASHINGTON. July 23, 1915.

Respectfully returned to the

Chairman, Oklahoma Board of Pension
Commissioners, Oklahoma City.

The records show that W. J. Baker,
private, Company F, 37th (also known
as Bell's) Regiment Arkansas Infan-
try, C.S.A., enlisted May 8, 1863.
On roll covering period from De-
cember 31, 1863, to February 29,
1864, last on file, he was reported
absent in hospital at Little
Rock from August 20, 1863. No
further record 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:

W. J. Baker,

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 F,
Regiment Bell's Reg Ark Inft.
Vol. C. S. A., and to have been _____

Please give us the record of this soldier.

Respectfully,

Wm D. Matthews

Chairman.

ATTEST:

W. L. Clark

Secretary.

Received A.G.S.

JUL 22 1915

Rec'd
12-13-15

State of Oklahoma

County of Pontotoc

I, A. J. ^{Allah}~~Allen~~, of lawful age, being first duly sworn, on oath state:
That I reside at Allen, Oklahoma; I am acquainted with William J. Baker;
He enlisted in the Confederate army as a private in Captain Smith's Com-
pany of Infantry, Company F, Col. Bell's Regiment, Col. Fagan's Brigade,
at Arkadelphia, Arkansas, in May, 1861, and was paroled at Benton, Ark-
ansas, in May, 1865. We were enlisted together.

A. J. Allah ^{his} ~~mark~~

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 8th day of Dec 1915.

Witness to A. J. Allah
mark
mm white head
Mrs Donoyle

Luther Stallings
Natany P. Allen

My Commission Expires Sept. 13, 1917

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Aulten OCSa -

Dec 19 495

Hon W D Motkew

Murkum City

Dear Sir

Mr W J Baker an applicant for pension has

tried to find but the only one of his old comrades whom
whom applicant is known to

Mr Baker has been in this county a long time

and belongs to our Cause at this place

there are witnesses of the truthness of his

claim - and have always taken him as

a Confederate - We have other information

as to his services in the Confederate Army

Very truly

W J Locke

M M Parsons Camp

Aulten OCSa

age 78.

a-83.

W. G. LONG
COUNTY JUDGE
MURRAY COUNTY

SULPHUR, OKLAHOMA

4-18-1921

My Dear Cal Smedley H. J. Baker,

Please send this old
Sullivan with claim to Pooler
as he is going there to live B. 166

with daughter. With best wishes
for you & family and office
fare I am very truly

W. G. Long

P. 1144.

5/20
K.P.

THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS



Family of -
W. J. Baker -
B. 166 -
Pawli - Okla.

If dead - please give date of death and family will receive last warrant for apply -
P. 1144 ^{my funeral expenses} Pension Office, Oklahoma City, Okla.

AUG 16 1921 1921

Dear Mr. [unclear]
Why have you not sent in your claim for quarter ending last warrant returned here

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

Answer.

Walter Roberts
Commissioner.
W.R.

P 1144

PLEASE RETURN THIS CARD WITH YOUR REPLY.

Paoli Okla

Aug 17. 21

Pension Commissioner
Oklahoma City Okla

Dear Sir

I am writing you
in regards to W. J. Bakers
last quarterly claim
which he filled out
properly and sent
in on due time.
All so an extrey blank
from Dr Pander of
Sylphur Okla who
claimed he was entitled
to some extrey money
being inable to work
and in bed most of
the time. Please advise
what steps to take
W. J. Baker
By J. B. Watson.

August 18, 1921.

Mr. W. J. Baker,
c/o J. H. Watson,
Paoli, Okla.

Dear Sir:-

In reply to your letter of 17th instant, I beg to advise that your claim for June quarter was promptly received here, in which you gave your address as "Box 166, Paoli", and warrant for increased pension, Class A., upon recommendation of Dr. Ponder of Sulphur, was mailed to you under date of July 13th, but was returned here from your post office marked "Moved, left no address".

I have written several cards both to Paoli and to Sulphur trying to locate you since, but have received no reply up to this date when your letter of 17th reached me.

I am again forwarding you the June warrant with your September claim, but you should notify your postmaster when you change your address, then you would get your mail. Otherwise it is impossible for either his office or ours to keep up with you.

Please return your September claim promptly.

Your family should notify this office at any time you fail to return your claim, giving reason why you do not return same.

Respectfully,

Secretary.

P-1144

R R card

widow's appli sent
1-7-25

Paoli Okla

Jan. 6 1925

Pension Commissioner
Oklahoma City Okla
Dear Sir.

I am writing
you in regards to
Mr W. J. Baker he
died Dec 16. and ^{his} wife
wants to know what
to do about the
check whether to
return it and have
it made to her or
not and whether
she is entitled to
any pension from
now on or not

hoping to hear
from you I remain
yours

Truly
J. H. Watson.

QUARTERLY CLAIM BLANK

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

COMMISSIONER OF PENSIONS
OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA
DEPARTMENT NO. 69

PENSION NO.

In Account with 1144 W J BAKER

P. O. Address

B-166
PAOLI OKLA

Filed -----

For quarter ending MAR 31 1925 -----

Amt. Claimed

\$75.00

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, 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

