

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

THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA, }
County of Sequoyah }

I, J.M. Pollard

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 November 1861 enlisted and discharged in
May 1865 , war being over

(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? in Fata County, Ga.
3. How long have you resided in Oklahoma? 23 years
4. In what county do you reside? Sequoyah County
5. What is your postoffice address? Sallisaw, Oklahoma

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? No

8. What is your physical condition? very ~~feeble~~ feeble also blind

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

10. How long did you serve; give, if possible, the date of enlistment and discharge November 1861 to May 1865

11. What was the letter of your Company, number of Regiment, Battalion or Battery Company G, 40th Georgia Regiment of Infantry

12. If transferred from one command to another, give time of transfer, name of command and time of service not transferred

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? Have a home worth about \$500.00

17. What is the assessed value of your other property? just the home

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

*Witness to map
James W. [unclear]
Fred [unclear]*

J. M. Pallard

AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESSES

*Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 26th day of July 1913
L. C. Monabb
County Judge*

THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA,

County of Sequoyah

Before me L. C. Monabb

(County Judge, Notary Public, Justice of Peace)

of Sequoyah County, State of Oklahoma, on this day personally appeared Billie Smallwood & Bill Ridgeway

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

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

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

W. S. BROOKS

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

(Signature of Witness) Belle Smallwood

(Signature of Witness) Bill Ridgway

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 26th day of July A. D. 1915

J. C. McNabb
(County Judge, Notary Public, or Justice of Peace)

(SEAL)

AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESSES

NOTE—There must be at least two credible witnesses.

THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA, }
County of Sequoyah }

Before me, J. C. McNabb

County Judge of Sequoyah County, State of Oklahoma, on this day personally appeared J. N. Gober

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

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. N. Gober

further make oath to the following facts touching the applicant's service in the Confederate Army (state fully your source of knowledge): I was a boy and J. M.

Pollard lived in the same house with our family when the war broke out and he enlisted in the army and his wife remained at our home until the war was over and then Mr. Pollard returned to his wife and our home. I know of my own personal knowledge that he enlisted in the confederate army and have seen many letters he wrote to his wife during the war, telling of his whereabouts and fights and marches and hardships endured. He told in these letters many experiences that I know could not occurred unless he had been in the active service.

(Signature of Witness) _____

(Signature of Witness) _____

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 26th day of July A. D. 1915

J. N. Gober
County Judge,
Sequoyah County, Okla.

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Form A No. **2043**

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

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Name of Applicant ..

J. M. Pollard

Sevier County

Postoffice Millerton

Filed 7-27-15

*Reconsidered and
Approved July 27 1920*

Amt. of Pension allowed _____

Pension allowed from July 17 1919

Rejected SEP 7 1919 5-2-17

Wm. S. Matthews

Chairman.

Chief of Service Inspect

WARDEN COMPANY, OKLAHOMA CITY

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July 22, 1920.

Mr. W. B. Wall,
Sallisaw, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

I am glad to receive your letter of 19th instant in regard to Comrade J. H. Pollard, whose application was filed in this office July 27, 1915.

The war record of this comrade is good, and it is not only a duty to reconsider his case, but a pleasure to grant his application for a pension, which will be dated from July 1st, 1919.

Proper papers for his signature are being mailed to him to-day.

I want to thank you for the interest you have manifested in behalf of this old veteran, for they deserve all the help we are able to bestow upon them while they are with us.

With best wishes, I am,

Yours truly,

Commander.

WAR DEPARTMENT,

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

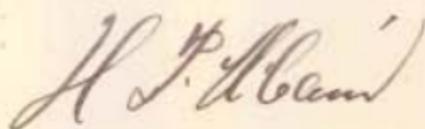
WASHINGTON, August 3, 1915.

Respectfully returned to the

Chairman,

Oklahoma Board of
Pension Commissioners,
Oklahoma City.

The records show that J.M.Pollard (also borne as James M.Pollard and as J. Pollard), private, Company G (not found as of Company D). 40th Reg't Georgia Infantry, C.S.A., enlisted March 4, 1862, and that he was captured July 4 and paroled July 6, 1863, at Vicksburg, Miss. On the company roll for November and December, 1863, last on file, he was reported absent, sick. No further 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.

2043

DEAR SIR:

----- J. M. Pollard, -----

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 D -----

Regiment 40th Ga 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.O.

AUG 1 1915

GENERAL MERCHANDISE

SHIPPING POINT: TEMPLE, GA.



DRAKETOWN, GA., July 20 1915

To Whom it may concern:

This is to certify that
 J. M. Pollard enlisted in 1862
 in Co. G, 40th Ga. Regiment.
 I was orderly sergeant of
 that Co.

H. A. Brooks,

Sworn to and subscribed to
 before me this 20th day of
 July 1915.

H. A. Brooks

H. P. Slipp
 Secy and for Hardware Co., Ga.

McNABB & WALL

LAWYERS

SALLISAW, OKLA.

July 19, 1920.

Board of Pension Commissioners,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Gentlemen:

I write to inquire what the status is of the application for Confederate Pension of Jerry Pollard of this county.

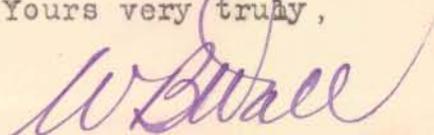
This old man, if I remember correctly has made every effort possible to make proof from affidavits of his comrades, but it seems that they are all dead. I think the records at Washington failed to show anything further than that he was present at the fall of Vicksburg. He himself says that he was duly paroled after the war, that he did not desert, that he did not allow himself to be wheedled and bluffed into enlisting in the Union army for western service etc.

The old man is totally blind, and has been for many years. While he is in desperate need of the financial assistance, it is the denial of recognition that seems to obsess his mind, and hurt him most. I, while County Judge, have talked with him many times about the war, and he shows by every act and word that he was loyal to the end. I personally made every effort to get up the proof, under the old law requiring affidavits of two comrades, but was unable to do so; and I believe a reconsideration of his application under the records of the Government will entitle him to the pension.

Please let me hear from you by return mail, and if possible let me say that his name will be placed on the roll at the next meeting of the board.

Yours very truly,

JUL 22 1920



W. B. WALL
COUNTY JUDGE

A. 2043 Insufficient Proof

Office of
County Judge, Sequoyah County
Sallisaw, Oklahoma

July 13, 1916.

Board Pension Commissioners,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Gentlemen:

Enclosed please find the application of Thomas Howell for Confederate pension.

This application blank has been in the hands of the applicant for a long time, and he has just been able to get the affidavits of his service in the cause of the Confederacy; which accounts for the use of the old form.

Please advise me whether you have the application of a soldier by the name of Pollard from this county, and if so, what the status of his application is.

I need some blanks both for soldiers and widows.

Yours very truly,
W. B. Wall
County Judge.

December 24,

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Hon. W. B. Wall,
Sallisaw, Okla.

Dear Sir:-

In replying to yours of recent date, making inquiry as to the application of C. M. Dover, who gives his Post Office as Howe, Okla. I will state that his application was rejected at a meeting of the Board on October 7th on the ground of insufficient proof of service. On the 22nd of Oct. there was mailed to him at Howe, Oklahoma a notice stating why his application was rejected. He did not furnish any proof at all, says that he knows no witnesses.

The record received at this office from the War department at Washington, brings him down to July 8, 1863 at Vicksburg, Miss. where he was paroled. There is no later record of him on the file at Washington.

As to J. M. Pollard, whose Post Office is Sallisaw, he has the affidavit of one W. H. Brooks, of Drake-town Georgia, who states that he enlisted in 1862 in Co. G. of Georgia regiment and was always Sargent of that Company.

C. M. Dover makes statement and signed it himself where the County Judge of Sequoyah county should have signed. There is no affidavits attached to the Dover statement.

Stated on the record received from the Adj. Gen. Office at Washington, that he was captured and paroled at Vicksburg, Miss. July 2, 1863. The last report of him at Washington, was December 1863, he was reported absent sick.

The Law requires that the proof of service, in each case, shall be made by two credible witnesses giving time and place and how they got out of the army, whether discharged, paroled or disbanded. There is no evidence of this kind on either one of these two applications.

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As to A. J. Barrett, of Akins, Okla. we have no application on file here for him. If he ever made out an application it has never reached this office for e for every one of the 3071 applications received here are on file and we have a perfect filing system in the office. We haven't anything on file, because every scratch of pen or pencil that comes into this office relative to any one of these applications has the same file number as the application and it is no trouble to locate any paper in the office.

I notice what you say in your desiring to cooperate with us, which we appreciate.

I call your attention to the circular letter sent out from this office a short while back, in regard to requiring an itemized statement of all property and effects of every one who makes a new application or additional affidavits to perfect those that are on file. We have been imposed on in several instances, and no application will be considered without the itemized statement of all property and effects, household goods and wearing apparel not included, be given.

Very truly yours,

WDM:B

CHAIRMAN.

Office of

J. M. Pollard a-2043 County Judge, Sequoyah County
C. M. Dover a-479

Sallisaw, Oklahoma

December
16
1915

Board of Pension Commissioners,
Oklahoma City, Ok.

Gentlemen:

Judge L. C. McNabb resigned on the 15 of last month, and I was appointed to fill his unexpired term. Therefore, I am somewhat unacquainted with what has been done from this office with reference to the federal pensions.

Mr. C. M. Dover of Maple, Oklahoma, says that he belonged to the 34th Georgia regiment, Company A, but for some reason his pension was not allowed. His application was sent in from LeFlore County.

Mr. A. J. Barrett, Akins, Ok. 5th Tenn. regiment also desires information as why his pension was not allowed. Mr. J. M. Pollard, Company G. 40th Georgia regiment, desires the same information.

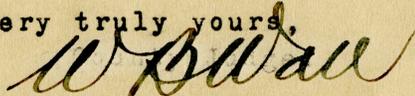
A great many of the old soldiers whose pensions have been allowed, have asked me for claim blanks; but I have not been able to find any since I took charge of this office. Please forward some to me at your very earliest convenience in order that I may see them and help them fill out their blanks before the January meeting of your body.

Please tell me whether or not you pass upon applications for pensions at any meeting; and when you will next meet for that purpose.

I assure you that it is my desire to co-operate with you in every respect possible, and to this end, I should be glad to receive all supplies necessary.

Thanking you for an early reply, I am

Very truly yours,



County Judge.

July 15, 1916.

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Honorable W. B. Wall,
SALLISAW, OKLAHOMA.

P. 3451

Dear Judge:--

Your letter of July 13th with the application of Thomas Howell for a pension received this morning, and I wish to state that his application has been duly filed and will be considered at the next meeting of the Board.

In regard to Mr. J. M. Pollard's application for a pension will say that it was filed in this office on July 27th, 1915. On October 7th at a meeting of the Board of Pension Commissioners the same was rejected on account of insufficient proof of service. The record received from the War Department at Washington say he was paroled at Vicksburg, Mississippi, July 6th, 1863, and nothing later was found after. November 1863 he was reported absent. W. H. Brooks makes affidavit as follows:

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:-- This is to certify that J. M. Pollard enlisted in 1862 in Company G, 40th Georgia regiment. Was only Sergeant of that Company. J. N. Gober makes affidavit that he was a little boy and he remembers that Pollard came to his home. As you understand, Judge, the law requires that this proof must be made by two creditable citizens who have personal knowledge of the fact, and we have no evidence. He simply states on the application that he was discharged at the close of war, 1865. He was notified on about October 22nd of this from this office of the action taken by the Board on October 7th and we have heard nothing from him since.

Very truly yours,

WDM-S

C H A I R M A N.

April 21, 1922.

Mr. T. P. Pollard,
Akins, Okla.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of note advising of the death of Comrade J. M. Pollard, but you have failed to give us EXACT DATE OF DEATH so that we may be able to close our records in his case.

It is our custom where there is no widow surviving the pensioner to permit the family of deceased pensioner to use the last warrant due him toward defraying funeral expenses of the pensioner. If there is a widow, she is entitled to receive this warrant and to file her own application for a pension.

If not, you may indorse the inclosed warrant as follows:-

"J. M. Pollard,

by T. P. Pollard, son"

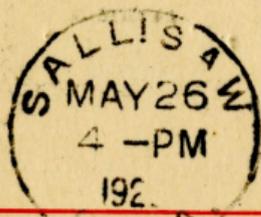
and have two witnesses indorse with you, and your banker will cash for her.

Will you kindly advise us on inclosed post card the EXACT DATE OF DEATH of Mr. Pollard, so that we may be able to close his record?

With assurance of my sincere sympathy with you and your family in your loss of this old hero of 1861-5, I remain,

Very truly yours,

Commissioner.



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

CONFEDERATE PENSION DEPT.,

ROOM 543, CAPITOL BLDG.,

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA.

P. 3451: J. M. Pollard:

Akins, - Okla. _____ 1922.

Date of death of above pensioner was-

Death January 20 _____ 1922.

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R.C.

T. P. POLLARD.

He has no wife: I approach you friends
and sincerely with no children I
remain as your Resettful J. P. Pollard

Akins - Abba

Mr. G. M. Pollard
is Dead.

From B. P. Pollard.

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a. 2043. ✓
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