

APPLICATION FOR PENSION

How Made; What to Contain; Description of Disabilities; Oath Prescribed

Form No. 1 For \$125.00

Application of Indigent Soldier or Sailor of the Late Confederacy, under Chapter 102, Code of 1906 as amended by Laws of April 5th, 1909, Chapter 257, and Laws of March 24th, 1916, Chapter 199.

Applications must be filed in duplicate with the Chancery Clerk on or before the first Monday in September of the year in which application is first filed, and no application will be entertained not on the printed form.

Applicant must make answer to all of the following questions.

- Q. What is your name? Answer *J. T. Birmingham*
- Q. What is your age? Answer *77*
- Q. In what county do you reside? Answer *De Soto*
- Q. What is the name of your postoffice? Answer *Oliver Branch, Miss*
- Q. Are you a bona fide resident of the State of Mississippi? Answer *Yes*
- Q. How long have you been a bona fide resident of Mississippi? Answer *70 years*
- Q. Are you married or unmarried? Answer *Widower*
- Q. In what State and County did you reside when you enlisted in the service of the Confederate States? Answer *De Soto County - State of Miss*
- Q. What was the date of your enlistment? Answer *Spring of 1862*
- Q. What was the number of the regiment or name of the vessel in which you first enlisted? Answer *18th Miss Cavalry*
- Q. The name of its commander? Answer *Col - Alex Chambers*
- Q. Letter of designation of the company in which you enlisted? Answer *"D"*
- Q. The name of its captain? Answer *Capt Wallace*
- Q. The length of time which you served in the above company or regiment? Answer *from 1862 to 17th Dec 1864*
- Q. Were you ever discharged or transferred from the above commands? Answer *No*
- Q. If so, give the date of discharge or transfer? Answer *_____*
- Q. If discharged, on what grounds? Answer *_____*
- Q. If transferred, to what command? Answer *_____*
- Q. Did you enlist the second time in the Confederate service? Answer *_____*
- Q. If so, into what regiment or Company? Answer *_____*
- Q. Were you discharged from this command before the surrender in 1865? Answer *No*
- Q. If so, for what cause? Answer *Captured Dec. 17th 1864*
- Q. Were you ever wounded while in actual service? Answer *Yes*
- Q. Give date on which you received your wound? Answer *Summer of 1863*
- Q. At what place were you wounded? Answer *Near Columbus, Miss*
- Q. What was the number of the regiment or the name of the vessel in which you were serving when the wound was received? Answer *18th Miss Cavalry*
- Q. The name of the commander? Answer *Same as above*
- Q. Letter of designation of the company in which you were serving when you received the wound? Answer *Company "D"*
- Q. The name of its captain? Answer *Capt Wallace*
- Q. What is the nature of your wound? Answer *Shot in heel*

- Q. Have you lost both feet or both hands? Answer No.
- Q. Have you lost entire use of both feet or both hands? Answer No.
- Q. Have you lost both eyes? Answer Yes
- Q. Have you lost one hand and one foot or one leg? Answer No.
- Q. If you have lost both feet or both hands, or the entire use of both feet or both hands, or one hand and one foot or one leg or both eyes, was such loss caused by wounds or injuries received while enlisted in the Confederate Army? Answer No.
- Q. Are you suffering of irreducible hernia or locomotor ataxia caused by wounds or injuries received while in the Confederate service? Answer No.
- Q. Were you at any time absent from your command without leave? Answer No.
- Q. If yes, how long and why? Answer _____
- Q. Did you ever absent yourself from your command without leave, and join another? Answer No.
- Q. Were you with your command in active service at the surrender in 1865? Answer No.
- Q. Where did your command surrender? Answer Don't remember
- Q. Were you absent from it when it surrendered? Answer Yes
- Q. Why were you absent? Answer In Prison
- Q. How long had you been absent? Answer Since Dec 17 - 1864
- Q. What is your occupation at present? Answer Nothing
- Q. Do you apply for a pension because you are indigent and unable to earn a support by your own labor? Answer Yes
- Q. Do you hold any State, United States, County or City office from which you are receiving as a salary or fees the sum of three hundred dollars per annum? Answer No.
- Q. Have you any sons over 16 and under 21 years of age? Answer No.
- Q. If yes, how many? Answer _____
- Q. Have you any property in your own right or in the right of your wife? Answer No.
- Q. What is its true, just and correct value? Answer _____
- Q. Have you a home of your own? Answer No.
- Q. If not, with whom do you now live? Answer Children
- Q. Is the person you are living with a relation? Answer Yes
- Q. If so, what relation? Answer Sons & daughters
- Q. Have you any relation or connections whose legal duty it is to provide for you? Answer No.

I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I was a Confederate soldier, sailor or servant of such Confederate soldier or sailor (as the case may be); that I was honorably discharged or paroled, or did not desert from the Confederate service (as the case may be); that I reside in this State; that I am indigent and infirm; that I am not able to earn a support, and have no relatives able, whose duty it is to support me; that I nor my wife own property, real or personal, to the value of six hundred dollars (\$600); that I nor my wife have not conveyed any of my or her property to any one with a view to drawing a pension, so help me God.

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 3 day of Sept, 1917
J. T. X Birmingham
R. C. Clifton Notary Clerk

AFFIDAVIT - We, the undersigned, verify before the facts stated in the foregoing application to be true and the applicant to be the identical person named in the said application.

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 3 day of Sept, A. D. 1917
R. C. Clifton Signature of Officer
W. H. Harrison Signature of Witness
J. L. Maffett Signature of Witness

NOTE - Must be attested by one or more creditable witnesses.

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 3 day of Sept, A. D. 1917
J. T. X Birmingham Signature of Applicant
R. C. Clifton Signature of Officer

Office of Chancery Clerk and County Board of Inquiry *De Soto* County,

Hernandez

Miss., *Sept- 3 -* 1917

J. T. Birmingham The undersigned members of the Board of Inquiry, hereby approve the foregoing application of *J. T. Birmingham* for pension for \$125.00 because we know the applicant to be indigent and physically unable to earn a support by his own labor caused by wounds or injuries received during the Civil War, and that we believe the facts stated in the above application are true and the party should receive a pension.

Given under our hands and seals of office, this *3* day of *Sept* 1917

J. P. Harrison [Seal]
President of Board

J. T. Birmingham [Seal]

W. G. [unclear] [Seal]

A. J. [unclear] [Seal]

R. C. Coston [Seal]
Chancery Clerk

(Attach Seal of Office)

Chancery Clerk

N. B.—If the Board approves this application, the Chancery Clerk will so certify, after recording the same in a book kept for that purpose, and forward all of the approved applications in a body (not one at a time) to the Auditor's office by the first day of October.

☒ No application forwarded after that time will be received.

☒ Rejected applications should not be forwarded to this office.

Pension Application

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De Soto

County

Name of Applicant

Name of Applicant *J. T. Birmingham*

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Special Instructions to Chancery Clerks

No application will be entertained unless made on the proper form and every blank in the form minutely filled out.

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