

*Smelson, Mrs. Mary Ann D.*  
*Oglethorpe Co.*  
*Approved for 3 & 4*

## WIDOW'S APPLICATION

Under Act of 1910—As Amended by Act of  
1914, and Constitutional Amendment  
of 1920.

County *Oglethorpe*  
Name *Mary Ann D. Smelson*  
Widow of *Sam Durham*  
Date of Marriage *1867*  
Company \_\_\_\_\_  
Regiment *28 Bar*  
Approved *John W. Clark*  
*6 July 26.*

~~Commissioner of Pensions~~  
Commissioner of Pensions

*6-28-26 E*

## Ordinary's Certificate

STATE OF GEORGIA

COLLECTOR COUNTY

I, *J. P. Michelson*, Ordinary of said County, do certify  
that I know *Mrs. Mary Ann D. Smelson* the applicant for pension; that

she is the person she represents herself to be, and that she has been, continuously, a bona fide resi-  
dent citizen of said State since January 1st, 1920; that I also know

the witness who swears to the service of husband; that both of them are now residents of said  
County and were duly sworn by me before signing the foregoing affidavits, and that they are truth-  
ful and trustworthy and their statements are entitled to full faith and credit.

Given under my hand and official seal of office this *25th* day of *June*, 192*5*.  
(SEAL OF ORDINARY) *J. P. Michelson* Ordinary.  
of *Oglethorpe* County

## Instructions:

1. Before any questions are answered, the Ordinary shall swear applicant and the witness in the following words:  
"You do solemnly swear that you will true answers make to each of the questions asked you and the evidence  
you shall give will be the whole-truth. So help you God!"
2. Additional affidavits may be attached if blank spaces are insufficient.
3. Only widows who married prior to January 1st, 1861, are entitled.
4. All affidavits must be made before the Ordinary of the County in which the applicant or witness resides and  
must be certified by such Ordinary.
5. Attach certified copies of marriage license if obtainable. If not, prove marriage by some person, or by gen-  
eral reputation.
6. Fill out the back of the application carefully.
7. Don't use the bulky form of Marriage Certificate in vogue throughout the State. A short, simple form is  
easier to handle.

Durham, Mrs. R. B. Nicholson  
Approved for 30 days

### WIDOW'S APPLICATION

Under Act of 1910—As Amended by Act of 1919, and Constitutional Amendment of 1920.

County Colleton  
Name Mrs. R. B. Nicholson  
Widow of James Durham  
Date of Marriage 1867  
Company 28th Regt  
Regiment John W. Clark  
Approved 10 July 1926

Commissioner of Pensions.

6-28-26 E

### Ordinary's Certificate

STATE OF GEORGIA,

COLLETON COUNTY.

I, J. B. Nicholson, Ordinary of said County, do certify that I know Mrs. R. B. Nicholson the applicant for pension; that she is the person she represents herself to be, and that she has been, continuously, a bona fide resident citizen of said State since January 1st, 1920; that I also know the witness who swears to the service of husband; that both of them are now residents of said County and were duly sworn by me before signing the foregoing affidavits, and that they are truthful and trustworthy and their statements are entitled to full faith and credit.

Given under my hand and official seal of office this 25th day of June 1926.

(SEAL OF ORDINARY)

J. B. Nicholson, Ordinary.  
of COLLETON County

### Instructions:

- Before any questions are answered the Ordinary shall swear applicant and the witness in the following words: "You do solemnly swear that you will true answers make to each of the questions asked you and the evidence you shall give will be the whole truth. So help you God."
- Additional affidavits may be attached if blank spaces are insufficient.
- Only widows who married prior to January 1st, 1881, are entitled.
- All affidavits must be made before the Ordinary of the County in which the applicant or witness resides and must be certified by such Ordinary.
- Attach certified copies of marriage license if obtainable. If not, prove marriage, by some person, or by general reputation.
- Fill out the back of the application carefully.
- Don't use the bulky form of Marriage Certificate in vogue throughout the State. A short, simple form is easier to handle.

## APPLICATION FOR PENSION BY A WIDOW

Under Act of 1910, as Amended by Act of 1919, and Constitutional Amendment of 1920

### QUESTIONS FOR APPLICANT TO ANSWER:

STATE OF GEORGIA,

COLLETON Greene COUNTY.

Personally appears before me, Mrs. R. B. Nicholson said State and County and hereby applies for the pension allowed by the Act of 1910, as amended by the Act of 1919 and the Constitutional Amendment of 1920, and submits testimony to support the same, and after being duly sworn true answers to make to the questions propounded, answers as follows, to-wit:

- What is your name, and where do you reside? (Give Post Office and County) Mrs. R. B. Nicholson, Lexington, Colleton County, Georgia.
- How long and since when have you been, continuously, a bona fide resident citizen of the State of Georgia? All my life
- When, where and to whom were you married? 1867, In Green County, To Sam Durham.
  - Have you married since the death of first and soldier husband? Yes (but husband is dead)
- When, where and in what Company and Regiment did your husband enlist as a soldier in Confederate Army or Georgia Militia? (State the arms and class of Service, and give name of Colonel and Captain.) In the month of Oct 1861, 25th Georgia Regiment.
- When and where did the commands of your husband surrender or discharge from the Service? April 1866 at surrender. In the State of Virginia
- Was your husband personally present with his command when it was surrendered or discharged? Yes
- If he was not present, state specifically and clearly where he was?
- When did he leave the Command?
  - For what cause did he leave?
  - By whose authority did he leave?
  - For how long was his leave of absence granted? In what way?
- What was his physical condition when he left his command?
- What effort did he make to return to his Command?
- In what way was he prevented from going back to Command?
- Was he captured by the enemy at any time? No
- If so, when and where? In what prison was he held and when was he released?
- When and where did your first husband die? Feb 1870. In Green County Georgia
- Were you residing together when he died? Yes
- If not, how long had you resided apart?
- Are you now a widow? Yes
- Have you or your husband heretofore been paid a pension by the State? No
- If so, when and for what cause were you or your husband placed on the roll?

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this the

25th day of June 1926.  
J. B. Nicholson, Ordinary  
(SEAL OF ORDINARY) County.

Mrs. R. B. Nicholson  
Applicant.

**Questions for Witness as to Service of Husband and Marriage**  
**STATE OF GEORGIA,**

**Greene COUNTY.**

**W. H. Durham** of said State and County is hereby presented as a witness in support of the application of **Mrs. Nannie Snelson** for the pension provided by the Act of 1910, as amended by the Act of 1919 and the Constitutional Amendment of 1920, in said State, who, after being sworn true answers to make to the questions propounded, answers as follows, to-wit:

1. What is your name and where do you reside? **W. H. Durham, Greene County, Ga.**
2. How long and since when have you known **(Mrs. Nannie Snelson)** applicant  
**Since She was first married in 1867 to Sam Durham**
3. Where does she now reside, and since when has she been, continuously, a bona fide, resident citizen of this State? **Lexington, Oglethorpe County, Georgia. Been living in Georgia All her life**
4. When and to whom was she married? **Sam Durham 1867** How do you know? **Lived together till he died.**
5. How long and since when did you know **Sam Durham**  
husband? **All my life, until his death.**
6. When and where did **Sam Durham**  
the husband of applicant, die? **1870 February, in Greene County, Ga.**
7. Were the applicant and her husband living together as husband and wife at the date of his death? **Yes.**
8. If not, how long did they live apart before his death? **X**  
Were they divorced? **No.**
9. When, where and in what Company and Regiment did **Sam Durham** enlist?  
(Give date and place) **In the month of October 1861. 28th. Georgia Regiment.**
10. How did you obtain your information of this service? **He left home & went to war. I was present when he left & come back.**
11. How long within your personal knowledge did he perform actual military service with this Company and Regiment? (Give dates.) **Until the close of the war.**
12. When and where was his Command surrendered or discharged? (Give date and place)  
**April 1865 in Virginia.**
13. Were you personally present with this Command when it was surrendered? **No.**  
If not, where were you **at home** and how came you there? **too young to go to the war.**
14. Was the husband of applicant personally present with his Command at its surrender? **yes.**  
If not where was he? **X** and how came him there? **X**  
When, where and for what cause did he leave his Command? (Give date.) **Didn't leave till war over**  
By whose authority did he leave his Command? **X**  
and how long was he granted leave? **X**  
How do you know all that you have stated to be true? - (If of your own knowledge, state clearly and specifically) **Sam Durham Was my brother & the facts stated are common knowledge in our family.**
15. For what cause, if you know of your own knowledge, was he prevented from returning to his Command? **He didnt leave until war over, and discharged then.**
16. What effort did he make to return to his Command and how do you know this?  
**X**

17. Was he captured as a prisoner? **no** If so, when and where? **X**  
In what prison was he held? **X** and when released? **X**

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this the

**19th** day of **June**, 192**6**.

of **Greene** County.

(Witness)

**W. H. Harrison**



ORDINARY'S OFFICE  
OGLETHORPE COUNTY, GA.  
J. R. NICHOLSON, ORDINARY

LEXINGTON, GA.

June 26, 26

Henry W. Clark  
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Sir,

Failed to put the enclosed certificate  
in with the application yesterday of  
Mrs. ~~Nannie~~ Nannie Durham Snelson

Yours truly, J. R. Nicholson  
J. R. Co

John S. Callaway  
Attorney and Counsellor  
Boston Building  
Greensboro, Ga.

State of Georgia, Greene County.

I, J. S. Callaway, Ordinary of said County, do certify that I  
know W. H. Durham the witness who swears to the service of Sam Durham  
the applicant's husband; that he is a resident of Greene County, Ga.,  
and was duly sworn by me before signing the foregoing affidavit, and  
that he is truthful and trustworthy and his statement is entitled  
to full faith and credit.

Given under my hand and official seal of office this the 19th.  
day of June, 1926.

Callaway  
Ordinary, Greene County, Ga.

Snelson Nannie D (Mrs)  
For Oglethorpe County

1926 1927

Application for Pension  
Due Deceased Pensioner

(UNDER ACT 1919)

(To pay expenses of last illness and funeral)

J. R. Nicholson Ordinary  
For Mrs. Nannie D. Snelson

Date of Death Sept 17 1927

Amount \$ 100.00

Approved and ordered paid

John W. Clark  
30 Nov. 27 JOHN W. CLARK  
Commissioner of Pensions

Paid

Ordinary: Fill out above in full and send  
this blank to Pension Department for approval.  
Do not pay out the money until the approved  
blank is in your hands giving you authority to  
do so. Send back to the Pension Department  
with your receipted payrolls to be permanently  
filed with them. Do not keep this application  
in your office.

Mrs. Nannie D. Snelson, Estate  
In Account with S.D. Thaxton.

Sept 17, 1927. To Part of amount paid  
on last illness and funeral of Mrs. Nannie  
D. Snelson \$100.00

The above and foregoing account is  
rendered for services and funeral expenses  
in the last illness of Mrs. Nannie D. Snelson  
who died without owning sufficient property  
to pay this bill

Sworn to and subscribed  
before me this 26 day of  
Sept. 1926

Ordinary Oglethorpe County

# Application for Pension Due to a Deceased Pensioner

(To Be Paid to the Ordinary for Expenses of Funeral and Last Illness)

(Under Act Approved August 15, 1904)

GEORGIA, Oglethorpe County.

Personally before me, the Ordinary of said County, comes

of said County, who, after being sworn, on oath  
says that he knew

was on the Pension Roll of said County at the time of death, which occurred in

County, in this State, on the 17th day of Sept 1927, and that

a Pension of regular (\$ ) Dollars was due pensioner and

unpaid at the time of pensioner's death; and that pensioner left no widow or dependent children surviving, and

no estate of any value sufficient to pay these funeral expenses, which amounted to the sum of \$100.00, per

sworn statements fully and completely ITEMIZED hereto attached.

Sworn to and subscribed before me

Ordinary

Oglethorpe County

(Seal of Ordinary)

## CERTIFICATE OF ORDINARY

GEORGIA, Oglethorpe County.

I, J. R. Michaelson, Ordinary of said County, do certify

that I personally know S. D. Thaxton, who is a resident

citizen of said County, and that said person is of truthful and trustworthy character, entitled to full faith and credit:

that I also knew Mrs. Nannie D. Snelson while in life and that this was

the same person whose name appears on the Pension Roll of Oglethorpe County, and

was paid a Pension of regular (\$ ) Dollars

in said County for 1927, and I now believe said pensioner to be dead; and that the instructions at the foot of

this voucher have been carefully observed in making up this voucher and the bills which are attached hereto.

Given under my hand and official seal, this 26th day of Sept 1927

(Seal or Ordinary) J. R. Michaelson, Ordinary

Oglethorpe County

### INSTRUCTIONS:

1st. Requiring those claiming expenses of last illness and funeral, to make out their accounts in fully itemized form, giving each item and the value of it, and each date.

2nd. Each account must be sworn to before the Ordinary, and in the following form: (Do not use the terms: "just, true, due, unpaid," etc.)

"The above and foregoing account is rendered for services in the last illness (or for funeral expenses, as the case may be) of

who died without owning sufficient property to pay this bill.

3rd. The Ordinary must see to it that each bill is perfectly legitimate in every respect, and properly sworn to, and all attached neatly to this blank; after this blank has been properly completed as indicated.

4th. The completed voucher—this blank and the bills—must be sent to the Pension Department for approval and no money must be paid out until it is returned to you as your authority to make the payment.

5th. The Ordinary signs pay roll, as Ordinary, for the pension and then disburses the money himself and takes receipts.

6th. Return this application, and attached bills, with your final settlement, to the Pension Department.

7th. Ordinary should see that the back of this blank, when folded, is filled out.

Red and  
paid  
J. R. Michaelson  
Ordinary  
Dec 6, 1927