

POWER OF ATTORNEY.

STATE OF GEORGIA,

COUNTY.

I,

of

hereby authorize

to receive and receipt for the pension allowed and request that he remit same to

at

by

Witness my hand and seal, this

day of

190

[L.S.]

Executed in presence of

Spence, W. J.
Oglethorpe Co.
No. 14 for 1910

INDIGENT PENSION.

190

Name W. J. Spence
County Oglethorpe
Co. Palmuth Sharpshooters Regt.
Approved 190

JOHN W. LINDSEY,
Commissioner of Pensions.

WARRANT HANDED TO

Ordinary will write name of Applicant, Company
and Regiment on back as indicated above.

Geo. W. Harrison, State Printer, Atlanta, Ga.

9-30-09

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INDIGENT PENSION.

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County Oglethorpe

Co. Palmetto Sharpshooters

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QUESTIONS FOR APPLICANT.

STATE OF GEORGIA.

COUNTY.

W. J. Spence of said State and County, desiring to avail himself of the Pension Act (Section 1254, Code), hereby submits his proofs and after being duly sworn true answers to make to the following questions, deposes and answers as follows:

1. What is your name and where do you reside? (Give State, County and Postoffice.)
W. J. Spence, Georgia, Oglethorpe, Colbert Co., Ga.
2. How long and since when have you been a resident of this State?
Thirty years
3. When and where were you born?
October, 1848 - Lawrenceville, S. C.
4. When and where and in what company and regiment did you enlist or serve?
August, 1863, Anderson S. C. - C. Company - Palmetto Sharpshooters, Jenkins Brigade
5. How long did you remain in such company and regiment?
Until the surrender April, 1865.
6. When and where was your company and regiment surrendered and discharged?
April, 1865, Petersburg, Virginia
7. Were you present with your company and regiment when it was surrendered?
Yes
8. If not present, state specifically and clearly where you were, when you left your command, for what cause and by whose authority?
+ + + + +
9. How much can you earn (gross) per annum, by your own exertions or labor?
Am unable to make anything from my business as long as I was sick
10. What has been your occupation since 1865?
Nothing
11. Upon which of the following grounds do you base your application for pension, viz: first, "age and poverty," second, "infirmary and poverty," or third, "blindness and poverty?"
Age, infirmity and poverty
12. If upon the first ground, state how long you have been in such condition that you could not earn your support. If upon the second, give a full and complete history of the infirmity and its extent. If upon the third, state whether you are totally blind and when and where you lost your sight.
Age, infirmity and poverty
13. What property, real and personal, or income, do you possess, and its gross value?
Nothing
14. What property, real or personal, did you possess in 1901, 1902, 1903, 1904, 1905, 1906 and 1907, and what disposition, if any, by sale or gift, have you made of same?
None
15. In what County did you reside during those years, and what property did you then return for taxation?
Clarke Co. in 1901-1902-1903-1904-1905-1906-1907 - Madison Co. 1908 - Oglethorpe Co. 1909
16. How were you supported during the years 1901, 1902, 1903, 1904, 1905, 1906 and 1907?
By the help of my children
17. How much did your support cost for each of those years, and what portion did you contribute thereto by your own labor or income?
Could not say what my support cost, I was able to
18. What was your employment during 1901, 1902, 1903, 1904, 1905, 1906 and 1907? What pay did you receive in each year?
Living with my children
19. Have you a family? If so, who composes such family? Give their means of support. Have they a home, or other property? Their ages and how employed?
Yes, wife - 1 daughter, no - 3 sons - 65 - daughter age 15 years, wife just able to do anything, take all my daughter time to
20. Are you receiving any pension? If so, what amount and for what disability?
None
21. Have you ever made an application for pension before?
no
22. How many applications have you ever made and under what class?

Sworn to and subscribed before me this ()

day of November 1909

E. H. Bacon Ordinary,

of Oglethorpe County.

W. J. Spence Applicant.

Every Question MUST Be Answered.

QUESTIONS FOR WITNESS.

STATE OF GEORGIA,

Oglethorpe COUNTY.

W. A. Fane of said State and County, having been presented as a witness in support of the application of W. J. Spence for pension under section 1254, Code, and after being duly sworn true answers to make to the following questions, deposes and answers as follows:

1. What is your name and where do you reside?
Woodward A. Fane
Anderson City, S. C.
2. Are you acquainted with W. J. Spence, the applicant; if so, how long have you known him?
I have known him from during war
3. Where does he reside and how long and since when has he been a resident of this State?
I have not seen him since War. Am informed that he
4. When, where and in what company and regiment did he enlist, and how do you know?
He joined Co. C. 24th South Carolina Sharpshooters near Richmond 1863
5. Were you a member of the same company and regiment?
Yes
6. How long did he perform regular military duty?
Until Wounded in 1864
7. When and where was his command surrendered?
Appomattox

8. Were you present when it surrendered?
Yes
9. Was applicant present?
Not as a member of Co. C
10. If he was not present, where was he?
I do not know
- When did he leave his command?
1864 For what cause?
Wounded
- By what authority he left?
Co. C. Hospital Co. 24th S.C. How do you know all of this?
From information I received at that time
11. What property, effects or income has the applicant? (Give your means of knowledge.)
Don't know

12. What property, effects or income did the applicant possess in 1901, 1902, 1903, 1904, 1905, 1906 and 1907, and what disposition, if any, did he make of same?
Don't know

13. Has he conveyed away any of his property in the last four years; if so, what was it, and to whom?
Don't know

14. What is the applicant's occupation and physical condition?
Don't know

15. Is the applicant unable to support himself by labor of any sort; if so, why?
Don't know

16. How was he supported during the years 1901, 1902, 1903, 1904, 1905, 1906 and 1907?
Don't know

17. What portion of his support for these four years was derived from his own labor or income?
Don't know

18. Give a full and complete statement of the applicant's physical condition that entitles him to a pension under Section 1254, Code
None

19. Who compose family? What property have they? Children's ages and their earning capacity?
Don't know - Do - Do -

20. What interest have you in the recovery of a pension by this applicant?
None

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this the 17th day of Sept 1909
W. A. Fane Witness.
W. J. Spence
Ordinary

AFFIDAVIT OF PHYSICIANS.

STATE OF GEORGIA,

Oglethorpe COUNTY.

Personally came before me W. H. Reynolds M.D. and both known to me as reputable physicians of said County, who, being severally sworn, say on oath that they have examined carefully

W. J. Spence, applicant for pension under Section 1254, Code, and after such personal examination say that his precise physical condition is as follows:

Has a very bad hernia on the left side, glass
supple with Rheumatism in arms and joints.
His hands are affected. Sometimes suffers
with spasmodic urination. He is 67 years and not able to make
a living by manual labor, or any profession or calling
and that we have no interest in said pension being allowed.

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this the 11th day of September 1909
L. H. Bacon Ordinary.

ORDINARY'S CERTIFICATE.

STATE OF GEORGIA,

Oglethorpe COUNTY.

I, L. H. Bacon Ordinary, in and for said County, hereby certify that the applicant W. J. Spence resides in said County, and has been a bona fide resident of this State since the 10th day of Thirty years 1880 and that the witnesses, viz: W. J. Spence is of trustworthy character, and that his statement are entitled to full faith and credit.

I further certify that before answering the foregoing questions the applicant and each witness took the oath hereon prescribed, and that the full text of the affidavits was read to the applicant and witness before same was signed.

I further certify that the tax digest of Oglethorpe County shows that applicant returned for taxation in his name in 1901 no Dollars of property, and in 1902 no Dollars of property; in 1903 no Dollars of property; in 1904 no Dollars of property; in 1905 no Dollars of property; in 1906 no Dollars of property; in 1907 no Dollars of property.

In my opinion the foregoing claim is honestly made in good faith.
Witness my hand and seal of office, this 11th day of September 1909
L. H. Bacon Ordinary.
of Oglethorpe County.

NOTE.
1. Before any questions are answered, the Ordinary shall swear applicant, and the witnesses in the following words: "You shall true answers make to each of the questions asked of 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. In every case the Ordinary must certify to the character of the witness, and as to the execution of the proof as above set out.

QUESTIONS FOR WITNESS.

STATE OF GEORGIA,

Oglethorpe COUNTY.

G. W. Bates of said State and County; having been presented as a witness in support of the application of *St. J. Spence* for pension under section 1254, Code, and after being duly sworn true answers to make to the following questions, deposes and answers as follows:

1. What is your name and where do you reside? *Georgia, Oglethorpe*
2. Are you acquainted with *St. J. Spence* the applicant; if so, how long have you known him? *Yes - Twenty years*
3. Where does he reside, and how long and since when has he been a resident of this State? *Georgia, Oglethorpe, since I have known him*
4. When, where and in what company and regiment did he enlist, and how do you know?
5. Were you a member of the same company and regiment?
6. How long did he perform regular military duty?
7. When and where was his command surrendered?
8. Were you present when it surrendered?
9. Was applicant present?
10. If he was not present, where was he?

When did he leave his command? For what cause?

By what authority he left? How do you know all of this?

11. What property, effects or income has the applicant? (Give your means of knowledge.)

none - I boarded with the family 3 years.

12. What property, effects or income did the applicant possess in 1903, 1904, 1905, 1906, 1907, 1908 and 1909? *none*

and what disposition, if any, did he make of same?

13. Has he conveyed away any of his property in the last four years; if so, what was it, and to whom?

no

14. What is the applicant's occupation and physical condition? *Farming - Physical Condition bad*

15. Is the applicant unable to support himself by labor of any sort; if so, why? *Yes - He is not able to support himself without help from others. Applicant is aged & broken in health.*

16. How was he supported during the years 1903, 1904, 1905, 1906, 1907, 1908 and 1909?

By the help of his children, with what assistance he could render them.

17. What portion of his support for these four years was derived from his own labor or income?

A very small percent.

18. Give a full and complete statement of the applicant's physical condition that entitles him to a pension under Section 1254, Code. *He suffers very much at times with his back & sciatica and rheumatism which render him*

Who composes family? What property have they? Children's ages and their earning capacity?

Wife - 1 daughter - none - daughter 18 or 20 years old

19. What interest have you in the recovery of a pension by this applicant? *none*

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this the

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L. H. Bacon

Ordinary.

G. W. Bates

Witness.

Spence, W. J.
Oglethorpe Co.

For *Oglethorpe* County
1926

**Application for Pension
Due Deceased Pensioner**

(UNDER ACT 1919)

(To pay expenses of last illness and funeral)

J. P. Nicholson Ordinary
For *W. J. Spence*
Date of Death *Sept 29* 192*3*
Amount *100.00* *OK*

Approved and ordered paid

John W. Clark
Oct 5 1926 JOHN W. CLARK,
Commissioner of Pensions

10 Oct. 1926

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.

State of South Carolina,

Anderson County.

I, W. P. Nicholson, Judge of Probate in and for Anderson County, South Carolina, hereby certify that the witness, W. A. Fant, is a bona fide resident of said county and state and has been from my information and belief all his life, and is of trustworthy character and that his statements are entitled to full faith and credit. I further certify that before answering the questions propounded to him the witness took the oath hereon prescribed, and that the full text of the affidavit was read to the witness before the same was signed.

Witness my hand and seal of office this *19* day of *Oct* 1909.

W. P. Nicholson
Judge of Probate,
Anderson County, SC.

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

R E McKencie
Madison Co
of said County, who, after being sworn, on oath

says that he knew W J Spencer of said County, and that said Pensioner was on the Pension Roll of said County at the time of death, which occurred in Oglethorpe County, in this State, on the 29th day of Sept 1923, and that a Pension of Regular Pension 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

J R Nicholas Ordinary
Oglethorpe County

(Seal of Ordinary)

CERTIFICATE OF OR VARY

GEORGIA, Oglethorpe County.

I, J R Nicholas Ordinary of said County, do certify that I personally know R E McKencie 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 W J Spencer 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 1922, 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 20th day of August, 192 .

(Seal or Ordinary)

J R Nicholas Ordinary
Oglethorpe County

INSTRUCTIONS:

1st. Require 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 this 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.

GEORGIA, OGLETHORPE COUNTY.

I, J. R. Nicholson, Ordinary of Oglethorpe County
do certify that Mr R. E. McKencie is a citizen of Madison
County and I do not know him personally. But the records
of this office show that Mr W. J. Spence was on the pension
roll of this county before his death, and I am informed
that he was a very poor man, and satisfied that the claim
is just.

This the 20th day of August 1926.

J. R. Nicholson

Ordinary Oglethorpe County.

Comer, Ga. August 20th 1926.

W. J. Spence Estate.

To R. E. McKencie.

1923
Sept 29 Paid for last illness and burrial
expenses of W. J. Spence

\$100.00

The above and foregoing account is rendered
for expenses paid in the last illness and funeral of
W. J. Spence, who died without owning sufficient property
to pay this bill

R. E. McKencie

Sworn to and subscribed to before
me this the 20th day of August 1926.

J. R. Nicholson

Ordinary

*Paid by
mail and have receipt
JRL*