Civil War Confederate pension application of
Mariah Rainwater, widow of Elisha W.
Douglas Co., GA
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Questions for Applicant.

STATE OF GEORGIA,

Douglas County,

Mariah Rainwater

of said State and County, desiring to obtain benefits of the Pension allowed to Indigent Widows of Confederate Soldiers, under Act of General Assembly, passed 1900, hereby submits her proof, and after being duly sworn, true answers to make to the following questions, depend on and answers as follows:

1. What is your name and where do you reside? (Give State, County and Post Office.)


2. How long and since when have you been a resident of this State?

Since 1897. [Initials: J.M.R.]

3. When and where were you born? Dec. 27, 1825, in South Carolina.

4. When and where was your husband born, state his full name, and when were you and he married?

July 23, 1845, in South Carolina, Dec. 5, 1845.

5. When and where, and in what Company and Regiment did your husband enlist or serve during the war between the States?

In K. H. Regiment of Georgia Infantry.

6. How long did your husband serve in said Company and Regiment?

7. When and where did your husband's Company and Regiment surrender and was discharged?

April 1865, Andersonville, Ga.

8. Was your husband present at the time and place when his Company and Regiment surrendered?

No.

9. If not with his command at surrender, state clearly and specifically where he was, when he left command, for what cause, and by what authority?

He was with his command.

10. When and where did your husband die? Dec. 27, 1898, in Douglas County, Ga.

11. Which of the following grounds do you base your application for Pension, viz: First—Age and Poverty; Second—Infirmity and Poverty, or Third—Blindness and Poverty? Age and infirmity and poverty.

12. If upon the first ground, state how long you have been in such a condition that you cannot 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.

13. What property, real or personal, did you possess at death of husband or be left you, and of the year 1899-1900, and what disposition, if any, by sale or gift, have you made of the same? I left no property. I came from a poor family and was destitute.

14. In what counties did you reside in 1899 and 1900, and what property did you return for taxation?

Douglas Co. had no property to return.

15. How have you been supported since death of husband, and especially for 1899 and 1900?

By living around with my married children.

16. How much did you contribute by your own labor or income?

17. What was your employment during 1899 and 1900—show much did you receive for each year?

18. Have you a family? If yes, who comprises such family? Give their means of support. Have they any lands or other property? I have no children.

19. Have you ever made an application for pension before?

20. For what if any, other application(s) have you made to any other Department or other Government? None.

21. How many applications have you made for a Pension, and under what class? None.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 19th day of December 1901.

Mariah Rainwater

of Douglas County.

Ordinary.

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POWER OF ATTORNEY.

STATE OF GEORGIA.

Douglas County.

I, Trunch Hammer, hereby authorize John Cooper of Douglas County, to receive and receipt for the pension allowed and that he remit the same to me at ___________ by his check or registered mail.

Witness my hand this ___________ day of March 1901.

Executed in presence of

[Signature]

Ordinary,

Douglas County.

[Seal]
Questions for Witnesses.

STATE OF GEORGIA,

Hilton County,

Miles Rainwater, of said State and County, having been presented as a witness in support of the Application of Mrs. Rainwater for a Pension under the Act of 1900, and after having been duly sworn to true answers to make to the following questions, deposes and answers as follows:

1. What is your name and where do you reside? Miles Rainwater.

2. Are you acquainted with the applicant, Mrs. Rainwater? Yes.

3. Where does she reside, and how long and since when has she been a resident of this State? She has been a resident of the State since about 1839.

4. When and where was she born? In South Carolina, Dec. 20, 1815.

5. Were you ever acquainted with her husband? Yes.

6. Where did he reside in 1861? In Charleston County.

7. When and to whom was he married? On Dec. 24, 1840 to Maria Preston.

8. Where and when was he born? In South Carolina, July 23, 1818.

9. How long have you known him? All of my life.

10. When and where did the applicant enlist in the war between the States, and in what Company and Regiment did he enlist and how do you know this? He enlisted in Company K, 4th Regiment, in Charleston, S.C. as a member of the Company.

11. Were you a member of the same Company and Regiment? I was.

12. How long did he perform regular military duty? About 14 months.

13. When and where was his Company and Regiment surrendered and discharged from service? Surrendered at Andersonville, Ga., Oct. 1865, and discharged from service.

14. Were you with the command when it surrendered? I was.

15. Was the applicant present? He was the husband of the applicant present.

16. If not present, where was he? He was present.

17. When and where did he leave his command? At Andersonville, Ga., in Oct. 1865.

18. Where did he reside at his death and how long he had been a resident of Georgia at his death? In Douglas County, Ga., and had resided there about 20 years.

19. Do you by your own knowledge know that applicant is the lawful widow of Miles Rainwater, Sr.? Yes.

20. Has she remained unmarried since her soldier husband's death, and is now his widow? She has and is now a Widow.

21. What property, effects or income has the applicant, if any, and how do you know this of your own knowledge? He has no property, effects or income. I know this to be a fact of my own knowledge, for the reason that I have been acquainted with her for many years.

22. What property, effects or income did applicant possess in 1899 and 1900 and what disposition did she make of it? He had no property, effects or income in 1899 and 1900.

23. Has applicant conveyed any property in last two years or given any away, if so what was it and to whom? None whatever.

24. What is applicant's physical condition and her chances and ability to earn a support? She is very old and infirm and has only one son, the other son having been conscripted on account of General Sherman. She is entirely unable to earn a support.

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Affidavits of Physicians.

STATE OF GEORGIA,

DOUGLAS COUNTY,

Personally before me comes Dr. M. F. Morris, and
J. A. White, both known to me to be reputable
physicians of said county, who, being severally sworn, say on
oath that they have examined carefully Mrs.
Marion Laimumu applicant for a Pension under Act of 1900, and after
such personal examination, say that her physical condition is this:
She is very pale, with thin skin, and cyanotic to the fingers
from arteriosclerosis.
Her physical condition is such that
she can't do any work of any kind.

and we have no interest in said pension if allowed.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 1st day of March, 1901.

J. A. White, Ordinary,

DOUGLAS COUNTY.

ORDINARY'S CERTIFICATE.

STATE OF GEORGIA,

DOUGLAS COUNTY,

I, J. A. White, Ordinary in and for said county, hereby
 certify that the applicant, Mrs. Marion Laimumu resides in said
 county, and has been a bona fide resident of this State since last
 day of April, 1900, and that the witnesses, Mr.

...are of trustworthy character, and that their statements
are true.

I do further certify that before answering the foregoing questions, the applicant and said witnesses took the
affidavit and swore to the same, and the full text of the affidavit was read to the applicant and witnesses before the same
was signed and subscribed.

I further certify that the tax digest of Douglas county shows that applicant
returned for taxation in her own name in 1890
nothing dollar worth of property, and in 1900
nothing dollar worth of property.

Witness my hand and official seal this 1st day of April, 1901.

J. A. White, Ordinary,

DOUGLAS COUNTY.

Notes—1. Before any questions are answered, the Ordinary shall swear applicant and witnesses in the following
words: "You do solemnly swear that you will 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. All affidavits must be made before Ordinary.
4. Only widows who were the wifes of the dead husbands while they were soldiers need apply—and are now
widows. Those married since 26th April, 1865, not entitled.
5. Witnesses and two Physicians are necessary to make out claims.
FOR INDIGENT WIDOWS HERETOFORE ALLOWED PENSIONS.

STATE OF GEORGIA,

County of Douglas       PERSONALLY COMES Mrs. 

who, being sworn, says on oath, that she is a bona fide resident of said County of Douglas, State of Georgia, and that she has resided in said State continuously ever since Dec. 20th, 1815. That she is the Widow of "P" of the 4th Ga. Infantry Regiment of Volunteers, that he enlisted in said regiment on or about the month of May, 1863, and served in the Army up to April, 1865. That he died on the 27th day of December, 1899. 

Many are infirmity and poverty, though not able to pay my support for the past 16 years, on account of paucity and the law 17 right hand from the effects of a cancer.

Deponent swears that she was the wife of said deceased soldier, during his service in the Army as a soldier, and that she has never married since his death aforesaid, and that she became his wife in the year 1840. I have been allowed an Indigent pension as a resident of Douglas County, under Act 1900, for the year 1902, and now apply for the pension provided by law for the year ending December 31, 1902.

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 8th day of January, 1902, I, Mariah Raminimus, Post-Office Douglasville Ga.

State of Georgia, Ordinary of said County, certify that I am well acquainted with Mrs. Mariah Raminimus, who made the above affidavit and am satisfied that the facts therein stated are true, and I know she is the individual she represents herself to be, and that she has continuously resided in this State since the 20th day of December, 1815.

Given under my official signature and seal, this the 8th day of January, 1902.

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