

Widow's Application for Accrued Pension

State of Alabama, County of Washington, SS:

On this 19<sup>th</sup> day of November, 1902, personally appeared Frances Alford, who, being duly sworn, declares that she is the lawful widow of Ephraim D Alford, deceased; that he died on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of November, 1897; that he had been granted a pension by Certificate No. 12633 which is herewith returned (or if not, state why not).....

.....; that he had been paid the pension by the Pension Agent at Knoxville, Tenn up to the 4<sup>th</sup> day of November, 1897 after which date he had not been employed or paid in the Army, Navy, or Marine service of the United States, except.....; that

she was married to the said Ephraim D Alford on the 3<sup>d</sup> day of August, 1897, at Leeksville, in the State of Mississippi; that her name before said marriage was Frances Reed; that she had (or had not) been previously married; that her husband had (or had not) been previously married; that she hereby makes application for the pension which has accrued on aforesaid certificate to the date of death.

That she hereby appoints, with full power of substitution and revocation, Mrs O Stevens Leo of Wash. D. C. her true and lawful attorney to prosecute this claim, the fee to be.....dollars, as prescribed by law.

That her residence is No.....street, City of Prichard, County of Washington, State of Alabama, and her post-office address is Prichard - Washington Co. Ala.

Frances Alford  
(Widow's Signature)

Also personally appeared W. Roberts, residing at Prichard, Ala., and J. Taylor residing at Prichard, Ala.

who, being duly sworn, say that they were present and saw Frances Alford sign her name (make her mark) to the foregoing declaration; that they know her to be the lawful widow of Ephraim D Alford, who died on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of November, 1897 and that their means of knowledge that said parties were husband and wife, and that the husband died on the said date, are as follows:

The above witnesses know W. Roberts was well known to Ephraim D. Alford and Frances Alford since the date of their marriage and is certain of all the facts stated above. J. Taylor has known the widow for over ten years and is conversant with the facts stated above by personal knowledge.

W. Roberts

J. Taylor

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 19<sup>th</sup> day of November 1900,  
and I certify that affiants are reputable persons; that they know the contents of their depositions, and that their  
statements are entitled to full faith and credit. I further certify that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in  
the above claim.

*J. C. Mason*  
(Signature.)  
*U.P. & Co. P.*  
(Official Character.)

[L. S.]

STATE OF \_\_\_\_\_, COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_, ss:

I, \_\_\_\_\_, Clerk of the \_\_\_\_\_ Court of the  
County and State aforesaid, do hereby certify that \_\_\_\_\_

is \_\_\_\_\_, duly commissioned and qualified; that his commission  
was dated on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_, and will expire on the \_\_\_\_\_  
day of \_\_\_\_\_ 19\_\_\_\_, and that his signature within written is genuine.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court this \_\_\_\_\_ day  
of \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_.

[L. S.]

Clerk.

When the amount of accrued pension is large the following evidence of marriage should accompany every  
application for accrued pension:

1. A duly verified copy of a church or other public record; or
2. The affidavit of the clergyman or magistrate who officiated; or
3. The testimony of two or more eye-witnesses of the ceremony.

If prior to the marriage of the widow and the pensioner, either of them had been married to another party,  
the death of said party, or divorce from the same, must be proved.

This application and the blank voucher herewith should be properly executed and forwarded to the Com-  
missioner of Pensions.

It is desirable that the witnesses should be able to write their own names; if not, their marks should be  
witnessed.



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*Chas. A. Alfred*  
*Witness W. H. Reg. Mark.*

FILED BY  
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