

DECLARATION FOR PENSION, WAR OF 1846 WITH MEXICO.

All the blank spaces in this form must be carefully filled up in accordance with the instructions on the back hereof, and from the best information possessed or obtainable by the applicant, and sworn to before a Clerk of a COURT or JUDGE, or officer in charge of the seal. If executed by a Notary or Justice of the Peace it will be returned as "informal."

State of Alabama, County of Mobile ss:

On this 8th day of February, A. D. one thousand eight hundred and eighty-six, personally appeared before me, B. E. Jones, Clerk of Circuit Court, the same being a Court of Record within and for the county and State aforesaid, (1) Edward D. Olford aged 59 years, a resident of Beaver Meadow, in the county of Mobile

State of Alabama, who, being duly sworn according to law, declares that he is the identical (2) Edward D. Olford who served under the name of (3) E. D. Olford

as a (4) Private in company G, commanded by Captain Drew Baldwin, First Regiment of Alabama Volunteers

in the war of 1846 with Mexico; that he enlisted at (5) Mobile, and was enrolled on the Rio Grande river on or about the day of May, A. D. 1845,

for the term of one year, and continued in actual service in said war for the term of (6) one year, and was honorably discharged at New Orleans, Louisiana

on the day of May, A. D. 1846. The following is a brief statement of his service:

In November, 1846, he again re-enlisted at Mobile, Alabama, and served until the close of the war, in Co. G. of Alabama Battalion, commanded by Major Seiple, Capt Urby commanding Co., and was discharged from said service at Mobile, Ala, in April or May, 1847

(7) Was engaged in the siege and taking of Vera Cruz; was present at the surrender of San Juan de los Rios; was engaged in a skirmish with guerrillas near Vera Cruz, where I was wounded in the left hip near Teudova, and was prostrated from the effects of said wound for three months after arriving home, and was crippled for life thereby.

That some of the officers and soldiers of his company were as follows: Captain Drew Baldwin, Lieutenants McCombie and Tom, Sergeants John Woods, Corporals, Privates Wm Platen, John Gale, Gamble, Jim Page, Johnson,

He makes this declaration for the purpose of obtaining the pension to which he may be entitled by law, and hereby constitutes and appoints, with full powers of substitution and revocation, ALEXANDER M. KENADAY, of Washington, D. C., 621 H street, N. W., [Secretary National Association Veterans of Mexican War.] his true and lawful attorney, to prosecute this claim. He also declares that he has heretofore made no application for (8) bounty land

or pension, or any other claim whatever to his recollection

and that his residence is No. street, city (or town) of Beaver Meadow county of Mobile, State of Alabama, and that his post-office address is Chickasabogue, Mobile County, Alabama

(9) Applicant declares that he was born on Sante river, in the county of Orangeburg

and State of South Carolina, that he is 59 years of age, about 5 feet 9 inches high, of light complexion, grey eyes, dark hair, and by occupation farmer

His occupation before or at the time of enlistment was that of a farmer

WITNESSES: Alexander M. Kenaday, Edward D. Olford

Also personally appeared Lester Hedge, aged 56 years, residing at No. Leitronelle street, in Mobile Co., Ala., and Leonidas Walker aged 35 years, residing at No. Leitronelle street, in Mobile Co., Ala. persons whom I certify to be respectable and entitled to credit, and who, being by me duly sworn, say that they have known the said Edward D. Olford for 20 years and for 23 years, respectively; that they were present and saw him sign his name (or make his mark) to the foregoing declaration; that he has been reputed among his acquaintances as one of the survivors of that war; and they have every reason to believe, from the appearance of said claimant and their acquaintance with him, that he is the identical person he represents himself to be; and they further say that they are able to identify him as the identical person who rendered the service alleged in the above application (in the company of Captain Drew Baldwin, in the regiment of First Alabama Volunteers in the war of 1846) by the following-named facts and circumstances, viz: (10)

For the time we have known said claimant, from his own statement and that of others conversant with the facts thereof, we do believe him to be the very person he represents himself to be in this claim, and there are several of his old comrades living who could prove the facts herein stated if their residences could be ascertained.

and that they have no interest in the prosecution of this claim.

Lester Hedge
Leonidas Walker
(Signatures of Witnesses.)

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 8th day of Oct, A. D. 1886; and I hereby certify that the contents of the above declaration, &c., were fully made known and explained to the applicant and witnesses before swearing, including the words _____, erased, and the words _____, added; and that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim.

R. E. Jones,
(Official Character.)
Clerk of Circuit Court.

NOTES AND INSTRUCTIONS.

1. Here allege full name of the claimant.
2. Here repeat the name of claimant.
3. Here allege the exact name under which the service was rendered.
4. Here allege the rank, under which the service was rendered.
5. Here state where and when "enlisted."
6. Here state the number of days or months of service rendered by the claimant; sixty days being the shortest period for which service pension is by law allowed, unless the claimant was actually engaged in a battle. If claim is made on account of battle service, such service should be alleged in addition to allegation of term of service.
7. Here state what part of Mexico you served in; the battles, skirmishes, &c., you were engaged in, and other incidents that will aid in identifying you.
All services rendered by the soldier in the war for which claim is made, or in any other war, with the names of officers in each service, must be given in the application.
8. If any application for bounty land or pension has previously been made, state the fact here, giving the date, and number if possible, and designating whether it was a claim for bounty land, extra pay, or pension, and whether a warrant for the land or certificate for the pension was ever issued.
9. Here let a full description follow, giving age, occupation, birthplace, height, color of hair, eyes, and complexion, and any other particulars as to description.
10. Here name all the facts and circumstances which enable the witnesses to swear that they know the applicant to be the identical person who rendered the service alleged.
If the applicant was a regimental or staff officer, or served in the Navy, the declaration must be varied, according to the facts of the case. If the claimant was discharged in consequence of disability incurred in the service, or if he was in captivity with the enemy, he must vary his declaration so as to set forth the facts of the case.

Forward best local evidence of identity you can obtain; if evidence of comrades is hereafter required, the Secretary of the National Association can advise you where to address them at the proper time. He has preserved many old letters from comrades that will be admitted as corroborative evidence in support of their claim.—A. M. KENADAY, Secretary.

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APPLICATION FOR
A BATTLE PENSION,

WAR OF 1846.

Edward D. Olford
Drew Baldwin
Mobile Ala
Olford's Co, 1st Ala
Mobile Ala



A. M. KENADAY,
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF VETERANS OF THE MEXICAN WAR