

# Declaration for Service 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 of Record, 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 20<sup>th</sup> day of October, A. D. one thousand eight hundred and eighty-six appeared before me, Clerk of the Circuit Court, the same being a Court of

Record within and for the county, and State aforesaid, (1) Jesse Hodge Ephraim D. Alford 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) Ephraim D. Alford who served under the name of (3) Ephraim D. Alford as a (4) private in company "G", commanded by Captain Baldwin in the 1<sup>st</sup> regiment of Alabama Volunteers, commanded by

Coffey in the war of 1846 with Mexico; that he enlisted at (5) near Orange, Vera Cruz, on San Juan River, Mex, on or about the      day of June, A. D. 1846, for the term of twelve months, and continued in actual service in said war for the term of (6) twelve months, and was honorably discharged at New Orleans, La., on the      day of July, A. D. 1847. The following is a brief statement of his service: (7) He again re-enlisted in company commanded by Capt. Inby, in Alabama Battalion under command of Major Sibels, for the term of the war, in December, 1847, and was discharged at Mobile, Ala. in August, 1848. Statement of service: Was present at the taking of Vera Cruz; reached Cerro Gordo when the fight was over, under the first enlistment. Under Capt Inby was present at a skirmish between Vera Cruz and Cordova, on a creek, the name of which I have forgotten; in which skirmish I was wounded in the right hip and knee by shot from the enemy, from which shot I have been crippled for life, and have been suffering a great deal

That some of the officers and soldiers of his company were as follows: Captain Drew Baldwin, Lieutenants Mc Cormick, Thoms, Sergeants John Woods, vandy, Corporals do not remember the names, Privates John Gayle, Geo. Gamble, Wm. Starn.

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 one application for (8) pension February, 1886, but owing to my not being able to write the name was put in wrong, My correct name being Ephraim D. Alford and that his residence is Beaver Meadow ~~street~~ (or town) of Mobile county of Alabama, State of Alabama, and that his post-office address is Chickasabogue, Mobile County, Alabama.

(9) Applicant declares that he was born at near Columbia, in the county of Orangeburg, and State of South Carolina, that he is 59 years of age, 5 feet 9 inches high, of light complexion, grey eyes, brown hair, and by occupation a farmer. His occupation before or at the time of enlistment was that of a farmer.

ATTEST:

Jesse Hodge  
Ephraim D. Alford

No Record of a prior application  
S.B.  
as on file  
July 25, 1887

Also personally appeared *Jester Hedge*, aged 57 years, residing at No. *Centronelle* street, in *Mobile Co., Alabama*, and *Willoughby Slaten* aged 64 years, residing at No. *Dearborn & Palmetto* streets in *Mobile, Alabama* 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 *Ephraim D. Alford* for 19 years and for 40 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 *D. P. Baldwin*, in the regiment of *1<sup>st</sup> Ala.*

in the war of 1846) by the following-named facts and circumstances, viz: (10)

*Hedge has been a neighbor of claimant for nearly 20 years and all who know him informs him that he is a veteran of the Mexican War; Willoughby Slaten was with him in Co. "G", Capt. Baldwin, and served one year with him in the Mexican war, and knows him to the very man he represents himself to be in this application.*

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

*Willoughby Slaten*  
(Signatures of Witnesses)

Sworn to and subscribed before me this *20<sup>th</sup>* day of *October*, A. D. 188*6*; 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 *Hedge, Berado, Camargo*, <sup>and San Juan</sup> ~~erased~~, and the words *Berado and Rio Grande* added; and that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim.

*R. E. Jones*

(L. S.)

(Official Character.)

*Chief 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.
  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.
- 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.

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.

APPLICATION FOR  
SERVICE PENSION,  
WAR OF 1846.

FOR

*Ephraim D. Alford*  
*D. Baldwin*  
*1<sup>st</sup> of the Vol Inf*  
*Col Coffey*  
*Ala*

*with Capt. Bby. Smith's Co*  
*1<sup>st</sup> of 1846*

Filed by

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

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