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Questions for Applicant

STATE OF KENTUCKY,

Grayson County.

Annice Burke Owen of said State and County, desiring to avail herself of the pension allowed to Indigent Widows of Soldiers, General Assembly, approved March 11, 1912, hereby submits her proofs, and after being duly sworn true answers to make to the following questions, deposes and answers as follows:

1. What is your full name and where do you reside? (Give State, County and Postoffice.)
Annice Burke Owen, Clarkson, Grayson Co., Ky.
2. How long and since when have you been a resident of this State? all my life
3. When and where were you born and what was your maiden name? Sept. 22, 1856, in Hancock County, Ky. - Maiden name, Annice Burke
4. When and where was your husband born? State his full name, and where were you and he married, and who performed the marriage ceremony? (If possible, attach certified copy marriage license in every case.) John Owen born in White County, Arkansas in 1846 - Married in or near Hamesville, Hancock Co., Ky. April 10, 1877 by Rev. Father Eggert of Knoxville, Ky.
5. When and where and in what Company and Regiment did your husband enlist or serve during the war between the States? About the last of March 1864 in White Co. Arkansas and served in Co. A. 45th Arkansas Cavalry.
6. How long did your husband serve in said Company and Regiment? About one year - captured and paroled
7. When and where did your husband's Company and Regiment surrender? Don't know
8. Was your husband present at the time and place when his Company Regiment surrendered? ✓
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? ✓
10. When and where did your husband die? Clarkson, Ky., July 16, 1914.
11. At the time of your husband's death, were you living with him as his lawful wife? yes
12. Have you married since the death of your soldier husband? No
13. What property, real or personal, or income do you have or possess, and its gross value? House and Lot \$300.00 - Personal property \$75.00
14. Have you a family? If so, who compose such family? yes - 3 sons and 3 daughters.
15. Name some friend, giving his name and postoffice address, who will be willing to have us write to him about your case if necessary. Dr. R. S. Ward, Clarkson, Ky.

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this, the
30th day of July, 1914.
[Signature]
Notary Public, Grayson County, Ky.
My Commission expires February 3, 1918.

Annice Burke Owen
Annice Burke Owen

Questions for Witnesses

STATE OF KENTUCKY,

Grayson County.

R. S. Ward M.D.

of said State and County, having been presented as a witness in support of the application of Mrs. L. J. Owen for a pension under Confederate Pension Law, approved March 11, 1912, after being duly sworn, true answers to make to the following questions, deposes and answers as follows:

1. What is your name and what is your postoffice address? R. S. Ward Clarksville Ky.
2. Are you acquainted with the applicant, Mrs. L. J. Owen I am
If so, how long have you known her? About 20 years
3. Where does she reside, and how long and since when has she been a resident of this State? All her life
4. Were you ever acquainted with her husband? yes
5. Were either or both of you present at the marriage? yes
6. How long did you know him? 20 years
7. When and where did Ark. enlist in the war between the States, and in what Company and Regiment did he enlist, and how do you know this? Ark.
8. Were you a member of the same Company and Regiment at the close of the war? No.
9. How long did he perform regular military duty? I heard him say he was captured and paroled
10. When and where was his Company and Regiment surrendered? I heard him say but cannot remember
11. Were you with the command when it surrendered? No.
12. Was L. J. Owen, the husband of applicant, present? yes
13. If not present, where was he? - - -
14. When and where did he leave his command? don't know

For what cause? - - -

By whose authority did he leave? - - -

How do you know all this? (State fully and clearly.) I heard him speak of his war career frequently

15. When and where did L. J. Owen die? at Clarksville Grayson County Ky. July the 16th 1914
16. Where did he reside at his death, and how long had he been a resident of Kentucky at his death? Resided at Clarksville Ky. L. J. Owen came to Ky. at the close of the war.
17. Do you know of your own knowledge that applicant is the lawful widow of L. J. Owen, yes.

18. Has she remained unmarried since her soldier husband's death, and is she now his widow?

yes

19. What property, effects or income has the applicant, if any, and how do you know this of your own knowledge?

practically none

Has applicant conveyed any property, in the last two years or given any away, if so, what was it, and to whom?

no

NOTE.—Let the witness who can answer the greatest number of questions do so; then let the other witness state in the space below how much of the testimony of the first witness he concurs in, and whether or not he can answer any of the questions not answered by the first witness.

I concur in all the answers to 1st witness

Sworn to and subscribed before me this *31st*

day of *July* 191*4*

Thomas Perry
Notary Public, Grayson County, Ky.
My commission expires February 3, 1918.

R. S. Ward M.D. Leo C. 2nd
J. E. Burke
Witnesses.

THE FOLLOWING CERTIFICATE OF THE COUNTY JUDGE MUST BE FILLED OUT WHETHER THE APPLICANT OWNS ANY TAXABLE PROPERTY OR NOT.

I, *A. L. Wells* Judge of *Grayson* County, Kentucky,

hereby certify that the property assessed on the tax books of this county to Mrs. *L. J. Owen*

the widow of *L. J. Owen* amounts to \$ *400.00* real estate and
\$120.00 personal. *A. L. Wells* Judge.

For *Grayson* County, Ky.

Certificate of Clerk of Court or Notary Public

STATE OF KENTUCKY,

Grayson County.

I, *Thomas Perry* Clerk or Notary Public, in and for said county, hereby

certify that the applicant, Mrs. *Abigail Burke Owen* resides in said county, and has been a bona fide resident of this State since the *all* day of *my life to my knowledge*, 19*14*, and that the witnesses, Mr. *R. S. Ward and J. E. Burke*

are of trustworthy character, and that their statements are entitled to full faith and credit.

I do further certify that before answering the foregoing questions, the applicant and said witness took the oath herein prescribed, and the full text of the affidavits was read to the applicant and witnesses before the same was signed and subscribed.

Witness my hand and official seal this *31* day of *July*, 191*4*

(SEAL)

Thomas Perry
Notary Public, Grayson County, Ky.
My commission expires February 3, 1918.

- Note—1. Before any questions are answered the Clerk or Notary shall swear applicant and the 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 an officer using a seal.
 4. Only widows who were the wives of soldiers need apply—and are now widows. Those married since Jan. 1st, 1890, not entitled.
 5. Two witnesses are necessary to make out claims.
 6. Attach certified copy marriage license in every case, or certificate of County Court Clerk, under seal, that license is filed in his office duly certified by officiating minister, or the affidavit of the officiating minister, or the affidavit of a witness of the ceremony, or the affidavit of two witnesses who knew them as man and wife, prior to January 1, 1890, and knew that they were living together on the date of his death.

NOTICE TO APPLICANTS.

The Widows' Pension Law, passed by the Kentucky Legislature, provides for the widows of *soldiers only*, and they must have been residents of the State of Kentucky since January 1, 1907.

Widow must have married prior to 1890.

To be eligible the applicant must have remained a widow after the death of her soldier husband, and must be indigent.

Read the questions in the application carefully and answer them fully.

Read the law, and unless you come clearly under the laws it will be useless to file application.

No. **3373**

**Widow's
Indigent Pension**

Name **ANNIE B. OWEN**

Filed **NOV 27 1914**

Widow of **L. J. OWEN**

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*Received July 30th 1915
Wm. H. Stone
Commissioner*

All blanks on this filing to be filled by the Pension Board

Indorsement.

PENSION EXAMINER'S OFFICE,
FRANKFORT, KY.

ANNIE B. OWEN,
widow of
L. J. OWEN,

Who enlisted Feb'y. 15, 1863,
in Co. A, 38th Arkansas Inf'y.
and there is record proof of
service to August 4, 1863. Com-
rades testify that he served
till the close of the war and
was surrendered and paroled
on June 4, 1865, at Jackson-
port, Ark.

Property: \$350.00.

Approved:

W J Stone.

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE
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WAR DEPARTMENT.

WAR DEPARTMENT,
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,
WASHINGTON, August 23, 1913.

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Respectfully returned to the
Examiner,
Confederate Pension Department,
Frankfort, Kentucky.

No record has been found of a
man named L. J. Owen as a member of
Company A, 45th Ark. Cav., C. S. A.

H. D. Heston
Adjutant General.

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Form No. 70, A. G. O.
Ed. May 10-13-75,000.

WAR DEPARTMENT,
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,
WASHINGTON, July 16, 1915.

Respectfully returned to the
Examiner,
Confederate Pension Department,
Frankfort, Kentucky.

The name L. J. Owen has not been
found on the rolls, on file in this
office, of Company A or any other
company of the 32d Arkansas Infant-
ry, C.S.A., nor has any record been
found of a man of this name and reg-
iment.

The records show, however, that
one J. M. Owens (name also borne as
James Owens) served as a member of
Company A, 38th Arkansas Infantry
(Lieutenant Col. Baber), C.S.A. His
record will be furnished if desired.

H. J. McLean
The Adjutant General.

Form No. 74-A. G. O.
Ed. Mar. 17-15-75,000.

Received A.G.O., AUG 23 1913

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HEADQUARTERS

Confederate Pension Department

W. J. STONE, EXAMINER

FRANKFORT, KY,

August 12th 1913

GEN. W. P. HALL,
Adjutant General, U. S. A.,
WASHINGTON, D. C.

Dear Sir:

L. J. Owen,

who is an applicant for Pension under the Kentucky Pension law, claims
to have been a member of Company "A" - 45th Arkansas Cav.
Regiment C. S. A., and to have been

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Please give me the record of this soldier.

Respectfully,

W. J. Stone

Examiner.

No. S.

HEADQUARTERS

Confederate Pension Department

W. J. STONE, EXAMINER

FRANKFORT, KY.

July 12th 1915

GEN. W. P. HALL,
Adjutant General, U. S. A.,
WASHINGTON, D. C.

Dear Sir:

L. J. Owen

who is an applicant for Pension under the Kentucky Pension law, claims
to have been a member of Company "A" - 32d Arkansas
Regiment Infantry C. S. A., and to have been
Capt. C. J. Washburn's Company
Col. Baber's Regiment.

Please give me the record of this soldier.

Respectfully,

W. J. Stone
Examiner.

WAR DEPARTMENT,
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,
WASHINGTON. July 27, 1915.

Respectfully returned to the
Examiner, Confederate Pension
Department, Frankfort, Kentucky.

The records show that James Owens,
private, Company A, 38th Regiment
Arkansas Infantry, C.S.A., enlisted
February 15, 1863. On roll for
July and August, 1863, last on which
his name is borne (only one later
roll on file--for January and Feb-
ruary, 1864), he was reported ab-
sent, detailed as nurse at Camp
Taylor Hospital, August 4, 1863,
by order of General Tappan. No
further record of him has been found.

H. J. H. H.
The Adjutant General.

Form No. 74-A. G. O.
Ed. Mar. 17-18-75,000.

Received A.G.O., JUL 28 1915

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HEADQUARTERS

Confederate Pension Department

W. J. STONE, EXAMINER

FRANKFORT, KY.

July 23rd 1915

GEN. W. P. HALL,
Adjutant General, U. S. A.,
WASHINGTON, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Mrs. Anna B. Owen

who is an applicant for pension under the Kentucky Widows' Pension Law,
claims that her husband L. J. Owen (Possibly James)
was a member of Company "A" Regiment 38th Ark. C. S. A.,
and was Infantry

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Please give me the record of this soldier.

Respectfully,

W. J. Stone
Examiner.

Louisville, Ky. July 8-1915
Hon. Mr. Stone, Court,
Confederate Pension Dept
Frankfort, Ky.
Dear Mr. Stone:

I am enclosing
your herewith affidavit
from the state of Ark.
signed by T. M. Barnett &
W. N. Frohman & John Shley
in which they testify as
to the complete record of
my father's war service.
These gentlemen have good
records themselves and are
men of good character.

They also served in the
same regiment & company
with my father.

They state the time of
enlistment the place of enlistment

state that he was in the service until the close of the war or until discharged ~~on~~ day of June 1865. also that he was discharged at Jacksonport, Ark, also name the commanding officer which agrees with my fathers application.

you will note that they state it was the 32nd regiment of Company A. my father states it was the 45th & do not know which is right, but I should not think this technical difference would amount to anything

now Mr Stone I have made an earnest endeavor to get this matter for you to meet the requirements.

I the card in the matter,
 I desire to say in this
 connection that I have
 taken the matter up through
 the adjutant General of the
 state of ark. also the military
 authorities and the war
 department at Washington.

The war department has
 a record of the enrollment
 of this ark regiment but
 it is of date in the year
~~1861~~ but this is previous to
 my fathers enlistment.

I firmly believe the
 records are lost. The ark
 Historical Society states their
 records are not complete
 on account of records being
 lost.

I have taken the only

course I see left, and that is to prove through his comrades in army, this proof as before stated I enclose herewith,

This has been an extremely difficult matter I fortunately got in communication with a cousin of mine who lives in Ark, and whose father brother to my father was in the army, but he died many years ago,

Mr W. O. Jones of Litchfield told me he called on you sometime ago, He was an old friend of my father, I would Mr Stone please acknowledge receipt of these

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papers so that I may
know that you have
them. If there are
sufficient please notify
my mother at Clarkston
as she seems worried
about the matter, and she
certainly needs the pension,
with best wishes.

I am,

Yours very truly
A. E. Owen

Address
937-Charleston
Louisville, Ky

GRAYSON COUNTY COURT.

Regular Term Sept 28th 1914.

HON A L WELLS COUNTY JUDGE PRESIDING:

The Pension claim of Annie Burke Owen having been filed in open court and having laid over the length of time required by law and the proof having been taken in same it is therefore adjudged by the court that the said Annie Burke Owen is entitled to the Pension asked for and that the same be certified to the Pension Commissioner of Confederate Pensions for payment.

A Copy Attest:-

W. W. Mangery - Clerk
Grayson County Court, Kentucky.

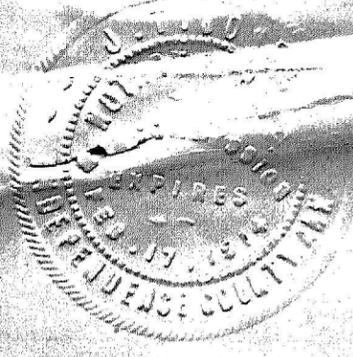
This is to Certify that L.J.Owen. Son of John Owen of White County Ark.
and Brother of Alfred Owen and Lient John M.Owen of Independence
County Ark. Served in Company (A) 45 Ark Cav. U.S.A. and was Personally
known to us whose Name are Signed hereto having served in the same
Regiment with him.

W. H. Terrell
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M. M. Wilson
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Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 10th day of June 1917

J. D. Jones

Notary Public



STATE OF KENTUCKY
CONFEDERATE PENSION DEPARTMENT
FRANKFORT

W. J. STONE, COMMISSIONER

February 9th, 1915.

Mrs. Annie B. Owen,
Clarkson, Kentucky.

Dear Madam:-

I have just discovered that in mailing you certificate and voucher it was made out to the widow of L. T. Owen, while your husband's name was L. J. Owen. L. T. Owen was a citizen of Ballard County, and was on the pension roll, and when the application of his widow was reached it was discovered that the proof filed with the application of L. T. Owen was by mistake used with your application when it should have been used with the application of Mary C. Owen, the widow of L. T. Owen. You will therefore please return the Certificate which was forwarded to you by mistake.

Very truly,

W. J. Stone
Commissioner.

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Above certificate was returned on Feb'y. 13th, 1915, and destroyed.

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February 9th, 1915.

Mrs. Annie B. Owen,
Clarkson, Kentucky.

Dear Madam:-

I have just discovered that in mailing you certificate and voucher it was made out to the widow of H. T. Owen, while your husband's name was L. J. Owen. L. T. Owen was a citizen of Ballard County, and was on the pension roll, and when the application of his widow was reached it was discovered that the proof filed with the application of L. T. Owen was by mistake used with your application when it should have been used with the application of Mary C. Owen, the widow of L. T. Owen. You will therefore please return the Certificate which was forwarded to you by mistake.

Very truly,

Commissioner.

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Bank of Clarkson

CAPITAL AND SURPLUS \$ 25,000.00

Clarkson, Ky.

February 27, 1915.

Mr. W. J. Stone, Pension Com.,

Frankfort, Ky.

Dear Sir:

Mrs. Annie B. Owen, widow of L. J. Owen,
has requested me to write you in regard to her
pension. Please advise if pension has been allowed
here yet and oblige

Yours truly,

Thomas Perry
Cashier.

March 1, 1915.

Thomas Perry,

Clarkson, Ky.

Dear Sir:-

I am in receipt of yours of the 27th ult. relative to
the application of Mrs. Annie B. Owen, widow of L. J. Owen.

I have examined the proof filed with the application
of Mrs. Owen and I find that the name of L. J. Owen does not appear
on the records of Company A, 45th Arkansas Cavalry, which is the
regiment to which he claimed to have belonged when he filed his
application, and that there is no proof by record of his service
and no proof by comrades, except they testify that he enlisted.

L. J. Owen stated in his application when he filed it
that he left the service in December, 1864, and never returned
to it.

The proof in every case must show when the soldier
enlisted, how long he served, and that he got out of the army
~~honorably—that is, that he served till the close of the war or~~
until he was honorably discharged, and in cases like this, where
there is no record of the soldier's enlistment or service, the
proof must be made by two or more witnesses who served with the
soldier and know the facts in the case and themselves made honor-
able record.

Very truly,

Commissioner.

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March 5th, 1915.

H. E. Owen,
931 Charles Street,
Louisville, Ky.

Dear Sir:-

I am in receipt of yours of the 3rd, and note carefully what you say.

When your father filed his application for pension he filed no proof of any kind as to his enlistment or service in the Confederate army. He stated in his application that he enlisted in Co. A, 45th Arkansas Cavalry about the last of March, 1864, and was captured and paroled by the 11th Missouri Cavalry, U.S.A. December 24, 1864, and that is the sum and substance of all he stated in his application.

I presume you understand that when an application is made proof of the statements made by the applicant must be furnished with the application before any action can be taken on it.

Immediately upon the receipt of your father's application I did, as I have done in all other cases, made immediate inquiry of the War Department at Washington for a copy of any record that may be on file there of the soldier, and I received a reply dated August 23, 1913, from the Adjutant General, in which he stated "No record has been found of a man named L. J. Owen as a member of Company A, 45th Arkansas Cavalry, C.S.A."

So that it left your father's application without one word of proof looking to the establishment of his record, and in his application he gives no account of himself after December 24, 1864, and when your mother filed her application after your father's death, the only witness who testified for her was Dr. R. S. Ward, and all he says with regard to your father's enlistment and service in the Confederate army is that he heard him say you was captured and paroled.

After your father was informed that there was no proof as to his enlistment and service in the Confederate army there was an affidavit filed here, made by W. H. Tomlinson and N. M. Wilson, in which they say that "L. J. Owen was personally known to them and that they served in the same regiment with him", but say nothing

about when he enlisted, how long he served, or when or how he got out of the army.

~~You ask me why your father's record does not appear in the rolls of the 45th Arkansas Cavalry, Company A".~~

That is a question I am unable to answer, because I had nothing to do with the rolls of Company A, of the 45th Arkansas Cavalry, nor with the placing of the names of the members of that company upon it. As I had no connection in any way with the 45th Arkansas Cavalry.

From one paragraph of your letter you cast reflections upon me, because your father's record was not proven clearly. When a man is notified of the proof necessary to bring him within the provisions of the pension law, as was done in your father's case, I have done my whole duty, and if he does not furnish the proof I am in no way responsible.

In another paragraph of your letter you state that "it seems that I have gotten the records of this office mixed in your mother's case with the records of another party who belonged to a Kentucky Regiment".

You are entirely mistaken in that record. A mistake was made, and the letter ~~was used in the name of the other Mrs. Owen~~ when the letter "T" should have been used, and the letter was addressed to Mrs. L. J. Owen, when it should have been addressed to Mrs. L. W. Owen, and when the mistake was discovered, I wrote your mother of the mistake and requested the return of the Certificate, and it was promptly returned.

Incidentally I would say that if the proof in your father's application had been as full and clear as the proof on file with the application of L. T. Owen, he would have been receiving his pension and your mother would also have been on the pension roll now.

You ask if the proceedings in the County Court with regard to your mother's application were regular and correct. They were, except the report of the County Judge is not as full as it should have been, but is full enough to answer every purpose.

The proof in every case must show when the soldier enlisted, how long he served, and that he got out of the army honorably, that is, served till the close of the war or until he was

honorably discharged, and in cases like your fathers', where there is no record of his enlistment and service in the Confederate army, the proof must be made by two or more persons who served with him and know the facts and themselves have honorable records.

I note also that you say that your father says he was paroled on December 24, 1864, and that answers the question as to how he got out of the army.

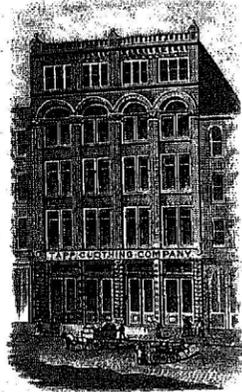
That does not answer the question, because being paroled does not take a man out of the army.

Very truly,

Commissioner.

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ESTABLISHED 1857.



LOUISVILLE, Ky., 3-3-15.

Hon. W. J. Stone Commissiener,
Confederate Pension Dept.
Frankfort, Ky.

Dear Sir:-

Your letter to Thomas Terry, Clarksex, Ky. in regard to the application of my mother Annie E Owen widow of L. J. Owen, of Clarksex, Ky. has been forwarded to me.

Now Mr. Stone I am greatly surprised at the contents of this letter from you, because I was of the opinion that you had already fully investigated my fathers record long ago, and did not think this matter would be in question. I desire to say that there is absolutely not a question of doubt in my own mind as to the fact that my father served in the confederate army and also had an honorable record. Ever since I was a child and could remember he has talked to me about his service in the confederate army during the war.

I have a duplicate copy of his application to you in his own handwriting before me now, this application was duly sworn to before a notary public and seems to be all respects according to law.

You state that there is no record that he served in the Company A 45th Arkansas Calvary, I do not understand this, it may be this is a mistake, I hardly think he would make this error, in view of the fact that he gave you all of his commanding officers in his application.

I only saw my father once or twice after he filed his application with you, did not discuss the matter with him at all.

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LOUISVILLE, Ky.,

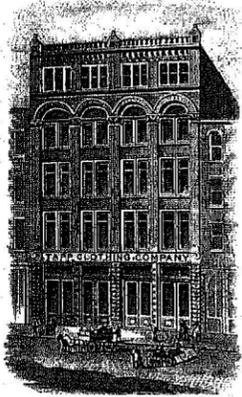
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and as he is now dead and in view of the fact that his own application was in your office for several months while he was still living and could have easily have given you this information, you readily appreciate the position you place the matter now. Now Mr. Stone you have shown a disposition in your correspondence with me personally to get this matter fixed up as early as possible, therefore I am not finding fault with you. But I have actually had to instruct the County Judge of Grayson Co. in the law in the matter and have had unnecessary delay on the part of other officials, so the matter has now reached a point where I am obliged to take all matters connected with this application up direct with you, and have a full understanding.

Now in the first place, I suppose the duplicate I held of my fathers application is an exact copy. He states that he was captured and paroled by the 11th Missouri Cavalry, U. S. A. this answers the question of how he got out.

What information was filed with you in regard to his enlistment length of service etc. I mean what proof, and by whom? the fact that you have proof of his enlistment is evidence of his services. And as I understand it the law only requires these matters to be proved by officers of his command or his comrades. I am reliably informed that some of his comrades is still living. The matter of his record I am going to take up with Bennett H Young and Capt John H Leathers, may be able to get all information through Col Young. Both of these gentlemen are friends of mine.

ESTABLISHED 1857.



LOUISVILLE, KY.

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and I think both were acquainted with my father. If my fathers record does not appear on the records of the 45th Arkansas Calvary Company A I want to know the reason why.

I also have a cousin in the state of Arkansas, who I think can locate something for me.

Now Mr. Stone I want to be frank with you, I think my father was entitled to this pension before his death, and I think it would be an injustice should my mother fail to get it now, because she is certainly badly in need of it as before stated by me in previous letters.

I may also state, that it seems from letter received to-day you must have your records mixed in some way with another party who belonged to a Kentucky regiment of the same name except the initials are L. T. Owen while my fathers name was L. J. Owen. could you have made a mistake in this way. I do not understand why the notary at Clarkson did not detect this error.

Now Mr. Stone I want you to understand this letter in the spirit in which it is written, before I take up these matters of proof etc. I want you to write me fully. I want you to write me just what you want I do not know because I do not know what you now have.

Let me know as to whether you received my mothers application in due form from the court at Leitchfield and if there is anything more required along this line. I want you to have all records necessary and due form and expect to get them for you if it takes ten years to do it.

ESTABLISHED 1857.



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 MANUFACTURERS OF
MENS, YOUTHS & CHILDRENS CLOTHING
 IN ALL THE
 POPULAR PRICED GRADES

WISDOM BRAND

LOUISVILLE, KY.

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my mother is honestly entitled to this pension under the law and I want her to have it. But I understand your position fully, and want you to have the records also. These I understand you must have before you can act and this is right. I want your assistance no especial favors.

Write me fully at once,
 I am,

Very truly yours,

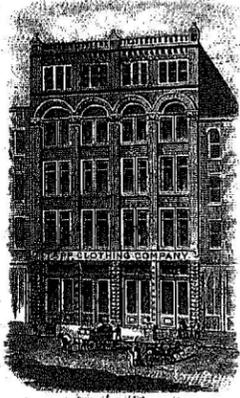
H. E. Owens

Address,

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LOUISVILLE, Ky., Mar. 8th-15.

Hon. W. J. Stone Commisener,
Confederate Pension Dept.
Frankfert, Ky.

Dear Sir:-

I have your favor of Mar. 5th, and desire to thank you for your prompt reply.

I wish to assure you that I have no disposition or desire to in any way make any criticisms or to cast any reflections upon any act of yours. What I wanted to know, is the exact status of the matter as it stands now. Your letter is explanatory along this line, and I knew now what necessary information you desire to complete your records and fully comply with the law.

I desire to state in the outset, that I am not familiar with any correspondence that you had with my father, and for this reason I desired to know what information he had filed with you in regard to his record in the army, besides that contained in his application form. I have what I suppose is an exact copy before me now, and did not think myself it would be sufficient perhaps, although I knew every word of it is true.

At the time, my mother was making application as his widow/ I had every reason to believe that all records of my father were complete and perhaps only lacked verification from your office.

Now in regard to my mothers application, I desire to say

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that , Dr. Ward was willing to testify as to what my fater had told him in regard to his record in the army. And I suggested that he do so because as you are perhaps new aware, there is no one in this part of the country who served with my father in the army, and it is not my desire to have any one testify to anything that they do not know.

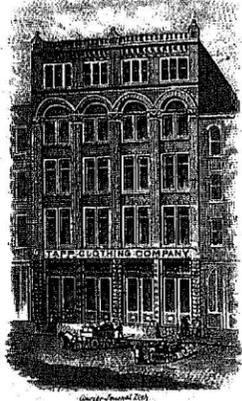
Now Mr. Stone I desire to correct you in one particular.

I understand fully that you were not a member of Company A, 45th Ark c avalry or you perhaps would have had personal knowledge of my fathers record. I only made the statement that if his name was not on the rolls of the above company, that I wanted to know the reason why. I am now taking the proper steps to find out if it actually appears on the rolls of this company.

Now you state that you have a letter from the Dept . at Washington dated Aug. 23rd 1913 stating that "no record has been found of a man by the name of L. J. Owen as a member of the 45th Ark cavalry" and this information coming from this source is not conclusive evidence that he did not belong to this company, and you very well knew this Mr. Stone.

Now in regard to the parole business, I fully understand that a parole does not take one out of the army, not necessarily so. But in my fathers case it might have been true. My father was in the

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army which fought through Ark. and Missouri and as you well know did some of the hottest fighting during the war. My father carried a bullet wound to his grave, that he received in a battle in Mo. He states that he was captured and paroled, I am certain he did not take the oath of allegiance to the U. S. A. and this may account for lack of information at Washington. This matter I will straighten out later. My father was not the kind of a rebel to take the oath of allegiance to the U. S. A. unless he was forced to do so. And especially at that time.

New Mr. Stone in conclusion I will say this to you, I am going to establish my fathers record in the army if it takes me twenty years to do so. I have made this same statement to Bennett H Young who knew my father and he told me to do so, and this regardless of whether my mother is ever granted a pension, this is secondary to me now. You will not hear from me again until, I have the proper papers, at which time I will either have some of my friends at Frankfort call on you or will come in person. In the meantime any way you can be of service to me I will gratefully appreciate any suggestions.

I have only, the kindest feelings toward you in this matter am expecting you to do your duty. But I am also expecting justice.

I expect to meet the conditions exacted by the law.

With best wishes, I am,

Very truly yours,

Address
937 *Charlton St*

H. E. Owen

May 7th, 1915.

W. A. Jones,

Leitchfield, Ky.

Dear Sir:-

Replying to your request for information relative to the application of Mrs. Annie B. Owen, widow of L. J. Owen, when she filed her application for pension she filed no proof of the enlistment or service of her husband in the Confederate Army.

There is a certificate on file with her application made by W. H. Tomlinson and N. M. Wilson, which states that L. J. Owen was a member of Company A, 45th Arkansas Cavalry. They tell nothing of the date of his enlistment, the length of his service, nor when nor how he got out of the army, and there is no record among the rolls of Company A, of the 45th Arkansas Cavalry showing his enlistment or service in that command.

When her husband, L. J. Owen, filed his application for pension he filed no proof of his enlistment or service in the army, but said that he enlisted in March, 1864, in Company A, 45th Arkansas Cavalry, and that he was captured and released by the 11th Missouri United States Cavalry in December, 1864.

The proof in every case must show: When a soldier enlisted, how long he served; and that he got out of the army honorably, that is, that he served till the close of the war or until he was honorably discharged, and in cases like this, where there is no record of the man's enlistment or service, the proof must be made by two or more persons who served with him and know the facts in the case and who themselves made honorable records.

Very truly,

Commissioner.

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State of Arkansas,)
County of Independence)

On this day came before me the undersigned, a notary Public Within and for the County of Independence and State of Arkansas, duly commissioned and acting, F.M. Barnett and W.H. Tomlinson, to me well known as reputable citizens of Independence County, Arkansas, and both state off oath, that they were personally acquainted with L.J. Owen, that they were both members of the same Company and Regiment, in the Confederate Army, to-wit, Capt. C.J. Washburn's Company, and Col. Baber's Regiment, Mounted Infantry of Arkansas.

That he enlisted for service about the year 1863, in Big Bottom, Township, Independence County, Arkansas, Post Office Big Bottom.

That he was in the service from time of enlistment until the close of the war. That he was a member of Company A, 32nd Regiment of Arkansas.

That he was discharged from the service of the Army on the 5th day of June, 1865, at Jacksonport, Arkansas.

That he was at one time captured at some place in Missouri, but we do not know by what regiment of the Federal Army.

We do not know whether he took the oath of allegiance to the U.S.A. after the close of the war or not.

After he was discharged, he came to his home, in Independence County, Arkansas.

Witness our hands on this the 3rd day of July, 1915.

Witness
A. A. Henderson
B. S. Shelby

F. M. Barnett, 3rd Lieut.
W. H. Tomlinson
J. S. Shelby

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this the 3rd day of July, 1915.

My Comm. Exp. Feb. 3th, 1916.

A. A. Henderson
Notary Public.