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Sarah J. Roberts
Jefferson Roberts
Jackson

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**Widow's
Indigent Pension**

Name Sarah J. Roberts

Filed Apr 14. 11

Widow of Jefferson Roberts
Recruiting Service

Approved _____

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Bill
Nov 2-18
M. Morgan
for claimant atty

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

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J. Morgan

NOTICE TO APPLICANTS.

The Widows' Pension Law, passed by the Tennessee Legislature, provides for the widows of *soldiers only*, and they must have been residents of the State of Tennessee for three years before making application.

There are only two classes of widows pensionable

CLASS 1—Is for widows whose husbands died or were killed during the war.

CLASS 2—Is for widows who married prior to 1876.

To be eligible under either class 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.

Notice the classification, and unless you come clearly under one of the classes it will be useless to file application.

The Board meets on the second Tuesday in January, April, July and October.

Questions for Applicant

STATE OF TENNESSEE,

Jackson

County.

full name *Sarah Turner Roberts*

Sarah T. Roberts

of said State and County, desiring to avail herself of the pension allowed to Indigent Widows of Soldiers, under Act of General Assembly, approved April, 1905, being Chapter 202 of the Acts of 1905, and Senate Bill No. 41, Acts of 1909, 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) *State of Tennessee*

Jackson County & my Post office is Grimsboro Route 2

2. How long and since when have you been a resident of this State? *About 34 years - since 1877*

3. When and where were you born and what was your maiden name? *Sarah T. Emberton I was born in Overton*

County Tenn - my Father & Mother moved Monroe Co Ky while I was an infant - & came back to Tenn in 1877 & have been here ever since

4. When and where was your husband born - state his full name, and when and where were you and he married, and who performed the marriage ceremony? (Attach certified copy marriage license in every case.) *I do not know*

where he was born - his full name was Jefferson Roberts and I understand it - we were married in Jackson County Tenn

5. When and where and in what Company and Regiment did your husband enlist or serve during the war between the States? *[Crossed out]*

6. How long did your husband serve in said Company and Regiment? *[Crossed out]*

7. When and where did your husband's Company and Regiment surrender? *[Crossed out]*

8. Was your husband present at the time and place when his Company and Regiment surrendered? *[Crossed out]*

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? *[Crossed out]*

10. Was your husband a pensioner or an applicant for pension, under the laws of Tennessee? *See 193*

11. When and where did your husband die? *He was a state pensioner He died the 8th day of March 18 or 19 years ago*

12. At the time of your husband's death, were you living with him as his lawful wife? *I was -*

13. Have you married since the death of your ^{said} husband? *I have not*

14. How many children did you have by your said husband? Give sex and age at this time - *One - a boy - his name is John Roberts - He was 25 years old last Dec*

15. What property, real or personal, or income do you have or possess, and its gross value - *I have no income & posses nothing - I am blind & have been for the last four years & posses nothing but a little wearing apparel & poor bed*

16. What property, real or personal, did you possess at death of husband or did he leave you, and what disposition, if any, by sale or gift, have you made of the same? *He left me about ten acres of poor ridge land and it was sold to pay the Dr bill in my husband's last sickness & my sickness at the same time*

17. Have you a family? If so, who compose such family? Give their means of support. Have they any lands or other property? *I have no family - I live in a rented cabin with my son John Roberts & he has a wife & infant child & we all depend on his labor for support together with what our neighbors help us.*

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this the

3rd day of *March*

1911

Sarah T. Roberts
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A J Pharris Notary Public

of *Jackson* County.

Questions for Witnesses

STATE OF TENNESSEE,

Jackson County.

William Fann

of said State and County, having been presented as a witness in support of the application of Mrs. Sarah J. Roberts for a pension under Chapter 202, Acts of 1905, and Senate Bill No. 41, Acts of 1909, and 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? William Fann-Gainesboro Tenn Route 2

2. Are you acquainted with the applicant, Mrs. Roberts - I am
If so, how long have you known her: About 20 years or more

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

She resides in Jackson Co Tenn and has all the time I have known her

4. When and where was she born? I do not know

5. Were you ever acquainted with her husband? I was in his life time

6. When and by whom were they married? I do not know

7. Were either or both of you present at the marriage? I was not

8. How long did you know him? I know him from his marriage to her up to his death

9. When and where did he enlist in the war between the States, and in what Company and Regiment did he enlist, and how do you know this?

10. Were you a member of the same Company and Regiment at the close of the war?

11. How long did he perform regular military duty?

12. When and where was his Company and Regiment surrendered?

13. Were you with the command when it surrendered?

14. Was he the husband of applicant, present?

15. If not present, where was he?

16. When and where did he leave his command?

For what cause?

By whose authority did he leave?

How do you know all this? (State fully and clearly)

17. When and where did he die?

He died in this neighborhood - do not remember the date

18. Where did he reside at his death and how long had he been a resident of Tennessee at his death?

He lived in this neighborhood (in Jackson Co Tenn) he was very old - I don't know how long he had been a Tennesseean

19. Do you know of your own knowledge that applicant is the lawful widow of Jefferson Roberts

I do - I knew them to live together as husband & wife from their marriage to his death

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

21. What property, effects or income has the applicant, if any, and how do you know this of your own knowledge? *She has no property & no income & I know this by being a near neighbor of hers*

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

She has not - she had none to sell or give away

NOTE—Let the witness who can answer the greatest number of the 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.

Sarah Bybee I am a near neighbor of applicant - I knew Jefferson Roberts from 1863 to his death - I adopt the other answers of William Fann

Sworn to and subscribed before me this

day of *March 3* 1911

A. J. Pharris

Notary Public

William Fann

Sarah ^{her} Bybee
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Witnesses.

The Following Certificate of the County Trustee Must be Filled Out.

I, *J. C. Chaffin* Trustee of *Jackson* County, Tennessee,
hereby certify that the property assessed on the tax books of this County to Mrs. *Sarah J. Roberts*
the widow of *Jefferson Roberts* amounts to \$*0.00* real estate and
\$*0.00* personal.
J. C. Chaffin Trustee
For *Jackson* County, Tenn.

Certificate of Clerk of Court or Notary Public.

STATE OF TENNESSEE,

Jackson County.

I, *A. J. Pharris* Notary Public Clerk or Notary Public, in and for said county, hereby
certify that the applicant, Mrs. *Sarah J. Roberts* resides in said County, and has been
a bona fide resident of this State since the day of *1877*, and that the wit-
nesses, Mr. *William Fann & Sarah Bybee*
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 witnesses 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 *3* day of *March* 1911

(SEAL)

A. J. Pharris Notary Public

Jackson County.

- NOTES—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 Tennessee soldiers need apply—and are now widows. Those married since December 31, 1869, 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 1876, and knew that they were living together on the date of his death.

MARRIAGE - BOND

KNOWm ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, That we, Jefferson Roberts, principal and W.M.Gailbreath, security, are held and firmly bound unto the State of Tennessee, in the sum of TWELVE HUNDRED and Fity Dollars, to which payment well and truly to be made, we bind ourselves, our heirs, etc, jointly and firmly by these presents.

THE CONDITION OF THE ABOVE OBLIGATION IS SUCH, THAT, whereas Jefferson Roberts, has prayed and obtained A license to Marry Sarah T. Emberton.

Now, If there is no lawful cause to obstruct the Marriage for which the License is desired, then this obligation, to be void, else to remain in full force and effect.

This the 31'st day of May, 1884.

Jefferson Roberts, (Seal)

W.M.Gailbreath, (seal)

MARRIAGE --- LICENSE.

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STATE OF TENNESSEE, JACKSON COUNTY.

To any Minister of the Gospel having the care of Souls,
or to any Judge or chancellor of said State, or Justice of the Peace of said County:-
Greeting:-

Either of you are hereby authorized, to solemnize the RITES OF MATRIMONY, between, Jefferson Roberts and Sarah T. Emberton, agreeable to the ACTS of THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY of STATE. Bond and security, having been given according to law.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND at office in Gainesboro, This the 31'st day of May, 1884. J.W.Draper, Clerk County Court of said County.

I, solemnized the RITES OF MATRIMONY, between the above named parties on the 31'st day of May. 1884. Joe H. Lynn, J.P.

STATE OF TENNESSEE-- JACKSON COUNTY.
I, G. Lee McGlasson Clerk of the County Court of Jackson County, Tennessee hereby certify that the above is a true copy of the Marriage record of Jefferson Roberts, to Sarah T. Emberton, as same appears of record in my office, Witness my hand and official seal of office at office in Gainesboro, Tennessee, on this the 28'th day of February, 1911.

G. Lee McGlasson
Clerk County Court of said County.

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GEO. B. GUILD, President.
FRANK A. MOSES,
W. H. COLEY,

HON. FRANK DIBRELL,
ATTY-GEN. CHAS. T. GATES
JOHN P. HICKMAN, Secretary.

HEADQUARTERS

Tennessee Board of Pension Examiners.

Nashville, Tenn. April 18 1901,

GEN. F. C. AINSWORTH,
Military Secretary,
WASHINGTON, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Mrs. Sarah T. Roberts

who is an applicant for pension under the Tennessee Widows Pension
Law, claims that her husband Jefferson Roberts

was a ~~member of Company~~ Regiment

G. S. A., and was an sutolling officer for
Jackson County Tenn

Please give us the record of this soldier.

Respectfully,

George B. Guild
President.

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

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WAR DEPARTMENT.

Address: "The Adjutant General,
War Department, Washington, D. C."

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WAR DEPARTMENT,

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

WASHINGTON, April 22, 1911.

Respectfully returned to the

President,
Tennessee Board of
Pension Examiners,
Nashville.

No record has been found of the
service of Jefferson Roberts as an
enrolling officer, Confederate States
Army, in Tennessee, nor has any rec-
ord been found of his capture or
parole.



The Adjutant General.

(A. G. O. 72 1)

Per *H*

Gainesboro Tenn

April 21 1919

Hon John P Hickmon Secretary
Nashville Tenn

My Dear Sir Sarah J. Roberts
is dead she died Nov 7 1914
and had signed voucher and
wills. Bond and never
did draw on said voucher
and as she was very poor
and died in debt to W. F.
Woodson for supplies and
for Burial Expenses

I think it just for her son
John Roberts to get one more
draw to pay out her indebted-
ness as others has made one
draw after death of Pharois
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State of Tennessee
Jackson county

Personally appeared Before me
A. J. Pharris a Justice of the Peace
for said county W. F. Dodson
^{who makes oath} ^{in one bond} that Sarah J. Roberts was
incubated to him in the sum
of \$35.00 for Sufferings.

which is just true and un-
paid I subscribed and
sworn to before me

this April 21 1919

W. F. Dodson
A. J. Pharris, J. P.



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Mrs. Sarah T. Roberts
Gainesboro
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Nashville, Tenn., February 26, 1919.

she said for be replaced
Under the Act of 1917, all widows on the pension roll who had married after 1879 were dropped from the roll, and no widows who had married after 1879 were to be added to the roll. The Act of 1919 restores the dropped widows to roll, and adds widows who were married before 1890. Before restoring or adding to the roll, the Board must know if the widows are still living, and their present addresses. Answer at once.

You must send your

JNO. P. HICKMAN, Secretary.

address; otherwise you cannot be restored to the roll