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Robert Taylor Pension Applications

The following pages are sheets from applications that Robert and later his widow made to obtain a Florida Confederate Pension.

Civil war veterans of the Union Army were eligible for a federal pension. Confederate veterans were not. Most of the southern states passed laws giving a small pension to veterans of the Confederate Army. These could be obtained by aging soldiers and by surviving widows of the soldiers for their lifetimes. Even though the stipends were small, some young women married these old men to get the pension after their death. As a result, the last surviving Confederate Widow was still living in March 2000. She was married to her husband in 1927 when he was 82 and she was 21.

The Florida pension started in 1885 with a pension of five dollars a month. The law was changed several times, with a new bill introduced with every session of the legislature. The value increased over the years.

Robert first filed in 1887. After he died in 1897, his widow Permelia (his second wife) filed on four different occasions. Her's was rejected at least twice due to the lack of the appropriate paperwork. Her last application was in 1909 in response to a new act. She was approved and received a payment of ten dollars per month. Permelia died in 1924.

These papers were important to me. When Mary Harrison sent them to me the first time, I had no knowledge that Robert was a Confederate veteran. There was no oral tradition in the family about the service. These applications had sufficient information for me to obtain official records of his service, which led me to write the "Bloody Lane" story.

Pages are legal size

Robert's Pension Application 1887

This was the first application Robert made along with the certification. It tells of his service in the Confederate Army. It was approved, probably for \$5 per month. I assume he received it for the rest of his life.

To the Honorable Board of Commissioners of Pensions:

Gentlemen: The undersigned respectfully represents, and swears, that he was enlisted and served during the late war in Captain Garrett Vinant Company, B. 5th Regiment, from the State of Florida that he was wounded at At Sharpburg Md. 17th Sept 1864 while in the discharge of his duties; that he is, by reason of sai wounds, unable to labor and support himself; that he is not a pensioner of any other State, or of the United States & that ~~he owns no property except that retained for taxation at his own name in~~ was resided in this State twenty one years next preceding this date Columbia County Florida

~~counties, and that the pension authorized by the act of the Legislature, approved February 16th, 1885, is necessary for his support and maintenance.~~

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 4th day of Oct 1887 } his
W. M. Jones } Robert Taylor
County Judge } maile
Applicant for Pension.

We swear that his the above applicant, is personally well known to us, and that we believe the statements made in his application are true and as represented.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 4th day of Oct 1887 } J. M. Lawling
W. M. Jones } J. G. Stewart
Co Judge } Robert Taylor

I certify that I have carefully examined Robert Taylor the above applicant, and find him unable to labor and support himself by reason of gunshot shattering right ankle rendering him unable to work - & having erysipelas resulting in the loss of use of leg much of time

W. M. J. Hume, M. D.
Date Oct 4/87

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APPLICATION FOR PENSION

BY

Robert Taylor

of Columbia County,

STATE OF

Calvin Kinzaw's Company,

5th Regiment.

Accepted by the Board
of Commissioners of Pensions

Nov. 17th 1887 - Recd
from Regt, 17th 1887 -

Wm. H. King, Clerk Gen
Office, of Board

Filed in Adjutant-General's Office

Oct 11th

1887

STATE OF FLORIDA,

Columbia COUNTY.

We, the Board of County Commissioners of said county, certify that *Robert Taylor* was a regularly enlisted *volunteer* in Captain *Garett Vanzant's* Company, of the *5th* Regiment of Florida Volunteers, and served as such during the late war; that he is unable to labor and support himself by reason of wounds received in the line of duty while so serving; that he is now a citizen of this county and State; that he is not receiving a pension from any other State or from the United States, and that ~~the pension allowed by the Act approved February 16th, 1886, "To Provide an Annuity for Disabled Soldiers and Sailors of the State of Florida," is necessary for his maintenance and support.~~ ^{he has resided in this State 29 years next preceding this date}

Done at *Lake City*, the County Site,
this *4th* day of *October* 1887

Geo. E. Young *Chas*
Geo. S. Mattox
W. L. Jerry
L. W. Rivers
W. O. Chamberlins
County Commissioners.

John Vignaut Jr
Clerk.

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CERTIFICATE
OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

IN THE CASE OF

Robert Taylor
Columbia Co. Applicant for Pension.

Approved by the Board
of Commrs. of Pensions
Nov. 14th 1887. Pay from
July 1st 1887 -

A. H. H. Capt Gen
Pres. of Board

Filed in Adjutant-General's Office

Oct 11th 1887

Permelia's First Pension Application 1901

This was the first application Permelia made after his death. According to the form, it was at least initially rejected because it was not taken before the County board and did not have a physician's certificate. There is also an affidavit confirming Robert's military service included.

Widow's Application for Pension.

STATE OF FLORIDA,

Columbia County.

On this *7* day of *Oct*, 190*1*, personally appeared before me a *Circuit Judge* in and for said county and State *P. Taylor*, aged *64* years, who, being by me duly sworn according to law, makes the following declaration in order to obtain the pension provided by act of the Legislature, approved May 3, 1901, for indigent widows of deceased and aged Confederate soldiers and sailors:

I am the lawful widow of *Robt Taylor*, who enlisted *1861*, in Captain *Garrett's* Company, *135th* Regiment of the State of *Florida*, and who while in actual service and in the line of duty as such *Admiral*, was on the *26th* day of *April*, 1865, at *Florida*

Home on wounded
(Here state fully and clearly all the facts, showing date and cause of death.)

funeral surrendered
and died
January 1st 1897.

that I was legally married to said soldier prior to the first day of January, 1885, at *Summersville* in the State of *Florida*; that I have been a bona fide resident of the State of Florida continuously since the first day of January A. D 1890; that I do not own property, real and personal, to the value of \$800 in this or any other State, and am not otherwise enabled, or in a position to earn a livelihood, and have no income from any source sufficient for a livelihood; and that I have not purposely disposed of my property for the purpose of availing myself of the provisions of this act.

Sworn and subscribed before me this *7* day *Oct*, 190*1*,
N. M. Jones

P. Taylor

Clerk Circuit Court, *Columbia* County.

P. O. Address *Columbia Fla*

Circuit Judge

We do solemnly swear that we personally knew the said deceased.....
, that we served with him in.....
 of the..... Regiment from the State of....., and know of our
 own knowledge that he received (contracted) at the time and place claimed, the wound (or disease) which re-
 sulted in his death, and that he never deserted the service of the State, or of the Confederate States.

Sworn and subscribed before me this..... }
 day of....., 190.. } P. O. Address.....
, }
 Clerk Circuit Court..... County. } P. O. Address.....

We do solemnly swear that we personally knew and professionally treated the said above.....
, and are satisfied that the wound (or disease) set
 forth above as having been sustained in the service of the Confederate States, was the direct cause of his death
 on the..... day of....., 18.....

Sworn and subscribed before me this..... } M. D.
 day of....., 190.. } Residence.....
, } M. D.
, } Residence.....

We do solemnly swear that we personally knew the above applicant..... *P. Taylor*.....
 that she was the lawful wife of..... *Robert Taylor*.....
 now deceased, that she has never remarried since his death, that she is a person of "respectability and good repu-
 tation," that she does not own property to the value of \$800 in this or any other State, and that she is not phys-
 ically or otherwise enabled to earn a livelihood, and has constantly resided in Florida since January 1st, 1880.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this..... }
 day of....., 190.. } *W. M. Jones*
W. M. Scarborough } *W. M. Jones*
W. M. Scarborough } *W. M. Jones*

I certify that the above affidavits are genuine; that all of the affiants are persons of respectability and good reputation, and that their statements are worthy of belief; that the attesting officers are duly authorized to attest said affidavits, and that their signatures thereto are genuine.

M. M. Scarborough
.....
Clerk of Circuit Court.

We, the undersigned County Commissioners of *Columbia* county, Florida, do hereby certify that we have carefully investigated the above application for pension made by
.....and are satisfied that the conditions and alleged facts therein stated are true and correct, and that she is legally and justly entitled to the pension provided by the act, approved May 3, 1901.

R. D. Booz
.....
G. M. Smith Chairman
.....
G. A. Smithson
.....
H. E. Rumph
.....
J. W. Getzen
.....
County Commissioners.

By the County Commissioners, Attest:
M. M. Scarborough
.....
Clerk Circuit Court.

REVISED STATUTES OF FLORIDA, CHAPTER II, ARTICLE I.

2077. The children of parents who are unable to support themselves, shall be required to make provision for their support.

2078. On information filed before the Justice of the Peace of the proper district by any person whomsoever, stating that certain persons have made no adequate provision for their father and mother, or either of them, the Justice shall cause a summons to be issued to said parties, and evidence to be taken as to the truth of the facts stated in the information, and if the same shall be found true, after a fair trial in which the defendants shall have the right to be heard by counsel, the Justice shall issue an order making an assessment on the said children for such amount as shall be necessary for the support of their parents.

2079. Said order shall carry with it the right of enforcement by execution, and shall have the force and effect of a writ of garnishment on the wages of such children, and shall further provide for the person to whom and the manner in which the money assessed therein shall be paid.

Revised -

Not Taken from
Blanc Currier Co.

has no Physician
Certificate

Does not have

25-08

Proof of Service
of the State of Texas

CLAIM FOR PENSION

BY

P. P. Taylor

OF

Columbia Co.

WIDOW OF

..... Company,

15th Regiment.

FILED IN EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.

October 9 " 1901

APPROVED:

.....

GOVERNOR.

FILED IN COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE:

L. B. Hilson, State Printer, Tallahassee, Fla.

A

State of Florida
Columbia County
I N. M. Mes of Camp
150 M. C. V. - and
Adjutant of said Camp
do solemnly swear
that I knew Robert
Taylor - in his lifetime,
that he did not desert
the Confederate Service
that he was a member
of Camp # 150 in good
standing - at his death
January 1st 1897 -

N. M. Mes
Sworn to & subscribed
before me Oct. 7, 1901 -
W. W. Scarborough
Clerk of Ct.

Permelia's Second Pension Application 1903

This was the second application Permelia made. Frequently people had to reapply because the law changed requiring reapplication and a change in benefits. The law changed many times. She was approved for \$8 per month.

Widow's Application for Pension.

~~Widow's Application for Pension~~

STATE OF FLORIDA,
Columbia County, }

On this *6* day of *July* 190*3* personally appeared before me a *Clerk of Court* in and for said county and State, Mrs.

Permelia Taylor aged *66* years, who being by me duly

sworn according to law, makes the following declaration in order to obtain the pension provided by Act of the Legislature, approved June 6, 1903, for indigent widows of deceased Confederate soldiers and

sailors: That she is the lawful widow of *Robert Taylor* who enlisted

about *10th* day of *April* 186*2* in Captain *G. Vanant*'s Company,

B *5th* Regiment of the State of *Fla* and who was on the

9 day of *April*, 1865, at *Appomattox* in the State of

Va killed in battle ~~as~~ honorably discharged from said service, and died on the

1st day of *January* 1897 at his home in *Columbia* County.

Florida

He was a cripple from wounds received at Sharpsburg Md

that she was legally married to said soldier prior to the first day of January, 1885, at *Columbia* in the State of *Florida*; that she has been a bona fide resident of the State of Florida continuously, since the first day of January, A. D. 1890; that she does not own property, real and personal, to the value of \$800 in this or any other State, and is not otherwise enabled or in a position to earn a livelihood, and has no income from any source sufficient for a livelihood; and that she has not purposely disposed of any property for the purpose of availing herself of the provisions of this act.

Sworn and subscribed before me this *6* day of *July* 190*3*

Permelia Taylor
Clerk Circuit Court *Columbia* County. P. O. Address *Columbia Fla*

We do solemnly swear that we personally knew the said deceased _____
_____, that we served with him in _____
of the _____ Regiment from the State of _____, and know of our
own knowledge that he never deserted the service of his State, or of the Confederate States.

Sworn and subscribed before me this _____
day of _____ 190_____ } P. O. Address _____
Clerk Circuit Court _____ County. } P. O. Address _____

We do solemnly swear that we personally knew _____
and are satisfied that he performed the service set forth on foregoing page; that he was a true and faith-
ful soldier in Confederate service and that he never deserted the same.

Sworn and subscribed before me this _____
day of _____ 190_____ } Citizen of _____ County.
_____ }
_____ } Citizen of _____ County.

STATE OF FLORIDA,
County of Columbia }

Personally appeared before me a Clerk Ct. Ct. in and for said county,
W. M. Jones who being duly sworn says that he is Adjutant of Camp No. 1528
of United Confederate Veterans at Lane City in county of Columbia
and that Robert Taylor was at the time of his death a member of good standing
of said Camp.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 6th day of July A. D. 1903
W. M. Scarborough
Clerk Ct. Ct. } W. M. Jones
NOTE - Fill out the one of the above affidavits most suitable to applicant's condition. } a dt.

We do solemnly swear that we personally know the above applicant Permelia
Taylor that she was the lawful wife of Robert Taylor
now deceased, that she has never remarried since his death, that she is a person of "respectability and
good reputation," that she does not own property to the value of \$800 in this or any other State, and
that she is not possessed of a sufficient income from any source, and has constantly resided in Florida
since January 1st, 1890.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 6th
day of July, 1903 } W. M. Jones
W. M. Scarborough } C. V. Leach
Clerk Ct. Ct. }

I certify that the above affidavits are genuine; that all of the affiants are persons of respectability and good reputation, and that their statements are worthy of belief; that the attesting officers are duly authorized to attest said affidavits, and that their signatures thereto are genuine.

W. M. Scarborough
Clerk of Circuit Court.

We, the undersigned County Commissioners of *Columbia* county, Florida, do hereby certify that we have carefully investigated the above application for pension made by *Mrs. Fergelia Taylor* and are satisfied that the facts and conditions therein stated and alleged are true and correct and that she is legally and justly entitled to the pension provided by the act, approved June 6th, 1903

R. T. Boozer
Chairman.
A. F. Rumph
J. W. Getzen
G. M. Greene
A. R. Moore

County Commissioners.

By the County Commissioners, Attest:

W. M. Scarborough
Clerk Circuit Court.

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2079. Said order shall carry with it the right of enforcement by execution, and shall have the force and effect of a writ of garnishment on the wages of such children, and shall further provide for the person to whom and the manner in which the money assessed therein shall be paid.

5160
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pay from June 18/90's on
note of 1896 for same

CLAIM FOR PENSION

BY

James Peyton

OF

Caenwick Co

WIDOW OF

OF

Company

Regiment

FILED IN EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.

June 13 " 1903

APPROVED

June 16 " 1903

W. H. Dickinson
Secretary of Board

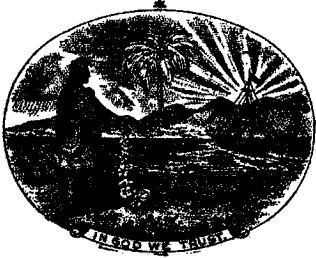
FILED IN COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE

1903

1903

Permelia's Third Pension Application? 1905

There appears to be another application that is not included in the file. All we have is the following rejection letter saying that it was not filed properly.



C. H. DICKINSON,
SECRETARY BOARD OF PENSIONS.

Pension Department,
State of Florida.

Callahassee, Fla.,

Oct 1, 1905.

Mr. P. Taylor,

Columbia, Florida.

Dear Sir:

I have the honor to inform you that the Board has considered your pension application and that the same was disallowed as the application was not made in compliance with the law, before the clerk of the circuit court. You also failed to have the affidavit of the Physician filled out.

I am sending you a new form that has been adopted by the Board with the request that you carefully fill the same and return to this office, after which the board will consider the same.

Yours truly,

Secretary of Board.

Permelia's Fourth Pension Application 1909

After another new act was passed, Permelia filed again for a pension. She was approved for \$120 per year or \$10 per month. This is the last one on record. I assume she received this until her death in 1924.

Although not legible on this copy (green ink), the text at the bottom of the last sheet says, "This pension was increased to \$150 per year on July 1, 1913 a/c husband enlisted in Florida." Apparently the law changed, giving a bonus to those who fought for Florida.

Widow's Pension Claim

UNDER THE ACT OF 1909

(FORM A.)

STATE OF FLORIDA,

County of

Columbia

On this... *12* day of... *July*....., A. D. One Thousand Nine Hundred and *nine*..., personally appeared before me, a... *Clk et Ch*..... in and for the

County and State aforesaid... *Pernellia Taylor*.....

a resident of... *Columbia*..... County of... *Columbia*.....

State of Florida, who being duly sworn according to law, makes the following declaration in order to obtain a pension under the provisions of Chapter 5885, Laws of Florida, approved June 7, 1909.

That she is the widow of..... *Robert Taylor #2042*.....

who was enlisted under the name of..... *Robert Taylor*.....

on the... *1* day of... *April*....., 186*4*., in Company... *B*.....

... *5th*..... Regiment of the State of... *Florida*.....

and who was honorably discharged at... *Appomattox Va*....., 186*5*.,

on account of... *Surrender*.....

(Here give complete statement of other service, if any.)

That he also served.....

until April 9, 1865

That she was lawfully married to the said..... *Robert Taylor*.....

..... under the name of... *Pernellia Nobles*.....

in the County of... *Columbia*....., State of... *Florida*.....

on the... *9* day of... *Feb*....., 18*92*., and that she was not

divorced from him and that she has not remarried since his death, which occurred on the..... day of

....., 1*99*., in the County of... *Columbia* State of... *Florida*.....

That she is a resident of... *Columbia*..... County, Florida, and has continuously resided in:

the State of Florida since the..... day of... *in 1869*.....

That she does not own property, including real estate, personal property, mortgages or other collateral securities, stocks or bonds in this or any other State to exceed in value the sum of Five Thousand Dollars.

That the following is a true and correct statement of all property owned by me in this or any other State:

Real estate, located at....., \$.....
 \$.....
 \$.....
 \$.....
 \$.....
 Personal property \$ 25
 Cattle, horses and other live stock..... \$.....
 Stocks \$.....
 Bonds \$.....
 Mortgages, notes and other securities..... \$.....
 Total..... 25

That she has heretofore been granted a pension from the State of Florida under Certificate No. ~~2042~~ 2042

That she is not a pensioner of any other State.

That her Postoffice address is..... Columbia..... County of
Columbia..... State of Florida.

Permelia Taylor
(Claimants must sign Christian name.)

Attest:
(1) C. C. McCall
(2) R. J. Stuart

Sworn and subscribed before me this 13 day of July

A. D. 1909; and I hereby certify that the above declaration, etc., were fully made known and explained to the applicant before swearing; and that I have no interest, direct or indirect in the prosecution of this claim.

M. J. Brennan
Clerk Circuit Court

(FORM B.)

STATE OF FLORIDA,
County of Columbia

We, the undersigned citizens of..... Columbia..... County, State of Florida, do hereby certify that we personally know..... Permelia Taylor who is an applicant for a pension under the Laws of Florida, and that from our own personal knowledge, and from the best information available, we believe that the applicant does not own property to exceed in value the sum of \$5,000, and that the statements made by her relative to the value of her property are true and correct.

(To be signed by two citizens.)
W. M. Jones
P. B. Summers

Sworn and subscribed before me this 13 day of July 1909
M. J. Brennan
Clerk Circuit Court

Report of County Commissioners.

We, the undersigned, County Commissioners in and for the County of Columbia, Florida, do hereby report that at a meeting of the Board of County Commissioners held this day, the foregoing application of Penelope Taylor for a pension under the Laws of Florida, was investigated by us; that we are satisfied that the applicant does not own property to exceed the value of \$5,000, and that the representations made in the petition and affidavits are true and that a pension should be granted to the applicant.

Witness our hands this 15th day of July, A. D. 1909.

- (1) C. W. Douglas Chairman.
- (2) W. B. Brinker
- (3) S. H. Hurling
- (4) S. S. Keel
- (5)

County Commissioners.

By the County Commissioners. Attest:

H. J. Rouse
Clerk Circuit Court.

NOTE—All Blanks must be filled out. All information required must be fully and accurately given.

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1892

1892
1899

Pension No. 761

Act of 1913
Former Claim, No. 2002

Application No. 12245

Pensioner No. 4519

CLAIM FOR PENSION

BY
Genevieve Taylor
OF

Postoffice
Columbia Co. County
WIDOW OF

OF

Company

Regiment

FILED IN PENSION DEPARTMENT
July 15
APPROVED

April 23, 19*09*

With pay from *July 1st*, 19*09*

At the rate of \$ *120* per annum

Secretary of Board.

FILED IN COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE.

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Printed and Published by the State Printer
Tallahassee, Florida

1909

August 17 1913