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Widow's Application for a Pension

REINSTATED, Nov. 27th, 1934.

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The Commissioner of Pensions reserves the right to call for additional testimony if he deems it necessary.

Name of Applicant Mrs. Belle C. Fleet

Anderson County.

Postoffice Palestine, Texas

Filed Feb. 12 1914

Approved, Dec. 1 1913

Pension allowed from Mar. 1 1914

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FORM B

For Use of Widows of Soldiers Who Are In Indigent Circumstances

THE STATE OF TEXAS

County of Anderson

I, Mrs. ~~W. C. Fleet~~ Mrs. Belle C. Fleet do hereby make application to the Commissioner of Pensions for a pension, to be granted me under the Act passed by the Thirty-first Legislature of the State of Texas, and approved April 7, A. D. 1913, on the following grounds:

I am the widow of Capt. W. C. Fleet, deceased, who departed this life on the 21st day of April, A. D. 1910, in the county of Anderson in the State of Texas.

I have not remarried since the death of my said husband, and I do solemnly swear that I was never divorced from my said husband, and that I never voluntarily abandoned him during his life, but remained his true, faithful and lawful wife up to the date of his death. I was married to him on the 7th day Oct., A. D. 1875, in the county of Henrico, City of Richmond in the State of Virginia.

My husband, the said Capt. W. C. Fleet, enlisted and served in the military service of the Confederate States during the war between the States of the United States, and that he did not desert the Confederate Service. I have been a resident of the State of Texas since prior to January 1, A. D. 1900, and have been continuously since a citizen of the State of Texas. I do further state that I do not receive from any source whatever money or other means of support amounting in value to the sum of $300.00 per annum, nor do I own in my own right, nor does anyone hold in trust for my benefit or use, estate or property, either real, personal or mixed, either in fee or for life, of the value of one thousand dollars, exclusive of the home of the value of not over $1,000.00; nor do I receive any aid or pension from any other State, or from the United States, or from any other source, and I do further state that the answers given to the following questions are true:

1. What is your age? 60 years
2. Where were you born? At Mechanicsville Five miles from Richmond Va.
3. How long have you resided in the State of Texas? Since December 1892
4. How long have you resided in the county of your present residence? And what is your postoffice address? Since Jan. 1899 Palestine Tex
5. What was your husband's full name? William Christopher Fleet
6. What was the date of his death? April 21st, 1910
7. In what State was your husband's command originally organized Virginia
8. How long did your husband serve? If known to you, give date of enlistment and discharge Served 4 years Southern about May 1861 as his company was mustered into service May 1861. He was discharged at the close of the war between the states
9. What was the name or letter of the company, or name or number of the battalion, regiment or battery of artillery in which your husband served? If he was transferred from one branch of service to another, give time of transfer, description of command and time of service My husband the late Capt. W. C. Fleet organized Fleet's Battery Va. Vol. artillery Lindsay Walker Battalion. In May 1862 reorganized as a part of the Confederate Army
10. Name branch of service in which your husband served, whether infantry, cavalry, artillery or the navy, or if commissioned as an officer by the President, his rank and line of duty, or if detailed for special service, under the law of conscription, the nature of such service, and time of service Artillery. He is ranked that of Capt. In Sept. 1862 he was appointed Conscript-Officer, to enroll men for Confederate war service, I know, and possibly for other service. Capt. W. C. Fleet served in this responsible capacity from Sept. 1862 until the close of the war
11. Have you transferred to other any property of any kind for the purpose of becoming a beneficiary under this law? I have not.

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claim pertaining related to Capt.

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Wherefore your petitioner prays that her application for a pension be approved and such other proceedings be had in the premisses as are required by law.

(Signature of Applicant) Mrs. Belle C. Fleet

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 5 day of Jany A. D. 1914

E. V. Swift

[Seal.] County Judge Anderson County, Texas.

AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESSES

[Note.—There must be at least two creditable witnesses.]

THE STATE OF TEXAS }
County of Anderson }

Before me, E. V. Swift, County Judge of Anderson County, State of Texas, on this day personally appeared A. N. Hester + T. C. Spencer, who are personally known to me to be credible citizens, who, being by me duly sworn, on oath state that they personally know that Mrs. Belle C. Fleet, applicant for a pension as the widow of W. C. Fleet deceased, is in truth and fact the widow of W. C. Fleet deceased; that they personally know that she has not remarried since the death of her husband, for whose service in the army she claims a pension, and that they have no interest in this claim.

(Signature of Witness) A. N. Hester

(Signature of Witness) T. C. Spencer

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 5 day of Jany A. D. 1914

E. V. Swift

[Seal.] County Judge Anderson County, Texas.

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THE STATE OF TEXAS }
County of Anderson }

Before me, E. V. Swift, County Judge of Anderson County, State of Texas, on this day personally appeared A. N. Hester + T. C. Spencer, who are personally known to me to be credible citizens, who, being by me duly sworn, on oath state that they personally know the above-named applicant for pension, and that they personally know that the said Mrs. Belle C. Fleet has been a bona fide resident citizen of the State of Texas since prior to January 1, A. D. 1900, and that they have no interest in this claim.

(Signature of Witness) A. N. Hester

(Signature of Witness) T. C. Spencer

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 5 day of January A. D. 1914

E. V. Swift

[Seal.] County Judge Anderson County, Texas.

AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESSES

(If possible, the two witnesses should have served with the applicant's husband in the army, and, if so, let them, or either of them, state it in their oath; also any information regarding the army service of applicant's husband.)

THE STATE OF TEXAS }
County of.....}

Before me,....., County Judge of.....County, State of Texas, on this day personally appeared.....,who are personally known to me to be credible zitizens, who, being by me sworn, on oath state that they are personally acquainted with the foregoing applicant, and that the facts set forth and statements made in her application are correct and true, to the best of their knowledge and belief, and that they have no interest in this claim. And further make oath to the following facts touching the service of the applicant's husband in the Confederate Army: (State fully your source of knowledge.).....

(Signature of Witness).....

(Signature of Witness).....

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this.....day of....., A. D. 191....

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[Seal.] County Judge.....County, Texas.

CERTIFICATE OF STATE AND COUNTY ASSESSOR

I, Q. P. Rogers, State and County Assessor in the County of Anderson, State of Texas, do hereby certify that Mrs. Belle C. Fleet whose name is signed to the foregoing application for a pension, under the Act of the 33rd Legislature, approved April 7, A. D. 1913, is charged on the land and personal property rolls of the said county, in her name, or the name of a trustee, with state, real, personal and mixed, at the assessed value of None dollars.

Has no home, nor other property

Given under my hand, this 10 day of Feby, A. D. 1914

Q. P. Rogers
State and County Assessor.

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Dallas, Texas,
Nov. 26, 1934
4029 Hall St.,

Mr. Geo. H. Sheppard, Comptroller
Confederate Pension Office
Austin, Texas.

Dear Sir:

According to your requirements for my reinstatement as a Confederate pensioner, I am now in Texas, as per above heading, and here please find enclosed my application for reinstatement as a pensioner. Am hoping to be in time for December warrant, but could not get here sooner.

I was under the impression that I had the Aug. 1933 warrant, but as I used the money I last received in Aug 1933, think it must have been July for my last warrant, hence change of time in application for this. Of course as a visitor though my stay was prolonged, I feel that I have always been a resident of Texas though my daughter wished me to remain with her. However, I cannot see that this could possibly make any difference in my reinstatement, as the real decision rested with me and am very glad to be home. I came for

You have my first letter in reference to this matter and I am expecting installment without any trouble as I have been a resident of Texas since Dec. 1892 without any intermission except this past visit. Specially do I need this as it is my only income and the past year I have received very on account of my son being one of the army who has resigned on act of family and employment I have a family to support only having what he chose fit to do & that very limited. Thanking you in advance for your continued courtesy & attention & with kind regards I am

Very truly yours
Mrs. Belle C. Fleet

P.S. The papers of my husband's Confederate service are of course in Austin & I could not have even gotten the pension I am in proof of his record.

Mrs. Fleet

November 14, 1934.

Mrs. Belle C. Fleet,
106 No. Benton Way,
Los Angeles, California.

Dear Mrs. Fleet:

I am in receipt of your letter of November 12, and wish to advise that after your return to Texas you should immediately notify this office of the exact date you left the State and the exact date of your return.

As to when pension warrants that have been issued will be paid is a matter about which I am not informed as this will depend on the amount of tax that can be collected. The last warrants called for payment by the State Treasurer were those issued for February, 1934, and the next call will be for those issued for March, 1934.

At any time you desire information as to when certain pension warrants will be paid you should write the Hon. Charley Lockhart, State Treasurer, Austin, Texas, as all warrants are paid through his office.

Yours very truly,

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JHT:E.

Comptroller of Public
Accounts.

106 No. Benton Way,
Los Angeles, Calif.,
Nov. 12, 1934.

Mr. Geo. H. Sheppard, Comptroller,
Austin, Texas.

Dear Sir:

I hope to be in Texas now before longb but cannot say at this time just the date.

I shall be greatly obliged if you can tell me how the Confederate warrants are paying at present. I wish to be able to be in, reinstated pensioner, in time for the Dec. warrant, though I may have to be later, which latter I suppose makes no difference. Can you tell me when this Dec. warrant will be cashable, and also if the difference Banks are now handling these warrants, and if they will be paid in full if not discounted?

Am looking for my transportation passes any day now, as I have been so fortunate as to be allowed these.
Am enclosing you an Air Mail stamp, and shall appreciate your reply at your early convenience. Am sure you will give me your kind and prompt attention, as you have always done this for me.

Very truly yours,
Mrs. Belle C. Fleet

106 No. Benton Way,
LOs Angeles, Calif.,
Oct. 18, 1934.

Mr. Geo. H. Sheppard, Comptroller,
Confederate Pension Office,
Austin Texas.

Dear Sir:

Many thanks for your letter received this A. M. in replyto mine of 12th inst. I am indeed obliged for your kind information regarding my reinstatement and in my going into the Confederate Home.

I have always understood that I must be in Texas in order to apply for reinstatementas a pensioner, but did not know that I could go to the Home before I am reinstated. I think I now fully understand the matter, and shall act accordingly as soon as I can see how my daughter is going to improve, for she has been very ill, and is far from well at present, and of course I cannot leave her until she recovers.

I'll write to Mrs. Bagby as soon as I can determine when I can leave here, which I hope will not be very long. My going directly to the Home in Austin from here is exactly what I prefer to do, and this was the plan between Mrs. Bagby and me when we took up the matter several months ago.

I am not anticipating any trouble as to my reinstatement as a pensioner, as I feel that this is right, and believe you and the committe will agree with me.

I cannot tell you how much I appreciate your kindness and prompt attention to my affairs, and shall be very glad to give you substantial proof of this if at any time I can be of any service to you. It does not now look like you will ever need me in any way, but, nevertheless, we never know about these things, and , at any rate, I want you to know how I feel regarding the matter in hand. My sincere regard for you as a truly worthy official

Very truly yours,

Mrs. Belle C. Fleet

Anderson
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October 15, 1934.

Mrs. Belle C. Fleet,
106 No. Benton Way,
Los Angeles, California.

Dear Mrs. Fleet:

Replying to your letter of October 12, you are advised that I am of the opinion you could not be admitted to the Woman's Confederate Home at Austin, Texas on an application made out in California.

If you have made or can make satisfactory arrangements with the Superintendent of this Home to be admitted on proper application, then you could come direct to the Home making the application after you arrived here.

You would not have to be a pensioner in order to be admitted to the Home and any application you may make for reinstatement as a pensioner must be made after you have returned to Texas.

Yours very truly,

JHT:E.

Comptroller of Public Accounts.

106 No. Benton Way,
Los Angeles, Calif.,
Oct. 12, 1934.

Mr. Geo. H. Sheppard, Comptroller,
Confederate Pension Office,
Austin, Texas.

Dear Sir:

Please accept my sincere thanks for your immediate reply to my recent letter, regarding my reinstatement as a Confederate Pensoiner, and You have been exceedingly kind and considerate towards me, which I felt sure you would be. I think I fully understand your information given.

Referring to the latter part of the application for my reinstatement, will say that when I left Texas I did not know whether I would return to Texas, or remain out here, though my daughter wished me to make my home with her; so I have just stayed on. However, I cannot see how this would make against my being reinstated, under all the circumstances, and am not expecting that it will do so. I am only saying this now in order to be entirely frank with you and the committee who may pass upon my application., and believe you will both appfeciate my saying this

I wished to write you yesterday , immediately after receiving your letter of information. I certainly do consider myself a resident of good, old Texas, and have told friends here that I am a visitor, and those in Texas that I did not know when I would be back. I hope this will be entirely satisfactory, and feel that it will be.

I had some correspondence with Mrs. Bagby last winter regarding my entering the Confederate Home, which was entirely satisfactory to us both, so am not anticipating any trouble about this. At that time it was decided that I should go directly to the Home from here. I note your kindly suggestion of this; but , much as I would like to do this, I do not quite see how it is to be arranged with everything in the application sentreferring to the application being sent from some point in Texas. and of course I know that my reinstatement must preceed my going into the Home. Can you make a suggestion just here? Will thank you if you can do so.

The reason I did not write you yesterday is that I was very much disturbed on account of the serious illness of my daughter. On this account I cannot make any plans at present to leave Los Angeles. Will write you later, of course. Thanks again for your courteous attention. I am very anxious to get my affairs settled, and hope I shall not have given you too much trouble on my account.

I have heard a good deal out here about the "Old Age Pension" As I understand it the Young plan is proposing $125.00 per month, and the Townsend plan $200.00 It seems to me the latter amount will kill the bill. Doubtless we will know all about it when Congress meets, and not before. It has always seemed to me that you are the right man in the right place, and I wish you continued success as Texas State Comptroller.

Very truly yours,

Mrs. Belle C. Fleet

Anderson
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October 8, 1934.

Mrs. Belle C. Fleet,
106 No. Benton Way,
Los Angeles, California.

Dear Mrs. Fleet:

Replying to your letter of October 5 in which you request a statement from this office as to whether or not your application for reinstatement as a pensioner of Texas would be approved if filed.

For your satisfaction, I am of the opinion, from statements made in your letters, that if you should return to Texas and file an application for reinstatement as a pensioner the same would be approved. However, I am giving you this as my opinion and you must understand that your application for reinstatement, if filed, will be passed upon and your right determined wholly by the information given in the application.

For your information, and in order that you may be informed as to what would be required in filing an application for reinstatement, I am inclosing you such application.

If you desire to be admitted to the Woman's Confederate Home of Texas, this is a matter you should take up with Mrs. Will Bagby, Superintendent, Woman' Confederate Home, Austin, Texas. You might be able to make such arrangements as would permit you to come direct from California to this Home in Austin, however, this is a matter over which this office has no control.

If an "Old Age Pension" should be adopted by the United States Congress in 1935, I am not informed as to when such a law would go intoeeffect or what the amount would be, or what effect such a pension lawmmight have on the Confederate Pension Law. I am of the opinion a person would not be permitted to draw both pensions.

Yours very truly,

JHT:E.

Comptroller of Public Accounts.

Anderson
26230

106 No. Benton Way,
Los Angeles, Calif.
Oct. 5, 1934.

Mr. Geo. H. Sheppard, Comptroller,
Confederate Pension Office,
Austin, Texas.

Dear Sir:

Realizing that I made a great mistake in not returning to Texas when my six months leave of absence expired, I am writing you again regarding my reinstatement as a Confederate Pensioner.

You have possibly forgotten my case among so many, hence am stating that I left Dallas Texas on Aug. 18, 1933 on a visit to my daughter in Los Angeles. This has been an extended visit, and I consider Dallas my home, and know of nothing I have done to prevent my reinstatement.

I quote from your letter of June 23, 1934, regarding my stay out here, in your reply to my letter of inquiry concerning same.

"The law makes no set ruleas to how long a pensioner might remain out of the State of Texas and yet be entitled to pension, if on their return to Texas an application for reinstatement should be approved". I understand fully that I must be in Texas before I can be approved, and am not asking for reinstatement until I get back, but am asking that the committee, who may pass upon my application, will tell me whether or not they will reinstate me after examining my application.

The only income I have had for years was my Confederate Pension. and I regret very much that I gave it up. I should not ask this except that I do not feel that I can go back to my son's home as he has been out of regular employment for over two years, and has his family to support. If I go back and should not be reinstated, I am at a loss as to what I shall do, and I do not wish to remain here much longer anyhow.
I am anxious to go back to Texas, and to get into the Confederate Home as soon as possible, for I believe this is much best for me in every way. My husband went through the four years of the civil war, unless he was out a few months in the very beginning; was Capt, in 55th Va. Regulars; I have lived in Texas since Dec. 1892 until I came here Aug. 20th 1934.
It does seem to me these facts entitle me to reinstatement without a thought to the contrary, specially as I am 81 years old, which fact, as you know, precludes all hope of my making a living. I hope you will understand my position, and will give me your kindly consideration.
Also hope you will not think I have asked too much of the committee, as they will not be positively committed until I am actually in Texas. At least they can relieve my mind of anxiety, for which kindness I shall thank them.
I suppose there are papers for reinstatement, which I shall be obliged if you will send them to me.

If Congress passes the "Old Age Pension" in Jan. 1935 can you tell me the probable amount, and when it will go into effect; also how will it affect the Confederate Pension? Am thanking you in advance for your kind attention and courtesy, which I have always received.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Belle C. Fleet

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June 23, 1934.

Mrs. Belle C. Fleet,
106 No. Benton Way,
Los Angeles, California.

Dear Mrs. Fleet:

Replying to your letter of June 21 you are advised the law makes no set rule as to how long a pensioner might remain out of the State of Texas and yet be entitled to pension, if on their return to Texas an application for reinstatement should be approved.

You cannot be reinstated so long as you remain out of the State of Texas. If you return to Texas and after your return, file an application for reinstatement, then your application might or might not be approved. If the same should be approved your payments would begin with the month succeeding the one in which such application was approved.

If you should be admitted to the Woman's Confederate Home at Austin, Texas, and your application for reinstatement should be approved then your payments would be one-half the amount that would be if you were not an inmate of the Home.

Yours very truly,

JHT:E.

Comptroller of Public Accounts.

Anderson
26230

106 No. Benton Way,
Los Angeles, Calif.,
June 27th, 1934.

Mr. Geo. H. Sheppard, Comptroller,
Confederate Pension Office,
Austin, Texas.

Dear Sir:

Thanks for your letter of information dated Jan. 30, 1934. Am quoting the last paragraph of this letterin which you say;- "If a pensioner leaves Texas and remains for a period of more than six months, and during said time they are claiming Texas as their residence and they have not done the thingsthat would make some other State as their residence then on the return of such pensioner to Texasthey would be permitted to file an application for reinstatement"

Either you did not understand my question, in my letter to which yours is a reply, or I do not understand your explanation.

I have been here 10 months today, being four months and two days over the allowed absence of six months to a pensioner, I having left Texas on Aug. 18, 1933. What I am trying to find out positively is the length of time I am allowed to remain out of Texas as a visitor, from the time of leaving to the length of time I am allowed to make application for reinstatement as a Confederate Pensioner. Do I have to apply within a given time, or is the time indefinite? It seems to me that there might possibly be some difference in this in my case as I have already been a pensioner for some years.

I shall be greatly obliged if you will give me positive information in this matter, so I shall know exactly where I stand as to my return. Another matter- I see you say; "On the return of such pensioner"etc. I do not feel that I have any home in Texas to which I can go except the Confederate Home. This being so, could I be reinstated out here, and go from here to the Home in Austin from Los Angeles? I suppose this could be done all right, as the reinstatement would of course be null and void if I failed to returnin due time. I understand I would have to arrange with Mrs. Bagby regzrding entering the Home, which would take a few days after my reinstatement. (Over)

I love good, old Texas, after a little over forty years residence in the state, and care very little for Calif., except for the climate, which is very fine. This is the only way in which she has Texas beaten. I have found some who agree with me in thinking that Calif. is greatly overrated.

I am sure that you will give me the desired information at your early convenience, for which I am thanking you in advance. Hope I have made myself clear this time. I have never been satisfied to give up my pension, specially as it is my only incime, and I am proud to be a Confederate Pensioner, for to me it is an honor from my husband, who was Captain in the Confederate service.

Again thanking you for your kindly consideration, I am

Very truly yours,
Mrs. Belle C. Fleet.
Mrs. Belle C. Fleet.

106 No. Benton Way,
Los Angeles, Calif.,
Feb. 8, 1934

Mr. Geo. H. Sheppard, Comptroller,
Confederate Pension Office,
Austin, Texas.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of Jan. 30, 1934, received. Thanks for your explanation in full. I have decided to prolong my visit in Los Angeles with my daughter, but Texas is still my place of residence, and when I go back there I shall apply for reinstatement, and know of no reason why this should not be granted me. However, I cannot now say when this will be.

I shall write to Mrs Bagby also, as she has been very kind regarding my entering the Confederate Home, and is expecting me to be there soon. I have lived in Texas over 40 years, and on account and also on account of my husband having been a Confederate soldier active in the Confederate servicethe whole four years, I think. I feel that I am entitled to this as long as I remain a resident of Texas.

I hope things will soon be better in every way for the pensioners and all condernedd, I am not intentionally contentious over this matter, and hope you will believe me when I say that I only want what is rightfully due me. Am thanking you for your courtesy to me at all times.

Very truly yours,
Mrs Belle C. Fleet

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January 30, 1934.

Mrs. Belle C. Fleet,
106 North Benton Way,
Los Angeles, California.

Dear Mrs. Fleet:

I am in receipt of your letter of January 25 and wish to again advise that if a Confederate pensioner should leave the State of Texas and for any reason remains out of the State longer than six months, then no warrants will issue to them for the time they have been so absent.

If you should return to Texas within six months then back warrants will be issued to you for the time you have been so absent unless it is shown you are simply returning to Texas in order to collect the warrants.

If you are claiming Texas as your home then you must reside in Texas long enough to convince this office that you are not simply making visits to Texas in order to collect a pension. If you are contemplating making your residence permanently in California as stated in your letter, then the fact that you would claim Texas as your residence would not be sufficient evidence of being a resident of Texas as would justify the Comptroller in continuing your pension payments. There is no law in Texas that would compel one to remain in this State for any length of time after they have decided to adopt some other State as the state of their residence.

The last pension warrants which are being paid by the State Treasurer are the warrants issued for July, 1933, however, I am of the opinion that a call will soon be made for the August, 1933 warrants.

Any length of time you might be granted a leave of absence by the Woman's Confederate Home at Austin, Texas would have nothing to do with your pension payments.

Pensioners are not allowed to remain out of Texas longer than six months and continue to draw pension payments.

If a pensioner leaves Texas and remains for a period of more than six months, and during said time they are claiming Texas as their residence and they have not done the things that would make some other State as their residence then on the return of such pensioner to Texas they would be permitted to file an application for reinstatement. If such reinstatement application was approved they would again be placed on the pension roll.

Yours very truly,

JHT:E.

Comptroller of Public Accounts.

November 25, 1933.

Mrs. Belle C. Fleet,
106 N. Benton Way,
Los Angeles, California

Dear Mrs. Fleet:

I am in receipt of your letter of November 22 in which you ask if it would be possible for you to get a pass through the Railroad Commission for your return trip to Texas.

This is a matter about which this office has no information, and it is a matter you should take up with the Hon. Lon A. Smith, Chairman, Railroad Commission, Austin, Texas.

You are again advised that so long as you remain out of the State of Texas for any reason no pension warrants will issue to you. If your return to Texas is within six months, then back warrants will be issued to you for said time, beginning with the month succeeding the one in which your last payment was issued.

Yours very truly,

JHT:E.

Comptroller of Public Accounts.

106 No. Benton Way,

LOs Angeles, Calif.,
Jan. 25, 1934.

JAN 29 1934

Mr. Geo. H. Sheppard, Comptroller,
Austin, Texas.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of Sept. 12, 1933, I am asking for further information regarding my receiving the warrants due me since the Aug, warrant, on account of a ruling in the pension dept. since I left Texas on a visit to my daughter in Los Angeles, which I was allowed for six months, the warrants to all be paid me upon my return after six months leave of absence. Please tell me if this still holds good.

The time is now short and I must decide very soon what I will do, so am asking you to let me hear definitely from you in reference to the information I am asking, and which I am sure you will kindly do at your early convenience, according to you courteous attention at all times, and and am thanking you in advance for same.

If I return to Texas I am planning to enter the Texas Confederate Woman's Home, in which case I intend to go from Los Angeles to Austin and have been in correspondence with Mrs. Bagby regarding this.

I am still a recident of Texas, and, while I do not intend to criticise, I do think I should have my pension warrants, or at least a part of the amount due for the time I have been absent. and as this is my only income, you can re adily see that I need the money, I am sure.

If I go back to Texas in order to get the back warrants, and later once and decide that I want to return to Calif., how long would I be required to remain in Texas as a resident before I could honorably return to Los Angeles to remain permanently with my daughter? I am very unwilling to give up my pension, if I can rightfully have it. After getting the back warrants, could I return at any time I might wish, if I so desire, or would I have to stay in Texas a given time, or indefinitely?

I believe you will realize that this is a very important matter to me, and I shall very much appreciate your advice and any information you can give me. My daughter is a widow, and works down town every day, and I am not willing for her to have my support, if it is right for me to have my pension. However, she does not see the matter from my viewpoint, and thinks it is all right, though, of course, she will very much appreciate my getting the benefit of the pension.

I hope my letter will not annoy you, for this is not in any way my intention, I assure you. I do not intend to contend about the matter, but I do not want to make any mistake, and am hoping that you will understand me, and appreciate my position, and I have tried to be clear so you may be able to do this. Please tell me what were the last warrants cashed. Again, I thank you for your kindly attention and consideration. I see that in the rules for the Home (Sec. 22) years discharge is granted to an inmate, etc. I suppose this applies only to the inmates of the Home. Is this correct? If I do not return at present and did wish to reinstate, is there a time limit for this? Will be glad to know.

Very truly yours,

Mrs. Belle Corlett.

108 No. Benton Way,
Los Angeles, Calif.,
Nov. 22, 1933.

Mr. Geo. H. Sheppard, Comptroller,
Confederate Pension Office,
Austin, Texas.

Dear Sir:

I am referring to your letters to me of June 28 &of Sept. 12, 1933, the latter since my coming to Calif.

I did not understand from your letter of June 28, 1933, that I could not receive my pension during my visit out of the State of Texas. However, your letter of Sept. 12, 1933, states:- "On a late ruling of this department no further pension warrants will issue to pensioners during the time they are out of the State of Texas."

I do not know the date of this ruling, nor did I receive any notice of same before leaving the State, had I have done so, my plans might have been different. The balance of your letter of Sept. 12. 1933, is quite clear.

As my pension is my only income, I am at somewhat at a loss to know how I am to get back to Texas when my six months visit is up, which is some time in Feb. 1934. Can you make any suggestion which will help me in this matter? If so, I shall be obliged, I assure you.

My transportation out here was a gift and favor, but I cannot expect this to be repeated , certainlynot in such a short time, and, of course,it would be embarrassing to ask it. Would it be possible for me to get a pass from the Railroad Commission of Texas, or is their authority limited to the State? Am sure you can readily see that I am in rather an unfortunate position, and shall esteem your kindly advice a favor.

Thanking you in advance for your courteous attention, which I have always received, and hoping to hear favorably from you at your early convenience, I am,

Very truly yours,

Mrs. Belle C. Fleet

106 No. Benton Way,
Los Angeles, Calif.,
Sept. 7, 1933

Mr. Geo. H. Sheppard, State Comptroller,
Austin, Texas.

Dear Sir: Please change my address from 4029 Hall St., Dallas, Texas to 106 No. Benton Way, Los Angeles, Calif. until further notice, as I am visiting my daughter here. As I cannot know at this distance from Austin, I am asking you in sending my Pension Warrant, to kindly let me know what month the Warrant may be cashed.

My understanding is that the May Warrants were cashed on Sept. 1st '33. Is this correct? Thanks in advance for your courteous attention in this.

Very truly yours,
Mrs. Belle C. Fleet.

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September 12, 1933.

Mrs. Belle C. Fleet,
106 No. Benton Way,
Los Angeles, California.

Dear Mrs. Fleet:

On a late ruling by this department no further pension warrants will issue to pensioners during the time they are out of the State of Texas.

If you should temporarily leave Texas and sometime during the period of six months you return to Texas, then back warrants will be issued to you for the time you remained out of the State. If you should remain out of Texas longer than six months then no pension warrants will be issued for such time and the amount which would have issued to you will revert to the pension fund. If your stay out of Texas is longer than six months then on your return you will be permitted to file an application for reinstatement and your right to be reinstated as a pensioner will have due consideration.

You are further advised that all pension warrants which have been issued up to and including May, 1933 and which have not been discounted will be paid by the State Treasurer, provided they are accompanied by an affidavit showing they have not been discounted.

Yours very truly,

JHT:E.

Comptroller of Public Accounts.

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E. V. SWIFT
Attorney-at-Law
COUNTY JUDGE
Anderson County

Palestine, Texas, Feby. 10th. 1914.

Hon. Geo. W. Kyser,

Austin, Texas.

Dear Sir:

I herewith enclose pension application of Mrs. Belle C. Fleet, for a widow's Confederate Pension. I have known Mrs. Fleet for some years, and know that she is worthy in every respect. She has no property of any description, and is in hard circumstances.
I have investigated her application and find same to be true.
I join in asking that her application be granted.

Yours very truly,
E. V. Swift
County Judge.

4029 Hall St.,
Dallas, Texas,
Dec. 13, 1934.

Mr. Geo H. Sheppard, Comptroller,
Confederate Pension Office,
Austin, Texas.

Dear Sir:

This is to advise you that the above will be my address until Jan.2, 1935. This being the case I suppose I will receive my warrant for Dec. 1934, of $25.00. I assure you I am sincerely pleased, and appreciative, that I have been reinstated as a Confederate Pensioner,

Am spending the holidays here with my son and family. Please again allow me to express my thanks for your kindness and courtesy at all times in my interests. My best wishes to you for "A Merry Xmas and a Happy new Year"! I expect to leave here for the Confederate Home on Jan.2, 1935.

Very truly yours,

Mrs Belle C. Fleet

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Anderson

November 27, 1934.

Mrs. Belle C. Fleet,
4029 Hall Street,
Dallas, Texas.

Dear Mrs. Fleet:

I am in receipt of your letter of November 26, inclosing an application for reinstatement as a Confederate Pensioner.

This is to advise that I am today reinstating you as a pensioner of Texas. Your first payment under this reinstatement will be for the month of December and your warrant will reach you about December 31. Under the law payments must begin with the month succeeding the one in which the application is approved.

Yours very truly,

JHT:E.

Comptroller of Public
Accounts.

Tappahannock, Va.
Nov. 8th 1913.

This is to certify that Captain William C. Fleet organized an artillery company in 1861 in Middlesex Co. Va and served one year in the Confederate service. At the end of that time his company was disbanded and he was made enrolling or conscript officer and held that position until the end of the war.

I was not in his command but was in frequent touch with him and believe him to have been a brave and patriotic Confederate officer.

A T Bagby Capt Co K 34th
Va Inf C S A

Virginia, Middlesex County, to wit:

This day personally appeared before me, W. H. Rennie, Commr in

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Chancery of the Circuit Court for Middlesex County, Va., C. F. Bagley, whose name is signed to the foregoing statement, and made oath that the same is true to the best of his knowledge and belief.
Given under my hand this 8th day of Nov. 1913.

W. H. Replank, Commr in Chy
of the Circuit Court for Middlesex C,
Va.

STATEMENT

GUARDIAN FUNERAL HOME

2811 Oak Lawn Phone 5-3197

DALLAS, TEXAS Jan. 7,1939

Mr. B. H. Fleet,
4029 Hall
Dallas, Texas.

a/c funeral expenses Mrs. Belle C. Fleet, deceased-

1/3/38 casket and outer wood box	54.50
embalm & prepare body	35.00
paid obit	1.50
directoral and professional service, etc	35.00
we assume and pay charge made by Bailey Funeral Home, Palestine, Texas, place of burial - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	42.50
total - - - - -	$168.50

STATE OF TEXAS)
COUNTY OF DALLAS)

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, a Notary Public in and for Dallas County, Texas, this day personally appeared Ed. C. Smith, Jr., who being duly sworn by me did on his oath state that he is the duly authorized agent of Guardian Funeral Home and that the foregoing and annexed account in favor of said Guardian Funeral Home against B.H. Fleet for the sum of $168.50 is, within the knowledge of the affiant just and true and that same is due and unpaid and that all just and legal offsets, payments and credits known to affiant have been allowed, and that affiant is cognizant of the facts contained in this affidavit.

Ed C Smith Jr

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 7th day of January, 1939.

Mrs Sam D. Smith
Notary Public, Dallas County, Texas.

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Nov. 25, 1913

This is to certify that I know Capt. Wm. C. Fleet as a neighbor, and as a soldier, he was Captain of the Middleg artilery, served as such till the Co. was disbanded. I was a private in his company, after his company was disbanded he was engaged the conscript service

R. D. Hilliard.

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Virginia, Middlesex County, to-wit:

This day personally appeared before me, W.H. Ryland, Comm'r in Chancery of the Circuit Court for the County aforesaid in the State of Virginia, R.D. Hilliard, whose name is signed to the foregoing statement and made oath that the same is true to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Given under my hand this 25th day of Nov. 1913

W.H. Ryland, Comm'r in Ch'y.

RIVERSIDE HOTEL
J. T. Robins, Proprietor

Tappahannock, Va. Nov. 8th 1913.

This is to certify that I was in the Confederate conscript service with Captain William C. Fleet and believe his widow is entitled to any pension given to Confederate Soldiers.

R C Phillips
Co B 13th Va Cavalry

Virginia, Middlesex County, to wit.

This day personally appeared before me, W. H. Ryland, Commr in Chy of the Circuit Ct. for Middlesex C. Va., R. C. Phillips, whose name is signed to the above statement, and made oath that the same is true to the best of his knowledge & belief.

Given under my hand this 8th day of Nov. 1913

W. H. Ryland, Commr in Chy of the Circuit Court for Middlesex C. Va.

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Capt. Wm. C. Fleetorganized Fleet's Battery Va. Vols. which was mustered into service May 1861, with himself as Captain. In May 1862 this battery reorganized as a part of the Lindsay Walker's Battalion. Confederate Army and Capt. Fleet was re-elected Captain and served in that position until Sept. 1862. He was then appointed Conscript officer, and served as such during the remainder of the war. I was a member of Fleet's Batter from the time of its organization until its disbandment in Sept. 1862, when the members thereof were attached to other commands.

I can testify to the fact that Captain Fleet was a faithful, loyal and courageous soldier.

L. O. B. Major

Virginia, Middlesex Co. Towit:

This day personally appeared before me, W. H. Ryland, Commr in Chy of the Circuit Court for the County aforesaid, L. O. B. Major, whose name is signed to the foregoing statement, and made oath that the same is true to the best of his knowledge and belief. Given under my hand this 2nd day of Dec. 1913

W. H. Ryland, Commr in Chy of the Circuit Court for the County of Middlesex, Va.

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Mrs. Belle C. Fleet

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Anderson

THE STATE OF TEXAS,
COUNTY OF Dallas

Before me the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared Mrs. Belle C. Fleet, to me well known to be a credible person, who, after being by me duly sworn, upon her oath deposes and says: "That I am the said Mrs. Belle C. Fleet who under claim of file No. 26230 was granted a Confederate pension by the State of Texas on or about the 1st day of Dec. 1913, and that I began to receive my pension on or about the 1st day of Mar 1914. That I continued to draw said pension until about the 30th day of ~~August~~ July, 1933. I having on the 18th day of August 1933 left the State of Texas for the purpose of visiting my daughter in the State of California, and remained in said State until the 23d day of November, 1934 when I came back to the State of Texas to make my home permanently in Texas; and am now a resident citizen of the State of Texas. That I never at any time left the State of Texas with the intention of remaining away or making my home permanent in any other State; nor that I have at any time claimed any other State than Texas as my home.

Mrs. Belle C. Fleet

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 26th day of November 1934

Scott Branum

Notary Public Dallas County, Texas.

REINSTATED, November 27th, 1934.

October 8, 1934.

Geo. H. Sheppard Comptroller,
Pub. Accts of Texas.

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Virginia, Middlesex County, to-wit:

This day personally appeared before me, Claggett B. Jones, Judge of the Circuit court of the county aforesaid in the State of Virginia, G. P. Beazley and Jno. Hardy, credible witnesses residing in said county and to me personally well-known, and being first duly sworn, did depose and say:

1. That they are personally acquainted with Wm. C. Fleet, formerly of said county, late of the State of Texas.

2. That they served under the said Wm. C. Fleet as Captain of Fleet's Battery, Middlesex County, 55th Va. Infantry, C. S. S. from 1861 to 1863.

3. The said W. C. Fleet was a brave and loyal Confederate soldier, never deserted or abandoned his post of duty, and upon the disbandment of his Battery at Leesburg after the second battle of Manassas he was made a conscript officer and served as such until the close of the war.

4. The said W. C. Fleet is the same Fleet whose widow, Belle C. Fleet, is now applying for a pension under the laws of the State of Texas.

John Hardy
Geo P. Beazley

The above statement was sworn to an subscribed before me this 28th day of January, 1914.

Claggett B. Jones
Judge Circuit Court
Middlesex County Va.

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APPLICATION FOR MORTUARY WARRANT

THE STATE OF TEXAS,
County of Dallas } I, Ben H Fleet

do hereby certify that I am the person to whom is entrusted the paying of the accounts and indebtedness of the late Mrs Belle C Fleet, who was a pensioner of the State of Texas, and whose file number was 26230 Home No 3190 and whose original county was Anderson

The said pensioner Mrs Belle C Fleet, died on the 2d day of January, 1939, in the town of Dallas County of Dallas, Texas.

The pensioner died in the home of Ben H Fleet who was related to the pensioner as son

That the warrant, which application is hereby made for, shall be applied to paying all or part of the funeral expenses incurred by the said pensioner Mrs Belle C Fleet

I further certify that the warrant for the current month has not been cashed by the pensioner, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

I am related to the pensioner as son

that my postoffice address is 4029 Hall St
Street or R. F. D.
Dallas Texas
City State

Signed X Ben H Fleet

Sworn to before me this 10th day of January, 1939
Ed C Smith Jr
Notary Public in and for Dallas County State of Texas.

Must return before 40 days expires from date of registration of death

CERTIFICATE OF UNDERTAKER

I, Ed C Smith Jr of Guardian Funeral Home, do certify that I am undertaker in the town of Dallas, County of Dallas, State of Texas that I had charge of the body of Mrs Belle C Fleet, who died in the town of Dallas, County of Dallas, State of Texas on the 2d day of January 1939. That said body was prepared for burial by me on the 2d day of Jamuary 1939, and that I am of the opinion that warrant herein applied for should be issued to the said Ben H Fleet who makes the foregoing application.

Signed Ed C Smith Jr of Guardian Funeral Home Undertaker.

CERTIFICATE OF PHYSICIAN

I, _____, do certify that I am a practicing physician, and that I attended _____ in his last illness, and am of the opinion that his ailments were _____

I further certify that I am of the opinion that the Mortuary Warrant above requested should be issued in the name of the aforementioned applicant, in accordance with Act passed by the Thirty-eighth Legislature and approved March 2, 1923.

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Signed _____

Physician's Address _____

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