

WIDOW'S APPLICATION FOR CONFEDERATE PENSION

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF Baldwell

TO THE NORTH CAROLINA CONFEDERATE PENSION BOARD:

I herewith make application to the State of North Carolina, for a Confederate Pension, under the general pension laws of the State, as amended by the regular session of the General Assembly of 1927:

My Name M. Rebecca Coffey Age 79 +

Residence Lenoir R.F.D. #1 Baldwell County

My Late Husband's Name Smith Coffey

My husband's record in Confederate Army:

Date Enlisted In the year 1864 Where Enlisted?  
Miller (Home Guard), Regiment Nelson A Miller Captain, N. C. S. T.

Was your late husband a deserter? No

When did you marry him? August 14<sup>th</sup> 1872

When did he die? December 4<sup>th</sup> 1902

Did he draw a pension before his death? No When? \_\_\_\_\_ Where? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you now a widow? yes

Are you now an inmate of a State-supported Home, or Hospital, or Asylum, or County Home? No

Are you now receiving a pension from any other State or from the United States Government? No

Are you now holding a National, State, or County Office or position which pays annually in salary or fees the sum of \$300.00? No

Are you now receiving aid from the State under any act, general or special, providing for the relief of soldiers or widows who are blind or maimed? No

Do you own property whose tax valuation exceeds \$2,000.00? No

If so, state amount \_\_\_\_\_

Have you disposed of property whose tax valuation exceeds \$2,000.00, either by gift or voluntary conveyance, since March 11, 1885? No

I hereby certify that the answers to the above questions are true, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

M. Rebecca Coffey per W R Beach  
Applicant's Daughter

Sworn and subscribed to before me, this 27  
day of April, 1927  
J H Hoover C. S. C.

COFFEY, Smith

CERTIFICATE OF WITNESSES

We hereby certify that we know the above applicant, Mrs. M. Rebecca Coffey, and believe that the answers as given by her to the above questions, are true.

Witness: Max C. Wilson J. H. Hoover  
W. L. Ernest

CERTIFICATE OF THE COUNTY PENSION BOARD

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To the Auditor of the State of North Carolina:

We, the undersigned, the County Pension Board of the above county, hereby certify that we have examined the within application of Mrs. M. Rebecca Coffey, for a Confederate Pension, and the proofs filed in support thereof, and believe that the answers set forth are true, and that the applicant is entitled to a Confederate Pension as provided by law.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, We have hereunto set our hands, attested before the Clerk of the Superior Court of the above county.

J. A. Bush Jr  
Secretary

(SEAL)

Attested before me, this the 12 day  
of May, 1937.  
J. H. Hoover, C. S. C.

Filed with County Pension Board

County Baldwell  
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FOR CONFEDERATE PENSION  
Consolidated Statutes, 1919, with amend-  
ments thereto.  
Mrs. M. Rebecca Coffey  
WIDOW OF  
Smith Coffey  
Company Regiment  
NORTH CAROLINA STATE TROOPS

Filed for Certificate  
6/3/37

Filed with State Pension Board.

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PENSION BUREAU  
JUN 3 1937  
AUDITOR'S DEPARTMENT  
RALEIGH, N. C.

COFFEY, Smith

June 3, 1937

Mr. F. H. Hoover,  
C.S.C., Caldwell Co.,  
Lenoir, N. C.

Dear Sir:

I have received an application for pension from Mrs. M. Rebecca Coffey, widow of Smith Coffey.

It seems that Mr. Coffey never drew a pension and the only information contained in his application is that he was in Miller's Home Guard Co. The general pension law does not provide for paying a pension to a member of the Home Guard, as this organization was not recognized as a part of the Confederate Army.

The general pension law requires that a soldier to be eligible for a Confederate pension must have been either a commissioned officer or an enlisted man in the service of the Confederate army.

We have a number of cases where parties enlisted in the regular service, and on account of wounds or physical disability were discharged from the service as unfit for active duty, but on return to their homes either organized or joined some Home Guard unit. The Home Guard was really a local police.

Capt. Miller's Co. was Co. B... Avery's Battalion (17th Batn.) and was composed of young men just reaching the age for service, and those who were exempt from service for having been discharged on account of wounds.

If you can secure from Mrs. Coffey or someone who knew her husband, affidavits or two certificates that he was connected with Avery's Bata., and further specify as far as possible his duties I will be glad to attach same to the application before submitting it to the State Pension Board for their final action.

I am holding the application until I hear from you.

Yours very truly,

Geo. Ross Fou, State Auditor,  
Chief Clerk Pension Bureau.

B/n

1937  
DEPARTMENT  
N. C.

COFFEY, Smith