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Form B.

Deceased

January 24-1955

WIDOW'S APPLICATION

FOR A PENSION

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

Mrs. Name of Applicant.

Mary Laurine Albert  
Smith

County.

Postoffice Lindale RR #4

Filed

5/19/16  
7/8/16

Approved

Pension allowed from June 1916

Rejected

J. C. Pomeroy

Commissioner of Pensions.

E. L. STECK, AUSTIN

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YEARLY ALL OF MEMBER'S

For Use of Widows of Soldiers who are in Indigent Circumstances

THE STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF SMITH.

I, Mrs. Mary Luranie Alred, do hereby make application to the Commissioner of Pensions for a pension, to be granted me under the Act passed by the Thirty-third Legislature of the State of Texas, and approved April 7, A. D. 1913, on the following grounds:

I am the widow of Starling Roberts Alred, deceased, who departed this life on the 11th day of February, A. D. 1910, in the county of Smith 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 14th day of December, A. D. 1881, in the county of Bartow, in the State of Georgia.

My husband, the said Starling R. Alred, 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 \$1000.00; 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? 57 years.
2. Where were you born? Jackson County, North Carolina.
3. How long have you resided in the State of Texas? Thirty years on December 14, 1915.
4. How long have you resided in the county of your present residence? And what is your postoffice address? 15 years. Lindale, R. #4, Texas.
5. Did your husband draw a pension? If so, give his file number. No.
6. What was your husband's full name? Starling Roberts Alred.
7. What was the date of his death? February 11th, 1910.
8. In what State was your husband's command originally organized? Georgia.
9. How long did your husband serve? If known to you give date of enlistment and discharge. Don't know. Discharged when the war closed. He said he served more than two years.
10. What was the name or letter of the company, 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. Do not know except from hearsay. He said he belonged to Major Lattimore's Regiment and enlisted from Marietta, Georgia.
11. 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. Private in infantry.

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12. Have you transferred to others any property of any kind for the purpose of becoming a beneficiary under this law? No.

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

(Signature of Applicant) M L Alred

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 13th day of May, A. D. 1916.

County Judge Smith, County, Texas.

[Seal.]

**AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESSES**

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

**THE STATE OF TEXAS**

County of Smith.

Before me, Jesse F. Odom, County Judge of Smith County,

State of Texas, on this day personally appeared F.M. Boyd and J.A. Mallory, who are personally known to me to be creditable citizens, who, being by me duly sworn, on oath state that they personally know that Mrs. M.L. Alred, applicant for a pension as the widow of S.R. Alred deceased, is in truth and fact the widow of S.R. Alred 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) F.M. Boyd.

(Signature of Witness) J.A. Mallory.

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 18th day of May, A. D. 1916

Jesse F. Odom

[Seal.] County Judge Smith County, Texas.

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(Signature of Witness) F.M. Boyd.

(Signature of Witness) J.A. Mallory.

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 18th day of May, A. D. 1916

Jesse F. Odom

[Seal.] County Judge Smith County, Texas.



State of Texas, )  
County of Smith: )

Before me, Jesse F. Odom, County Judge of Smith County, personally appeared Mrs. Mary Lauraine Alred, widow of Starling Roberts Alred, who states under oath, that she has made diligent search for witnesses as to know that her deceased husband served in the C. S. A., and that so far as I know all who served with him or dead or their whereabouts unknown to me, and I believe beyond any reasonable doubt, that my husband, the said S. R. Alred, did serve in the C. S. A. for a period of over three months, and that he made a true and faithful soldier, and did not desert or leave his post of duty.

Signed M. L. Alred  
Applicant

Sworn and subscribed this the 6th day of July, 1916.

Seal.

Jesse F. Odom,  
County Judge of Smith County, Texas.

This is a true and correct copy of the oath filed in my office this the 6th day of July, A.D. 1916, in accordance with Art. 6270 R. S. 1911.

Signed J. N. Cross  
County Clerk Smith County, Texas.

Seal

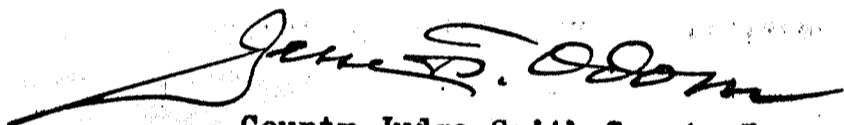
W. R. Hudsonall  
Deputy TX

The State of Texas,  
County of Smith.

On this day came on to be heard the application of Mrs.M.L. Alred for a Confederate Pension;and after hearing the evidence ad-  
duced on said application,the court is of the opinion and finds  
that the said Mrs.M.L.Alred is,in truth and in fact,the widow of  
a Confederate soldier;that all witnesses to said fact are dead,or  
that their whereabouts are unknown to said widow,and that after  
diligent inquiry and search,she has been unable to locate any wit-  
ness to said fact;

Wherefore,I,Jesse F.Odom,County Judge of Smith County,Texas,  
do hereby recommend to the Pension Commissioner the grant of a  
pension to the said Mrs.M.L.Alred.

Witness my hand and seal of office at Tyler,Texas,this 18th  
day of May,1916.

  
County Judge, Smith County, Texas.



T. N. JONES  
Lawyer  
TYLER, TEXAS

May 20th, 1916.

Hon. J. C. Jones,  
Commissioner of Pensions,  
Austin, Texas.

Dear Sir:

Judge Jesse F. Odum, County Judge of this County, has forwarded to you the application of Mrs. M. L. Alred for a pension. Unless Judge Odum corrected it, there is a typographical error in the date of Mr. Alred's death. It should be 1900 instead of 1910. Please correct it in the affidavit, unless Judge Odum did so before forwarding it.

Yours very truly,

*T. N. Jones*



T. N. JONES  
Lawyer  
TYLER, TEXAS

June 19th, 1916.

Mr. J. C. Jones,  
Commissioner of Pensions,  
Austin, Texas.

Dear Sir:

Some time ago there was sent to you by Judge Odom some pension papers for Mrs. M. L. Alred. She is now in my office and advises me that you wrote her that the application had been rejected. This application was made under Art. 6270 of Vernon's Sayles' Statutes, and as I remember, the papers were in strict accordance with it. That article contemplates just such a situation as exists in Mrs. Alred's case, where she is unable to show by positive proof the length of service or the company and regiment in which her husband served. The County Judge has approved the application, recommended the granting of the pension, and the affidavits which accompany the matter seemed to be sufficient to justify, in fact, to require the granting of same.

Mrs. Alred is particularly in need of this pension; and I will appreciate it very much if you will write me what the difficulty is about the application and what additional facts you desire.

I have absolutely no financial interest in this matter and am not concerned about it except to assist Mrs. Alred in procuring the granting of the application.

With kindest regards, I am,

Yours very truly,

*T. N. Jones*





January 28, 19 55

Mr. Robert S. Calvert  
Comptroller of Public Accounts  
State of Texas  
Austin, Texas

In Account With

*York-Caudle-Gregory Funeral Home*  
LINDALE, TEXAS

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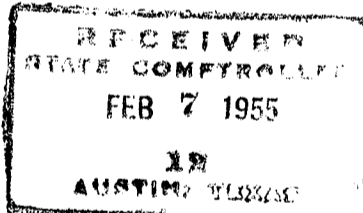
January 24, 1955-Complete Funeral Expenses incurred  
for Mrs. Mary L. Allred, including Preparation of  
Body, Casket Clothing, Grave, Hearse Services etc.  
Total Account \$375.00

Sincerely Submitted

*Ed. B. Caudle*  
Ed. B. Caudle, (Partner)

Subscribed and sworn to this the 28th day of  
January 1955.

*Tom York* (TX)  
Notary Public,  
Smith County, Texas.



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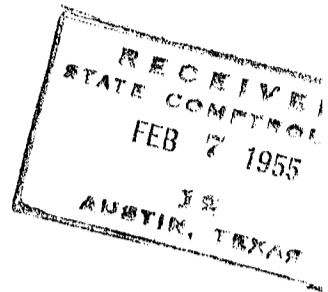
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**YORK-CAUDLE-GREGORY**  
FUNERAL HOME

TELEPHONES:  
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NIGHT: 96-8-174  
24 HOUR AMBULANCE SERVICE

LINDALE, TEXAS

Feb. 3, 1955



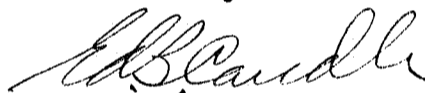
Robert S. Calvert  
Comptroller  
Austin, Texas.

Dear Sir:

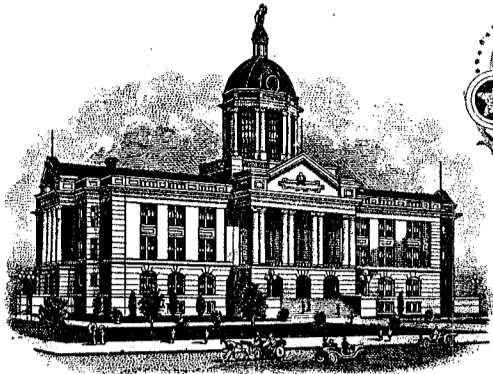
Mrs. Clara Ryckman who is Beneficiary and Daughter to Mrs. Mary L. Allred, Deceased will in the Future get her mail at the below address, please mail check directly to her at:

Clara Ryckman  
4626 Polk Ave.  
Houston, Texas.

Sincerely Submitted

  
Ed. B. Caudle





JESSE F. ODOM, COUNTY JUDGE.  
N. W. BROOKS, COUNTY ATTORNEY.  
I. N. CROSS, COUNTY CLERK.  
J. S. LAVENDER, DISTRICT CLERK.

JOE LAND, SHERIFF.  
GEO. C. BURRUSS, TAX COLLECTOR.  
H. B. MATTHEWS, TAX ASSESSOR.

WILL S. DOBBS, COUNTY TREASURER.  
F. M. BOYD, COUNTY AUDITOR.  
D. M. EDWARDS, COUNTY SURVEYOR.  
A. W. ORR, COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:

W. R. HERNDON, PRECINCT NO. 1. I. B. CHRISTIAN, PRECINCT NO. 3.  
C. T. MAY, PRECINCT NO. 2. W. S. HICKS, PRECINCT NO. 4.

TYLER, TEXAS, May 18th 1916.

Hon. J. C. Jones,

Austin, Texas.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed I hand you Pension application for Mrs. M. L. Alred, widow of S. R. Alred, deceased. You will note that this application is made under the provisions of Article 6270, VERNON'S SAYLES' TEXAS CIVIL STATUTES, 1914.

In my opinion, she is entitled to a pension, and you will note that I have so found, as per enclosed copy of my findings.

Kindly advise me if her application is approved, and oblige,

Yours very truly,

County Judge.



6/21/1916

Hon. T. N. Jones,  
Tyler, Texas.

Dear Sir:-

In reply to your letter of the 19 inst., with reference to the application for pension of Mrs. Mary Lauraine Alrel, beg to state that you have not complied with the law in regard to Art. 6270 R. S. 1911, hence I was compelled to reject the application, as she has no proof of her deceased husbands service, by men who actually served with him.

If you will note the Art. above mentioned, you will see that the oath is to be filed with the County Clerk, and a copy sent to this Dept. the oath which has been filed has been executed by the County Judge, not by the applicant, nor does the Clerk's signature appear on same, certifying that the law has been complied with, as to being filed with him.

If you have the matter attended to, I shall give it prompt attention, as soon as it reaches me.

Trusting that you will understand my position in the matter, and that if I can serve you further, you will not hesitate to command me, I beg to remain,

Yours truly,

Commissioner



His.

T. N. JONES  
Lawyer  
TYLER, TEXAS

June 22nd, 1916.

Hon. J. C. Jones,  
Commissioner of Pensions,  
Austin, Texas.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your favor of 19th, in the matter of Mrs. Mary L. Alred, the County Judge of this County took charge of this application and forwarded the papers before I had examined or approved them. I had some doubt, at the time, as to the correctness of the course pursued; but he insisted that he had previously handled other similar cases and that he was following the course heretofore pursued.

I have not understood that Art. 6270 required proof by parties who actually served with the deceased husband. If you will return the papers to me, I will be glad to endeavor to put the matter in satisfactory condition. Mrs. Alred deserves this pension, and I desire to render to her any assistance in my power, and am sure that you wish to perform your duty as you understand the law. After receiving the papers, I will have the proper proceeding here by the County Clerk and endeavor to put the matter in satisfactory condition.

Thanking you for a prompt reply, I am,

Yours very truly,

*T. N. Jones* 

M. H. AND LEON YORK

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**FUNERAL HOME**

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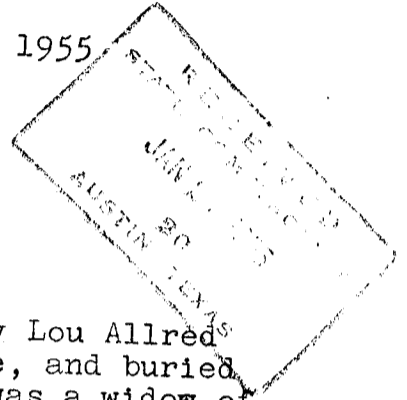
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24 HOUR AMBULANCE SERVICE

LINDALE, TEXAS

January 26, 1955

Robert S. Calvert  
Comptroller of Public Acct.  
Austin, Texas.



Dear Sir:

This is to inform you of the death of Mrs. Mary Lou Allred who passed Jan. 24, 1955 at her home in Lindale, and buried January 25, 1955 at Mt. Sylvan Cemetery. She was a widow of a Confederate and the File No. is 33326. The Daughter, Mrs. Clara Ryckman, of Lindale, Texas asked that I notify you and for you to please let us know the procedure for filing for the cash allowance for the Funeral Expenses. Below is an account of the Funeral Expenses involved.

Complete Funeral Expenses \$375.00  
This Account due and Un-Paid.

Sincerely Submitted

*Ed Caudle*  
Ed. Caudle



33326  
Smith

*Mortuary Blank + Notice*  
*Jan 24 1955*

January 11, 1955

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Mrs. Clara Ryckman  
General Delivery  
Lindale, Texas

Dear Mrs. Ryckman:

Mrs. Mary L. Allred  
Confederate Pensioner.  
File No. 33326 Smith Co.

I am in receipt of your letter of January 8 asking if the Confederate pension payments of Mrs. Mary L. Allred can be increased.

I am sorry to advise that under the law \$100.00 per month is the maximum amount that can be paid a widow of a Confederate Soldier as a pension.

If Mrs. Allred wishes to be admitted to the Woman's Confederate Home, she may do so, but her pension payments will only be \$25.00 per month. However, the State furnishes them room, board, hospitalization, nurses, medical attention and everything necessary for their comfort free of cost. If Mrs. Allred wishes to become a resident of the Home, then you should write Miss Pearl Haines, Supervisor, Woman's Confederate Home, Austin, Texas. She will furnish you with blank form of application to be filled out and furnish you any information you might want about the rules and regulations of the Home.

Very truly yours,

Robert S. Calvert  
Comptroller of Public Accounts.



/ee.



T. N. JONES  
Lawyer  
TYLER, TEXAS

July 6th, 1916.

Hon. J. C. Jones,  
Commissioner of Pensions,  
Austin, Texas.

My Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith I send you a certified copy of the affidavit made by Mrs. M. L. Alred and filed with the County Clerk of this County. This in accordance with your request of a few days ago. I sincerely hope that on compliance with your request and receipt of this affidavit you can grant the pension requested by Mrs. Alred.

With kindest regards, I am,

Yours very truly,

*T. N. Jones* (TX)

7/8/1916

Hon. T. N. Jones,  
Tyler, Texas.

My dear Sir:-

Beg to inclose certificate of approval and quarterly affidavit of Mrs. Mary Lauraine Allred, whose application has been approved as in accordance with Art. 6270 R. S. 1911.

If we can serve you furthur at any time do not hesitate to command,

Yours truly,

Commissioner,



Lis.

5/24/1916

Mrs. Mary Lauraine Alred,  
Lindale, Texas Rt. 4

Dear Madam:-

Your application for a pension has been rejected, and you will have to secure proof of persons who actually served with your deceased husband, who know of his service for over 3 months.

Yours truly,

J. C. Jones,

Commissioner.



Lis.



1-8-55 33324  
Smith

Robert S. Calvert

Dear Sir,

I'm writing you in regards  
about my mother  
Mary L. Alred  
I wonder if possible you  
could send her more  
money. She been sick now  
5 years and down bed  
one year. I stay with her  
and care of her,  
and I cant work and we pay  
rent. Doctor, Bills. out of that  
and I am 63 so you see hard

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my mother wanted hand all  
her life,  
and it seems hard

to put her some where, and  
her. May charge you more  
than what she get.  
When you down and  
cant wait on your self.  
May charge you any  
thing May want to.  
Let me hear from you  
Please. Thanks.

Mrs Clara Byrdman

Gen Del Lindale, Tex.

THE STATE OF TEXAS, )  
 COUNTY OF UPSHUR. )

B. K. Alred being duly sworn, deposes and says: That he is 79 years of age; that he has resided in the State of Texas more than twenty-five years ; that he formerly resided in the State of Georgia. That he served in the Confederate Army for Three years. That he is a brother of Starling R. Alred, who also served in the Confederate Army. That said Starling R. Alred enlisted at Marietta, Georgia, and was in Major Lattimore's regiment and served in such regiment, or in the Confederate Army for more than two years, until the end of the war, at which time he was discharged from the service. That he and his brother were in separate regiments and were in the service in localities distant from each other. That he does not remember the name of the Captain or other officers of the company to which his brother belonged. That at the beginning of the War between the States, his brother was not of sufficient age to enlist, but afterwards did enlist and served until the end of the conflict.

B. K. <sup>his</sup> ~~mark~~ Alred

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this the 16<sup>th</sup> day of May A. D. 1916.

H. A. McEldan 

County Judge, Upshur County, Texas.

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Please have application for Mortuary Warrant properly executed and have the Undertaker attach to it a sworn itemized statement showing the cost of the funeral.  
B1755-350-1m Return to Robert S. Calvert, State Comptroller  
Austin, Texas

STECK-AUSTIN

### APPLICATION FOR MORTUARY WARRANT

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

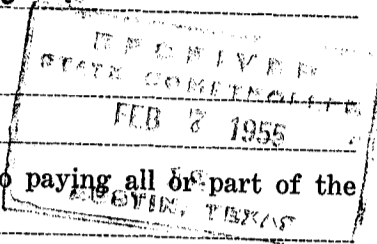
County of Smith } I, Clara Ryckman

do hereby certify that I am the person to whom is entrusted the paying of the accounts and indebtedness of the late Mrs. Mary L. Allred, who was a pensioner of the State of Texas, and whose file number was 33326 and whose original county was Smith

The said pensioner Mrs. Mary L. Allred, died on the 24 day of January, 19 55, in the town of Lindale

County of Smith, Texas.

The pensioner died in the home of Clara Ryckman who was related to the pensioner as Daughter



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 Mary L. Allred

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 Daughter that my postoffice address is 4626 Polk Ave.

Street or R. F. D.

~~XXXXXX~~

Houston,

Texas

City

State

Signed Clara Ryckman

Sworn to before me this 28 day of January, 19 55

Notary Public in and for Smith County, State of Texas.

### CERTIFICATE OF UNDERTAKER

I, Ed. B. Caudle, do certify that I am undertaker in the town of Lindale, County of Smith, State of Texas

that I had charge of the body of Mrs. Mary L. Allred, who died in the town of Lindale, County of Smith, State of Texas

on the 24 day of January 19 55. That said body was prepared for burial by me on the 24 day of January 19 55, and that I am of the opinion that

warrant herein applied for should be issued to the said Clara Ryckman who makes the foregoing application.

Signed Ed. B. Caudle 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.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Physician's Address \_\_\_\_\_

Jan 19 55  
As per entry # 145104  
for \$100.00 canceled  
January 27, 1955

Execute, attach sworn statement of undertaker as to the funeral expense. Return at once to Robert S. Calvert, State Comptroller Austin, Texas