

# Widow's Application for Pension.

State of Florida,

County of Columbia

On this 25<sup>th</sup> day of September, 1897, personally appeared before me, a

Justice of Peace, 3<sup>d</sup> Ele Dist in and for the said County and State aforesaid,

Sarah Melton aged 62 years,

who being duly sworn according to law, makes the following declaration in order to obtain the pension provided by act of the Legislature, approved June 8th, 1889, and amended June 2d, 1893, and June 15th, 1897, for unmarried widows of deceased Confederate soldiers and sailors; I am the

widow of Robert Melton who enlisted in Captain

Garrett Vinzant Company, C<sup>o</sup> B<sup>o</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> Fla Regiment

Perris Brigade, and who at Sharpsburg

in the State of Virginia, while in said service and in the line of

duty, on the Seventeenth day of September 1862,

[If killed or died during the war, or since, state fully and clearly all the facts and date and cause of death.]

And was wounded in three several places and from wounds or other causes contracted pulmonary disease from which cause he died.

that I have been  
am now a citizen

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ly since January 1st, 1880, and  
do not own property to the value

of \$1,500 in this or any other State, and am not otherwise enabled or in a position to earn a livelihood; that I am not receiving a pension from the United States or any State; and have not remarried since the death of said Robert Melton

Sworn and subscribed before me this 25<sup>th</sup>

day of September 1897

Geo. G. Keen (Seal)

Justice of the Peace 3<sup>d</sup> E. D.

Sarah x Melton  
Postoffice.

County.

We do solemnly swear that we personally know the said deceased Robert Melton that we served with him in the Confederate War, and that he received (or contracted) at the time and place claimed the wound (or disease) which resulted in his death, as claimed, & that he did not desert the Confederate service.

Sworn and subscribed to before me this 25<sup>th</sup>

day of September 1897

Geo. G. Keen (Seal)

Justice of the Peace  
3<sup>d</sup> Ele Dist Co. Co.

J. D. Keen  
H. S. Keen