

I have copied this form with all of the questions on the application. If no answer was given there will not be one by the question. Names and words are spelled just as they are on the application to the best of my ability. His full name was **William Madison Cox** and his parents were **Clement Cox** and **Anna Stevens Frazer**. Linda Thomas

### Pension Application for William Cox

Harrison County  
Biloxi, MS

Application for Indigent Soldier or Sailor of the Late Confederacy, under Chapter 102, Code of 1906, as amended by Laws of April 5<sup>th</sup>, 1910 and Laws March 24<sup>th</sup>, 1916. Section 1 of Laws 1916 being as follows: "Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Mississippi that all applications for pensions heretofore made and filed, be and same are hereby declared void, and any person desiring to share in the future distribution of the pension fund, shall on or before the first Monday in September 1916, file a new application, using blanks to be furnished by the Auditor of Public Accounts through the Chancery Clerks of the various counties."

Applications must be filed with the Chancery Clerk on or before the first Monday in September 1916, and no application will be entertained not on the printed form.

(Applicant must make answer to all of the following Questions.)

Q. What is your name? Answer William Cox

Q. What is your age? Answer 71

Q. In what county do you reside? Answer Harrison

Q. What is the name of your postoffice? Answer Biloxi

Q. Are you a **bona fide** resident of the State of Mississippi? Answer Yes

Q. Are you married or unmarried? Answer Married

Q. In what state and county did you reside when you enlisted in the service of the Confederate States?

Answer in Mobile County Alabama

Q. What was the date of your enlistment? Answer 1863

Q. What was the number of the regiment or name of the vessel in which you first enlisted?

Answer 36 Alabama Regt Infantry

Q. The name of its commander? Answer Col Woorruff \*According to Alabama Confederate Soldier Unit Roster Vol. III, Wilmington Broadfoot Publishing Co., 1999, there was a Col. Lewis T. Woodruff.

Q. Letter or designation of the company in which you enlisted? Answer Co. I

Name of its captain? Answer George Thompson \*According to the Alabama Confederate Soldier Unit Roster Vol. III, there was a George L. Thomas, AQM

Q. The length of time which you served in the above company or regiment? Answer Until surrendered

Q. Were you ever discharged or transferred from the above commands? Answer No

Q. If so, give the date of discharge or transfer? Answer

Q. Did you enlist the second time in the Confederate service? Answer No

Q. If so, for what cause? Answer

Q. Were you discharged from this command before the surrender in 1865? Answer No

Q. If so, for what cause? Answer

Q. Were you at any time absent from your command without leave? Answer No

Q. If yes, how long and why? Answer

Q. Were you with your command in active service at the surrender in 1865? Answer Yes

Q. Where did your command surrender? Answer Spanish fort Mobile bay

Q. Were you absent from it when it surrendered? Answer No

Q. Why were you absent? Answer

Q. How long had you been absent? Answer

Q. What is your occupation at present? Answer nothing

Q. Do you apply for a pension because you are indigent and unable to earn a support by your own hand?

Answer Yes

Q. Do you hold any State, United States, County or City office from which you are receiving as a salary or

fees the sum of three hundred dollars per annum? Answer **No**

Q. Have you any sons over 16 and under 21 years of age? Answer **No**

Q. Have you any property in your own right or in the right of your wife? Answer **None**

Q. What is its true, just and correct value? Answer

Q. Have you a home of your own? Answer

Q. If not, with whom do you now live? Answer **Carrol Williams**

Q. Is the person you are now living with a relative? Answer **Son in law**

Q. Have you any relations or connections whose legal or moral duty it is to provide for you? Answer **No**

“I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I was a Confederate soldier, sailor or servant of such Confederate soldier or sailor (as the case may be); that I was honorably discharged or paroled, or did not desert from the Confederate service (as the case may be); that I reside in this State; that I am indigent and infirm; that I am not able to earn a support, and have not relatives able, whose duty it is to support me; that I nor my wife do not own property, real or personal, to the value of six hundred dollars (\$600); that I nor my wife have not conveyed any of my or her property to any one with a view to drawing a pension, so help me God.”

(Signature of Pensioner) **William Cox**

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 31 day of July 1916, Chaplin, Chancery Clerk