

## PENSION RECORDS FOR REDDING BYERS

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The following is everything I have found so far in the way of pension applications/records that are documented for Redding Byers (various spellings occur in all documents) the 1906 Application was given to me by Mary A Blessing and the rest was copied at the state archives in June 2007. I am transcribing the Application so that you can see what kind of information can be gathered from such documents and to give a glimpse into Redding Byers life in September of 1905.

I am transcribing "as is" so if you think I made a typo...that's really the way it is on the application (such as Byers being spelled Byres). Information in red is what is handwritten. Any place contain \*\*\* denotes a word I cannot read clearly

### QUESTIONS FOR APPLICANT

**STATE OF GEORGIA,**  
**Dawson** County

**Reding Byres** of said State and County, desiring to avail himself of the Pension Act (Section 1254, Code) hereby submits his proofs, and after being duly sworn true answers to make to the following questions, deposes and answers as follows:

1. What is your name and where do you reside? (Give State, County and post office)  
**Redding Byres reside at Hubbardsville GA Dawson County**
2. How long and since when have you been a resident of this State?  
**About 37 years, have been in Georgia since 1868**
3. When and where were you born?  
**April 4<sup>th</sup> 1840 in Pickens County South Carolina**
4. When and where and in what company and regiment did you enlist or serve?  
**Enlisted in 1861 in Capt. W\*\*\*\*\* Company, Company F 2<sup>nd</sup> South Carolina Cavalry Regiment**
5. How long did you remain in such company and regiment?  
**Nearly 4 years**
6. When and where was your company and regiment surrendered and discharged?  
**Discharged May 17<sup>th</sup> 1865 at Chester Court House South Carolina**
7. Where you present with your company and regiment when it surrendered?  
**I was**

8. If not present, state specifically and clearly where you were, when you left your command, for what cause and by whose authority.

9. How much can you earn (gross) per annum by your own exertions or labor?

**About \$20.00**

10. What has been your occupation since 1865?

**Farming**

11. Upon which of the following grounds do you base your application for pension, viz: first, "age and poverty" second "infirmity and poverty" or third "blindness and poverty"?

**Age, poverty and infirmity**

12. If upon the first ground, state how long you have been in such condition that you could not earn your support? If upon the second, give a full and complete history of the infirmity and its extent? If upon the third, state whether you are totally blind and when and where you lost your sight?

**Have been failing badley for about ten years. Have been troubled with rheumatism and indigestion for about 15 years growin worse each year I also have piles.**

13. What property, real and personal or income do you posses and its gross value?

**None except a little household effects worth about \$10.00**

14. What property, real of personal did you posses in 1894, 1895, 1896, 1897, 1898, 1899, 1900, 1901 and 1902 and what disposition if any, by sale of gift have you made of the same?

**Nothing more than a cow and calf and a hog in any of the above mentioned years**

15. In what county did you reside during those years, and what property did you return for taxation?

**Resided in Dawson Co all of the above mentioned years Returned anually \$10.00**

16. How were you supported during the years 1899, 1900, 1901 and 1902

**By what little I and my wife could earn**

17. How much did your support cost for each of those years, and what portion did you contribute thereto by your own labor or income?

**About \$60.00 each year I contribute about \$20 or \$25.00**

18. What was your employment during 1898, 1899, 1900, 1901 and 1902? What pay did you receive in each year?

**Only was farming for each of above years. Received very little pay**

19. Have you a family? If so, who composes such family? Give their means of support? Have they a homestead, or other property Their age and how employed?

**Wife and she has no income wifes age is 57**

**20. Are you receiving any pension? If so, what amount and for what disability?**

**No**

**21. Have you ever made an application for pension before?**

**Once before**

**22. How many applications have you ever made and under what claim?**

**Only one under indigent class**

**Sworn to and subscribed before me this 9<sup>th</sup> day of September 1905**

**Redding (his mark) Byres**

**C.A. Vandivier Ordinary,  
Of Dawson County**

QUESTIONS FOR APPLICANT.

STATE OF GEORGIA.

Dawson COUNTY.

I, Redding Bryan of said State and County, desiring to avail himself of the Pension Act (Section 1384, Code), hereby submit his proofs, and after being duly sworn in, answers to make to the following questions, depose and swear as follows:

- 1. What is your name and where do you reside? (give State, County and post-office)  
Redding Bryan, at North Georgia South Georgia University
- 2. How long and since when have you been a resident of this State? March 37, 1868
- 3. When and where were you born? at Mt. Pleasant, Wilkes County, North Carolina
- 4. When and where and in what company and regiment did you enlist or serve? Enlisted in 1861 in 1st South Carolina Cavalry Regiment
- 5. How long did you remain in such company and regiment? Nearly 4 years

- 6. When and where was your company and regiment surrendered and discharged? Richmond, May 17th, 1866, at Chester, South Carolina

- 7. Were you present with your company and regiment when it was surrendered? Yes
- 8. If not present, state specifically and clearly where you were, when you left your command, for what cause and by whose authority?

- 9. How much can you earn (gross) per annum by your own exertions or labor? About \$2000

- 10. What has been your occupation since 1866? Teaching

- 11. Upon which of the following grounds do you base your application for pension, viz: first, "age and poverty," second, "infirmary and poverty," or third, "blindness and poverty"? Age and poverty

- 12. If upon the first ground, state how long you have been in such condition that you could not earn your support? If upon the second, give a full and complete history of the infirmity and its extent? If upon the third, state whether you are totally blind and when and where you lost your sight? Have been teaching for about ten years. Have been troubled with rheumatism and indigestion for about 16 years growing worse each year. Have some blind spots in a little, but can't see much. About \$1000.

- 13. What property, real and personal, or income, do you possess, and its gross value? None

- 14. What property, real or personal, did you possess in 1864, 1865, 1866, 1867, 1868, 1869, 1870, 1871 and 1872, and what disposition, if any, by sale or gift, have you made of same? Nothing more than a few small things in 1864.

- 15. In what County did you reside during those years, and what property did you then receive for taxation? Resided in Dawson Co. all of above mentioned years. Received county taxes.

- 16. How was you supported during the years 1868, 1869, 1870 and 1872? By what little I could earn.

- 17. How much did your support cost for each of those years, and what portion did you contribute thereon by your own labor or income? About \$600 each year. I contribute about \$100 each year.

- 18. What was your employment during 1868, 1869, 1870 and 1872? What pay did you receive in each year? Teaching for each of above years. Received very little pay.

- 19. Have you a family? If so, who compose such family? Give their names of age? Have they a homestead, or other property? Their ages and how employed? Wife and one boy 8 years old. Wife a girl is 67.

- 20. Are you receiving any pension? If so, what amount and for what disability? Yes

- 21. Have you ever made an application for pension before? Under the law

- 22. How many applications have you ever made and under what laws? Under the law of 1862

- 23. Where to and authorized by (the name of the State or the the)

- 24. Subscribed at North Georgia South Georgia University this 17th day of September 1906.

- 25. Redding Bryan Applicant.

Every Question MUST be Answered.

QUESTIONS FOR WITNESS

STATE OF GEORGIA

## **Pickens County**

**J B Medlin** of said State and County, having been presented as a witness in support of the application of **Reding Byers** for pension under section 1254 Code, and after being duly sworn true answers to make the following questions, deposes and answers as follows:

1. What is your name and where do you reside?

**J.B. Medlin, Pickens county GA Fairmont Postoffice**

2. Are you acquainted with **Reding Byers**, the applicant; if so how long have you known him?

**40 Years**

3. Where does he reside, and how long and since when has he been a resident of this State?

**Dawson County Lived in the State 40 years**

4. When, where and in what company and regiment did he enlist, and how do you know?

**He inlisted Nov 11 1861 2 SC cavalry I was with him**

5. Were you a member of the same company and regiment?

**Yes**

6. How long did he perform regular military duty?

**Till Surrender May 1865**

7. When and where was his command surrendered?

**Chester Court House SC**

8. Were you present when it surrender?

**Yes**

9. Was applicant present?

**Yes**

10. If he was not present, where was he? When did he leave his command? For What cause? By what authority he left? How do you know all of this?

11. What property effects or income has the applicant (give your means of knowledge)

12. What property, effects of income did the applicant posses in 1896, 1897, 1898, 1899, 1900, 1901 and 1902, and what disposition, if any, did he make of same?

**13. Has he conveyed away any of his property in the last four years, if so, what was it and to whom?**

**14. What is the applicant's occupation and physical condition?**

**15. Is the applicant unable to support himself by labor of any sort, if so, why?**

**16. How was he supported during the years 1898, 1899, 1900, 1901 and 1902?**

**17. What portion of his support for these four years was derived from his own labor or income?**

**18. Give a full and complete statement of the applicant's physical condition that entitles him to a pension under section 1254, Code.**

**19. Who composes family? What property have they? Children's age and their earning capacity?**

**20. What interest have you in the recovery of a pension by this applicant?**

**No**

**Sworn to and subscribed before me this**

**18 day of Sept 1905**

**JB Medlin, Witness**

**JC Payne Ordinary**

**QUESTIONS FOR WITNESS.**

STATE OF GEORGIA,

Pickens COUNTY

J. B. Medlin of said State and County, having been presented as a witness in support of the application of Richard Rogers for pension under section 1254, Code, and after being duly sworn true answers to make to the following questions, depose and answer as follows:

1. What is your name and where do you reside? J. B. Medlin  
Pickens County, Ga. Harrison Postoffice
2. Are you acquainted with Richard Rogers, the applicant; if so, how long have you known him? 40 years
3. Where does he reside, and how long and since when has he been a resident of this State? Darmon County, Ga. since the State 40 yrs
4. When, where and in what company and regiment did he enlist, and how do you know? in 1861, 2d Ga Cavalry I was with him
5. Were you a member of the same company and regiment? yes
6. How long did he perform regular military duty? until he surrendered May 1865
7. When and where was his command surrendered? S. Ga. Schiller Court house
8. Were you present when it surrendered? yes
9. Was applicant present? yes
10. If he was not present, where was he?  
When did he leave his command? \_\_\_\_\_ For what cause?  
By what authority he left? \_\_\_\_\_ How do you know all of this?

11. What property, effects or income has the applicant? (Give your means of knowledge.) \_\_\_\_\_
12. What property, effects or income did the applicant possess in 1898, 1897, 1898, 1899, 1900, 1901 and 1902, and what disposition, if any, did he make of same? \_\_\_\_\_
13. Has he conveyed away any of his property in the last four years, if so, what was it, and to whom? \_\_\_\_\_
14. What is the applicant's occupation and physical condition? \_\_\_\_\_
15. Is the applicant unable to support himself by labor of any sort, if so, why? \_\_\_\_\_
16. How was he supported during the years 1898, 1899, 1900, 1901 and 1902? \_\_\_\_\_
17. What portion of his support for these four years was derived from his own labor or income? \_\_\_\_\_
18. Give a full and complete statement of the applicant's physical condition that entitles him to a pension under Section 1254, Code? \_\_\_\_\_
19. Who composes family? What property have they? Children's age and their earning capacity? \_\_\_\_\_
20. What interest have you in the recovery of a pension by this applicant? None  
Sworn to and subscribed before me, this the 18 day of Sept 1906 } J. B. Medlin  
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**Georgia Pickens County**

**I JC Payne Ordinary in and for said county do hereby certify that JB Medlin is a trust worthy citizen and worthy of belief in any court or at any time that he may make affidavit to any paper. That he made affidavit to pension papers for Redding Byres this 18<sup>th</sup> day of September 1905**

**JC Payne  
Ordinary**



Georgia Pickens County  
J. C. Payne Ordinary in and  
for said County do hereby certify  
That J. B. Medlin is a Trust  
worthy Citizen and worthy of  
belief in any Court or at any  
time that he may make  
affidavit to any paper  
That he made affidavit  
to prison papers for  
John Riddin Payne. ~~and~~  
This the 18<sup>th</sup> day of September  
1905  
J. C. Payne  
Ordinary

QUESTIONS FOR WITNESS

STATE OF GEORGIA

Pickens County

**Frank Gable** of said State and County, having been presented as a witness in support of the application of **Redding Byres** for pension under section 1254 Code, and after being duly sworn true answers to make the following questions, deposes and answers as follows:

1. What is your name and where do you reside?

**Frank Gable I reside at Hubbardsville PO Dawson County Georgia**

2. Are you acquainted with **Redding Byres**, the applicant; if so how long have you known him?

**Yes have known him 15 years**

3. Where does he reside, and how long and since when has he been a resident of this State?

**At Hubbardsville Dawson Co Ga Don't know how long a resident of state**

4. When, where and in what company and regiment did he enlist, and how do you know?

**Don't know**

5. Were you a member of the same company and regiment?

**No**

6. How long did he perform regular military duty?

**Don't Know**

7. When and where was his command surrendered?

**Don't Know**

8. Were you present when it surrender?

**No**

9. Was applicant present?

**Don't Know**

10. If he was not present, where was he? When did he leave his command? For What cause? By what authority he left? How do you know all of this?

11. What property effects or income has the applicant (give your means of knowledge)

**Applicant has no property because I am a near neighbor to him**

12. What property, effects of income did the applicant posses in 1896, 1897, 1898, 1899, 1900, 1901 and 1902, and what disposition, if any, did he make of same?

**None except a little household goods except one of above years owned cow and calf**

13. Has he conveyed away any of his property in the last four years, if so, what was it and to whom?

**Conveyed nothing except cow to pay for his self**

14. What is the applicant's occupation and physical condition?

**Farming, Applicant at times gets to where can hardly walk from some cause**

15. Is the applicant unable to support himself by labor of any sort, if so, why?

**Yes 2<sup>nd</sup> because he from some cause is unable to perform manual labor**

16. How was he supported during the years 1898, 1899, 1900, 1901 and 1902?

**By what little work he and his wife have done**

17. What portion of his support for these four years was derived from his own labor or income?

**I cannot say how much very little**

18. Give a full and complete statement of the applicant's physical condition that entitles him to a pension under section 1254, Code.

**Applicant is old, infirm and has no property**

19. Who composes family? What property have they? Children's age and their earning capacity?

**Applicant and his wife. They have no income**

20. What interest have you in the recovery of a pension by this applicant?

**None**

Sworn to and subscribed before me this

**18 day of Sept 1905**

**Frank (his mark) Gable, witness**

**CA Vandivier Ordinary**

QUESTIONS FOR WITNESS.

STATE OF GEORGIA.

Dawson COUNTY.

Frank Kable of said State and County, having been presented as a witness in support of the application of Bedding Payne for pension under section 1254, Code, and after being duly sworn true answers to make to the following questions, deposes and answers as follows:

1. What is your name and where do you reside? Frank Kable, I reside at Newsteadville P. O. Dawson County, Georgia.
  2. Are you acquainted with Bedding Payne the applicant; if so, how long have you known him? Yes. He has known him 10 years.
  3. Where does he reside, and how long and since when has he been a resident of this State? At Newsteadville Dawson Co. Ga. Don't know how long a resident of State.
  4. When, where and in what company and regiment did he enlist, and how do you know? Don't know.
  5. Were you a member of the same company and regiment? No.
  6. How long did he perform regular military duty? Don't know.
  7. When and where was his command surrendered? Don't know.
  8. Were you present when it surrendered? No.
  9. Was applicant present? Don't know.
  10. If he was not present, where was he? Don't know.
- When did he leave his command? \_\_\_\_\_ For what cause? \_\_\_\_\_  
 By what authority he left? \_\_\_\_\_ How do you know all of this? \_\_\_\_\_

11. What property, effects or income has the applicant? (Give your means of knowledge) Applicant has no property. Because I am a new neighbor to him.
12. What property, effects or income did the applicant possess in 1890, 1897, 1898, 1899, 1900, 1901 and 1902, and what disposition, if any, did he make of same? None except <sup>with</sup> household goods. Except one of above years owned cow and calf.
13. Has he conveyed away any of his property in the last four years; if so, what was it, and to whom? Conveyed nothing except cow to pay for his self.
14. What is the applicant's occupation and physical condition? Farming. Applicant at times gets to where can hardly walk from some cause.
15. Is the applicant able to support himself by labor of any sort; if so, why? No, and because he from some cause is unable to perform manual labor.
16. How was he supported during the years 1898, 1899, 1900, 1901 and 1902? By what little work he and his wife have done.
17. What portion of his support for these four years was derived from his own labor or income? I cannot say how much very little.
18. Give a full and complete statement of the applicant's physical condition that entitles him to a pension under Section 1254, Code? Applicant is old, infirm and has no probability.
19. Who composes family? What property have they? Children's age and their earning capacity? Applicant and his wife. They have no income.
20. What interest have you in the recovery of a pension by this applicant? None.

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this the 10th day of July 1902.

**AFFIDAVIT OF PHYSICIANS  
STATE OF GEORGIA,  
Dawson County**

Personally came before me **Frank Bright MD and M N Stow MD** both known to me as reputable physicians of the said County, who being severally sworn, say on oath that they have examined carefully **Reding Byers**, applicant for pension under Section 1254 Code, and after such personal examination say that his precise physical condition is as follows:

**Suffering from enlargement of stomach, (Dilatation) indigestion, protruding piles. Partial deafness from chronic \*\*\*\*\*. Rheumatic left hand drawn and almost useless. Unable to perform manual labor.**

And that we have no interest in said pension being allowed.

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this  
**9<sup>th</sup>** day of **September** 1905

**Frank Bright MD  
M.N. Stow MD**

**ORDINARY'S CERTIFICATE  
STATE OF GEORGIA  
Dawson county**

I **CA Vandivier** ordinary, is and for said County, hereby certify that the applicant **Redding Byres** resides in said county, and has been a bona fide resident of this state since the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ **1891** and that the witness viz: **Frank Gable** is of trustworthy character, and that his statement is entitled to full faith and credit.

I further certify that before answering the foregoing questions the applicant and each witness took the oath heron prescribed, and that the full text of the affidavit was read to the applicant and witness before same was signed.

I further certify that the tax digest of **Dawson** County show that applicant returned for taxation in his name in 1899 **Nothing** Dollars of property and in 1900 **Nothing** Dollars of property and in 1901 **Fifty Six** Dollars of property, in 1902 **Twenty Four** Dollars of property.

In my opinion the foregoing claim is made in good faith.

Witness my hand and seal of office the 9<sup>th</sup> day of September 1905

CA Vandivier, Ordinary  
Of Dawson County

**AFFIDAVIT OF PHYSICIANS.**

STATE OF GEORGIA,

Dawson COUNTY.

Personally came before me Frank Wright M.D. and M. N. Stone M.D., both known to me as reputable physicians

of said County, who, being severally sworn, say on oath that they have examined carefully Bedding Rogers, applicant for position under Section 1254, Code, and after such personal examination say that his present physical condition is as follows:

Suffering from Catarrh of Stomach,  
(Dilatation), indigestion, protruding ribs,  
Heart - Enlarged from Chronic Distension,  
Rheumatic left hand drawn out  
slight under unable to perform manual labor

and that we have no interest in said person being allowed.  
Sworn to and subscribed before me, this the 9th day of September, 1908.  
Frank Wright M.D.  
M. N. Stone M.D.  
Ordinary.

**ORDINARY'S CERTIFICATE.**

STATE OF GEORGIA,

Dawson COUNTY.

I, L. A. Harrison Ordinary, in and for said County, hereby certify that the applicant Bedding Rogers resides in said County, and has been a bona fide resident of this State since the 1st day of 1891 and that the witness, viz: W. N. Williams

is of trustworthy character, and that his statements are entitled to full faith and credit.  
I further certify that before answering the foregoing questions the applicant and each witness took the oath hereon prescribed, and that the full text of the affidavit was read to the applicant and witness before same was signed.

I further certify that the tax digest of Dawson County show that applicant returned for taxation to his name in 1890 \$1000 Dollars of property, and in 1900 \$1000 Dollars of property, in 1901 \$1000 Dollars of property, in 1902 \$1000 Dollars of property.

In my opinion the foregoing claim is valid in good faith.  
Witness my hand and seal of office, this 9th day of September, 1908.  
L. A. Harrison Ordinary,  
Dawson County.

**NOTE.**

- 1. Before any questions are answered, the Ordinary shall swear applicant and the witnesses in the following words: "You shall first answer in truth to each of the questions asked of you, and the evidence you shall give will be taken as true, unless you can show the contrary."
- 2. In every case the Ordinary must certify to the residence of the witness, and as to the condition of the proof as shown on oath.

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