Pensions for Military Service in the Army of the Confederate States of America

The federal government did not grant pensions to Confederate veterans or their dependents, however, southern state governments granted pensions to Confederate veterans and widows. Veterans filed for pensions in the state where they were living at the time, not the state from which they served.

States Issuing Pensions to Former Confederate Soldiers

Many states have searchable databases online therefore you should begin your search by visiting the website for the repository. When contacting the appropriate repository for a Confederate pension, be sure to provide the following information: the Confederate veteran’s name, his widow’s name, the unit(s) in which he served, and the counties in which he and his widow lived after the Civil War.

Alabama

In 1867 Alabama began granting pensions to Confederate veterans who had lost arms or legs. In 1886 the State began granting pensions to veterans' widows. In 1891 the law was amended to grant pensions to indigent veterans or their widows.

Alabama Department of Archives and History
624 Washington Avenue
Montgomery, AL 36130-0100
Telephone: 334-242-4363
Website: http://www.archives.state.al.us/index.html

Arkansas

In 1891 Arkansas began granting pensions to indigent Confederate veterans. In 1915 the State began granting pensions to their widows and mothers.

Arkansas History Commission
1 Capitol Mall
Little Rock, AR 72201
Telephone: 501-682-6900
Website: http://www.ark-ives.com/

Florida

In 1885 Florida began granting pensions to Confederate veterans. In 1889 the State began granting pensions to their widows.

Florida State Archives
R. A. Gray Building
500 South Bronough Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0250
Telephone: 850-487-2073
Website: http://dlis.dos.state.fl.us/index_researchers.cfm
**Georgia**
In 1870 Georgia began granting pensions to soldiers with artificial limbs. In 1879 the State began granting pensions to other disabled Confederate veterans or their widows who then resided in Georgia. By 1894 eligible disabilities had been expanded to include old age and poverty.

Georgia Department of Archives and History
5800 Jonesboro Road
Morrow, GA 30260
Telephone: (678) 364-3700
Website: [http://sos.georgia.gov/archives/](http://sos.georgia.gov/archives/)

**Kentucky**
In 1912, Kentucky began granting pensions to Confederate veterans or their widows.

Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives
Research Room
300 Coffee Tree Road
Frankfort, KY 40601
Telephone: 502-564-8704
Website: [http://www.kdla.ky.gov/](http://www.kdla.ky.gov/)

**Louisiana**
In 1898 Louisiana began granting pensions to indigent Confederate veterans or their widows.

Louisiana State Archives
3851 Essen Lane
Baton Rouge, LA 70809-2137
Telephone: 504-922-1208

**Mississippi**
In 1888 Mississippi began granting pensions to indigent Confederate veterans or their widows.

Mississippi Department of Archives and History
P.O. Box 571
Jackson, MS 39205
Telephone: 601-359-6876
Website: [http://www.mdah.state.ms.us/](http://www.mdah.state.ms.us/)

**Missouri**
In 1911 Missouri began granting pensions to indigent Confederate veterans only; none were granted to widows. Missouri also had a home for disabled Confederate veterans. The pension and veterans' home applications are interfiled and arranged alphabetically.
North Carolina
In 1867 North Carolina began granting pensions to Confederate veterans who were blinded or lost an arm or leg during their service. In 1885 the State began granting pensions to all other disabled indigent Confederate veterans or widows.

North Carolina State Archives
Physical Address: 109 East Jones Street
Mailing Address: North Carolina State Archives
Raleigh, NC 27601-2807
4614 Mail Service Center
Telephone: 919-733-7305
Website: http://www.sos.mo.gov/archives/

South Carolina
A state law enacted December 24, 1887, permitted financially needy Confederate veterans and widows to apply for a pension; however, few applications survive from the 1888–1918 era. From 1919 to 1925 South Carolina granted pensions to Confederate veterans and widows regardless of financial need.

South Carolina Department of Archives and History
8301 Parkland Road
Columbia, SC 29223
Telephone: 803-896-6100
Website: http://scdah.sc.gov/

Tennessee
In 1891 Tennessee began granting pensions to indigent Confederate veterans. In 1905 the State began granting pensions to their widows.
Texas
In 1881 Texas set aside 1,280 acres for disabled Confederate veterans. In 1889 the State began granting pensions to indigent Confederate veterans and their widows. Muster rolls of State militia in Confederate service are also available.

Texas State Library and Archives Commission
Genealogy and Archives & Manuscripts
P.O. Box 12927
Austin, TX 78711
Telephone: 512-463-5480
Website: http://www.tsl.state.tx.us/index.html

Virginia
In 1888 Virginia began granting pensions to Confederate veterans or their widows.

Library of Virginia
Archives Division
800 East Broad Street
Richmond, VA 23219
Telephone: 804-692-3888
Website: http://www.lva.lib.va.us/

Other Pension Records
Confederate veterans, who served in the military before the Civil War, or with the United States Army after their Confederate service, were eligible to receive pensions from the federal government. For information on these pensions and related indexes, see the following reference reports:

- Pension Records for Service in the United States Navy, 1776–1910
- Pension Records for Service in the Regular Army, 1775–1912
- Bounty-Land-Warrants for Military Service, 1775 to 1855
- Military Service During the Mexican War, 1846–1848
- Pensions for Soldiers Who Served During the Civil War, 1861–1865

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