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BOUNTY LAND FILES

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VETERAN Spire W. Alfred

1836-1838 GRADE private

SERVICE Capt Robinson

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O. W. & P.
FEB 12 1906
REC'D

Georgia
State of ~~Georgia~~,)
County of Troup.) ss:

On this 1st day of February, 1906, personally came before me, Walter L. Turner, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, Pleasant G. Cotton aged 82 years, a resident of Horris County Georgia, and whose post office address is West Point Ga R.F.D #7 also William T. Cotton, aged 84 years, a resident of Troup County Georgia, and whose post office address is West Point Ga R.F.D #2, who, being by me first duly sworn according to law, depose and say, each for himself and not for the other: that they were well and personally acquainted with Caroline M. Cotton and Spire W. Alford, who were married on the 12th day of January, 1838, and that they were present at said ceremony.

Attest:

Geo. Franklin

Pleasant G. Cotton

William T. Cotton
wrote

Lee J. Cotton

all changes & alterations made before signing

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 1st day of February 1906, and I certify that the above and foregoing was read and fully explained to the affiants before they affixed their signatures thereto

Walter L. Turner

My commission expires:

April 1907

Notary Public.



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West Point June 25

Dear Cousin Epine

Father Received A Letter from you ~~now~~
which give us much pleasure to here from
you & your family. I suppose you are
much please with that country for sup
he will be there next fall if he lives
tell Cousin Caroline mother said I have
her a churn full of Butter find milk
By the time she get there I suppose
all you want is for to help you kill
deer tell Dad I want to find very
Dad I tell them all how they for me
and Mr Palmer's folks to tell Dad &
Sweet Boy that I wish I was there
to be with them all the time when
we could go to school all the better
and every Saturday kill Deer & Bears.

I am looking for Mr Bays & mother's get
all the children send there best love to
you all and our to me are all well at the
time and I hope we will continue so till
we get to Texas any how the spiritual
Raping is about to ruin people disfranchised
I never saw the like since I was born
I have nothing more new to tell you

I must close my letter by saying
Right Soth

Expect your letter to us to come
to W. I. Afford ~~Junior~~ Junior
W. I. Afford

JUNIOR?

24 Ex C



Dear Brother & amc and

As to our selves we are all up & a bout but
some complaint your mothers health is feble the
old lady had a hard spell last spring of the
colicamobus but she has gotten over that Emilys
health is not good Pleas & Liz & their family is
well Babe & Hambe & their families was well
some two weeks since Pleas & Liz was up to
see Babe & Hambe at that time Hambe wife
has a son a bout a month old Babe has
miscarried one this summer Lou is well
and is expecting to marry about the first
of september next Dr Hatchett is the
man she expects to marry he is a making
her wedding coat & baking the good nugs
The Dr is a very clever young man
Thomas Cotton & family was well the last that
we heard of them almost all are very
sorry it will push the country to make
but the health of the neighbors are good
no sickness that I know of Uncle Lodi &
his family that is here are well Mrs &
Whit before long Treas has bin very sickly
but they were better the last that we heard of
them your mother says you must give the
Williamsons & the Durnesses her love & respects
and what they desire for you & your family
while sick & she hopes they will still
your friends tell Baber Williamson I wont
to write to me the particulars of spurs
the what he said while sick about
with & eternity I would gladly write more
if my paper is full & I must write me soon
I will write to you again soon Emily sends
her children her love fare you well (J. A. Palmer)

J. A. PALMER

PALMER

THIS IS JOSEPH. A PALMER

UNCLE LOD
WM & WHIT
ALFORD

Dantown Ga

August 16. 1854

Dear Caroline
I received your letter
on yesterday we were glad to hear from
you but that gladness was made sore
by the sad intelligence that we here of your
deplorable and forlorn condition we had
heard of your misfortunes by a letter
STEPHEN WORD wrote to Sarah Hays
JARRIS 1866
a few days before we got your letter
when we received your letter confirming
the fact we could but shed the tears of
sorrow & the sympathies grow that the
afflicting hand of providence had fallen
so heavily on your family but O how
true the words of the poet Death rides
on every passing breeze
And lurks in every flower
Each season has its own disease
Its pestil every hour
Our eyes have seen the rosy light
Of youth's soft cheek decay
And fate descend in sudden night
On manhood's middle day
man is borne but to die but O who has
learned the fact Death is but the gate
to endless joys or endless woe but O
we dread to enter there at the great
distance which separates you from us
Can we do you no good by commingling our
tears with yours but be you assured
we would gladly encircle you & your
little children in our arms & bathe
cheeks with our tears & bare you
with our prayers & console you with



advice & point you to him who has
promised to be the husband to the
widder & the farther to the asphan
to him only can you look for help
& support I feel sorry for Spier & Spier
you have bin the object of my fears & my
anxiety but thou hast gone gone where we
will see the no more sleep thou ^{one} we will
not molest this as we pass around your
grave we will shed a tear & think of
the fare fare away And thou Marsilus
who was about to enter into manhood to
stay thy mothers declining years but a
Lass a Lass thou too art laid in the grave
hard hard is it to give the up but the
Lord gave & the Lord has taken away
blessed be the name of the Lord. But O
that brightest flower that loveliest form
Parthianne that bright intellect that lovelily
smile how we would have like to have
retained this to have chered us with thy
sweet music & to have heard thy soft
foot steps across the room & to have
had thee to sit by our side & join us
in sweet converse but O it chills the blood
in our veins to think of thy rosey cheeks
thy pale & cold in death & thy lovelily form
thy shrouded with the winding sheet
thy hopes spring up in our breast that
we shall see thee againe me thinks I
see thy anjelic form as it flies through
unlimited space & a gam encirke thy little
finger who had bin but five dayes in
spirits Land. there will you & home

SPIRE

MARCILIOUS

PARTHA ANN

^{sing}
- ~~that~~ that celestial song & as we tread
path around you gave we will feel
the sweet Sphered of thy golden wings
fanning our pathway & as we sleep on our
pillow we will feel thy sweet ~~hand~~ kiss
our cheeks soon soon we will join the
that happy land And poor nightmen who
shall we say for you you have seen many
ups & downs in this life may we not hope
that thou art at rest rest on them soon
soon you companion (Parcas) will greet
you where parting will be no more

you requested that we should advise
what to do as to myself I dont feel able to
advise you but I would say to you to get
Sippy Alford to Administer on the estate
and wind it up as ~~fast~~ ^{soon} as possible
it would be well to associate you name
with his in the administration & become
Guardian for the children you self as ^{to} who
will be best for you to ^{stay} ~~stay~~ there or come
back to Georgia we cant say which will
be best you can be the best Judge of
that matter you self you Mother & Emily
& Lou say that you must come back
Georgia you Father says if you come
back you nor your children shall not
suffer while he lives Pleas talks
he would go after you if it was necessary
it is a matter that you should consider
before you decide as to your ~~staying~~ farming
I suppose you could do better ⁱⁿ ~~as~~ ^{as}
enjoyment I suppose it would be best
with your relations

SIPPY ALFORD



P.M. ALFORD

S.W. ALFORD

M.W. ALFORD

P.M. ALFORD

I EXPECT THESE
ARE SPIRE
& CHILDREN

where you seek the
improvement my hand

To Mr Alford

I would not love
I do S.W. Alford
Mr W Alford

To Mr Alford
oh when shall
I see
my with him for
ever shout glory

hally hally luja
and when from
the flying fountain

CLAIM OF WIDOW FOR BOUNTY LAND.

N. B.—All the blank spaces in this form must be carefully filled up in accordance with the instructions on the back hereof, and from the best information possessed, or obtainable, by the applicant.

State of Alabama, County of Chambers, ss.

ON THIS 3rd day of December, A. D. one thousand nine hundred and four

personally appeared before me Joseph C. Russell Notary Public

within and for the County and State aforesaid (1) Caroline M. Slaughter

aged 88 years, a resident of Welsh in the County of

Chambers in the State of Alabama, who, being duly sworn

according to law, declares that she is the widow of (2) Spire W. Alford deceased,

who was the identical (3) Spire W. Alford who served under the

name of (4) Spire W. Alford as a (5) Private

in the company commanded by Captain _____, in the

regiment of Ala. Vol. Infy. commanded by _____

in the war of (6) Indian 1836-8; that her said husband (7) enlisted

at _____, on or about the _____ day of _____, A. D.

_____ for the term of _____ and continued in actual

service in said war for the term of (8) _____, and whose service terminated by reason

of (9) _____, at _____, on the

day of _____, A. D. _____ She further states that the following is a full description of her said

husband at the time of his enlistment, viz: (10) Age ~~27~~ years; height 5 ft. 10 ins;

sandy hair; blue eyes; fair complexion, and by occupation a farmer

She further states that she was married to the said Spire W. Alford at the city (or town)

of _____, in the County of Troup, and in the State of

Georgia, on the 12th day of January, A. D. 1838

by one (11) Young, who was a (12) Magistrate; and

that her name before her said marriage was Caroline M. Cotton; and she further states that

(13) prior to her marriage with said soldier, neither of them had

been married; but that since the death of said soldier she was mar-

ried to one Spire W. Alford;

and that her said husband (14) Spire W. Alford, died at _____

in the State of Texas, on the 23rd day of July, A. D. 1854

and she further declares that the following have been the places of residence of herself and her husband since the date of

his discharge from the Army, viz: Iowa, Texas and Alabama.

She makes this declaration for the purpose of obtaining the bounty land (or the additional bounty land) to which she may

be entitled under the act approved March 3, 1865, and hereby appoints, with full power of substitution and revocation,

WILLIAM E. MOSES, of DENVER, COLORADO, her lawful attorney to prosecute her claim, and to receive and receipt for

any bounty land warrant or warrants which may be issued to this applicant. She also declares that she has heretofore

made _____ application for Bounty Land (16) _____

_____ and that she is a pensioner of the United States under Pension Certificate No. _____, and that her residence is

No. _____, city (or town) of Welsh, County of Chamb-

ers, and State of Alabama, and that her post-office address is Welsh

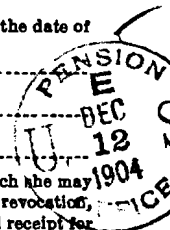
(Chambers County), Alabama.

J. P. Jordan _____

Feb. Jones _____

[Two attesting witnesses who can write their names.]

She
Caroline M. Slaughter X
[Signature of Applicant.]



Write nothing above this line.

VOLUNTEER SERVICE.

(Indian Wars or War with Mexico.)

Spire J. Clifford
Capt. Robinson
Co. 1st Reg't Ala. Inf. (3rd Div.)
(Creek War.)

was enrolled *May 23*, 18*56*;

mustered in *May 23*, 18*56*;

at *Head Qr. Montgomery;*

and *m. o. with a. as a*

Private July 18, 18*56*;

at *Montgomery, Ala.*

Other stations of the Company are recorded as follows:

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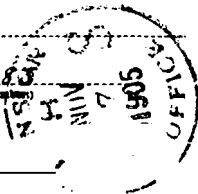
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Co., Reg't (Creek War.)

B. L. 33888
(Pension Bureau Number)



WAR DEPARTMENT,

THE MILITARY SECRETARY'S OFFICE.

*The statement hereto attached is respectfully
furnished to the*

Commissioner of Pensions,

*in response to the request contained in the com-
munication herewith returned.*

H. M. L.
The Military Secretary
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