

by an act approved March 10, 1908, is personally well known to us; and that we have known her for fifty years, and know her to be the widow of B. J. Tracy, who was a soldier (sailor or marine) in the military (or naval) service of Virginia, or of the Confederate States, and that we were soldiers (sailors or marines) in the said service during the said war, and that we were with the said B. J. Tracy, members of (here state the command and the immediate superior officers thereof) C. A. 41<sup>st</sup> Regiment of Virginia Volunteers, and that in our personal knowledge, on or about the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1908, at (here state battle or combat where killed or fatal wounds received), and that the said \_\_\_\_\_, and that the said \_\_\_\_\_ during the said war (state here whether killed or died as the result of wounds received, or surgical operation therefor) \_\_\_\_\_ (if he died after the war, strike out all relating to death during the war and proceed as follows), on or about the \_\_\_\_\_ day of September, 1908, the said B. J. Tracy, died, and that the said B. J. Tracy was a true and loyal soldier in the said service, and was faithful in the discharge of his duty as a soldier (sailor or marine) in the said service, and that we have no personal interest in the allowance of the applicant's claim.

*R. M. Branch*  
Subscribed and sworn to before me, a Judge of Peace for the County of Southampton by R. M. Branch witness  
Virginia, this 2nd day of March, 1908, S. C. Walker justice of the peace.

Note.—If only one comrade whose residence and address is known to applicant, let him make the above affidavit. If no such comrade is living whose address is known to applicant, then let one or more reputable persons who have personal knowledge of the services of the applicant's husband and of cause of his death, make the following affidavit:

(C)  
**AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESSES, NOT COMRADES, AS TO WOUNDS.**

We, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_, in the State of \_\_\_\_\_ do solemnly swear that we personally know, and are well acquainted with \_\_\_\_\_, whose name is signed to the annexed application, and who is applying for aid under the act of the General Assembly of Virginia, approved April 2, 1902, and subsequent acts, as amended by an act, approved March 10, 1908, and that we have known the said applicant for \_\_\_\_\_ years, and that to our personal knowledge she is the widow of \_\_\_\_\_, who was a loyal and true soldier (sailor or marine) in the military (or naval) service of Virginia, or of the Confederate States, in the war between the States, and that on or about the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1908, at (here state battle or combat where killed or fatal wound received) \_\_\_\_\_, the said \_\_\_\_\_ during the said war (state whether killed or died as the result of wounds received, or surgical operation therefor) \_\_\_\_\_ (if he died after the war, strike out all relating to death during the war and proceed as follows), on or about the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1908, the said \_\_\_\_\_ died, and that the said \_\_\_\_\_ lived as husband and wife up to the date of the death of the said \_\_\_\_\_, and that we have no personal interest in the allowance of the applicant's claim.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a \_\_\_\_\_ in and for the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1908.

Note.—If no comrade in arms or other person who has knowledge of the services of the applicant's husband, and of the cause of his death, is living, whose residence is known to applicant, state that fact here.

(D)  
**CERTIFICATE OF PHYSICIAN.**

I, \_\_\_\_\_ a practicing physician, in the \_\_\_\_\_, in the State of Virginia, do certify that I am personally acquainted with \_\_\_\_\_, whose name is signed to the annexed application for aid under the act of the General Assembly of Virginia, approved April 2, 1902, and subsequent acts, as amended by an act approved March 10, 1908, and that I attended her husband, the said \_\_\_\_\_, during his last illness, and that from my professional knowledge of the cause of his death, I verily believe that his death resulted from \_\_\_\_\_, and that I have no personal interest in the allowance of the applicant's claim.

Given under my hand this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1908.

Note.—This certificate of physician shall only be required in cases where the husband has died since the close of the war.

(E)

**CERTIFICATE OF CAMP OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS.**

The Augusters Gentry, Camp of Confederate Veterans of the County of Southampton, in the State of Virginia, hereby certifies that it has examined into the merits of the annexed application of Mercella A. Tracy, for aid under the act of the General Assembly of Virginia, approved April 2, 1902, and subsequent acts, as amended by an act approved March 10, 1908, and being satisfied of the justice of her claim, hereby recommends the said Mercella A. Tracy for aid under the provisions of the said act, and that it has no personal interest in the allowance of the applicant's claim.

*D. Edwards*  
Commander.

Note.—If there is no camp of Confederate Veterans in applicant's city or county, then the affidavit of two ex-Confederate soldiers residing in said city or county must be obtained, as follows:

(F)  
**CERTIFICATE OF EX-CONFEDERATE SOLDIERS.**

We, E. S. Eley and J. D. Gay, of the County of Southampton, in the State of Virginia, do certify that we were soldiers (sailors or marines) of Virginia in the war between the States, and that we have examined into the merits of the annexed application of Mercella A. Tracy, for aid under the act of the General Assembly of Virginia, approved April 2, 1902, and subsequent acts, as amended by an act approved March 10, 1908, and that we are satisfied of the justice of her claim, and recommend the said Mercella A. Tracy for aid under the provisions of the said act, and that we have no personal interest in the allowance of the applicant's claim.

Given under our hands this 26<sup>th</sup> day of April, 1908.

*E. S. Eley*  
*J. D. Gay*

(G)

**CERTIFICATE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF THE REVENUE.**

In the State of Virginia, do certify that O. F. Calhoun, Commissioner of the revenue, in the County of Southampton, or her trustees, whose name is signed to the annexed application for aid under the act of the General Assembly of Virginia, approved April 2, 1902, and subsequent acts, as amended by an act approved March 10, 1908, is charged on the land and personal property books of the said Mercella A. Tracy, with estate, real, personal and mixed, of the assessed value of \_\_\_\_\_.

Given under my hand this 11<sup>th</sup> day of April, 1908.

*O. F. Calhoun*

Note.—In computing the value of the estate held by any person or for his or her benefit under this section, all property conveyed by deed for consideration not deemed valuable in law or parted with by gift since March 2, 1902, shall be considered as his or her estate.