

DEPARTMENT OF  
HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE  
SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

BUREAU OF OLD-AGE AND  
SURVIVORS INSURANCE

IN REPLYING, ADDRESS:  
SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION  
DISTRICT OFFICE

2801 De La Vina Street  
Santa Barbara, California  
August 5, 1961

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Mr. Arthur Beal  
Cambria Pines  
Cambria, California

Telephone WO 5-8528

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Dear Mr. Beal:

Re: 552-07-7350

Please furnish the following in connection with your application for Social Security benefits:

Our records dated December 7, 1936 show your date of birth as August 10, 1900. This record is based on information furnished by you. Seaman's identification issued June 26, 1943 shows your date of birth as June 26, 1896. It is necessary to furnish evidence established before 1936.

If this information is not furnished within ten days, it will be necessary to disallow your claim.

Your prompt reply to this request will help us give better service. If you are unable to furnish the above, please call at our office, or notify us by mail or telephone. If you call in person, show this letter to our representative.

Sincerely yours,

Charles H. Cannon

District Manager.

By

*Robert C. Milner*  
Robert C. Milner  
Field Representative

Enclosure -- Self-Addressed Envelope

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INSTRUCTIONS ON REQUIRED PROOFS

The original of a document requested as evidence should be submitted. Photocopies are generally not acceptable unless certified by the custodian of a public record or unless accompanied by the original document from which the photocopy was made. If you wish to keep a document which you submit as proof of age, marriage, death, or military service, we will copy and return it to you. If you have any difficulty obtaining your proofs, please get in touch with us so that we can advise you further.

1. PROOF OF AGE.—One of the types of proof of age listed below must be furnished. Proof as high on the list as possible should be submitted. Additional evidence of age may be requested if the document which you submit is not convincing evidence. Older documents are preferred to recently established documents.

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| (a) A birth certificate. (A delayed birth certificate is acceptable only if certain conditions are met.)                                | (l) Vaccination record.   |
| (b) A baptismal certificate or a statement as to the date of birth shown by a church record, certified by the custodian of such record. | (m) An insurance policy which shows the age or date of birth. (Whether active or lapsed.)   |
| (c) Hospital birth record, certified by the custodian of such record.   | (n) Labor union or fraternal record certified by the custodian of such record.  |
| (d) A foreign church or government record.  | (o) Marriage records showing date of birth or age.  |
| (e) A signed statement by the physician or midwife who was in attendance at birth, as to the date of birth shown on their records.      | (p) Employment record showing date of birth.  |
| (f) Family Bible, or other family record. (Do not remove pages from Bible.)   | (q) Age of parent shown on child's birth certificate.   |
| (g) Naturalization records.   | (r) Age shown on permits, licenses, voting records, Poll tax receipts, etc.   |
| (h) Immigration records.  | (s) Other government records. (Bureau of the Census, Washington 25, D. C., will search its records for age evidence upon the execution of an application and the payment of a fee.) |
| (i) Military record.  | (t) Statements of other persons. (We will be glad to provide the necessary forms to secure the statements and advise you of the required number.)                                   |
| (j) Passport.   |   |
| (k) School record.  |   |

2. PROOF OF MARRIAGE.—Any of the following is acceptable:

- (a) The original certificate of marriage.
- (b) A certified copy of or statement as to church record of marriage.
- (c) A certified copy of the public record of marriage.

Public record of marriage may be obtained from the clerk of the court in the city or county where the marriage license was obtained, or the Bureau of Vital Statistics of the State in which you were married.

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3. PROOF OF DEATH.—Any of the following is acceptable:

- (a) Certificate of death.
- (b) The "Statement of Death" (if enclosed herewith) completed by the funeral director.

If wage earner died outside the United States, submit whatever proof you have.

4. PROOF OF PAYMENT OF BURIAL EXPENSES:

- (a) An itemized receipted funeral bill showing total cost and listing amounts paid and by whom, and signed by the funeral director or other person to whom payment was made.

Application for lump-sum death payment may be made by the widow or widower if she or he was living with the wage earner at the time of death. If there is no such qualified widow or widower, any person who paid burial expenses may apply. Burial expenses include all expenses reasonably connected with the burial. This includes the burial lot, cemetery charges, and undertaker's fees. APPLICATION FOR LUMP-SUM DEATH PAYMENT MUST BE FILED WITHIN 2 YEARS OF THE DATE OF THE WAGE EARNER'S DEATH.

5. PROOF OF COURT APPOINTMENT AS LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE.—If you are the legally appointed guardian, conservator, administrator, etc., of a person or estate in connection with the subject wage earner, submit your court papers of appointment. If they are more than 1 year old, you should have the clerk of the court certify that they are still in full force and effect.

6. PROOF OF DEPENDENCY:

- (a) Complete the enclosed "Certificate of Dependency and Support."

7. PROOF OF MILITARY SERVICE AFTER SEPTEMBER 7, 1939:

- (a) Certificate of discharge.

The certificate should show the date of entry into active service, the date of separation, and the character of separation. If the veteran had more than one period of service after September 7, 1939, submit the certificate for each period.

8. PROOF OF EARNINGS:

- (a) Self-employment income for the year(s) \_\_\_\_\_ . Furnish exact copies of the documents checked below.

- Form 1040—U. S. Individual Income Tax Return.
- Schedule "C" Form 1040—Profit (or Loss) From Business or Profession.
- Schedule "F" Form 1040—Schedule of Farm Income and Expenses.
- Form 1065—U. S. Partnership Return of Income.

- (b) Evidence that the self-employment tax return was filed.

- The evidence can be a canceled check, a money order receipt, a receipt for payment issued by the District Director of Internal Revenue, a cashier's check receipt or other similar evidence.

- (c) Wages.

- Form W-2, Withholding Tax Statement.

9. OTHER PROOFS