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# Soldier's Application for Pension

I, J. D. Potter

am a citizen of Kentucky, resident at Paducah in the County of McCracken

in said State of Kentucky, and was a soldier from the State of Kentucky, in the war between

the United States and the Confederate States and I do hereby apply for aid under the Act of the General Assembly of

Kentucky, entitled "An Act granting pension to disabled and indigent Confederate soldiers." And I do solemnly swear

that I was a member of Lays' Regiment, King's Battalion, Company B

Kentucky Cavalry, afterward known as First Confederate Cavalry, in the service of the Confederate States, and that by reason of disability and indigence I am now entitled to receive the

benefit of this Act. I further swear that I do not receive aid or pension from any other State, or from the United States,

and that I am not an inmate of any soldier's home, and that I am unable to earn a reasonable support for myself and family.

I do further solemnly swear that the answers given to the following questions are true:

In what County, State and year were you born?

Answer McCracken County, Ky., 1841

When did you enlist and in what command? Give the names of the regimental and company officers under whom you served?

Answer Enlisted in Lays' Regiment, Sept. 12, 1863  
Col. H. C. King, Capt. Bell, Lieut. J. H. Hustons, Lieut. Am. Bell  
Lieut. A. B. Mc. Cracker, First Sgt. Olin Mc. Connell  
Sergt. Robt. Potter

How did you get out of the army, when and where?

Answer Was discharged at Tupelo, Miss. June 26, 1862  
Discharge is filed herewith

Were you ever in prison? If so, state what prison and when released.

Answer No

Were you paroled? If so, when and where?

Answer No

Did you take the oath of allegiance to the United States Government?

Answer Yes

If so, when and under what circumstances?

Answer To prevent arrest and imprisonment for  
failing so to do.

In what business are you now engaged, if any, and what do you earn?

Answer *Assisting in the making of tobacco hogheads when able to work at all. Earn \$1.25 per day*

What estate have you in your own right, real and personal, and what is its actual cash value?

Answer *One house and lot where I reside and household goods. Total value \$2,000.00*

What estate has your wife in her own right, real and personal, and what is its actual cash value?

Answer *No estate real or personal*

State the net income of yourself and your wife from all sources for the past year. This must include all money received either from wages, rents or interest on loaned money, if any.

Answer *About Two Hundred Dollars*

Do you use intoxicants to any extent?

Answer *No*

How long and since when have you been an actual resident of the State of Kentucky?

Answer *Continuously since 1841*

Have you an attorney to look after this application?

Answer *Yes*

If so, give his name and address?

Answer *Geo. B. Orr, Paducah, Ky.*

Witness my hand this *3* day of *May*, 191*2*

WITNESSES:

*Dr. B. L. Bradley*, Physician

*J. D. Potter*  
P. O. *Paducah, Ky.*

Postoffice Address

Street and No. (if any) *533 1/2 St. H.*

*J. F. Potts*, Witness

R. F. D. (if any)

Postoffice Address *Paducah*

*J. R. Simmons*, Witness

Postoffice Address *Paducah, Ky.*

STATE OF KENTUCKY

*McCracken* County } I, *Abner W. Barclay*, Judge of said County,

certify that *J. D. Potter* and his wife are

assessed with *1* lot acres, valued at \$*1400.*, and with \$..... of personal property.

Witness my hand this *11* day of *June*, 191*2*

*Abner W. Barclay* Judge County Court.

If applicant and his wife have no property, the Judge must so certify.

*J. R. Orr*  
*Dr. B. L. Bradley*

STATE OF KENTUCKY

McCracken County } Personally appeared before me, Gus G. Singleton  
County Court Clerk of said County, the above named J. D. Patten  
the applicant, with whom I am personally acquainted, and having the application read and fully explained to him, as  
well as the statements and answers therein made, made both that the said statements and answers are true.

Witness my hand and seal of office, this 4<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1917  
Gus G. Singleton Clerk  
By H. A. Katter John D. S.

STATE OF KENTUCKY

McCracken County } Personally appeared before me, J. D. Patten  
County Court Clerk of said County, the above named J. D. Patten  
one of the subscribing witnesses to the foregoing application, and who is a physician of good standing, and being duly  
sworn says that he has carefully and thoroughly examined J. D. Patten  
the applicant, and find him laboring under the following disabilities: Unable to earn a support by manual labor.

Old age, & General disability

Witness my hand and seal of office, this 4<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1917  
Gus G. Singleton Clerk  
By H. A. Katter John D. S.

(If possible, the two witnesses as to character should have served with the applicant in the army, and if so, let them, or either, state it in their oath; also any other information regarding applicant's army service.)

STATE OF KENTUCKY

McCracken County } Personally appeared before me, Gus G. Singleton  
County Court Clerk of said County, the above named J. P. Potts  
and S. P. Simmons, two of the subscribing witnesses to the foregoing application,  
with whom I am personally acquainted, and known to me to be citizens of veracity and standing in this community, and  
who make oath that they are personally acquainted with the foregoing applicant, and that the facts set forth and state-  
ments made in this application are correct and true, to the best of their knowledge and belief, and that they have no in-  
terest in this claim, and that said applicant's habits are good and free from dishonor. And they

further make oath to the following facts touching the applicant's service in the Confederate army.  
State here what witnesses know of their own knowledge.

They say that they were both in the same  
command with applicant in the war between  
the states, and they say that applicant of their  
own personal knowledge, served in the Confeder-  
ate Army as set out in this application, and that  
he was a valiant soldier therein. They further  
say that they have been intimately associated with  
applicant since the close of said war and that he is  
a man of exemplary habits and a citizen of good repute.

Witness my hand and seal of office, this 4<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1917  
Gus G. Singleton Clerk  
By H. A. Katter John D. S.

*J. D. Patton*

No. 2461

STATE OF KENTUCKY

**Soldier's Application for Pension**

*J. D. Patton*

Co. ....  
Regt. ....

Filed SEP 5 - 1912

Allowed .....

Read Specifications on Back.

**SPECIFICATIONS**

- 1. ....
- 2. ....
- 3. ....
- 4. ....
- 5. ....

*Approved Feb. 25 1913*  
*W. J. Lane*  
Commissioner

All blanks on this filing to be filled by the Pension Board  
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**To Applicants for Pension**

The material facts to be proven in the pension claim, under the laws of the State of Kentucky, are as follows:

- 1. Service in army.
- 2. Present Disability.
- 3. Indigency.
- 4. How you got out of the Army.
- 5. Character as a Soldier and Citizen.
- 6. Applications will not be filed unless certificates of Doctor and County Judge are filled out.

- 1. May be proven by officers or comrades.
- 2. May be proven by physician's certificate.
- 3. May be proven by neighbors and by certificate of County Judge.
- 4. May be proven by filing parole or discharge, or in case these have been lost or destroyed, by officers or comrades who know the facts.
- 5. May be proven by comrades and citizens.



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WAR DEPARTMENT,

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

WASHINGTON, September 10, 1912.

Respectfully returned to the

Examiner,  
Confederate Pension Department,  
Frankfort, Kentucky.

The records show that J. D. Potter, private, 1st Company B, 1st, formerly 6th, Confederate Cavalry (of which 1st Regiment Captain John F. Lay was at one time in temporary command), formerly Pell's Company, King's Battalion Kentucky Infantry and Cavalry, Confederate States Army, was enlisted September 12, 1861. On the roll dated May 26, 1862, he was reported absent, with remark: "In hospital at Spring Creek, Tenn., from wounds received near Paris, Tenn., April 11, 1862." Other records show that he was discharged June 21, 1862, at Knight's Mill, Pontotoc County, Mississippi, because of disability from wounds received at Paris, Tennessee.

*W. J. Stone*

The Adjutant General.

Indorsement

Confederate Pension Department

STATE OF KENTUCKY

FRANKFORT.

J. D. POTTER.

Enlisted Sept. 12, 1861, Co. B, 1st Confederate Cavalry, and was wounded April 11, 1862, and discharged because of disability from wounds received June 21, 1862. Proven by the record and discharge filed with application.

Property: \$2,000.00.

W J Stone.

I recommend that this claim be allowed.

Adjutant General.

Confederate States of America  
'Discharge'

Know ye that J. D. Potter a private in Capt Jas H. Husband's Co B. 1st Lays Regt of Cavalry enlisted at Fulton Ky - The 12<sup>th</sup> day of Sept 1861 to serve for one year - Born in McCracken County Ky. aged 20 years 5 feet 6 inches high - light complexion blue eyes light hair and by occupation when enlisted a farmer - He is hereby formally discharged the service of the Confederate States of America - by reason of a fire shot wound in the right knee received in a skirmish at Paris Tenn March 11<sup>th</sup> 1862 by order of Gen Bragg  
\*hand this 26<sup>th</sup> day of June 1862

J. H. Husband Capt Co B  
Lays Regt Cavalry

Charack's front  
W. J. Stone  
Col County

No. \_\_\_\_\_ S. \_\_\_\_\_

HEADQUARTERS

# Confederate Pension Department

W. J. STONE, EXAMINER

FRANKFORT, KY.

SEP 5 - 1912 191

GEN. W. P. HALL,  
Adjutant General, U. S. A.,  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

Dear Sir:

*J. D. Potter*

who is an applicant for Pension under the Kentucky Pension law, claims  
to have been a member of Company *B - Lay's*  
Regiment \_\_\_\_\_ C. S. A., and to have been

*King's Bat*

*afterwards known as*

*1st Confederate Bat.*

Please give me the record of this soldier.

Respectfully,

*W. J. Stone*  
Examiner.

Mc. CRACKEN COUNTY COURT.

IN THE MATTER OF J. D. POTTER, APPLICANT FOR PENSION UNDER THE ACT GRANTING PENSION TO DISABLED AND INDIGENT CONFEDERATE SOLDIERS:-

Be it remembered that at a regular Court held in and for the County of Mc. Cracken and State of Kentucky on the 11 day of June, 1912, came J. D. Potter, the above named applicant, who introduced J. E. Potter and Geo. E. Rouse, the addresses of both of whom are Paducah, Ky., as witnesses in his behalf, and said witnesses being by me duly sworn, deposed as follows in substance;-

That they are both personally acquainted with the applicant, J. D. Potter, and that they both have known him for the past thirty years during all of which time he has been an actual resident of the State of Kentucky; that the said J. D. Potter is unable to earn a support by manual labor or by his knowledge of any art or skill in any profession; that he does not receive a pension from the United States, from any State or foreign government; that he does not possess an income of as much as three hundred dollars per year and that he has no property except one house and lot *valued at about seventeen hundred dollars* in the city of Paducah, Ky., and his household goods; that his wife has no property; that his support is not provided for by reason of any contract with any one and that he is unable to earn a support of three hundred dollars per year by reason of the combined partial ability to earn money by manual labor, by his property, or by any other means.

I, Alben W. Barkley, Judge of the McCracken County Court, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct statement, in substance, of the evidence given by the foregoing witnesses on the hearing of this application on the day and date first above written. I further certify that both of the above witnesses are personally known to me and that they are both entitled to full faith and credit when sworn as witnesses. I have examined the papers in this case and I recommend that a pension be granted to the applicant herein.

Given under my hand as Judge of the McCracken County Court,  
this the 11 day of June, 1912.

*Alben W. Barkley*  
Judge McCracken County Court.

*Alben W. Barkley*  
*June 11 1912*  
*McC*  
*County*  
*Court*

McCRACKEN COUNTY COURT.

IN THE MATTER OF J. D. POTTER, APPLICANT FOR PENSION.

AFFIDAVIT.

The affiants, J. T. McKinney and J. R. Womble, state that they are both personally acquainted with the applicant, J. D. Potter and that they have both been so acquainted with him for the past several years and they both say that he is unable to earn a support by manual labor.

*J. T. McKinney*  
*J. R. Womble*

Subscribed and sworn to before me by J. T. McKinney and J. R. Womble, this the 15 day of June, 1912.

*Geo. G. Singleton Clerk*  
*By G. H. Kett or John D. C.*

I, Alben W. Barkley, Judge of the McCracken County Court, do hereby certify that the above affiants are both personally known to me and that they are both reputable citizens and entitled to full faith and credit when sworn as witnesses.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Judge McCracken County Court.

Paducah Ky. March 17/1921.

Capt. W. J. Stone. -  
Commissioner of Pensions.

Frankfort Ky.

Dear Capt. Stone. -

Our old friend Joseph W. Potts  
who is on your "honor roll" from  
this county, died Sunday March 13<sup>th</sup> 1921. -

I am enclosing the copy of the  
widow's appointment as administratrix. -

Kindly mail me blank application for  
the widow's recollment. -

Very truly,  
James Lang