

(DUPLICATE)

# Soldier's Application for Pension

I, **WILLIAM FRANKLIN CHESTER**

am a citizen of Kentucky, resident at **SLADE** in the County of **POWELL**

in said State of Kentucky, and was a soldier from the State of **NORTH CAROLINA**, 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 **COMPANY "D" SIXTH N.C. REGIMENT UNDER COLONEL PENDERAND**

**CAPTAIN TATE**

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 fam-

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

In what County, State and year were you born? **BURKE COUNTY NORTH CAROLINA, YEAR, 1842**

Answer

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

Answer **MARCH, 1862, Gen. Joseph E. Johnson, Colonel Peder and Captain Tate**

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

Answer **Wounded on the 19th day of Oct. 1864 and was sent to Stanton, Va. to a temporary hospital and was after sent home and return to the army at the end of 6**

Were you ever in prison? If so, state what prison and when released. **months, and was retired again because**

Answer **was not. had not recovered, and was there at the close of the war.**

Were you paroled? If so, when and where?

Answer **Was not**

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

Answer **No.**

If so, when and under what circumstances?

Answer

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

Answer ..... Farming, ... Some \$50.00 per year. ....

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

Answer ..... No property except a small amount of house hold goods and one horse .....  
..... One hundred dollars .....

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

Answer ..... None .....

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 ..... None .....

Do you use intoxicants to any extent?

Answer ..... None .....

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

Answer ..... 42 years, since 1869. ....

Have you an attorney to look after this application?

Answer ..... XXHE Yes .....

If so, give his name and address?

Answer ..... A. T. Stewart Stanton, .....

Witness my hand this 3rd day of June 1912.

*W. Z. Hunter*

WITNESSES:

..... A. T. Knox, Physician P. O. ....

Postoffice Address Bowen Ky. Street and No. (if any) .....

....., Witness R. F. D. (if any) .....

Postoffice Address .....

....., Witness .....

Postoffice Address .....

STATE OF KENTUCKY

*Parmer* County } *J. H. B...* Judge of said County,

certify that *W. Z. Hunter* and his wife ..... are

assessed with *No* acres, valued at \$....., and with \$..... of personal property.

Witness my hand this 14 day of July, 1912

*J. H. B...* Judge County Court.

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

STATE OF KENTUCKY

Powell

County

Personally appeared before me

E. H. Fuller

Notary Public of said County, the above named William Franklin Chester 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 oath that the said statements and answers are true.

Witness my hand and seal of office, this 3rd day of June, 1912.

E. H. Fuller, Notary Public, Ky. My commission expires Feb 17, 1914

STATE OF KENTUCKY

Powell

County

Personally appeared before me

E. H. Fuller

Notary Public of said County, the above named D. J. Knox 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 William Franklin Chester the applicant, and find him laboring under the following disabilities: Unable to earn a support by manual labor.

The bones of the left leg crushed by a gun shot wound which the claimant Chester claims was sustained while in the service of the confederate army in the rebellion, has also a weakness of the other leg which has been caused by too much use of the same and which renders it impossible for him to stand on his feet long at a time.

D. J. Knox

Witness my hand and seal of office, this 3rd day of June, 1912.

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(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 also any other information regarding applicant's army service.)

STATE OF KENTUCKY

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County

Personally appeared before me

Notary Public of said County, the above named and 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 statements made in this application are correct and true, to the best of their knowledge and belief, and that they have no interest in this claim, and that said applicant's habits are good and free from dishonor. And further make oath to the following facts touching the applicant's service in the army. State here what witnesses know of their own knowledge.

Witness my hand and seal of office, this day of , 191...

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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.

No. 2591.

STATE OF KENTUCKY

### Soldier's Application for Pension

*W. F. Charles*

Co. .... Rgt.

Filed **SEPTEMBER 15, 1918.**

Allowed .....

Read Specifications on Back.

#### SPECIFICATIONS

1. *174th Am. Lt. Col.*
2. *174th Am. Lt. Col.*
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*Belmont*

*W. J. Stone* Commissioner.

All blanks on this filing to be filled by the Pension Board

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

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WAR DEPARTMENT,

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

WASHINGTON, August 16, 1913.

Respectfully returned to the

Examiner,  
Confederate Pension Department,  
Frankfort, Kentucky.

The records show that William F. Chester, private, Company D, 6th North Carolina Infantry, C.S.A., enlisted March 20, 1862, at Newton, North Carolina. On the muster roll for November and December, 1864, last on file he was reported as follows: "Absent, home on furlough by order of Medical Board since Oct. 19/64." No later record of him has been found.

*W. J. Stone*  
Adjutant General.  
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Form No. 70, A. G. O.  
Ed. May 10-18-75,000.

Indorsement.

PENSION EXAMINER'S OFFICE,

FRANKFORT, KY.

WILLIAM F. CHESTER

Enlisted Mch. 20, 1862, in Company D, 6th N.C. Inf'y. and was wounded Oct. 19, 1864, rendering him unfit for further military service. Enlistment, service and wounds proven by the records. Comrades testify to his service and to the degree of the wound.

Indigent.

Approved:

W. J. Stone.

No. ....S.....

HEADQUARTERS

# Confederate Pension Department

W. J. STONE, EXAMINER

FRANKFORT, KY,

August 11th 1913

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

Dear Sir:

William Franklin Chester

who is an applicant for Pension under the Kentucky Pension law, claims  
to have been a member of Company "D" - 6th North Carolina  
Regiment C. S. A., and to have been

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Please give me the record of this soldier.

Respectfully,

*W. J. Stone*

Examiner.

North Carolina, )  
Caldwell County. )

In Re-Pension Of :  
Frank Chester, Confederate Soldier. : AFFIDAVIT.

*and J.B. Chester, each for himself*  
Sidney Robinson being duly sworn, deposes and says:

That Frank Chester was, and served with him in Co. "D"  
Sixth N.C. Reg. for a period of about two years, and to my knowledge  
he served more than two years in said service, but only as stated  
above with me, he was wounded in Virginia, the battle I can not  
recall at present.

*his*  
Sidney Robinson  
*mark* AFFIANT.

Sworn to and subscribed to before me this, 14th, day of Sept. 1912.

W.C. Moore  
Clerk Superior Court of Caldwell  
County, North Carolina,

*J.B. Chester, being duly sworn, deposes  
and says that he was in Confederate  
army with Frank Chester, and that said  
Frank Chester was wounded at Cedar  
Run, Va.*

*his*  
J.B. Chester  
*mark* AFFIANT

Sworn to and subscribed before me this  
21<sup>st</sup> day of Sept. 1912

W.C. Moore  
Clerk

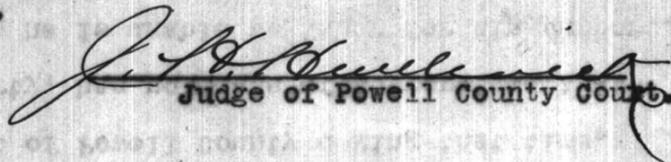
Powell County Court.

September Term, 1912.

In the matter of application for pension of W. F. Chester.

T. G. Spurlock was sworn as a witness and testified that he had known W. F. Chester for the past 20 years, that he was a citizen of the state of Kentucky and a resident of Powell County during all that time. That he owns no property, has no means of support and is not able to earn his support by his labor. W. M. Morton also testified that he had known the applicant W. F. Chester for a period of 30 years, that he was a citizen of Kentucky and a resident of Powell County during that time, that he now owns no property, has no means of support and that his wife is dead, and that he is unable to labor for his support.

The Court is of the opinion that the claim of W. F. Chester should be allowed.

  
Judge of Powell County Court

Hazelgreen Ky Nov 28 1913

Dear Mr Stone

received your favor yesterday in regard to where  
I was from time I was wounded untill the  
end of war when I was wounded they  
taken me to Stanton Virginia and put  
me in hospital I remained there 25 days  
and had been wounded four days before  
I entered hospital I went before a medical board  
and they gave me I think a six days <sup>or four months I dont</sup> furlough  
and sent me home in ex co with instructions to  
return at end of furlough which I did at  
Petersburg Va and I went before another medical  
board and they gave me 6 months retirement and  
furnished me transportation back to ex co my home  
If you could see the hole in my leg you would  
know that I was some where being treated for  
my wound I came home on the last train that  
ran from Va in to ex co the rail road was  
cut some evening and I did not hear of the  
surrender untill my Brother rode home back  
from Appomatox to western ex co Burke co  
Yours respectfully H L Chester

Please write me if I must get other  
Proof while I was in the ditches at Retushing  
was on my crutches they made detail of  
6 men from each co and went to the enemy  
breast works with axes and cut out every other  
rail and charged and taken three line of  
breast works for a long distance and held  
them intill nine o'clock next day I was in  
Bombproof while the battle was going on  
I was in the Seven pines fight in 1862  
I think the hole in my leg is sufficient  
proof that I was not able to walk  
any for about three years after the end  
of war  
W Y C

North Carolina,       )  
Caldwell County.     )

Personally appeared before me, W.C. Moore Jr. Clerk of the Superior Court of Caldwell County, Jane Prestwood and Mrs. Catherine Benfield, who being by me duly sworn depose and say, and each for herself saith, that she is acquainted with W.F. Chester and has known him for a period of 55 years or more, and that said W.F. Chester was in the Confederate Army in the war between the States and that he was wounded while in said service and came home on a furlough duly granted him by the duly commissioned authority; that said W.F. Chester was at home suffering from said wounds when the war closed and was not physically able to return to his Company at any time after being wounded as aforesaid. That affiant knows of her own knowledge that the above statements are true and correct.

*Witness as to me  
W.C. Moore Jr.*

*Mrs. Jane Prestwood  
Catherine <sup>Benfield</sup> Benfield*

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 22nd. day of December, 1913.

*W.C. Moore Jr.*  
Clerk Superior Court, Caldwell County.