

(ORIGINAL)

## Soldier's Application for Pension

I, Willis Johnson

am a citizen of Kentucky, resident at Barren Fork in the County of McCreary

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 The 26<sup>th</sup> Regiment, Company G, North Carolina

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?

Answer I was born in Chatham County, North Carolina on  
Oct 2<sup>nd</sup> 1844.

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

Answer I enlisted about March 20<sup>th</sup> 1862. Jebulon B. Vance  
Colonel of 26<sup>th</sup> Regiment, John R. Lane, Captain of  
Company G.

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

Answer Surrendered with Gen. R. E. Lee, April 9<sup>th</sup> 1865 at Appomattox.

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

Answer No.

Were you paroled? If so, when and where?

Answer I was at Appomattox, April 12<sup>th</sup> 1865.

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

Answer I did.

If so, when and under what circumstances?

Answer I did so on about August 1<sup>st</sup> 1865, in order to be allowed  
Suffrage.

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

Answer *Keep boarding house, and am assessor of McCreary Co. Ky  
a beauty of place for self & wife about \$250 - all told.*

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

Answer *None whatever, except small amount of house hold goods  
& two cows worth not over \$200. altogether.*

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

Answer *None whatever*

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 *We have no net income it takes all we make to  
support self & wife*

Do you use intoxicants to any extent?

Answer *No, I do not*

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

Answer *Continuously for the last sixteen years*

Have you an attorney to look after this application?

Answer *I have*

If so, give his name and address?

Answer *John M Perkins, Pine Knot Ky*

Witness my hand this ..... day of ..... 191...

WITNESSES:

*H. C. Middle and R. C. Sievers*, Physicians P. O. *Barren Fork*  
*Barren Fork, Ky. Pine Knot, Ky.*  
Postoffice Address ..... Street and No. (if any) .....

*S. Johnson*, Witness X R. F. D. (if any) *no*  
Postoffice Address *Ramsour, N.C.*

*W. H. Patterson*, Witness X *R73 # 2*  
Postoffice Address *Ramsour, N.C.*

STATE OF KENTUCKY

*McCreary* County } I, *Jacob Williams* Judge of said County,  
certify that *W. H. Johnson* and his wife *Margaret Johnson* are  
assessed with *1.1* acres, valued at \$..... and with \$..... of personal property.

Witness my hand this *8th* day of *Sept*, 191*7*  
*Jacob Williams* Judge County Court.

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

STATE OF KENTUCKY

McCreary County } Personally appeared before me Joe Myrick  
County Court Clerk of said County, the above named Willis Johnson  
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 25 day of July, 1912

Joe Myrick, Clerk

STATE OF KENTUCKY

McCreary County } Personally appeared before me Joe Myrick,  
County Court Clerk of said County, the above named H. C. Middle & R. C. Sievers  
one of the subscribing witnesses to the foregoing application, and who <sup>are</sup> physicians of good standing, and being duly  
sworn says that <sup>they have</sup> ~~he has~~ carefully and thoroughly examined Willis Johnson  
the applicant, and find him laboring under the following disabilities: Unable to earn a support by manual labor.

Which are enlargement of the Prostate Gland; Chronic  
Cystitis the history of which is frequent chills neces-  
sitating the use of a catheter once or twice each  
day. From all the above causes as enumerated we  
find the said Willis Johnson totally disabled and  
unable to perform manual labor

Witness my hand and seal of office, this 25 day of July, 1912

Joe Myrick, Clerk

(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~~ North Carolina

Randolph County } Personally appeared before me H. T. Bray  
A Justice of the Peace of said County, the above named Laura Johnson

and W. M. Patterson, 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 both

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.

We both know applicant in person and served  
with him in the Army and in the same  
regiment and Company, and know that the  
applicant was a faithful and gallant soldier

Witness my hand and seal of office, this 19 day of March, 1913

H. T. Bray, J. P. Seal

x seal

No. 2977

STATE OF KENTUCKY

Soldier's Application for Pension

*Phillip Johnson*

Co. .... Rgt.

Filed DEC 1 - 1913

Allowed .....

Read Specifications on Back.

- SPECIFICATIONS
- 1.....
  - 2.....
  - 3.....
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*Allowed Oct 15<sup>th</sup> 1914*

*W. S. Stone* Commissioner.

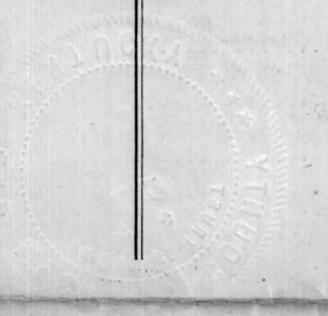
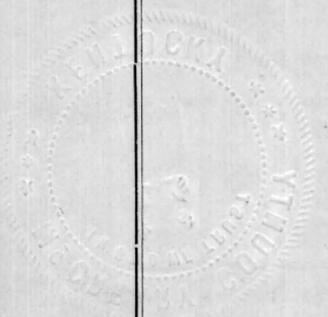
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To Applicants for Pension

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.



Indorsement.

PENSION EXAMINER'S OFFICE,

FRANKFORT, KY.

WILLIS JOHNSON

Enlisted Mch.6, 1862, in  
Company G, 26th North Carolina  
Inf'y. and was surrendered  
and paroled April 9, 1865.  
Proven by the record.

Indigent.

Approved:

W J Stone.

JOHN M. PERKINS  
ATTORNEY AT LAW

Somerset, Ky., November 30, 1913.

Hon. W. J. Stone, Examiner,  
Frankfort, Ky.

Dear Sir:-

I am to day sending you application of Willis Johnson  
of McCreary County for pension under the act granting pensions  
to disabled and indigent Confederate soldiers. I am not sure that  
this is filed in the proper way and request that you notify me  
if it is not and oblige,

Yours very truly,

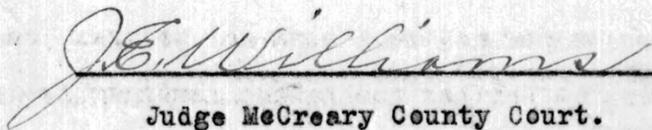
*John M. Perkins*

Memorandum of Evidence taken at the Regular

Term of the McCreary County Court held on the 12th. day of January 1914 at the court house in Whitley City, McCreary County Kentucky.

Lewis Bryant of Greenwood, McCreary County, Kentucky after being duly sworn states that he is a resident of McCreary County; that he has known the applicant Willis Johnson for more than ten years; that the said Johnson is a citizen of McCreary County and resides at Barren Fork in said county and has so resided for more than ten years; that said Johnson is not, to the best of his belief, able to earn by manual labor a living and has not any knowledge or skill by which to earn same.

Jesse Perkins of Whitley City McCreary County Kentucky after being duly sworn states that he has know Willis Johnson for more than seven years; that the deponent has resided in what is now McCreary county for more than forty years; that the said Johnson is a citizen of McCreary County and resides at Barren Fork and has so resided for the past seven years; that said Johnson has no property to said deponent known or any skill from which to derive support and that he is not able to earn a support by manual labor.

  
Judge McCreary County Court.

STATE OF KENTUCKY,

MCCREARY COUNTY.

I J. B. Williams, Judge of the McCreary County Court, submit the following recommendation upon the merits of the claim of Willis Johnson, applicant for pension under the Act Granting Pension to Confederate Soldiers. Said application was filed at the Regular Term of the October County Court for McCreary County in October 1913; that said application lay over from said term of court until January 12th. 1914 at which time, it being the Regular Term of the McCreary County Court, this court, the County Attorney being present and representing the Commonwealth, heard the evidence of two citizens of McCreary County as to applicants citizenship, residence and his means of support. The substance of the testimony of said witnesses is to be found on sheet two of this report on said claim. Said Willis Johnson was the appointed Assessor of this, McCreary, County, but I find that from physical disability he was unable to perform any of the duties, or practically so, incident to said office.

From the finding of facts as stated on sheet two of this report and my own personal knowledge of this applicant I am convinced that said claim is meritorious and should be allowed.

This January 12 th. 1914.

J. B. Williams  
Judge of McCreary County Court.

JOHN M. PERKINS  
ATTORNEY AT LAW

Somerset, Ky., August 3, 1914.

Confederate Pension Department,  
Examiner,  
Frankfort, Ky.

Dear Sirs:-

Please inform me in regard to any action which may have been taken in disposing of the application of Willis Johnson of Barren Fork, McCreary County, filed some time ago. If any thing more is required please inform me.

Thanking you for the information requested I remain,

Yours very truly,

*John M. Perkins,*

August 14th, 1914.

John M. Perkins,

Somerset, Kentucky.

Dear Sir:-

Replying to yours of recent date relative to the application of Willis Johnson, it had not been reached for action, but since the receipt of your letter I have examined the proof filed with it and find that the war records show that he enlisted March 6, 1862, in Company G, 26th North Carolina Inf'y. and that he was surrendered and paroled April 9, 1865, at Appomattox C.H., Va., which brings him within the provisions of the pension law and a pension will be granted him in time for him to be paid at the next regular pay-day, which will be in November.

Very truly,

Commissioner.

WJS-C