

# Soldier's Application for Pension

I, Joseph Branham

am a citizen of Kentucky, resident at Bonus Camp in the County of Johnson

in said State of Kentucky, and was a soldier from the State of Virginia, 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 Co. C. 7th Va 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 Wise County Virginia on Jan 5<sup>th</sup> 1840

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

Answer July 12<sup>th</sup> 1863 under <sup>Col.</sup> Clarence J. Prentice, Capt. John May, 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Jake Saunders, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Samuel Rotstiff.

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

Answer Disbanded in Scott County Va. 1865 - near Osborne Ford Va.

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 At Louisa Lawrence Co. Ky. just as soon as I could get there after I was discharged.

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

Answer *Farming \$50 to \$75*

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

Answer *2 cows \$45 9 Hogs \$10. Total \$55*

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

Answer *about 50 acres land \$150.*

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 \$100. per year*

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 *since 1860.*

Have you an attorney to look after this application?

Answer *yes*

If so, give his name and address?

Answer *W. G. Wells Mack Johnson County Kentucky*

Witness my hand this *17<sup>th</sup>* day of *April*, 191*3*.

WITNESSES:

*Geo. Phelps*, Physician P. O. *Joseph<sup>hus</sup> Branch<sup>wife</sup>*

Postoffice Address *Mack Ky* Street and No. (if any) *Boons Camp*

*Harry Dollard*, Witness R. F. D. (if any) *Kentucky*

Postoffice Address *Lamer Green Ky*

*Carob A Wells*, Witness

Postoffice Address *Boons Camp Ky*

STATE OF KENTUCKY

*Johnson* County } I, *John W. Wheeler* Judge of said County,

certify that *Joseph Branch* and his wife *Peter Branch* are

assessed with *28* acres, valued at \$ *150*., and with \$ *126.00* of personal property.

Witness my hand this *17<sup>th</sup>* day of *April*, 191*3*.

*John Wheeler* Judge County Court.

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

STATE OF KENTUCKY

Johnson County } Personally appeared before me. W. G. Wells  
Notary Public of said County, the above named Joseph Braukman  
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 17th day of April, 1912

W. G. Wells N.P. &c

STATE OF KENTUCKY

Johnson County } Personally appeared before me. W. G. Wells  
Notary Public of said County, the above named Dr. J. P. Wells & Dr. J. S. Wells  
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 Joseph Braukman  
the applicant, and find him laboring under the following disabilities: Unable to earn a support by manual labor.

Chronic Valvular Heart Disease -  
Chronic Interstitial Nephritis  
Totally Disabled from performing  
Manual Labor

Witness my hand and seal of office, this 17th day of April, 1912

W. G. Wells N.P. &c

(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

Johnson County } Personally appeared before me. W. G. Wells  
Notary Public of said County, the above named Harry Galloride  
and Dr. Jacob A. Wells, 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 Harry Galloride

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.

I served in the same army with this applicant  
and know him to be a good true obedient soldier.

Witness my hand and seal of office, this 17th day of April, 1912

W. G. Wells N.P. &c

My Com expires Jan 29th 1916

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No. 1615

STATE OF KENTUCKY

**Soldier's Application for Pension**

*Joseph B. Bramham*

Co. .... Rgt. ....

Filed *JUL 18 1912* - *1912*

Allowed .....

Read Specifications on Back.

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*W. J. Stone* 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 filed 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.

(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

Johnson County } Personally appeared before me W.W. Greer N.P. & L. James O. Osburn of said County, the above named Stephen O. Osburn

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.

I, James O. Osburn and Stephen O. Osburn who state as follows we was members of the 7th Va. Cav with and with said applicant Joseph Branham in the Confederate army and no he is the same Joseph Branham that served with us in said service of the Confederate army and our Colonel was Clarence Printz we no he served 1 year & 9 months James O. Osburn Stephen O. Osburn

Witness my hand and seal of office, this the 9th day of April, 1912.

Com expires Jan 25 1916 W.W. Greer N.P. & L.



ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

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WAR DEPARTMENT

Address: "The Adjutant General, War Department, Washington, D. C." 1937584

WAR DEPARTMENT,

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

WASHINGTON, July 23, 1912.

Respectfully returned to the

Examiner, Confederate Pension Department, Frankfort, Kentucky.

The name Joseph Brauham has not been found on the rolls, on file in this office, of Company C, 7th Virginia Cavalry, Confederate States Army, and no record has been found of the capture or parole of a man of that name and organization.

Harry P. McCain Adjutant General.

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Indorsement

Confederate Pension Department

STATE OF KENTUCKY

FRANKFORT,

JOSEPH BRANHAM

Enlisted July 12, 1863, in Company C, 7th Virginia Cavalry, and served till the close of the war. Proven by his comrades.

Property: \$276.00.

W J Stone

I recommend that this claim be allowed.

J. Handy Ellis Adjutant General.

Allowed by the State Pension Board.

James P. McCreary Chairman.

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HEADQUARTERS

# Confederate Pension Department

W. J. STONE, EXAMINER

FRANKFORT, KY.

JUL 18 1912 191 .....

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

Dear Sir:

*Joseph Braunham*

who is an applicant for Pension under the Kentucky Pension Law, claims

to have been a member of Company *C-7th Va.*

Regiment *Cal.* C. S. A., and to have been

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Please give me the record of this soldier.

Respectfully,

*W. J. Stone*  
Examiner.

ORDERS ) JOHNSON COUNTY COURT.

July Term, First Day of July, 1912.

Joseph Branham,

-vs-Application for Pension

Commonwealth of Kentucky.

The application of the applicant herein for a pension under "An Act Granting Pensions to Disabled and Indigent Confederate Soldiers" approved March 11, 1912, being called for trial and the parties hereto answering ready, and it appearing to the Court, that the application herein was filed in duplicate on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of April, 1912, and same was at the regular May Term, 1912, of said Court continued and was also subsequently continued at the June Term, 1912, until the present term of said Court and the Court, after hearing all the testimony introduced on the trial of said application, adjudges and recommends that said applicant, Joseph Branham, is entitled to a pension under said Act, and that said pension be, therefore allowed.

A COPY ATTEST:

Paul G. Hager  
CLERK JOHNSON COUNTY COURT.

On the hearing of the application of Joseph Branham, for a pension, the following witnesses were introduced upon behalf of the said applicant, whom I hereby certify to be reputable and entitled to credit and I also certify that Jno. P. Wells, Harry Dollarhide and Jacob A. Wells are reputable citizens and entitled to credit on oath. The following after being duly sworn testified substantially as follows:

Joseph Branham, Boons Camp, Ky. the Applicant herein, states that he has lived in this County about 44 years; that he is not capable of supporting himself by manual labor or by any skill, craft or art; that he has no income; owns a cow and one heifer and that his personal property all told is worth about \$100.00; that he has no real estate; that his wife owns real estate to the amount of 50 acres, the assessed value of which is \$150.00. said property being situated on Greasy Creek; that he has no contract for support; that his son provides for him; that his age is 67 years; Enlisted in the service in Va. and served two years or longer in Company "C" under Col. J. Prentice.

H. P. Meade, Lower Greasy, Ky.

That he has known applicant for 41 years and that he has lived here all the time, that is in this County; that the Doctors pronounced him totally disabled and he is of the opinion that he, the said applicant, is; that he has no knowledge of any other property, except that as stated by the applicant; that Prentice's command was stationed about 1½ miles from where the said Meade was raised and that he visited the said command and from descriptions given by said applicant, has reasons to believe that he was a soldier.

Alex Belcher, Mingo, Ky.

That he is acquainted with said applicant and was raised with im in Pike County; that he personally knew

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that said Branham was a soldier;but that he don't know  
how long and that said Branham was in the Confederate Army.

Given under my hand this the 10th day of July,  
1912.

*Snow Wheeler*  
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JUDGE JOHNSON COUNTY COURT.

State of Kentucky

Johnson County.

The affiant Hary Dollaride states that during the fall of 1863 he attached himself to Prentises Command of the Confederate Army.

That Joseph Branham, was there when I joined and remained with the army untill the close of the war in 1865. That I personally know that Joseph Branham, the aplicant has served more than one year in the Confederate army, and untill the close of the war.

*Harry Dollaride*

Subscribed and sworn to by Harry Dollaride before me this Aprile the 11th, 1913.

*W. H. Wells N.P.J.C.*

My commishion expires January the 29th, 1916.

April 2nd, 1913.

Mr. Joseph Branham,

Boone's Camp (Johnson Co), Ky.

Dear Sir:-

Upon examination of the proof filed with your application I find that the only proof you have of your service in the Confederate army is that one witness swears that he served with you in the army. Proof showing the date of your enlistment, the length of time you served, and when and how you got out of the army is necessary. Get all the proof you can and forward to this office and your application will then be submitted to the Board for its action as provided in the law.

Yours truly,

Examiner.

WJS-C

W. G. WELLS  
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW

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Lower Greasy, Kentucky.

August the 25th 1913.

Hon. W.J. Stone, Examiner.

Frankfort Kentucky.

Dear Sir; In regard to the application of Joseph Branham, for Confederate Pension. Will say that some time in April, I mailed to you the affidavits of two of the Osborns to be filed with the application of Mr. Branham; Please advise me if you have received same and if so are they on file with the papers of Mr. Branham, I would also be pleased to know if this is sufficient in your opinion to establish the service of the applicant. Mr. Branham the applicant, is a very feeble man and totally unable to work, and in the opinion of the doctors liable to die at any time with heart trouble and ought to have his claim passed up on at an early date.

Yours Very Truly.

W. G. Wells

DUANE BOND



September 15th, 1913.

Mr. W. G. Wells,

Lower Greasy, W.

Dear Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter dated Sept. 5, but mailed Sept. 12, relative to the application of Joseph Branham. I received your letter also dated Aug. 25th, in which you refer to having forwarded to this office the affidavits of Harry Dollaride and two of the Osborns. The affidavit of Harry Dollaride reached here in due time, but the affidavits of the Osborns of which you speak have never reached this office. When I received your letter mentioning the fact that you had sent the affidavits of Harry Dollaride and the two Osborns, and the Osborn affidavit were not with it, I supposed that you had overlooked sending the affidavits of the Osborns and that they would follow soon, and then I would reply to your letter, and the rush of business in this office has kept me from keeping the matter in mind until your letter again calling my attention to it.

If you still have the affidavits of the Osborns, or they have been lost or miscarried and you can supply them, and they are to the same effect that Harry Dollaride's affidavit is, it would clearly establish the proof in this case and bring it within the provisions of the pension law.

Very truly,

W. G. Wells

In regard to the application of Joseph Branham, for confederate  
pention.

State of Kentucky,

Johnson County.

The affiants James Osborn, and Stephen Osborn, states that they  
were members of the confederate army, and belonged to the 77th, Va.  
Cavalry with the applicant Joseph Branham, and know that he is the same  
Joseph Branham, who served with us in said Confederate army; and our  
Colonel, was Clarence J. Prentice, we know that he served in said army  
one year and nine months, and untill the close of the war in 1865.

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James + Osborn  
*mark*  
Stephen + Osborn  
*mark*

Subscribed and sworn to by James Osborn, and Stephen Osborn, before  
me this September the 21 1913.

W. W. Greer Notary Public

My Commission expires January the 25th, 1916.

October, II, 1934.

Mr. C. J. Wells.  
Boones Camp, Ky.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of October the 8th informing us of the death of Joseph Branham on October the 2nd, There is due his estate \$62.00 being accrued pension from August 1st to October the 2nd inclusive, and I inclose information as to how this amount may be collected, The State does allow \$100 for burial expenses, the Undertaker should send his bill to this office, and a voucher for the amount will be mailed direct to him,

Very Truly,

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Comm.

F. P. BLAIR

FRED MEADE

**BLAIR & MEADE**

ATTORNEYS & COUNSELORS

ROOMS 5 AND 7 SECOND NATIONAL BANK BUILDING

PAINTSVILLE, KY.

October 19, 1934.

Confederate Pension Dept.  
Frankfort - Kentucky.

Gentlemen:

I am inclosing herewith statement of burial expenses for my father Joseph Branham. I have been appointed administrator for the estate and have executed bond and a copy of the appointment and the order is inclosed herein.

I hope this will be sufficient to get the matter settled up. I will appreciate your immediate attention to this.

*Tandy Branham*  
Very truly yours,  
Tandy Branham