(ORIGINAL)

# Soldier's Application for Pension

I, Andrew H. Lawson

am a citizen of Kentucky, resident at Stella in the County of Calloway

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 Company "B" 1st Kentucky 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 Hancock County Tennessee, August 29-1832

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

Answer In 1862 - 1st Kentucky Cavalry - Caldwell's Company Woodward's Regiment

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

Answer Honorable discharge by Gen - Forrest, 1863 - Chattanooga Tenn -

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 No

If so, when and under what circumstances?

Answer No

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

*Answer* None

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

*Answer* No real estate, personal property $400.00

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

*Answer* 80 acres of land valued $2,000.00 incumbered $1400.00

*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 $125.00

*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* About 60 years

*Have you an attorney to look after this application?*

*Answer* No

*If so, give his name and address?*

*Answer*

*Witness my hand this* 2nd *day of* May 1912

his
Andrew + Lawson
mark

WITNESSES:

W. G. Gallemore M. D., *Physician* — P. O. Murray Ky.

*Postoffice Address* Murray Ky. — *Street and No. (if any)*

his
C. H + Pendleton, *Witness* — R. F. D. (if any) No. 1

mark

*Postoffice Address* Harris, Tenn.

his
J. W. + Clark, *Witness*

mark

*Postoffice Address* Lynn Grove, Ky.

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STATE OF KENTUCKY
Calloway County } I, T. W. Patterson *Judge of said County,*

*certify that* Andrew H. Lawson *and his wife* _____ *are assessed with* 83½ *acres, valued at* $1600.00, *and with* $212 *of personal property.*

*Witness my hand this* 24 *day of* June, 1912

T. W. Patterson *Judge County Court.*

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

N. R.

**STATE OF KENTUCKY**

Calloway County } Personally appeared before me R. H. Falwell

Clerk of said County, the above named Andrew H. Lawson

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 2nd day of May, 1912.

R. H. Falwell clerk
By W. H. Kennedy D.C.

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**STATE OF KENTUCKY**

Calloway County } Personally appeared before me R. H. Falwell

Clerk C. of said County, the above named W. G. Gatlemire

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 Andrew H. Lawson

the applicant, and find him laboring under the following disabilities: Unable to earn a support by manual labor.

Some difficulty in breathing, due to gun shot wound in the lung, and being 80 years of age renders him unable to earn a support by manual labor.

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

R. H. Falwell clerk
By W. H. Kennedy D.C.

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

**STATE OF KENTUCKY**

Calloway County } Personally appeared before me A. County

Court Clerk of said County, the above named C. H. Pendleton

and J. W. Clark, 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 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.

That they served in the army together and he was a good soldier and has since lived and upright life.

Witness my hand and seal of office, this 27 day of May, 1912.

R. H. Falwell Clerk C.C.C.

## 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. 3677

STATE OF KENTUCKY

# Soldier's Application for Pension

Andrew H. Lawson

Co. ..... Rgt.

Filed JUL 24 1912

Allowed .....

**Read Specifications on Back.**

SPECIFICATIONS
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5. .....

Allowed Oct 15th 1914

W. J. Stone Commissioner.

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

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ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE
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WAR DEPARTMENT.

Address: "The Adjuta ral,
War . ent, Washington. D. C."
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**WAR DEPARTMENT,**

**THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,**

**WASHINGTON,** July 27, 1912.

*Respectfully returned to* the

Examiner,
Confederate Pension Department,
Frankfort, Kentucky.

No record has been found in this office of the service, capture or parole of a man named Andrew H. Lawson as a member of Company B of any 1st Kentucky Cavalry, Confederate States Army.

Henry P. McCain
Adjutant General.
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**Indorsement.**

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**PENSION EXAMINER'S OFFICE,**

**FRANKFORT, KY.**

ANDREW H. LAWSON

There is no record proof of enlistment or service, comrades testify that he enlisted in Company B, of King's Battalion and later became a member of the 1st Kentucky Cav., which regiment was enlisted for 1 year and was discharged at the end of that time and re-enlisted in Co.B, of the 2nd Ky.Cav. and that about the 25th of March, '65 as the Confederate army retreated from Richmond he was wounded by being shot through the thigh, which was broken, and cut across the neck with a sword by the enemy, from which wounds he was suffering at the close of the war.

Property: $2200.00.

Approved:

W J Stone.

THOMAS W. PATTERSON
JUDGE CALLOWAY COUNTY COURT
MURRAY, KENTUCKY

Calloway County Court.

In the matter of A. H. Lawson, Application for Pension.

This application having been filed and laid over the allotted time, and the applicant being before the Court, with one witness and being duly sworn testidies to substantially the same facts as set forth in the application. And the court being advised doth find that the witness and applicant are men of good upright character and entitled to belief.

Al of which is respectfully reported,

This June 24th, 1912.

T. W. Patterson
Judge Calloway County Court.

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

HEADQUARTERS

# Confederate Pension Department

W. J. STONE, EXAMINER

FRANKFORT, KY.

July 24, 1912

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

*Dear Sir:*

~~Andew~~ Andrew H. Lawson

*who is an applicant for Pension under the Kentucky Pension law, claims to have been a member of Company* "B" - 1st Kentucky *Regiment* Cavalry *C. S. A., and to have been*

*Please give me the record of this soldier.*

*Respectfully,*

W. J. Stone

*Examiner.*

April 11, 1913.

Mr. Andrew H. Lawson,
Murray (P.O.)
Stella, Kentucky.

Dear Sir:-

Upon examining the proof filed with your application for pension I find that there is no record proof of your enlistment or service in the Confederate Army. Two witnesses swear that they served with you in the army and that you were a good soldier, but there is no proof as to the length of service and none as to when or how you got out of the army. Proof on these points necessary.

Get all the proof you can and forward to this office to be filed with your application before it is submitted to the Pension Board for its action.

Yours truly,

Examiner.

WJS-C

June 27, 1914.

Rev. W. J. Beale,

Murray, Kentucky.

Dear Sir:-

Replying to yours of the 25th. The additional proof filed with the application of John F. Cain brings his application within the provisions of the pension law and a pension will be allowed him. I cannot tell just when, but hope it may be soon.

In the matter of the application of H. C. Edwards the war records show that he deserted January 16, 1865 and took the oath of allegiance to the U. S. Government at Nashville, Tenn. on February 1, 1865, which would render it impossible for him to be granted a pension under the law. This information was given to N. B. Barnett on the 21st day of April, 1914, and was also given to you on May 14, 1914.

In the matter of the application of A. H. Lawson, when he filed his application he filed no proof of his military service, except J. W. Clark and C. H. Pendleton said that they served with him in the army. An inquiry to the War Department at Washington shows that there is no record proof of his enlistment or service in the army. This information was given to Mr. Lawson April 11, 1913. Later he filed an affidavit of J. W. Clark in which he says that Lawson was in Company B, 1st Kentucky Cavalry, and was enlisted in April or May, 1861, and was mustered out in June or July, 1862. In all of which he is mistaken. The first Kentucky Cavalry was not organized in April or May, 1861, and Woodward did not command the 1st Kentucky Cavalry, and Woodward's regiment was not enlisted for 1 year. The proof is practically all needed yet in his application to bring him within the provisions of the law. It must be shown when and where he enlisted, the company and regiment in which he served, and when and how he got out of the army and that he got out honorably.

The name James Hester has not been found in the records of this office as an applicant for a pension.

Your comrade,

The affiants J. W. Clark and Charlie Pendleton solemnly swear that they are personally acquainted with A. H. Lawson of Calloway County Kentucky, who has made application for pension under the act of 1912. The affiants further state that they were in the army with him and know of their own personal knowledge that he belonged to Company B, Captain Caldwell's company, Colonel Helm's Regiment of First Kentucky Cavalry.

And they know of their own personal knowledge that he made a faithful, good soldier and at the end of twelve months when his time was out he was mustered out of the service, according to Military authority, at Chattanooga, Tenn.

He then went into Colonel John Morgan's Brigade, Company C, Joe Morgan Captain, and remained with that command until the war closed. And they know of their own personal knowledge that he was honorably discharged.

Witness;
J. T. Futrell

C. H. Pendleton his X mark

witness H. C. Broach

J. W. Clark his mark.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this July 17 1914.

J. T. Futrell
Notary Public
Obion County Tenn
My Com. Expires April 1917.

J. R. RUMBELL NOTARY PUBLIC OBION COUNTY, TENNESSEE

Subscribed and Sworn to before me by J. W. Clark. This July 17th 1914

H. C. Broach.
Clerk. Calloway County Court

CALLOWAY COUNTY STATE OF KENTUCKY

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Murray Ky 7/17/1914

Hon W J Stone
Frankfort Ky

My Dear Capt Stone
You will find inclosed
Affidavits from J M Clark
and Charlie Pendleton
In favor of H. H. Lawson.
You may find some conflictions
In these Testimony in regard
to the regiment that the belong to

Please tell me what em-
ploying Mr James
Hopkins of Clerk is
initially and
W. J. Beale

this man Clark says
he was with you when you
was that and that he crossed
Lickings Brige fust be
fore you did. if this
Makes A H Lawson proof
Complet I would be glad
you would put him on
the passing list and let him
as we know it before the
Primary. yours to serve W J Beale

July 20, 1914.

Rev. W. J. Beale,

Murray, Kentucky.

Dear Sir:-

I am in receipt of yours of the 17th enclosing the additional affidavit of C. H. Pendleton and J. W. Clark. In the former affidavit of J. W. Clark he swears that A. H. Lawson enlisted in April or May, 1861, in Company B, Woodward's 1st Kentucky Cav. In this latter affidavit ~~that~~ he says that it was Company B, Helm's 1st Kentucky Cavalry.

Helm's 1st Kentucky Cavalry was not organized until October, 1861, and Woodward's 2nd Kentucky Cavalry was not organized until about November or December, 1862. Then J. W. Clark testifies in his first affidavit that A. H. Lawson was mustered out of service in June or July, 1862. Lawson states in his application that he was honorably discharged by General Forrest at Chattanooga, Tenn. in 1863. He says nothing about any re-enlistment or further service. In this last affidavit, made by J. W. Clark and C. H. Pendleton, they swear that he was mustered out of service according to military authority at Chattanooga, Tenn. and then re-enlisted in Company C of John Morgan's Brigade and served with that command until the close of the war.

From which you will see that there is such confusion of testimony made by the same persons in this application that there is no possible way to reconcile the proof in the case. The proof is so conflicting that it is impossible to tell what sort of conclusion to arrive at. I am not telling you this to criticise the witnesses, but in order to show you that the proof on file is not plain in any direction. In order that, if it is possible for them to do so, that you or Mr. Lawson can have these witnesses make such a statement relative to Lawson's service as will make his enlistment and his service, and when and how he got out of the army, consistent and plain.

Your comrade,

WJS-C

Commissioner.

Murray Ky 7/29/1914

Hon W J Stone
Frankfort Ky

I write you an explanatory letter in regard to A. H. Lawson he sayes that he enlisted in capten Woodars Co as an indipendent Squadron this company was made up at and around Hopkinsville. and when they left there they was ordered to go to Alabamah near Tuskeeway. there they reinlisted in Calonel Helm regiment

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And made 2 companies out of
the old Squadrons and he was
in Co B. capt Cardwells Co and then
Woodered was made Lutenant
Colonel at this time in Helms Regiment and when
this time was out they were Mustered
out of Servis by the order of
General Harrist. then he Joined
Co B of Johns Morgans command
and remained with him untill
the Ware closed and was discha-
-ged and came home it this close

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not get this matter straitened out to your satisfation write me what is necessary to get his case clear. this is a good honest hard working worth old man I am sure he is not trying to misrepresent so if you can help him to get his testamany clear help him do it. and tell me what you want and I will let him know. W J Beale
at once
over

P S J W Story and others ask me to write you and ask why they had not got their papers for this quarter

W J Beale

The affiant A. H. Lawson, J. W. Clark and J. H. Penelton states that A. H. Lawson went into the army 1861 joined Captain Woodards Squadron and remained with him until he was ordered out of the State of Kentucky then he went into the state of Alabama near Tuscaloosa then he was sworn in Col. Helms regiment in Company "B" and Capt. Woodard was made Lieutenant Col. of Helms regiment. A. H. Lawson served out his time and was discharged at Chattinooga Tenn. then he joined Capt. Joe Morgans Company "B" under John Morgan and when John Morgan was killed Joe Morgan was made Col. and remained Col. of said Regiment until the end of the war, then, he, Lawson was discharged and sent home.

Dictated by
W. J. Beale

his
A. H. Lawson
mark
J. W. Clark
mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me by A.H. Lawson this August 26" 1914.

N. C. Broach
Clerk Calloway County Court.

Subscribed and sworn to before me by J.W. Clark this Aug. 27" 1914.

N. C. Broach
Clerk Calloway County Court.

Witness by J. L. Crockett

his
J. H. Penelton
mark

State of Tennessee Obion County
Subscribed and sworn to before me by J. H. Penelton
This Aug 24 - 1914

J. L. Crockett
Notary Public
Obion County
Tenn

My Commission Expires Oct. 7, 1916

Murray Ky 9/10/1914

Hon W J Stone
Frankfort Ky

Dear Bro Stone
your letter to hand I
am sorrow that we can not get this
Applications of A H Lawson plane
before you for I know that he dose
not want to Misrepresent any
thing to you. he is a man that
has no sistens of telling any
thing and I had to tell it to you
as he gave it to me. he is a good man

to explane agane
he first joined Woodards squadron
or command and when they went
out of Ky they went into Ala
there Woodards command was Merged
in to cal Helms Regment wooddrd
becomeing the Lutenant cole of
Helms Regment and Tanours was
in co B of that regment. in
Morgans command. and when
his time was out in 1863 he was
Discharged. and then he joined

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Joe Morgans co B and remaind
in that co untill the ware closed
then he was fray roled and came
home. instead of discharged. I said
Discharged in making out the
affidavid I am to blame for
that mistake. J W Clark was in
the same co B and same command
with Tausen. what he says he
knows. when John Morgan was
Killed Joe Morgan was was made
a temporary commander of his forces

My understanding from Lewis is that when he was Discharged in 63 that Garrot had something to do with the command and the soldiers were Discharged by him. this man is a worthy man. and aught to have his pension. will you write out an affidavid for these two men to swear to that will bring him inside of the law and I will submit it to them and see if they

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will Sign at you have enough of
the facts to know what will bring
him inside of the Fence
Please do not get worried with us.
be sure and come to Hagle to
the reunion Saturday the 19th
write me what must be done in
this case and oblige
yours friend W J Beall

September 7th, 1914.

Rev. W. J. Beale,

Murray, Kentucky.

Dear Sir:-

I am in receipt of yours of recent date enclosing an affidavit to be filed with the application of A. H. Lawson. As I have written you heretofore, I would not have you think for a moment that I criticise affidavits or the statements made by witnesses, and when I point out to you the inaccuracies in an affidavit I only do it in order that you may, if possible, see and understand just why that special affidavit does not apply.

Mr. Lawson states in his application that he was discharged by General Forrest in 1863, and that he belonged to Co.B, of the 1st Kentucky Cavalry. General Forrest never had command of the 1st Kentucky Cavalry, and therefore could not have discharged any member of that regiment. In this affidavit, made Aug.26,1914, he states that he belonged to Woodward's squadron and that he sworn in to Co.B of Helm's Regiment near Tuscaloosa, Ala., and that he served out his time and was discharged at Chattanooga, Tenn. and then joined Captain Joe Morgan's Company B, under John Morgan, and when John Morgan was killed Joe Morgan was made Colonel and remained Colonel of said regiment till the end of the war. Then he, Lawson, was discharged and sent home.

In his application he claims to have been discharged only once, and that in 1863. In this application he claims to have been discharged twice. John Morgan commanded first a company, then a regiment, then a Brigade, and then a Division, and to say that a man belonged to Co.B under John Morgan is entirely indefinite. He also says that when John Morgan was killed Joe Morgan was made Colonel and remained Colonel of said regiment until the end of the war, When John Morgan was killed he was commanding a Division; was a Major General, and there was not at any time a Colonel Joe Morgan in John Morgan's Division.

Mr. Lawson does not state in this affidavit where nor when he was discharged, nor by whom, except that he says "at the end of the war". J. W. Clarke and J. H. Pendleton swear to the truth of this same affidavit, but tell nothing about how they know the statements in the affidavit to be true. So that, so far as I am able to Judge, this affidavit leaves this application in the very same condition that it was when I wrote you July 20,1914, which is, that the testimony is so indefinite and conflicting that it is impossible to arrive at a conclusion justifying the allowance of the application.

I should be glad to see the proof in this application get in shape, that the proof would plainly bring it within the provisions of the pension law, and hope you may be able to get it so.

Very truly,

September 12th, 1914.

Rev. W. J. Beale,

Murray, Kentucky.

Dear Friend:-

I am in receipt of yours of the 10th, and note carefully what you say. It would be impossible for me to prepare an affidavit covering the service of A. H. Lawson, for I did not know him in the army and I do not know what he and J. W. Clarke know about his service.

The best I can tell you to do is to let A. H. Lawson and J. W. Clark each make an affidavit giving all the facts from the time they enlisted in the army as long as they served in the army. As I told you in my letter of the 7th, to simply say that a man belonged to Company B, of Morgan's command, is so indefinite that nothing can be gained upon it, as there were a number of regiments in Morgan's command and there was a Company B in every one of them, and to find out anything about a man from the records you must not only know the letter of his company but the number of the regiment in which he ~~said~~ served. You say in this letter that Lawson s~~aid~~ he was in Company B, of Helm's regiment in Morgan's command. Helm's regiment was the 1st Kentucky Cavalry and never was a part of Morgan's Command, so you will see how indefinite that is, and as the name of A. H. Lawson is not found on the records of any company of the 1st Kentucky Cavalry, it justs makes it all the more difficult to get his record straight.

As for myself, I am wholly unable to do anything in the way of securing proof and it must rest entirely with Mr. Lawson. The only thing that I can suggest is, as stated above, get A. H. Lawson and J. W. Clark to each make another affidavit, and state clearly and distinctly, as they possibly can, all of the facts connected with his service from the beginning to the end and see if we cannot get the matter straightened out.

I should have been glad to have been with you at Hazel to-day, but it was absolutely impossible for me to get there.

Your friend,