

(ORIGINAL)

Soldier's Application for Pension

I, Jos. A. Covington

am a citizen of Kentucky, resident at Nardin, Ky. R. # 1.

in the County of Callaway

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 First Ky Confederate Cavalry under Col Tom Woodard.

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 soldiers' 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 Callaway State Ky On Sept 22 1843

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

Answer July 1862, Morgan's B. Co 1st Ky Cavalry, Col Tom Woodard Commanding, 1st Ky Reg. Ma. J. Louis Garth of near Lafayette Christian County, Captain J. T. Hunt of

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

Answer By Discharge at Hopkinsville Ky Oct 1862

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

Answer Fort Hindman 1863 after I was discharged by a Union General Yankees

Were you paroled? If so, when and where?

Answer No

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

Answer After I returned from Confederate Army I was forced to do that to remain in

If so, when and under what circumstances? I was arrested at once after my return and carried to Paducah by Yankee soldiers and forced

In what business are you now engaged, if any, and what do you earn? None not able to labor, am on the mercies of my children

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

Answer I have 6 1/2 acres ridge land value 1500 dollars
Covered by 2 mortgages No 1, 750.00 No 2, 200.00

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. Except 30 barrels Corn on rent, nothing else

Do you use intoxicants to any extent?

Answer No Sir never did

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

Answer 82 yrs 8 mos 9 days

Have you an attorney to look after this application?

Answer No Sir, would you advise me,

If so, give his name and address.

Answer

Witness my hand this 28 day of April 1926

WITNESSES:

_____, Physician P. O. Hardin

Postoffice Address Hardin Street and number (if any)

John S. Ormair, Witness R. F. D. (if any) Box 6 R. # 1

Postoffice Address Hardin Ky

W. A. Brown, Witness

Postoffice Address Hardin Ky R. # 1

STATE OF KENTUCKY

Cravens County } I, F. R. Jones Judge of said County,

certify that Gus S. Covington and his wife Sarah Covington

own 6 1/2 acres of land, valued at \$ _____, and with \$ _____ of personal property.

Witness my hand this 28 day of April 1926

_____, Judge County Court.

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

STATE OF KENTUCKY

Calloway County

Personally appeared before me

of said County, the above named *James H. Covington* 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 *28* day of *April*, 19*26*

[Signature] J.C.C.

STATE OF KENTUCKY

Calloway County

Personally appeared before me

of said County, the above named *E. S. Covington*

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 *James H. Covington*

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

Witness my hand and seal of office this *28* day of *April*, 19*26*

[Signature]

(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

of said County, the above named *John S. Swan*

and *William C. Brown*, 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.

John S. Swan states that he saw James H. Covington receive his discharge to Captain Chestnut in the latter part of the year 1862

Witness my hand and seal of office, this *28* day of *April*, 19*26*

[Signature]

No. 411

STATE OF KENTUCKY

Soldier's Application for Pension

Geo. H. Cunningham

Co. _____

Filed: *April 17, 1908*

Allowed: *April 17, 1908*

SPECIFICATIONS

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

Commissioner:

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

The State Journal Co., Frankfort, Ky.

Recd. June 8, 1908

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.

Memorandum
to the Pension Board
re: Geo. H. Cunningham
April 17, 1908

Address "The Adjutant General,
War Department, Washington, D. C."
O.R.D.

WAR DEPARTMENT
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE
WASHINGTON, June 10, 1926.

Respectfully returned to
The Confederate Pension Department,
State of Kentucky,
Frankfort, Ky.

The name Gus H. Covington has
not been found as of any company
of any 1st. or 2d. Ky. Cav. organi-
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not been identified.

Thomas G. Woodward was Colonel
of the 2d. (Woodward's) Ky. Cav.,
C.S.A.

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(also known as 3rd Ky. Cav.), C.S.A.,
enlisted at Benton, Ky., Apl. 27, 1863
(also shown as Apl. 27, 1864), and
was reported present on the last
roll on file, dated June 30, 1864.
No later record found.

Robert C. Davis,
Major General,
The Adjutant General.
R.C.D.

Form No. 072-A.G.O.

L. Cooper

CONFEDERATE PENSION DEPARTMENT

FRANKFORT, KENTUCKY

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FRANKFORT, KENTUCKY

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Tom G. Woodward in February,
1862- and was discharged at
Hopkinsville, Kentucky in
October, 1862- No record of
any kind can be found of his
enlistment, service or dis-
charge from the Confederate
army.

June, 29th, 1926-

R. G. Grayson
Com

Comrades names —	
W. Montgomery	Conant Key
Joe Walton	Reardon Key
Gregory	"
JH Edz	Murray Key
H Holt	" "
Capt Woodwintz	"
Capt Ornel	"
Coon ward	Logan led
Geo Ward	"
Capt Elliott	Elston Key

Murders of Pet

Gen. J. Compton Sept 11
Harris Ky, R. #1 Calaway Co -

1st Com. Cav -
Col. Tom Woodward

May-Louis Gen. of
Lafayette Cherokee Co

Capt. J. T. ...

Dis. - Hopkewell Ky Oct 1862

Entered Feb 1862 Gen Morgan

son



OFFICE OF

COMMISSIONER OF CONFEDERATE PENSIONS

FRANKFORT, KENTUCKY

J. T. GEORGE, COMMISSIONER

June, 10, 1926.

Mr. G. H. Covington.
Hardin, Kentucky.

My dear Sir:

Your favor of June 8th received. Would say in reply, that your application for Confederate pension was filed in this office June, 8th by Judge Jones, you say in your application that you enlisted in the 1st Kentucky Cavalry under Tom Woodward in February 1862- and discharged at Hopkinsville, Kentucky in 1862- the pension law says; that an applicant for pension must have performed actual military service in the Confederate army from the date of his enlistment until the close of the war, or until he was honorably discharged to come within the provisions of the law. You have not filed any proof with your application regarding your enlistment, service or discharge, we have written the War Department at Washington City for your record as a Confederate soldier, and if the records at the War Department show that you did actual military in the Confederate army and was honorably dischargedm you will be eligible to a pension, will write Judge T. R. Jones regarding the matter, when answer from the War Department is received,
Very respectfully,

J. T. George
Comm.

June, 11, 1926.

Mr. G. H. Covington.
Hardin, Kentucky.
Route 1, Box 6.

My dear Sir:

Your favor of June 8th received. Would say in reply; that your application for a Confederate pension was filed in this office June, 8th by Judge Jones, you say in your application that you enlisted in the 1st Kentucky cavalry under Tom Woodward in February, 1862- and was discharged at Hopkinsville, Ky in October, 1862- the pension law plainly says that an applicant for pension must have performed actual military service in the Confederate army from the date of his enlistment until the close of the war or until he was honorably discharged to come within the provisions of the law. You have not filed any proof with your application regarding your enlistment service or discharge, we have written the War Department at Washington City for your record as a Confederate soldier, and if the records at the War Department show that you did actual military service in the Confederate army and was honorably discharged, you will be eligible to a pension, will write to Judge T. R. Jones regarding the matter when answer from the War Department is received.

Yours respectfully,

R. A. George
Carr

Carr

June, 14, 1926.

Judge T. R. Jones.
Murray, Kentucky.

My dear Sir:

We have just received report from the War Department regarding the record of your friend, G. H. Covington in the Confederate States army. A copy of which I am inclosing, we have the records of Kentucky troops that served in Kentucky in the Confederate States army now on file in this office, and we have failed to find G. H. Covington's name on the said records. This leaves Mr. Covington's application now on file in this office without any kind of proof of enlistment or service in the Confederate army.

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J. A. George
Com.

June 23 1926

Col J Tom George
Frankfort Ky

Dear Col - Please excuse this letter as I had a letter from Judge T Rose James Col Co, saying he thought you was wanting proof of my discharge My Witness - J S Shown testified that he heard and seen Captain Kesterson ask me if I had a discharge at my fathers front gate on Saturday evening - After I got home from Army about 20 Oct 1926 and I told him I had and he Captain K called for it, and Sus got it out of his side pocket and handed it to Capt Kesterson and he sat on his horse and read it, and handed it back to Sus and said, Don that is all right and left us. He from Col George as you know mighty few living to day that was living 1862.

Hope you will excuse this note
Yours at Command
Gust Carinton
Hardin Ky R-1 Box 6

June, 29, 1926.

Mr. G. H. Covington.
Murray, Kentucky.

My dear Sir:

Your favor of June 23rd received. I wrote Judge T. R. Jones on June 14th- inclosing copy of report from the War Department which report says; your name could not be found on the rolls of the First of the second Kentucky Cavalry. The report showed that Thomas G. Woodward was Colonel of the 2nd Kentucky Cavalry, but no record of your enlistment or service in the Confederate army could be found. and no record could be found showing that you received a discharge from the Confederate army, and you do not ~~state~~ ^{state} in your application ~~of~~ letters why and for what cause you were granted a discharge.

The only evidence you have introduced is that of John S. Irvan who says that he saw you hand your discharge to Captain Chesterson, which is not sufficient proof, under the pension law, to allow you a pension, and with the proof now before me, I am compelled to reject your claim for pension.

Very respectfully,

A. J. George
Caw

July, 9, 1926.

Copy.

Mr. Gus G. Covington.
Hardin, Ky. Route #5.

My dear Sir:

Your favor of July 2nd received, Would say in reply; that I have very carefully examined the records of the 1st and 2nd Kentucky Cavalry and the 3rd and 7th Kentucky infantry and your name does not appear upon the rolls of any Company of said regiments. We wrote the War Department at Washington, D. C. for any record they might have on their files of your enlistment and service in the Confederate army, Report from said Department gives no record of your service.

I have done everything possible to obtain proof sufficient to place your name on the pension rolls; but have failed so far, and no proof only your sworn statement in your application that you were honorably discharged, and it seems that you think I should take your sworn statement as sufficient proof to allow you a pension. The pension law says; that an applicant for pension must prove how he got out of the army, by filing his discharge, or in case it has been lost, it can be proven by affidavits of officers, two comrades, and the comrades themselves must have honorable records, if the Oath of each applicant should be taken as sufficient proof to allow such applicants a pension there would not be one rejected application in this office, whereas, ~~there are~~ over twelve hundred applications in this office rejected for want of proof sufficient to bring them within the provisions of the pension law, therefore, your application for pension is hereby rejected,

Very truly,

R. G. George
Carr.

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Very truly,

A. G. George
Comr

July 27th 1920

Col J. Tom George & Board
Frankfort Ky

I will ask you a question
I not finding my name on records
at Washington, will it be necessary
for me to furnish you further
evidence, and again I joined
the Army at Waverly Tenn I
think where we were mustered
in. You see I was a very small
boy, 15y 4 months old had never
been from my home but once
that is out of my County, conse-
quently you know, and after
joining Army was out in Kentucky
until about October 6th when
we went into Camp at Hopkins
ville or 2 day before.
We were in Camp at Clarksville
some 3 months, was run out of
there by Col Love Yankee Col from
Fort Henry, however we escaped
with Col Love at Ragans Hill
4 miles from Clarksville about
3 hours last of men when we
left the field. Col George does
your Confederate history give this
skirmish between Col Woodrard
and Col Love Yankee, and Col
would you please give me the
date and where and how Col
Woodrard was ambushed and Co.
and again did you and

July, 30, 1926.

Mr. Gus H. Covington.
Route I Box 6,
Hardin, Kentucky.

My dear Sir:

Your letter of July 27th received. Would say in reply; that in writing the War Department for your record as a Confederate soldier, we asked said Department for the record of Gus H. Covington who claimed to have enlisted in the First Kentucky Cavalry under Col. Tom Woodward. You have failed so far to give the letter of your Company, you also say that J. Lewis Garth was your Captain, while the records of the 1st Kentucky Cavalry does not show that said J. Lewis Garth was Captain of any company of the said regiment. You say in your letter that you enlisted in Tennessee, which has nothing whatever to do with the records of Kentucky regiments,

Very respectfully,

R. A. George
Carr

Panama City,
Sept., 23, 1906.

My dear Col. George:

Dr. F. H. Cooington has asked my help in getting a pension. In the correspondence he sent me there is a letter from you dated June 11, 1906. So I know you have had the matter under advisement.

I do not feel the least shadow of doubt as to honorable service rendered by the Doctor and I hope we can fix up his paper promptly. Let me know if I can help him.

Cordially your friend
Moz. M. Jarvis M. Timney.

September, 25, 1926.

Mrs. Roy W. McKinney,
Paducah, Kentucky.

My dear Madam and Friend:

Your favor of September 24th regarding the application of G. H. Covington just received. Said G. H. Covington filed his application for pension in this office June, 8th, 1926- He said in his application that he enlisted in First Kentucky Cavalry in February 1862- and was discharged at Hopkinsville, Ky. in October, 1862- and he further said that he was arrested at once after his return and carried to Paducah by the Yankee soldiers and forced to take the Oath, he has no proof of his enlistment or service in the Confederate army, filed with his application. He has never given this office the Company in which he enlisted and for fear he has forgotten the regiment in which he enlisted, I have very carefully looked over the rolls of each Company of the 1st and 2nd Kentucky Cavalry and the 3rd and 7th Kentucky Infantry and his name does not appear upon the rolls of any company of said regiment. We wrote the War Department at Washington, D. C. for any record they might have on their files of his enlistment or service in the Confederate States army, and a report from said Department said; that no record of enlistment or service of G. H. Covington could be found on their files. His statement is all the proof he has on file of his enlistment, service or discharge.

I have done everything possible to find proof sufficient to place his name on the pension rolls, and I am compelled under the pension law to reject his claim for pension, I thank you, however, for your interest and kindness in the matter.

Very respectfully,

R. T. Gray
Care

October, 29, 1926-

Mr. Gus Covington.
Wadesboro, Ky.

My dear Sir:

Your favor of October 26th received. Would say
in reply; that an application for Confederate pension filed
in this office never runs out of date, and you are at
liberty to furnish any further proof you have or can get
regarding your service in the Confederate army, which
will be given full and due consideration.

Very respectfully,

J. P. Gandy
Carr

1ST VICE-PRESIDENT-GENERAL
MRS. W. E. R. BYRNE
1422 QUARRIER ST., CHARLESTON, W. VA.

2ND VICE-PRESIDENT-GENERAL
MRS. W. C. N. MERCHANT
CHATHAM, VIRGINIA

3RD VICE-PRESIDENT-GENERAL
MISS KATIE DAFFAN
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MRS. JACKSON BRANDT
THE ALBION HOTEL, BALTIMORE, MD

United Daughters of the Confederacy

MRS. ROY WEAKS MCKINNEY
CHAIRMAN OF LEE MEMORIAL CHAPEL COMMITTEE
CHAIRMAN OF MEMORIAL APPROACH TO ARLINGTON COMMITTEE
1505 BROADWAY PADUCAH, KY.

PRESIDENT-GENERAL
MRS. ST. JOHN ALISON LAWTON
43 SOUTH BATTERY CHARLESTON, S. C.

Paducah, Ky.

Feb. 7, 1927.

My dear Col Terry:

I know you think I never quit and the truth is I don't want to "quit" if it is a job I feel nice keep a Confederate soldier along life's way. So here I am agreeing with three affidavits referring to Dr Gus Covington's discharge.

Please give these your careful consideration - I certainly will appreciate any thing you can do in this case -

Your friend

Mrs. M. Farris McKinney
(Mrs Roy W.)

February, 9, 1927-

Mrs. Roy McKinney,
Paducah, Ky.

My dear Friend:

Your very kind favor of February 7th with affidavits in behalf of Gus H. Covington inclosed, received. I would say in reply; that I have very closely examined the records of Kentucky troops that served in Kentucky regiments in the Confederate States army, and the name Gus H Covington cannot be found on said records, we wrote the War Department at Washington, D. C. for any record they might have on their files regarding the enlistment and service of Gus H. Covington in the Confederate army, report from said Department said that his name could not be found on their records. He has not filed any kind of evidence of his enlistment and service in the Confederate army, I have followed every clue possible in order to find some record of his service, but have failed to find his name on any record in this office. The only proof that can be found of his record as a Confederate soldier is what he says in his application. When asked, Where did you enlist and in what command? answer was, that he enlisted in 1st Confederate Company under Col. Tom Woodward further on, he said he enlisted in February 1862-in Morgan's Brigade, 1st Kentucky Cavalry under Col. Tom Woodward, Commanding, and when asked how he got out of the army, he said by discharge at Hopkinsville, in 1862- when asked, Did you take the Oath of Allegiance to the Federal Government, answer, I was arrested at once after my return and carried to Paducah, Kentucky by Yankee soldiers, and forced to take the Oath, he said that all citizens were forced to take the Oath to remain at home. He has no kind of proof on file in this office of his enlistment or service in the Confederate army, and I cannot see any possibility of his ever being allowed a pension under the present pension law of Kentucky,

Your Friend,

J. G. George
Comm.

May, 25, 1927-

Dr. George H. Covington.
Harding, Kentucky.
Route #6. Box. 6.

My dear Sir:

Your favor of May 23rd received. Would say
in reply; that you are at perfect liberty at any and
all times to file any kind of proof and affidavits
in behalf of your application now on file in this
office, which shall receive my close and special
attention.

Very respectfully,

J. T. George
Com.

*W. A. Brown was in
Columbia, Kentucky
at the time of
the discharge of
Dr. Gus H. Covington
of Wadesboro, Calloway
County, Kentucky.*

I, W. A. Brown, hereby af-
firm that Dr. Gus H. Covington of Wadesboro, Calloway County,
Kentucky, is personally known to me and that I have positive
knowledge of his service in the Confederate Army for an ap-
proximate period of ~~one (1) year~~ ^{9 months}. I further affirm that I
have positive knowledge of his honorable discharge from said
Army, having seen, read and examined said discharge papers.

his
W. A. Brown
notary
att. H. M. Cross

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me this 26 day
of January, 1927.

My commission expires the 4 day of Aug.
1928.

H. M. Cross
NOTARY PUBLIC, Marshall
County, Kentucky.

Notary Public
for the State of Kentucky

Wadesboro Aug 27
 W. J. Brown & Co
 In addition to evidence
 all ready in [unclear]
 We add that [unclear]
 was H. [unclear] [unclear]
 [unclear] from rebel Army
 he rode a large yellow
 ball faced white foated
 horse a fine one and
 2 or 3 days after he come
 a squad of yankees [unclear]
 [unclear] from fort hind
 man D E corner [unclear]
 County and took his
 horse saddle & Bridal so
 his father being a Union
 man and having a
 nephew Capt Puddleton

in Yankee Army and
 his [unclear] from
 [unclear] were located
 at Fort Hindman so
 [unclear] through his
 nephew got his horse
 but in 3 or 4 days a
 squad of 15 Ky Yankees
 from Pallack # got
 his horse and he never
 heard from him again
 In 1864 Sept Gus had
 been to a big meeting
 was returning home
 or 11 o'clock PM met a
 bunch yankees old men
 and took another
 good horse and left him
 and old horse

"We state this to
 show how the yankees
 hated him for he would
 talk to them and
 we expected them to
 kill him etc
 We will state this to
 a [unclear] public if
 necessary

J. B. Iwan
 W. A. Brown
 E. K. W. [unclear]

By H. H. [unclear]

Oct 19th 1927
Dear General
I am sorry to hear
sent does not appear to
ask me to write you
In 1864 I lived in
from 1/2 mile
and about Jan & Feb
1862 he had a good
rig of his own, he
slipped off from home
and I had to join
The 1st Army was gone
Several months. I came
home late in the fall
In bad health discharged
I saw his discharge
& read it read more

then once he rode
a fine large yellow
horse white face & feet &
in a few days a signal
of the Red Bull came
and taken his rig &
he never saw him
again. In fall of 64 he
had got another good
rig, and they taken
him & left an old bay
Ponie told me so
as far as he would
not furnish any
more for Yankees I am
84 yrs old no family
living around with
nephews & nieces so
do if you wish to ask

I
any questions direct
letters to Will Borders
Wadsworth Hardin R
Box 4 Care G H Christian
and he will see I
got it &
Yours
W Will Borders
or W W Borders

Dec 23rd 1867

Col J. G. Board
Christmas Gift.

The last appeal, as it seems to me you have been set, against me nearly from beginning as I have proved by 3 of good 20. I am good religious men as is in Ky to they, who swore I went to the Army in early part of 1862, and returned lat fall of 62, and had my discharge from the Army and that saw it, read it and heard it read and on account of failing health how could I be discharged or have a discharge from the Army

I if I ever belonged to it you please failed to answer names I sent you to know if their names were on the list in Washington. They were my comrades ~~to~~ belonged to some Camp - my
Excuse me but I want to tell you one more job. I was discharged in Hopkinsville on Monday morning about 1st Nov. Prof & Waterfield was sent for to Camp to come to Headquarters. We went about 1/2 miles but I remember got there went in set down Col Woodward says boys our Sergeant on the 1st has advised you be discharged

So hand us our papers we returned to Camp fed our horses got dinner and started for home 50 miles due west, old State & Stage road from Hopkinsville to Columbus via Cadiz Canton Eggertson and my home ^{50 miles} ~~50 miles~~ on to Mayfield Columbus & 100. We rode on got 4 or 5 miles from Cadiz, Man out at his woodpile. We asked him if we could feed our horses & get a bite to eat told them we were discharged soldiers had no money except our feed crate he says ride on down to state. He went in at came on down

4 We eat begged us to stay all night but I was going to see Mammy. He told us we could not get across the ~~the~~ river as all boats and skiffs were destroyed a lovely night Moon shined bright. We got to Eggertson about 1 o'clock night over very low sand bar some 200 yds wide we rode to edge of water listed I had water feed no boat in 10 so we went up run some 200 yds or more pulled off our clothes tied to paddle and taken straps over in front of us and in the went made landing fine rested a few minutes

5th
and let up to top of bank
and out road and 300
yds past on clothes &
made for home, reaching
just day break 12 Miles
from Edge camp where we
just day break rode up
to Post hitched horse and saw
old Cook had on a fire was
getting early breakfast for
boy to gether corn. So I tapped
on from door of kitchen &
Cook says who is that I said
open door awt and she
knew my voice and we
squared for Miss Lindam
mother and we had a
Methodist meeting around
the rear neighbors The
End of Herring twi

May 23rd 1927
Col J. George & Board
of Examiners came to me
that I should find 3 or 3
witnesses who would
testify to seeing reading
or hearing read my dis-
charge. You thought I
would on my part
So I found 3 witnesses who
testified reading and
hearing read my dis-
charge. I was in the
old neighborhood of
1855 to some 19 or 15
years ago. I
Waldston called Flint
Waldston now running a
family Grocery in Paducah
was up here visiting. Kins
folks, asked me if I had
any pension as this

2 Col. Orr in Law S. W.
found that I had read
my discharge for me, and did
not believe in my discharge
and would make
same statement. I W. J. only
made as it necessary
for me to work further
to explain and tell me
what other proof nec-
essary and on the
subject
D. G. H. Cunningham
Hardin Ky R-1 1927

Nov 28th 1927
Col J. J. George & Board
and more I write.
While I am satisfied you
all have set down on me
I do not believe there is
another such case in Ky
from Magistrates Court to
highest Court in Ky.
For I have sworn to facts
also 3 of West Ky, that
me several I was in Con-
federate Army from early
in 1862. Feby, to late in
1862 about first Nov,
when I came home dis-
charged and in bad
health, and that they
saw, read and heard
read my discharge

I
No doubt or reckon
so but they say positively
I went and I came
back several months
later, and had my
discharge from Rebel
Army & 3 good witnesses
is all that is needed in
any case in any Court
Now Col will you tell
me if any of these
names are on Confederate
records in Washington
Calloway Co Ky
Capt John W. Putz
" Billy Montgomery
Newt Walton
James Grogan died 1925
last one of my army
J H Orr

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Continued
Waterfield
Capt Elliott Eckton
To Co Ky

George Ward Todd
Cook Ward

Col Low
Maj Louis Garth Christian

Do the records give a
sketch below Col Low

Woodward Confederate in
Command and Col Lowe
Commander of Yankees
from Fort Henry in which
we lost 7 men killed &
wounded at Ragous Hill
1 mile from Clarksville
Tenn on Clarksville &
Down Road. We held them
& Lewis when we
retreated back through
Clarksville Tenn. We

4 We taken N-E direction
I believe Eckton road
Went out about 14 miles
to Widow Hollingsworth
Niell on a little River
where we went into city
for night and at 1 1/2 am
we were fired on and
Pickel drove in and
we run out as usual
Also when was end
where was Col Low
Woodward assassinated
Please tell me or
answer these questions
or have your Washington
City expert who keeps
my name on record to
answer & oblige
G. H. Corington

When & where & in what
circumstances did he
discharge? What
discharge papers did he
receive?

I, J. S. Swan, hereby af-
firm that Dr. Gus H. Covington of Wadesboro, Calloway County,
Kentucky, is personally known to me and that I have positive
knowledge of his service in the Confederate Army for an ap-
proximate period of 9 months. I further affirm that I
have positive knowledge of his honorable discharge from said
Army, having seen, read and examined said discharge papers, at
Wadesboro, Calloway Co. about 1863. He
served in the 1st regiment of the Confederate Army
as Captain of Company B.

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me this 3rd day
of January, 1927.

My commission expires the 4 day of Aug,

1928.

H. M. Brass
NOTARY PUBLIC, Marshall
County, Kentucky.

~~Wm J. M. McLean
Deputy Postmaster
J. R. Jones County Judge
Murray Ky~~

I, I. W. Jones,, hereby
affirm that Dr. Gus H. Covington of Wadesboro, Calloway
County, Kentucky, is personally known to me and that I
have positive knowledge of his service in the Confederate
Army for a period of nine months and I further affirm that
I have positive knowledge of his honorable discharge from
said Army owing to failing health.

I. W. Jones

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SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me this 4th day
of February, 1927.

My commission expires the 4th day of 1930.

J. M. Walden

NOTARY PUBLIC

McCracken County, Ky.



2nd
affiant

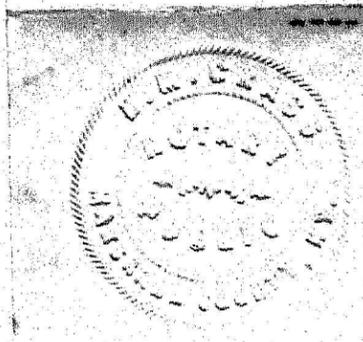
The affiant John S. Irvan, deposes and says that Dr. Gus H. Covington of Wadesboro, Kentucky Calloway County, is personally known to him and that he has poitive knowledge of his service in the confederate army for an approximate period of 9 months , and he further states that he has positive knowledge of his honorable discharge from the said army having seen read, and examine said discharge at Wadesboro Calloway County, Kentucky. About the year of 1863, and that Dr. Gus H. Covington exhibited his discharge to a captain of the confederate Army whose name he recalls now as being a "Captain Chaterson" of the Confederate Army, He states that when the captain above referred to arrived at Wadesboro, he was threatening to arrest Gus H Covington for being a stragling soldier and upon being shown the discharge papers which Dr. Gus H. Covington had in his possession Cpatian immediatley released him and said those papers were al right.

This ocured in the presence of the affiant
Witness my hand this 14th day of March. 1928.

James W. Reynolds

Subscribed and sworn to before me
by John S Irvan. to be his act and
deed. This March. 14th, 1928.

H. M. Coates
Notary Public
My Commission Expires August 4, 1928



2nd
affidavit.

March 23, 1928.

THE AFFIANT, W. A. Brown, in addition to his affidavit of Jan. 26, 1927 to the best of his knowledge and belief, saw the discharge of Gus H. Covington at Wadesboro, Calloway County, Ky. year 1863, ^{his}

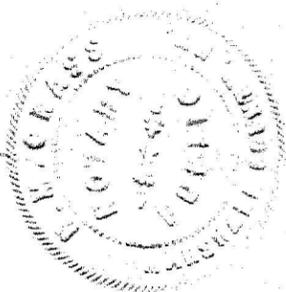
att. C. C. Youngblood

..... *W. A. Brown*
mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me by W. A. Brown, this March 23, 1928.

..... *H. M. Graves*

Notary Public
Commission Expires August 7, 1929



Murray, Ky.

April 2, 1928.

My Dear Mr. Day:

Regarding application of Dr. G. H. Covington for a pension and as to the destruction of his Army Discharge Papers, desire to *m*ake the following statement:

There is no question whatsoever in my mind that this is a bona fide claim. I am a physician also, son of Dr. G. H. Covington; my age is 45 years. I know that my father was in the Confederate Army and have frequently heard him discuss personal incidents while he was in the war and have heard him talk with other old soldiers about it. Others have talked to me and told me of incidents that correspond with what he has told me many times.

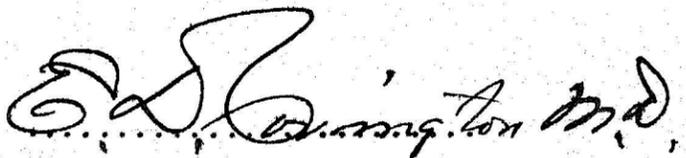
He was a warm personal friend fo the late Capt. William J. Stone, former Commissioner, who was also Commander of the Confederate Home at Pewee Valley. My father was well known by all old Confederate Soldiers of Calloway and Marshall counties and helped many of them professionally and otherwise, for forty years or more. The matter of applying for a pension never occurred to him until recently, nor until unfortunate circumstances and old age (he is 86) deprived him of a *m*means of livelihood.

His discharge from the Confederate Army was kept framed in his office for years, until his office, in the store of Starks & Pace at Wadesboro, Calloway County, Ky., was destroyed by fire, years ago. It is well known that these discharge papers were recognized even by Federal Officers as correct and that his possession of same protected him from arrest by said officers. In fact, my father's service as a Confederate soldier has never been questioned by anybody, and I would not press this claim for a minute if I thought any living man would challenge its validity.

I trust therefore, you can grant it.

With all good wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,



EDC

P.S. I further know the gentlemen who have made affidavits in his behalf and know they are unquestionable characters.

2nd
affidavit-

April 7, 1928

The affiant I. W. Jones in addition to his
affidavit of February 4, 1927 to the best
of his knowledge and belief saw discharge
of Gus H. Covington of Wadesboro, Calloway
County, Kentucky the year of 1864.

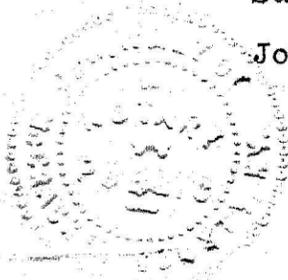
witness
E. J. Marshall

witness
W. B. Decker

I. W. Jones

Subscribed and sworn to before me by I. W.

Jones this 7th of April 1928



J. M. Walton, Notary Public,
McCracken County, Ky.,
my commission expires Feb 14 - 1930.

Calloway County Court

T. R. JONES, Judge
Murray, Kentucky

April 7, 1928.

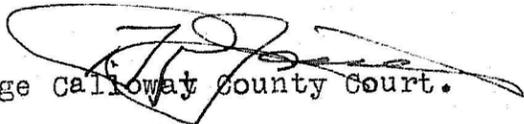
Hon. B.F. Day,
Frankfort, Ky.

Dear Sir: -

Since receiving your letter of Jan. 5th. and a recent return of the affidavit filed with the application of Gus H. Covington for a Confederate pension, we have made a considerable effort to prove him worthy. Personally, I am satisfied with the proof and am fully convinced that this Confederate Veteran was honorably discharged in the Confederate army. Knowing him as I do and also the gentlemen who furnished the supporting affidavit, I could reach no other conclusion than that this discharge was given and that his claim should be allowed. No better man has ever lived in this County than Dr. Gus H. Covington and he and the other gentlemen supporting him would not falsify for the world.

If you can see your way clear to grant this claim I am sure you will have done a noble deed and that you shall never have cause to regret it.

Yours very truly,


Judge Calloway County Court.



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JOHN M. MELOAN, SUPERINTENDENT

April 17 1928

Hon. B. F. Day,
Commissioner of Pensions,
Frankfort, Ky.

My Dear Mr. Day:-

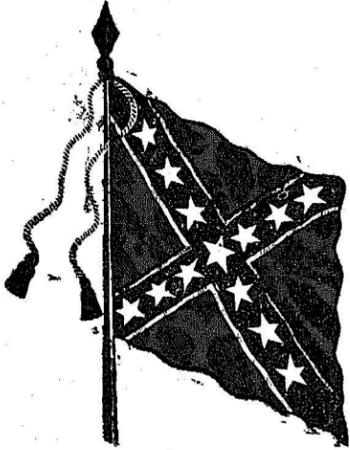
I hand you herewith several papers, letters and revised-
(additional)-affidavits concerning the application for a pension
for Dr. Gus. H. Covington. You will note the letter of the county judge
and that of Dr. Covington's son, who is also a physician.

In my opinion this is beyond question a worthy case. I happen
to know that Dr. Covington was always regarded as an old soldier,
and I remember quite well that old Dr. Covington, this applicant,
was a strong supporter of the late Capt. William J. Stone in his races
for congress in the first district. I recall this because I was for
John K. Hendrick in one race, who ran against Stone. When I solicited the
support of Dr. Covington for Hendrick he told me that he liked Hendrick,
but that he could not go back on an old Confederate AS HE WAS ONE
HIMSELF. Therefore, he did support Stone on this account, and he
was a strong factor in his end of the county in helping Stone
to win. These facts are fresh in my mind. I have never heard anyone
question the fact that Dr. Covington WAS a Confederate soldier, and
I know he was generally regarded as such in our county.

With all good wishes, dear sir, and trusting you will be
able in the light of attached statements to consider this application
favorably,

Faithfully yours,

John M. Meloen
Subj. Public Printing



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CONFEDERATE PENSIONS

JOHN M. LUCAS, COMMISSIONER
ANNIE BELLE FOGG, SECRETARY

FRANKFORT, KY.

March, 9, 1933-

Mrs. Mary Neale,
Murray, Ky.

My dear Madam:

Your letter of March 6th, in addition to the check for \$90.00 which was mailed to Gus H. Covington about February 23rd, there is due his estate \$25.00 being accrued pension, from February 1st to February 25th inclusive, and I inclose information as to how this amount may be collected, Mr. Covington's certificate number was #4 501, the date April, 17th 1928, we have received the bill for his burial expenses from the Undertaker,

Very Truly,

John M. Lucas
Comm.