Soldier's Application for Pension

I, John E. Stevenson

am a citizen of Kentucky, resident at Springfield RI in the County of Washington

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, First 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 Woodford County State of Kentucky in the year 1837

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

Answer In Sept 1861 in First Ky Cavalry, Col E F Clay, Captain Thomas first year, then re-enlisted at Camp Dick Robison My Captain then was Thos Haven

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

Answer I was taken prisoner at Pigeon Roost Ridge in Ky and kept in prison at Johnson Island then at Point Lookout Md. where I was exchanged a short time before the close of the war I was so badly crippled with Rheumatism that I was furloughed by Gen Humphrey Marshall for 60 days, Before this time expired the war had closed.

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

Answer Yes for more than one year, First at Johnson Island then at Point Lookout Md. from which I was exchanged and sent to Richmond and then furloughed just before

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

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

Answer None, and earn nothing

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

Answer 15 acres of land worth about $180, Have no personal property

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

Answer She has Eight & one fourth acres of land worth about $100. and nothing further

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 $120, all used in our support

Do you use intoxicants to any extent?

Answer Nothing except for medicinal purposes

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

Answer All my life

Have you an attorney to look after this application?

Answer Yes

If so, give his name and address?

Answer Joseph & John A. Polin of Polin & Polin Springfield Ky

Witness my hand this 22 *day of* April 1912

WITNESSES: John E. Stevenson

J. M. Sheehan, *Physician* P. O. Springfield Ky

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

J. W. Tucker, *Witness* *R. F. D. (if any)* 1

Postoffice Address Springfield

B. F. Settles, *Witness*

Postoffice Address Springfield Ky R1

STATE OF KENTUCKY

Washington County } I, B. L. Litsey Judge of said County, *certify that* John E. Stevenson *and his wife* *are assessed with* 23 *acres, valued at $* 280.00, *and with $* 0 *of personal property.*

Witness my hand this 4 *day of* June, 191.2

B. L. Litsey *Judge County Court.*

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

STATE OF KENTUCKY

Washington County } Personally appeared before me W. H. Booker County Clerk of said County, the above named John E. Stevenson 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 22 day of April, 1912

W. H. Booker Co Clerk

STATE OF KENTUCKY

Washington County } Personally appeared before me W. H. Booker County Clerk of said County, the above named Dr. J. W. Stevenson 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 John E. Stevenson the applicant, and find him laboring under the following disabilities: Unable to earn a support by manual labor.

Suffering with Chronic Rheumatism. Unable to walk without a cane. Wholly unable to do anything like a day's work without considerable suffering.

Witness my hand and seal of office, this 22 day of April, 1912

W. H. Booker Co 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

Washington County } Personally appeared before me W. H. Booker County Clerk of said County, the above named J. W. Mackey and B. F. Sellers, 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 B. F. Sellers 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.

He knows that he moved here about 35 years ago and is recognized by the General Public as a Confederate soldier.

Witness my hand and seal of office, this 22 day of April, 1912

W. H. Booker Co Clerk

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. 447

STATE OF KENTUCKY

Soldier's Application for Pension

John E. Stevenson

Co. B-1st Bat Ky Mtd Rifles Rgt.

Filed JUN 7 - 1912

Allowed .....

Read Specifications on Back.

SPECIFICATIONS

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3. .....
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Approved

W. J. Stone Commissioner.

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

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HEADQUARTERS

Confederate Pension Department

W. J. STONE, EXAMINER

FRANKFORT, KY,

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

Dear Sir:

John E. Stevenson

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

Please give me the record of this soldier.

Respectfully,

W. J. Stone

Examiner.

Indorsement

Confederate Pension Department

STATE OF KENTUCKY

FRANKFORT,

JOHN S. STEVENSON.

Enlisted Oct.19,1861;captured June 16, 1863; exchanged Feb.15, 1865 and furloughed for 60 days because of severe rheumatism.

Proven by war records.

Indigent.

I recommend that this claim be allowed.

J. Pandy Ellis
Adjutant General.

Approved by State Pension Board.
James B. McCreary
Chairman.

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE
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WAR DEPARTMENT.

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT,

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

WASHINGTON. June 12, 1912.

Respectfully returned to the

Examiner,
Confederate Pension Department,
Frankfort, Kentucky.

The records show that John E. Stevenson, private, Company B, 1st Battalion, Kentucky Mounted Rifles, Confederate States Army, enlisted October 19, 1861. On the company muster out roll dated November 20, 1862, he was reported "Re-enlisted and transferred to Haven's Company November 18, 1862." The records also show that John E. Stephenson, 2d sergeant, Company E, (Haven's) 1st Battalion Kentucky Mounted Rifles, Confederate States Army, enlisted November 15,1862. On the company muster-in roll, dated November 18, 1862, he was reported "Reenlisted from Co. B, 1st Battalion." The prisoner-of-war records show him, as sergeant, Company F, 1st Kentucky Mounted Rifles, Confederate States Army, captured June 16, 1863, at Triplett Bridge, Kentucky; paroled for exchange at Point Lookout, Maryland, February 10, 1865, and receipted for by Agent of Exchange at Cox's Landing, James River, February 14 or 15,1865. No later record of him has been found.

Henry P. McCain
Adjutant General.

(A.G.O.72-1)

In the matter of the application of John E. Stevenson for a pension under the Act Granting Pensions to disabled and indigent Confederate Soldiers;

Examined by Jos. Polin.

Testimony of John E. Stevenson;

Q State you full name?

A John Edward Stevenson, some people spell it Stephenson but Capt. Haven of our Company that way.

Q. Mr. Stevenson, were you enlisted and did you serve as a soldier in the Military or Naval service of the Confederate States of America in the war of 1861 to 1865?

A I was.

Q In what Company and Regiment did you serve and who were your Regimental and Company Officers?

A Co. B, First Ky. Cavalry, Col. E. F. Clay, Capt. Thomas first, and then Capt. Haven.

Q When and where did you enlist?

A In Owen County in September 1861.

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

A I was taken prisoner at Triplette River in Kentucky and kept in prison at Johnson's Island , then at point Lookout, Md., where I was exchanged a short time before the war, I was so badly crippled with rheumatism thar I was furloughed by Gen. Humphrey Marshall for sixty days, before this time was out the war closed.

Q Did you take the oath of allegiance of the United States Government

A No.

Q Mr. Stevenson are there any old soldiers who you could get to prove this?

A I do not know of any in this county, there is one in Owen County, I believe, and a few in Pewee Valley that I think would know or Col. Clay.

Q Have you at any time written to Col. Clay?

A My niece wrote to him for me, but I heard nothing from him.

~~Q I see you wear a medal of honor?~~

Q What property have you Mr. Stevenson?

A I have 15 1/2 acres of land .

Q How much is it worth? and where is it located?

A About $12.00 an acre, it is in this county near Mooresville.

Q What personal property have you?

A Havent any.

Q Are you able to do manual labor?

A no sir I am not.

Q Do you receive a pension from the U. S. or any other state or forgign Government?

A No sir.

Q When and where were you born?

A In Woodford Co., Kentucky in the year of 1837.

Q How long have you been a citizen of this county?

A Something over thirty years.

Q What is your net income?

A I havent any.

Q What property has your wife?

A 8 1/4 acres of land.

Q How much is it worth?

A Well something like $25.00 per acre

Q Is your supportsuitably provided for and secured by reason of a contract or agreement for a valuable consideration with a person able to provide such support?

A No sir.

Cross examined by T. S. Mayes.

Q Are you by reason of your combined partial ability to earn a support, and income of property, or any or all of these combined able to obtain an income equivalent to $300.00 per year?

A No sir.

Q What is your age Mr. Stevenson?

A I believe 75 years old.

Q Have you resided continuously in this State since January, 1st 1907.

Testimony of Herbert Eddleman;

Examined by Jos. Polin.

Q State your name and occupation?

A Herbert Eddleman, farmer and deputy Sheriff.

Q Are you acquainted with John E. Stevenson?

A Yes sir.

What property has he?

A He has a little place of about 20 acres.

Q How much would you say it is worth?

A Not much as it is hilly about $15.00 an acre.

Q Is Mr. Stevenson, able to earn a support by manual labor or by reason of your knowledge art, or skill in any profession trade or craft?

A I think not.

Q I will asknyou if Mr. Stevenson is generally considered a Confederate soldier?

A I have always understood that, and he is so considered by every body.

Q How long have you known him?

A All of my life.

Cross examined by T. S. Mayes.

Q How close do you live to him?

A About three miles.

Q Have you lived nearer?

A Yes I have lived three quarters of a mile from him.

Q Is he able to do manual labor?

A No sir.

Q For what reason?

A Rheumatism I think.

Q How old is he?

A I dont know, expect something in seventy.

Q Has he any income that you know of, excepting this property that he and his wife own?

A No.

Q You collect tax on this amount of property?

A Yes sir.

Testimony of W. F. Grisby.

Examined by Jos. Polin.

Q Are you acquainted with John E. Stevenson, and how long have you known him?

A I have known him for over thweny years.

Q What property has he?

A Only a small place down here near Mooresville, I do not know what the place would be worth but would say less than ~~xxxx~~ $1000. I know the boundaries very well. Land is not so valuable just where this farm is located, as it is in off of the turnpike, making it not so valuable.

Q Is Mr. Stevenson able to do manual labor?

A I would think not.

Q What is Mr. Stevenson's net income per year?

A Well it is very small, do not think it would exceed $100.00 .

Q What is Mr. Stevenson's reputation for truth and varasity.

A Good there is not a better citizen in the county than Mr. Stevenson.

Cross examined by T. S. Mayes.

Q During the time you have known Mr. Stevenson was he always considered a Confederate soldier by every one?

A Yes sir. I have always understood that.

Q How old is his wife?

A She is an old women, I would say 60 years old, and a delicate women, they have never had any children.

Q How old a man is Mr. Stevenson?

A I would say about 60 odd years.

Washington County Court

On application of Jno E Stevenson of Co. B, 1st Ky Cavalry C.S.A. for a pension under the act Granting Pensions to Disabled and Indigent Confederate Soldiers.

Finding of Facts in Evidence

First: I find that Jno E. Stevenson was a member of Co. B. 1st Ky Cavalry and that he was a resident of washington County Kentucky prior to Jan 1st 1907 and has resided in said State continously since said date and is now a resident of said State and County.

Second: I find that he has personal property to the amount of $180.00 ~~nothing~~ valued at $180.00 and that his income a year is $120.00 and that he is not able to earn a support by manual labor or by his knowledge in any trade, profesion or craft, and that his income from the reason of his knowledge in any trade profession or craft with that of his manual labor is not $300.00 per. year and that he does not recieve a pensoin from the United States Government or any Foreign Government. and that his support is not provided for by reason of any contract.

I recommend that the pension be granted.

Witness my hand as County Judge of Washington County this June 7 1912.

B. L. Litsey

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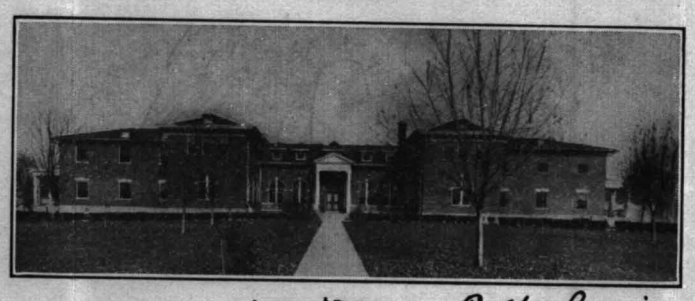

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SUPT. B F Smith
Shelbyville, Kentucky

Jan 26-20

W J Stone Commissioner
Frankfort Ky

Dear Sir

yours to hand ragarding John E Stevenson he has become an inmate of the home and is being mantained here

Yours truly
B F Smith Supt

January 28, 1920.

B. F. Smith,

Shelbyville, Ky.

Dear Sir:-

I am in receipt of yours of the 26th inst.

Please give me the date on which John E. Stevenson entered the Old Mason's Home?

Yours truly,

Commissioner.

WJS-C

March 9 1920 Shelbyville Ky
Olde Masons Home
Hon W J Stone I had my
voucher filled out by the
Notary Public some time
in March and Mailed to
you but have received no
word from the department
I take the liberty of addressing
you, respectfully yours
John E. Stevenson

March 10th, 1920.

John E. Stevenson,
%Old Mason's Home,
Shelbyville, Ky.

Dear Sir:-

I am in receipt of yours of the 6th.

I find that you are at the Old Mason's Home, and have been there for sometime, and I am informed by the Superintendent of the Home that you are being maintained at the expense of the Home.

Under the law you cannot be paid a pension while you are being maintained by some other institution. I wrote the Superintendent of the Home asking him to give me the date on which you entered the Home, and he has not replied. When I learn the date on which you entered the Home, if you have not already been paid to that date, I will send you a voucher for the amount due you on the day you entered the Home, which you can fill out and return to this office, and it will be paid on May 15th, which is the next regular day for paying pensions.

Had you been entitled to a pension for the quarter ending February 1st you could not have been paid before the 15th of May, for the reason that you filled out and returned that voucher too late for the February payment.

Very truly,

Commissioner.

WJS-C

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Shelbyville, Kentucky March 13/20.

Mr W. J. Stone, Commissioner,
Frankfort, Ky.

Dear Sir:-

In response to yours of 10th inst., to Bro John E. Stevenson, will advise Bro Stevenson entered the "Home" on Jany 19/20.

Trusting this is satisfactory,

I remain

Very truly yours.

B F Smith
Supt.