

# Soldier's Application for Pension

I, J. M. Sturdivant  
am a citizen of Kentucky, resident at Winfield in the County of Graves  
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 Co. 2<sup>nd</sup> 14<sup>th</sup> Cavalry - Cavalry Captain O'Neal Cal. Woodards

in the service of the Confederate States, and that by reason of disability and indigence I am now entitled to receive the  
benefit of this Act. I further swear that I do not receive aid or pension from any other State, or from the United States,  
and that I am not an inmate of any soldier's home, and that I am unable to earn a reasonable support for myself and fam-  
ily. I do further solemnly swear that the answers given to the following questions are true:

In what County, State and year were you born?

Answer Letcher County Ky. Dec 26. 1836

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

Answer I enlisted the 1<sup>st</sup> of Sept. 1862 in Cal. Woodards Command  
2<sup>nd</sup> 14<sup>th</sup> Cavalry Captain, O'Neal's Co.

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

Answer The Regt. was disbanded in Murray County Tenn. in April  
or May 1863<sup>rd</sup> was the time I got out - and reformed the same command  
Were you ever in prison? If so, state what prison and when released. Soon after we were first disbanded

Answer No Sir

Were you paroled? If so, when and where?

Answer No Sir

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

Answer Yes Sir

If so, when and under what circumstances?

Answer at Nashville Tenn. in the Spring of 1863. in April or May  
because I knew we were whipped

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

Answer *None, not able to work*

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

Answer *None at all*

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

Answer *I have no wife*

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 *Nothing*

Do you use intoxicants to any extent?

Answer *Not a bit*

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

Answer *About 76 years*

Have you an attorney to look after this application?

Answer *Yes*

If so, give his name and address?

Answer *J. D. Watson, Mayfield Ky, 315, S. 6th Street*

Witness my hand this *22* day of *April*, 191*2*

WITNESSES:

*H. H. Hunt*, Physician

Postoffice Address *Mayfield Ky*

*R. B. Thomas*, Witness

Postoffice Address *Symonsville Ky*

....., Witness

Postoffice Address .....

*J. M. Sheridan*

P. O. *Mayfield Ky*

Street and No. (if any) .....

R. F. D. (if any) *R. F. D. #1*

STATE OF KENTUCKY

*Graves* County } I, *W. V. Gregory*, Judge of said County,

certify that *J. M. Sheridan* and his wife ..... are

assessed with *no* acres, valued at \$....., and with \$ *no* of personal property.

Witness my hand this *17* day of *Jan*, 191*6*

..... *W. V. Gregory*, Judge County Court.

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

R. B. Thomas sworn 5-17-12

STATE OF KENTUCKY

Graves County } Personally appeared before me J. M. Wilson  
Circuit Clerk of said County, the above named J. M. Sheridan  
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 22nd day of April, 1915

J. M. Wilson, Clerk By C. M. Wilson, Jr.

STATE OF KENTUCKY

Graves County } Personally appeared before me J. M. Wilson  
County Court Clerk of said County, the above named J. H. Hunt  
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 J. M. Sheridan  
the applicant, and find him laboring under the following disabilities: Unable to earn a support by manual labor.

Applicant had a stroke paralysis about five years ago - unable to use right side, leg & arm - and is now suffering with infirmities incident to old age - He is unable to do any kind of manual labor

I endorse the above A. P. Newberry M.D.

Witness my hand and seal of office, this 20 day of Dec, 1915

J. M. Wilson, Clerk By J. M. Wilson, Jr.

(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

Graves County } Personally appeared before me J. M. Wilson  
County Court Clerk of said County, the above named R. B. Thomas  
and J. M. Sheridan, 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 R. B. Thomas further make oath to the following facts touching the applicant's service in the army.

State here what witnesses know of their own knowledge.

R. B. Thomas states that he is acquainted with applicant J. M. Sheridan and knows that he was a member of Company C, 2nd Regt. Ky. Cav. at my Capt. General's order. I was with him a portion of the time and know that he made a good soldier and is unable to perform manual labor.

Witness my hand and seal of office, this 7 day of June, 1915

J. M. Wilson, Clerk By J. M. Wilson, Jr.

No. 3513

STATE OF KENTUCKY

Soldier's Application for Pension

J. M. SHERIDAN

Co. Rgt.

Filed JAN 24 1916

Allowed

Read Specifications on Back.

SPECIFICATIONS

- 1. ....
- 2. ....
- 3. ....
- 4. ....
- 5. ....

Allowed Apr 15 1916

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 filled out.

- 1. May be proven by officers or comrades.
- 2. May be proven by physician's certificate.
- 3. May be proven by neighbors and by certificate of County Judge.
- 4. May be proven by filing parole or discharge, or in case these have been lost or destroyed, by officers or comrades who know the facts.
- 5. May be proven by comrades and citizens.

Indorsement.

PENSION EXAMINER'S OFFICE,

FRANKFORT, KY.

J. M. SHERIDAN

Enlisted Dec. 24, 1862, in Co. C, Woodward's 2nd Ky. Cav. and was surrendered and paroled May 19, 1865, at Nashville, Tenn. and released on same day. Proven by the record.

Indigent.

Approved:

W J Stone

WAR DEPARTMENT,

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

WASHINGTON, Nov. 12, 1915.

Respectfully returned to the

Examiner,  
Confederate Pension Department,  
Frankfort, Kentucky.

The Confederate records show that J.M. Sheridan (name also borne as Joseph Sheridan), private, Co. C, 2d (Woodward's) Kentucky Cavalry, C.S.A., enlisted Dec. 24, 1862, at Dresden, Tenn., and that he was transferred to Co. E, same regiment, Oct. 31, 1863. His name, however, has not been found on the muster rolls of Co. E on file in this office, the last being dated Dec. 31, 1864, nor has any record been found of him as a member of Co. G (Capt. V.B.O'Neal) of the regiment mentioned, the last roll of which latter company is also dated Dec. 31, 1864.

The Union prisoner of war records show that Joseph M. Sheridan, private, Co. 7th (also known as the 2d) Kentucky Cavalry, C.S.A., whose place of residence was given as Groves County, Ky., was surrendered at Nashville, Tenn., May 19, 1865, and released on the same date on taking the oath of allegiance. The name Joseph M. Sheridan has not been found on the rolls on file for any company of the regiment mentioned.

*H. M. ...*  
The Adjutant General.

Form No. 74-A. G. O.  
Ed. Mar. 17-15-75,000.

The Affiant, Aaron Frields, states that he is a resident of Mayfield, Ky, and with post office at Mayfield, Ky, and is 74 years of age, and that he was a member the the 15th Kentucky Cavalry, with Ross as Captain, and Huie as Colonel; That he was acquainted with J.M. Sheridan, during the civil war, and frequently met him; that the said J.M. Sheridan was a member of Company "C", 2nd Ky. Reg. Cavalry with O'neal as Captain and Woodward as Colonel; That the said J. M. Sheridan was a good soldier and loyal to the Confederate cause, and was one of the reliable men; that the said J.M. Sheridan is paralyzed and in a low state of health, and this affiant knows that he is unable to work for his support in any manner

Att. to Sec. *H. A. ...*

*Aaron Frields*  
mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me by Aaron Frields, who is known to me as a good citizen and a pensioner under the Confederate Pension Act of Kentucky, and is worthy of belief, this 14th day of Dec. 1915.

*J. P. ...*  
Master  
Comd. Graves C.C.

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

HEADQUARTERS

# Confederate Pension Department

W. J. STONE, EXAMINER

FRANKFORT, KY.

November 10th 1915

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

Dear Sir:

J. M. Sheridan

who is an applicant for pension under the Kentucky Pension law, claims  
to have been a member of Company.....

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

Captain O'Neal's Company

of Woodward's 2nd Kentucky Cavalry

Claims to have served till the close of  
the war and to have been surrendered and  
released at Nashville, Tenn.

Please give me the record of this soldier.

Respectfully,

*W. J. Stone*  
Examiner.

Received A.G.O. NOV 12 1915

L. B. ANDERSON  
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW

MAYFIELD, KENTUCKY Feb'y 2nd, 1916

Hon. W. J. Stone, Commissioner  
Frankfort Kentucky

Dear Sir:-

I enclose you herewith the letters of Hon. T. J. Elmore and Hon.  
J. T. George and the affidavit of Mrs. A. W. Smith which I wish you would  
*file* with the application of J. M. Sheridan for a pension and I ask that you  
will please consider all these documents with said application, when you  
take any action on it.

Most Respectfully

*L. B. Anderson*

State of Kentucky,

Graves County Court. Regular Term, Monday, January 17, 1916.

In the matter of application for pension of  
J M Sheridan, whose post office address is Mayfield, Graves  
County, Kentucky, the court makes the following report  
of findings, from the personal knowledge of the court  
and sworn testimony of Oscar Elmore and J F Lewis,  
of Mayfield, Kentucky, two competent witnesses:

The applicant is now and has been a resident of the State  
of Kentucky all his life, he suffered a stroke of parylisis  
about eight years ago and has since said time and is  
now confined to his home unable to labor of any kind;  
he owns no property either real or personal and has no  
source of income from which to gain his support.

Wherefore in view of the foregoing facts it is the  
judgement of this court that said applicant should be granted  
a pension and the court so recommends.

A copy-

Attest: O L Mason, Clerk.

By *L A Morris* D C.

Affidavit of Mrs.A.W.Smith to be read in application of J.M.Sheridan for pension under the Confederate Pension act of Kentucky.

Affiant, Mrs. A. W. Smith, states that she is a resident of Mayfield Ky, with Post Office Address at Mayfield, Ky, that she is forty six years of age and is the daughter of Joseph M. Sheridan, the applicant for a pension; that she is a housekeeper in Mayfield, Ky, and that her father J.M. Sheridan has made his home with her since July 1911, and that the said J.M. Sheridan is without any means of any kind to support himself and is entirely dependent upon her and her family to keep him up and take care of him. That in April 1912 her father, J.M. Sheridan undertook to make an application for a pension, and had an application prepared by Mr. J.D. Watson, but soon after taking the preliminary steps toward getting his pension, he (the said J.M. Sheridan) fell very ill with a bad stroke of paralysis, and has been confined to his room, and has been almost helpless ever since that time, and his mind has not been good, and reliable since 1912, and is very bad and flighty at this time, and that her father has not been able to assist or advise her in preparing this application for a pension; that for many months she was confident that the application had been prepared properly and according to the requirements of the law, and after waiting until patience was worn completely worn out that she finally decided to write to Hon. W. J. Stone, Commissioner of Pensions at Frankfort, Ky about the said pension, and was informed by Mr. Stone that no application for a pension for J.M. Sheridan had ever been filed with him, and after considerable trouble and work, she finally found the unfinished application, and went to work at once to complete them, which has been done and they have been forwarded to the Hon. W. J. Stone, Commissioner, Frankfort, Ky. In support of her own statement, she files herewith as part hereof the envelope, which contained the unfinished application, and call attention to the post mark and date. Under all these statements she believes that her father is entitled to his pension from the date of the first filing of his application, April 1912.

*Mrs. A. W. Smith*

Subscribed and sworn to before me by Mrs. A. W. Smith, who is personally known to me to be an upright honorable lady and worthy of belief.

*James Owen Gravelle Court*  
*By J. Morris J. C.*

L. B. ANDERSON  
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW

MAYFIELD, KENTUCKY Jan'y 29th, 1916

Hon. W. J. Stone, Commissioner  
Frankfort Kentucky

Dear Sir:-

I write you in regard to the application of J.M.Sheridan for a pension under the Confederate Pension Act of Kentucky, and I desire to say that I have known J. M. Sheridan for many many years, and have always believed that he was a Confederate Soldier, and I know that he has always held himself out to the balance of us Confederates as a Confederate, and I think he was a Confederate.

Some three or four years ago he was stricken bad with paralysis, since which time he has been kept at home most of the time and probably kept in bed, and he is lying here now absolutely helpless without any means of support and not able to do anything towards taking care of himself, and I felt that you are entitled to know these facts.

I know nothing whatever about his record in the Army, since my acquaintance with him begun since the close of the war, but I believe you will make no mistake to grant him a pension, provided the records before you do not show a state of facts forbidding such.

I remain as ever, your Friend.

J. J. Elmore

L. B. ANDERSON  
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW

MAYFIELD, KENTUCKY Jan'y 29th, 1916

Hon. W. J. Stone, Commissioner  
Frankfort Kentucky

Dear Captain:-

I write you in regard to the application of J.M.Sheridan for a pension, and I desire to say that I have <sup>known</sup> Mr. J.M.Sheridan for a long long time and have at all times considered him to be a Confederate Soldier, and he has at all times contended that he was a confederate and held himself out as one.

I know absolutely nothing about his record as a soldier, but I have just felt that I knew he was a Confederate, and all his talk along war lines showed that he had been a party in many of the battles fought by the Confederates, and his strong sympathy for them.

Some time back he was stricken bad with paralysis, and since that time, he has been helpless and confined to his bed most of the time, and he has no means of any kind and is now on the charity of his daughter, who is also a very poor person, but loyal to her father and cares for him, though it comes hard at times, and I feel that you will make no mistake in granting him a pension, provided the records do not prohibit it.

As ever, Your Friend

