

(ORIGINAL)

Soldier's Application for Pension

I, Cyrus M. Cracken
am a citizen of Kentucky, resident at near Vine Grove in the County of Meadel
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 A. in Forester's regiment
in the service of the Confedate 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 Meadel Co., Ky. 1834.

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

Answer I enlisted Aug. 1861. Forest cavalry regiment
company A. Capt Frank Overton first Lieutenant,
John Chitcher orderly sargent. Bill Fincher

How did you get out of the army, when and where?
Answer On the oath, at Camp Morton, Feb. 18, 1865.

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

Answer I was in prison at Camp Morton, was released Feb. 18, 1865

Were you paroled? If so, when and where? _____

Answer No.

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

Answer yes

If so, when and under what circumstances?

Answer Feb. 18, 1865 I took the oath to save my life

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

Answer now at all

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

Answer I have 18 acres of land worth about \$100,

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

Answer I was never married.

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 not one cent

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 I was born in Ky and have never been a resident of any other state.

Have you an attorney to look after this application?

Answer No. but I have my nephew to look after it.

If so, give his name and address?

Answer J. D. McCracken Jr. Inc. Gravel, Ky.

Witness my hand this 27 day of Mar 1916

WITNESSES:

B. A. Gray, Physician

Postoffice Address Stillman Ky.

J. D. McCracken
P. O. Stillman, Ky.

Street and No. (if any)

William Dean, Witness

R. F. D. (if any) # 2

Postoffice Address Uniontown Kentucky

Rayate, Witness

Postoffice Address Stillman Ky

STATE OF KENTUCKY

Meade County

I, S. L. Morgan Judge of said County,

certify that Cyrus McCracken and his wife Dead

own 18 acres of land, valued at \$150, and with \$None of personal property.

Witness my hand this 14th day of August 1916

S. L. Morgan Judge County Court.

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

STATE OF KENTUCKY

Hardin County } Personally appeared before me *Orew King*

Notary Public of said County, the above named *Cyrus McCracken* 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 *27* day of *Mar*, 191*6*

Orew King

STATE OF KENTUCKY

Hardin County } Personally appeared before me *Orew King*

Notary Public of said County, the above named *Dr. O. A. Gray*

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

He has one eye out and the other one nearly out from age and Cataract.

Witness my hand seal of office, this *27* day of *Mar*, 191*6*

Orew King

[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 affidavits, also any other information regarding applicant's army service.]

STATE OF KENTUCKY

Union County } Personally appeared before me *A Notary*

Public of said County, the above named *William Fouse*

and *one* 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 *he* 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 he enlisted in Company A, Foreach Regiment, Capt. Overton, in which Company the applicant served until transferred to the 10th Ky. Cavalry under Col. Adon Johnson; that he was with the soldier for sometime during the war and said soldier during said time was a true and faithful soldier.

Witness my hand and seal of office, this *14* day of *March*, 191*6*

My Commission Expires July 10-1920

W. Lambson
Notary Public Union Co. Ky.



1916 April 24th

Filed

Attest Arthur W. Burgess, Clerk

No. 13213

STATE OF KENTUCKY

Soldier's Application for Pension

Regiment Mr. Snodden

Co. _____ Rgt. _____

Filed **AUG 15 1916**

Allowed _____

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Allowed Oct 14th 1916

W. J. Stone Commissioner

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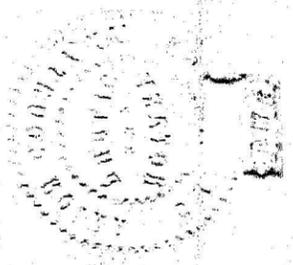
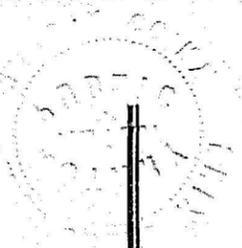
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To Applicants for Pension

The material facts to be proven in the pension claim, under the laws of the State of Kentucky, are as follows:

1. Service in army.
2. Present Disability.
3. Indigency.
4. How you got out of the Army.
5. Character as a Soldier and Citizen.
6. Applications will not be filed unless certificates of Doctor and County Judge are filed out.

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



Soldier's Application for Pension

I, Byron McCracken

am a citizen of Kentucky, resident at near Marshall in the County of Meade

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 A in 1st Kentucky Regiment

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 Born in Meade county Ky 1834

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

Answer I enlisted in August 1861, ^{under} Colonel ~~Robert~~ Robert Robert in Company A of 1st Kentucky Regiment

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

Answer I was captured and sent ^{to} camp Marion and took sick and was released Oct 15 1865

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

Answer I was in prison at Marion and was released Oct 15 1865

Were you paroled? If so, when and where?

Answer No

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

Answer yes

If so, when and under what circumstances?

Answer I was sick in prison and had to take the oath to keep from doing in prison

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

Answer I am not in any business and do not earn any thing

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

Answer I have about 30 acres of land worth about \$2000 for the

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

Answer I am a single man

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 I do not receive any money

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 I was born in this State

Have you an attorney to look after this application?

Answer I have no attorney

If so, give his name and address?

Answer I was drafted

Witness my hand this 29 day of April 1912

WITNESSES:

Cyrus McCracken, Physician P. O. Vinegrove Ky.Postoffice Address Vinegrove Ky. Street and No. (if any)

W. P. McCracken, Witness R. F. D. (if any)

Postoffice Address Mine Grove Ky.H. C. Hays, Witness

Postoffice Address Vinegrove Ky.

STATE OF KENTUCKY

Made } I, W. A. Baskett, Judge of said County,
County } certify that Cyrus McCracken and his wife have no wife
are assessed with 30 acres, valued at \$1800, and with \$0 of personal property.

Witness my hand this 12th day of June 1912
W. A. Baskett, Judge County Court.

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

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No.....

STATE OF KENTUCKY

Soldier's Application for Pension

Captain M. S. ...

Co. Rgt.

Filed JUN 13 1912

Allowed

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Commissioner

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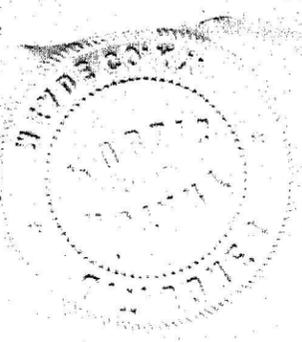
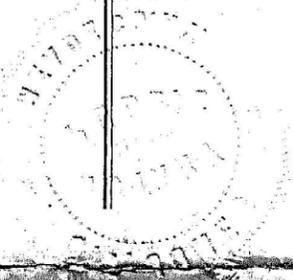
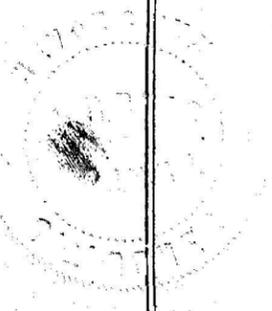
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Indorsement.

PENSION EXAMINER'S OFFICE,

FRANKFORT, KY.

CYRUS McCracken

Enlisted Aug. 22, 1861, in Captain Overton's Company of the 2nd Kentucky Cavalry, which became Company A, of Forrest's 3rd Tenn. Cav., and no later record of him of that organization has been found.

The prisoner-of-war records show that as a member of Co. D, 2nd Ky. Mtd. Rifles, he was captured June 14, 1864, and imprisoned at Camp Morton, Ind., from which he was released Feb. 17, 1865, on taking the oath of allegiance to the U. S. Government.

Under the act of Mch. 11, 1912, he could not have been granted a pension, but his application received Aug. 15, 1916, combined with some proof formerly filed, brings him within the provisions of the law approved Mch. 18, 1914.

Indigent.

Approved:

W J Stone.

File under 1024433

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 17, 1912.

Respectfully returned to the Examiner,
Confederate Pension Department,
Frankfort, Kentucky.

The records show that one C. McCracken, private, Captain Overton's Company, 2d Kentucky Cavalry (also designated Company A, Forrest's Old Tennessee Cavalry), Confederate States Army, was enrolled August 22, 1861. No later record of him as of that organization has been found.

The records of prisoners of war show that one C. McCracken, private, Company D, 2d Battalion Kentucky Mounted Rifles, Confederate States Army, was captured June 14, 1864, at Cynthiana, Kentucky, and released February 17, 1865, at Camp Morton, Indiana, upon taking the oath of allegiance.

Henry P. McLean
Adjutant General.

MEADE COUNTY COURT.

Cyrus McCracken On application for pension heard on the regular June term, 1912, on June the 3rd 1912 upon the regular call of the docket County Attorney being present, came Cyrus McCracken an applicant for a pension as a confederate soldier byn Agent and produced proof in open Court and the Court finds that he has been a citizen and resident of this State and County since the 1st day of January 1907, and that he is unable to labor for his support, and that he has only about 30 acres of land valued at \$180.00, and that he has no income or other means of support, which evidence was testified to by Willis McCracken of Vine Grove and J. T. Jones of Ekron Meade County Ky, and who are known to the County Judge to be worthy of belief.

Given under my hand this the 3rd day of June 1912.

W. A. Baskett
Judge of the Meade County Court.

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HEADQUARTERS

Confederate Pension Department

W. J. STONE, EXAMINER

FRANKFORT, KY,

June 13th, 1912

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

Dear Sir:

Cyrus McCracken,

who is an applicant for Pension under the Kentucky Pension law, claims
to have been a member of Company "A" - Forrest's Reg.

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

Enlisted in Aug. 1861 under Col. Forrest,

Capt. Frank Overman's company.

Captured and sent to Camp Morton, taken sick

released Feb. 18, 1865.

Please give me the record of this soldier.

Respectfully,

W. J. Stone
Examiner.

August 9th, 1913.

Mr. Cyrus McCracken,

R. F. D. #1,

Vinegrove, Ky.

Dear Sir:-

I am in receipt of yours of the 6th instant.

The Pension Board has not passed upon your application, but I have examined the proof filed with it and the war records at Washington give your service as follows:

"The records show that one C. McCracken, private, Captain Overton's Company, 2nd Kentucky Cavalry (also designated Company A, Forrest's Old Tennessee Cavalry), Confederate States Army, was enrolled August 22, 1861. No later record of him as of that organization has been found.

The records of prisoners of war show that one C. McCracken, private, Company D, 2nd Battalion Kentucky Mounted Rifles, Confederate States Army, was captured June 14, 1864, at Cynthiana, Kentucky, and released February 17, 1865, at Camp Morton, Indiana, upon taking the oath of allegiance."

The fact that you took the oath of allegiance to the United States before the close of the war will no doubt keep you from getting a pension, as the law requires the soldier to have been honorably discharged or serve until the close of the war. However, when it has been passed upon by the Board I will notify you of the result.

Yours truly,

ICC

Examiner.

Vine Grove Ky
August 12 1913

Capt W J Stone examiner Dear Sir
yours I just received you give my
record from Washington the great
is I took the oath which is a
fact I think the case that
leads up to any action in life
ough to be considered the man in
prison said that federal doctor was
a dangerous doctor that he would
as soon kill a prisoner as to cure
him about a week or two before I came
out I took very sick the confidant
soldier paid so little respect to the
oath the fedrals wouldnt let
them take it so I was under the
treatment of a federal doctor

I was scared and uneasy about
that time several men got permission
to come out as I was sick I came
out with them all on the oath
I thought if I had to die
I would like to be once more and
among friends that was the
thought that had come into my
mind when I was not well and
felt so bad it was reported in
the prison the war was drawing to
a close
Cyrus McCrackin

address Vinegrove
Route 1

Vinegrove Ky
September 4 1913

W J Stone examiner honorable sir
I believe the board dont intend to
give me the pension I thought I
would give you some information
that would be just in the case
in December 1899 I was accidently
shot ball went through one eye
and lodged in my skull that
absorbed one ear I never could hear in
it since so I lost one ear and eye
I have a nephew living in Missouri
I hadnt seen for 34 years he wd
to come to see how I did or would
pay me for what the army would
be I read a paper from
Ky telling of the pension and pension

recognition I thought I was entitled
to that pension I had some money then
but not enough my nephew gave me
enough to bring me to Ky a doctor put
in some wires with a battery
then he proposed to trade to
this business for me for \$2000
I was to pay his doctor \$1000
down one dollar the other \$1000
when I got the pension he told me
me to Doctor for his statement
he told me he was a contract
soldier in the army and I was
blind and deaf and I was
in military prison

November 1
 commenced writing yesterday morning
 my heart behind me I had
 that prison was fed by contract I suppose
 all prisons was no one to see after
 contractor they made more to starve
 prisoners than to feed them great
 hospital I notice but few of them
 ever got back to the prison lol
 unless it was a case of smallpox
 they were taken clear out of the prison
 it wouldnt be long untill they
 would be back looking well I dont
 think smallpox had any affect
 on skin and some men then said that
 doctor had as soon kill a prisoner as
 cure him well men thought as Lincoln
 was going to run for president again
 he would agree for an exchange but
 he was elected and did not

... sitting out until and at the
 ... I dont believe there
 could be more than a dozen men but what
 could have taken the oath and come
 out if he could and every stream was
 ...
 ... was killed trying to
 get away I know of three men got on
 their horses without leaf of absence
 or knowledge of any officer and come
 home and never went back one of
 those men are now living and you
 gave him the pension I know ano-
 ther man more than 10 years younger
 than I am able to do his work
 on the farm but he lives in Iowa
 has a good deal of property and a good
 living he gets the pension I served
 as long in the army as both together

I know another man I had no
 idea he could ever get the pension
 but he did it looks like there is
 something partial about this pension
 mess I feel confident if I had
 got in that prison hospital I
 never would come out alive I took
 sick a day or two before I left
 the D R com to see me I asked him
 to send me to hospital well he says
 there is where you ought to be but
 he says the hospital is full and
 there is no room for you you will
 have to stay here
 suff way this aint much all but I
 close hoping you will send me a
 warrant on the state or a death warrant
 Cyrus on cracken Vine Grove rout 1

The affiant Virgil McCracken states on oath that he is a Brother of Cyrus McCracken, and that their was four went from their familey enlisted in the Confederate sarvice, under N.B. Forest in as he thinks August 1861, and the affiant further states that the only reason he did not enlist in the same service was from the fact his mother was a widow at the time of the enlistement of the said four of said familey.

This affiant further states that he was at home in February 1865, when the said brother Cyrus McCracken came home from camp Moreton, Indianapolis Indiana, in verry poore health, and almost a reck fisically. The affiant further states that his prother is the onley one of his familey to apply for a pension, and that his Brother Cyrus McCracken is pats eighty years old,

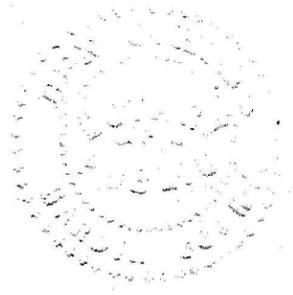
Virgil McCracken

Subsxcribe

Subscribed and sworn to beferre me, by Virgil McCracken, a person whome I know to be the person he represents him self to be, and is fully entitled to credit on oath.

Bern C. Hill
NOTARY PUBLIC.

My Commission Expires Feb.14.1918.



April 20 1919

W J Stone Examiner Dear Sir

I wrote you last August you answered
and give me a copy of my army record

from Washington D.C.

had taken the oath to the govern-

ment you said as I had taken that

oath before the close of the war I

couldnt get the pension but the

Board hadnt passed upon my

application when they did you

would let me know you havent done

yet I thought maybe you thought

that it wasnt worth the trouble

to send it in but the last legisla-

ture passed an act equal to the

pension law that makes my claim

good I dont know as much as you do

I thought maybe I would hear from
you after sending you the proof
I dont think I could know

any more about that
business 20 years ago I have

used the last living witness to
partly confirm my statement

Cyrus M Cracker

Stithton R 2

April 24, 1914.

Cyrus McCracken,

R F D #2,

Stithton, Ky.

Dear Sir:-

Replying to yours of the 20th, as I have heretofore written you, the war records show that you took the oath of allegiance to the United States Government Feb'y.17,1865, at Camp Morton, Indiana, which under the law passed in 1912 you would not be entitled to a pension. The last Legislature amended the law so as to provide that any soldier who was compelled to take the oath of allegiance to the United States Government at any time ~~within the last six months of the war, to save his life, should be~~ entitled to the benefits of the law. You not having been entitled to a pension under the old law, it would be necessary for you to file new application in the regular way and let your own statement and the proof show as clearly as possible that you were compelled to take the oath of allegiance to save your life.

Very truly,

Commissioner.

WJS-C

Stibbton May 20 1878

2.

Hon W. J. Stone commission
I have bin thinking for sometime
off riting to you but put off I
didnt want to be trouble
I was so busy I could get
something this time but instead
you have given me a task that
will be hard for me to do to
makeout a new application
when I fixed up my papers before
all the pensioners was doing same
thing the notapublic went round
no then had just application
blanks with all the questions on it
now I havent none maby you
could send me one then I had
5 or 6 dollars now I havent any and

We had a crop failure her last year
and farmers have to by feed for
their work teams so it is out of the
question to borrow money I
would love to have one then I
have those confederates are few and
a longways apart only 2 in this
end of this county my brother and
my self it will be a hard job for
me to git around to all the witnesses
with the notapublic without
convoynce or money and when it is
old one only my one statement why
cant I send my statement showing
the necessity of my taking the oath
when I did

3

Honorable sit I rite this for
information and advice hope
you can tell me my statement
will do business or not

Stibbton Rout 2

May 21, 1914.

Cyrus McCracken,
R F D #2
Stighton, Kentucky.

Dear Sir:-

I am in receipt of yours of the 20th, and note carefully what you say. I will not require you to file a new application, but it will be necessary for you to make an affidavit stating fully and clearly the conditions under which you took the oath of allegiance to the United States Government and you should also have the affidavit of atleast one person showing that your physical condition was such as that you were justified in believing that it was necessary for you to be released from prison in order to save your life.

Very truly,

Commissioner.

WJS-C

Stithton June 18 1914

Hon W J Stone Commissioner
I have not bothered you with a letter for some time thought you would not forget me but you have I know you dont believe a word I say what you want is to get my character from some official well I can tell you to make court representative to the district you Mr W J Stirlington Brandon
I dont know what you want I want to say he knows me he will answer any question you ask him his term in office is out but he will run again and will be re-elected

Stithton June 18 1914

Hon W J Stone Commissioner Dear Sir
I wrote to you some time ago about a man that was in the same prison I was I thought he would be all the witness I would make but he didnt know anything something wrong with his mind well you dont know I had one eye shot out and the one I have is getting mighty dim that is the reason why it is so much trouble for me to do anything I said this demented man and myself was the last of the prisoners of camp Merton well that was a joke there was several thousand in that prison

Tomorrow I mean ago I was at some court doing up my application for the prison and my father has not been around
I believe now that the district has received the petition have all six returned to be heard for them you never advised me to send a lawyer and I didnt think it was necessary but I finally rote to a lawyer and he never answered which now will not answer a just claim without giving it an examination please write to Mr Stirlington
Cyrus McCreckin
Stithton West Ky

at that time there must be a good many living yet I have been trying to find where another one is so I could write to him since my sight has got so dim I have confidence in myself I feel like I needed advice if it will do any good I would like to have my statement taken and send to you it is 8 miles to Merton public and maybe a dollar to pay then hope to here again from you
Cyrus McCreckin

Stithton West Ky

June 19th, 1914.

Cyrus McCracken,
R F D #2,
Stithon, Kentucky.

Dear Sir:-

I am in receipt of yours of the 18th and note carefully what you say. A statement from you without being sworn to could not be used as evidence. It will not be necessary for you to file a new application. The thing for you to do will be to go before an officer authorized to administer oaths and make a statement and swear to it showing exactly the condition you were in when you took the oath of allegiance to the United States Government, and if possible get someone who know your condition at the time, and who was in prison with you, to make an affidavit as to what your condition was, and forward them to this office.

Very truly,

Commissioner

WJS-C

The affiant, Cyrus McCracken, of Stithton, Ky., County of Hardin, states on oath that in the month of February, 1865 being a prisoner of the civil war between the States at Camp Moreton, Indianapolis, Indiana and while a prisoner for about eight months, became sick, and was sick for ~~some time~~, and thought I had consumption, and thought I could not live long at best, and desiring to be at home with my relatives, and friends took the oath of allegiance to the United States Government.

Cyrus McCracken

Subscribed and sworn to before me, by Cyrus McCracken, whom I know to be the person he represents himself to be, this the 24th, day of June 1914.

Bern A. Hill

NOTARY PUBLIC.

My Commission expires Feb. 14, 1918.

Stithton Ky

July 9 1914

W. J. Stone Commissioner

Dear Sir I sent you my sworn
statement and Bro Virgils
evidence just after the war there were
eleven then living in our family now
there is only three Brothers living that
one sent his evidence is the only one
living now that saw me just after
I came home one of my sisters sometime
after I came home told me she
thought I was in the last stage of
consumption and didnt think
I would ever get well all the
family ^{and} some such opinion of my case
none of them are left to tell it
except the one that sent his statement
so it is hard to prove anything

paper being direct to 2
the part 2. its about
I dont get it over than five years

as you do I like this and your
attention to the my case I have a
now a pair of shoes I bot 2 years
ago I bot a pair of shoes
the shoes they are kind of new
and I havent the means to get
another pair I have a now a coat
and pants I bot the suite 5 years
ago for 5.00 dollars but they have so
many patches on them you could
hardly tell what they are made of
a piece of mine has done my washing
and patching I havent paid for a
sue for it I want your influence
to get a little help this coming
pension pay day Cyrus M. Cochran

November 12th, 1915.

Cyrus McCracken,
Stithton, Ky.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of yours of the 11th inst., and note carefully what you say.

On the 19th of June, 1914, I wrote you telling you fully what would be necessary to bring you within the provisions of the pension law, and following that you filed your own affidavit in which you said that when you took the oath of allegiance to the U.S. Government that you were sick and took the oath because you desired to be at home with your relatives, and you also filed the affidavit of Virgil McCracken, in which he said that when you came home you were in very poor health, but as these affidavits did not bring you within the provisions of the pension law, and you had my letter telling you exactly what was necessary to bring you within the provisions of the law, no further action had been taken on your application, and I had supposed that if you could do so you would furnish the proof which you were told was necessary in my letter of June 19, 1914. This proof has not yet been furnished, and without it a pension could not be allowed under the law, but I was hoping you could supply the needed proof.

The law provides that a man must have been compelled to take the oath of allegiance in order to save his life on account of sickness or starvation, and that is nowhere shown in any of your proof.

Very truly,

Commissioner.

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State of Kentucky)

Regular Term,

County of Meade)

Meade County Court. August 7th, 1916.

The Application of Cyrus McCracken for a Confederate Pension having been filed at a former term of this Court and laid over until this term of Court to hear testimony as to applicant's citizenship, residence and means of support etc., the following testimony and findings were made in the case, by the testimony of B.W. Haynes and R.P. Hagan, That the Applicant has been a citizen of Kentucky all his life, unable to labor, has no means of support, receives no pension, has about 18 acres of land worth about \$150.00, has no personal property, and that Applicant has no one to depend upon for support.

After hearing the testimony given in behalf of the Applicant and each of the said witnesses being personally known to me and are known to be worthy of belief, I recommend to the Adjutant General that a pension be granted the Applicant, Cyrus McCracken.

Given under my hand as Judge of the Meade County Court this the 7th day of August 1916.

S. L. Morgan Judge of the
Meade County Court.