

# Soldier's Application for Pension

I, William F. Smith

am a citizen of Kentucky, resident at Louisville in the County of Jefferson

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 4<sup>th</sup> Ky 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 Owen Co. Ky. 1834

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

Answer 4<sup>th</sup> Ky Cavalry - Capt. Giltner, and Major Pryor

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

Answer Paroled by Capt. Buechner - Port Royal Ky

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

Answer No

Were you paroled? If so, when and where?

Answer Yes about - day of May 1865 - Port Royal Ky

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

Answer No

If so, when and under what circumstances?

Answer No

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

Answer *Engaged in no business & earn nothing*

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

Answer *Personal property not exceeding Seven hundred and one dollar*

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

Answer *Nothing*

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 exceeding \$100<sup>00</sup> about \$50<sup>00</sup>*

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 *all my life*

Have you an attorney to look after this application?

Answer *No*

If so, give his name and address?

Answer *[Redacted]*

Witness my hand this *17* day of *May* 191*7*

WITNESSES:

*J. H. Parroy M.D., Physician* P. O. *W. H. Smith Louisville*

Postoffice Address *604 E. St. Catherine Louisville, Ky* Street and No. (if any) *Walnut St. 14 East*

*James Farrell* Witness R. F. D. (if any) *[Redacted]*

Postoffice Address *2207 W. Jefferson Ky.*

*J. W. Taylor* Witness

Postoffice Address *Northwestern Ky. R.F.D. 1*

STATE OF KENTUCKY

*Jefferson* County } *I. Minn. Hussinger* Judge of said County,

certify that *W. H. Smith* and his wife are assessed with *---* acres, valued at \$*---*, and with \$*---* of personal property.

Witness my hand this *27<sup>th</sup>* day of *June* 191*7*  
*I. Minn. Hussinger* Judge County Court.

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

STATE OF KENTUCKY

Jefferson  
County Clerk of Jeff Co

County

Personally appeared before me

P. S. Ray  
W. F. Smith

..... of said County, the above named .....  
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 17 day of May, 1912

P. S. Ray Clerk Jeff Co Ky

STATE OF KENTUCKY

Jefferson  
County Clerk

County

Personally appeared before me

P. S. Ray

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

Left inguinal hernia (believed to have been due to a kick by a horse during services in army) - Subject to frequent spells of vertigo - Also severe varicose veins in both legs, eyes very weak; Also is suffering from senility and general feebleness and debility.

Witness my hand and seal of office, this 17 day of May, 1912

W. F. Smith 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

Jefferson  
County Clerk

County

Personally appeared before me

P. S. Ray  
James Harrell

..... of said County, the above named .....  
and ..... 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 I ..... further make oath to the following facts touching the applicant's service in the ..... army.

State here what witnesses know of their own knowledge.

Was in same regiment about seven months. Smith came into Ky with a dispatch and surrendered at Port Royal at end of war.

S. F. Taylor went out to the war with W. F. Smith and was in the army till the war closed and that he surrendered at Port Royal Ky at the end of the war

Witness my hand and seal of office, this 17 day of May, 1912

P. S. Ray  
Clerk Jeff Co Ky

Witness my hand and seal of office this 3 day of June 1912  
Cooper B. W. P.  
Wheatley Ky

No. 1911

STATE OF KENTUCKY

Soldier's Application for Pension

*Geo. A. Smith*

Co. . . . . Rgt.

Filed . . . . . AUG 1 - 1912

Allowed . . . . .

Read Specifications on Back.

SPECIFICATIONS

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

*Approved Feb. 4<sup>th</sup> 1913.*  
*W. J. Stone* *Commissioner*

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

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19 12 June 3  
 Filed and Paid Over,  
*Wm. A. J. Ray*

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.

Address: "The Adjutant General,  
War Department, Washington, D. C."  
1941651

**WAR DEPARTMENT,**

**THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,**  
WASHINGTON, August 7, 1912.

*Respectfully returned to the*

Examiner,  
Confederate Pension Department,  
Frankfort, Kentucky.

The name William F. Smith has not  
been found on the rolls of any com-  
pany of the 4th Kentucky Cavalry  
(Colonel Giltner), Confederate States  
Army, but the Union prisoner-of-war  
records show that one Wm. \_ Smith,  
private, Company E (Captain Pryor),  
4th Kentucky Cavalry, Confederate  
States Army, was captured March 2,  
1863, near Paris, Kentucky, sent to  
Louisville, Kentucky, and escaped at  
Albany, Indiana, while en route to  
Camp Butler, Illinois, date not stated  
No later record found.

*Henry R. McClain*  
Adjutant General.

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Indorsement

Confederate Pension Department

STATE OF KENTUCKY

FRANKFORT.

WILLIAM F. SMITH.

Who claims to have enlist-  
ed in Company E, 4th Ky.  
Cav. and served till the  
close of the war. Proven  
by the record and comrades.

Property: \$700.00.

W. J. Stone.

I recommend that this  
claim be allowed.

*J. Sandy Ellis*  
Adjutant General.

Allowed by the State  
Pension Board.

*James B. McConary*  
Chairman.

Louisville, Ky. 10/22/18  
Mrs. W. J. Stone.  
Frankfort, Ky.

Dear Sir:-  
Enclosed find  
pension papers of William F.  
Smith. He died Sept 14/18.  
Yours truly,  
Mrs. H. G. Smith  
335 E. St. Cath.

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560  
12  
1760

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

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:

*William F. Smith*

who is an applicant for Pension under the Kentucky Pension Law, claims  
to have been a member of Company *4th Ky.*

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

*Col. Giltner*

*Maj. Pryor*

Please give me the record of this soldier.

Respectfully,

*W. J. Stone*  
Examiner.

STATE OF KENTUCKY

JEFFERSON COUNTY

JEFFERSON COUNTY COURT

At a County Court held on the 18th day of July, 1912.

In Re Application of William F. Smith for Confederate Pension.

This matter being called for hearing and the Court hearing testimony

in open Court the County Attorney

the testimony of each witness is as follows:

William F. Smith, 652 S 31st Street, Louisville, Ky., Applicant

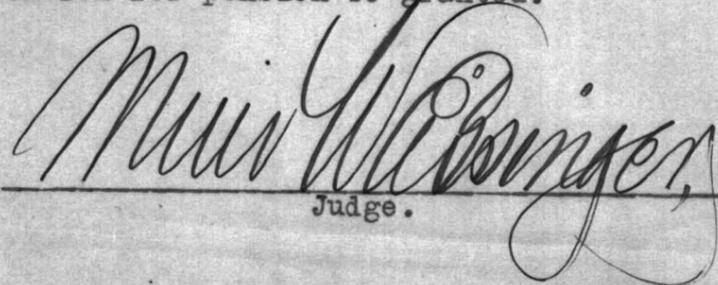
W. D. Sperry, 1424 S Third St., Louisville, Ky., Witness

P. D. Frawford, Southern Heights, Louisville, Ky., Witness

testified that the applicant was a Confederate Soldier, that he has resided in this Commonwealth continuously since January 1, 1907, that he is unable to earn a support by manual labor or otherwise, that he receives no pension from the United States or any Government, that he possesses no income or has no property whatever, that he has no agreement or contract with any one for his support, that he is unable to earn a support by reason of combined partial ability or at all.

I find that the applicant has been a citizen and resident continuously since January 1, 1907, of Jefferson County and the State of Kentucky that he has no means of support of any kind and that the Doctor and two lay witnesses are reputable witnesses entitled to credit.

I recommend that the application for pension be granted.

  
Judge.