Soldier's Application for Pension

I, B. R. Johnson

am a citizen of Kentucky, resident at Bedford in the County of Trimble 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" 4th Kentucky Regiment Calvary

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 Trimble Co Ky. Nov 15 1837.

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

Answer Enlisted September 10-1862- in Company A. Fourth Kentucky Calvary served under Capt W. D. Ray, 1st Lieutenant Ben Duncan. 2nd Lieutenant Ben Duncan. 3rd Lieutenant Bob Sanders Name

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

Answer I returned from Camp Morton Prison at Indianapolis Ind. 29- of March 1865-

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

Answer yes: I was in Camp Morton Ind March 29-1865-

Were you paroled? If so, when and where?

Answer I was returned from prison on the death Hand

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

Answer No. I was wounded at Mt Sterling Ky and was released without Paral on account of wounds

If so, when and under what circumstances?

Answer

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

Answer Engaged in farming: and my earnings is less than One Hundred Dollars per year

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

Answer I own 39 acres of land valued at about $700.00 And about $100.00 of Personal property

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

Answer No wife Old bachelor

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 My net income from all sources including in gushin above would not exceed One Hundred Dollars

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 Since 1837 except time served in Army

Have you an attorney to look after this application?

Answer Anyone Nearby No charges made and No money rec'd

If so, give his name and address?

Answer Bedford Ky

Witness my hand this 13 *day of* April 1912

Wish D. Joyce B. Phy X Johnson
mark

WITNESSES:

J. W. McMahan, *Physician* *P. O.*

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

John H. Law, *Witness* *R. F. D. (if any)*

Postoffice Address Bedford Ky

Alonzo W. Maddox, *Witness*

Postoffice Address Bedford Ky

STATE OF KENTUCKY

Trimble County } I, T. T. Stanley *Judge of said County, certify that* ..... *and his wife* ..... *are assessed with* 4.0 *acres, valued at* $480.00, *and with* $125.00 *of personal property.*

Witness my hand this 18 *day of* June, 1912

T. T. Stanley *Judge County Court.*

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

STATE OF KENTUCKY

Trimble County } Personally appeared before me O. S. Joyce Clerk of said County, the above named B. R. Johnson 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 12 day of April, 1912.

O. S. Joyce, Clerk

STATE OF KENTUCKY

..... County } Personally appeared before me .....

..... 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.

He has a bullet wound in right leg between knee and ankle in the upper third. Bullet striking in front and passing around bone and lodging in the muscles of leg and injuring the sciatic nerve causing partial paralysis of right side which still exist were it not for this nervous condition he would be in good condition for a man of his age. But with the above condition he is unable to make a living by manual labor.

Witness my hand and seal of office, this 12 day of April, 1912.

O. S. Joyce, 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

Trimble County } Personally appeared before me O. S. Joyce County Clerk of said County, the above named John H. Lair and Monroe Waddell, 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 They 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.

We went out together and soldered together except the nine months applicant was a prisoner at Camp Morton Ind. The applicant was wounded in a fight at Mt Sterling Ky. and he was captured at Mt Sterling Ky and was taken to Louisville Ky and imprisoned in Louisville about 4 days. Thence to Camp Morton Ind where he was confined about Nine Months

Witness my hand and seal of office, this 12 day of April, 1912.

O. S. Joyce, 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.

X B. R. Johnson

No. 2683

STATE OF KENTUCKY

Soldier's Application for Pension

B. R. Johnson

Co. ..... Rgt.

Filed JUL 10 1912

Allowed .....

Read Specifications on Back.

SPECIFICATIONS

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Allowed

W. J. Stone Commissioner.

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT, 1934662

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

WASHINGTON, July 17, 1912.

Respectfully returned to the

Examiner,
Confederate Pension Department,
Frankfort, Kentucky.

The records show that Barney Johnson (also borne as Bennett, but not as B. R. Johnson), private, Company A, 4th Kentucky Cavalry, Confederate States Army, enlisted September 10, 1862; was captured at Mount Sterling, Kentucky, June 10, 1864, and was released upon taking oath of allegiance at Camp Morton, Indiana, March 31, 1865. No later record of him has been found.

Henry P. McCain
Adjutant General.

Indorsement.

PENSION EXAMINER'S OFFICE,

FRANKFORT, KY.

B. R. JOHNSON

Enlisted Sept.10,1862, In Company A, 4th Ky.Cav.and was wounded at Mt. Sterling,Ky. June 10, 1864, rendering him unfit for further military service. He was however taken to prison at Camp Morton, Ind. where he was held to March 31, 1865, and released, and has still up to this time remained unfit for military duty. Enlistment, capture, and release proven by the records. The degree of his wounds proven by his comrades.

Indigent.

Approved:

W J Stone

I. G. T. Stanley, Judge, T. C. C.
find from the evidence that
B. R. Johnson has 40 acres of
land with house wher he now
lives has no family Sister
keeps house for him never was
married is very feble cant work
but very little and has not got $300.00
income nor owns $25.00 and
I suppose should have claim
allowed

G. T. Stanley, Judge, T. C. C.

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

HEADQUARTERS

Confederate Pension Department

W. J. STONE, EXAMINER

FRANKFORT, KY.

JUL 10 1912

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

Dear Sir: B. R. Johnson

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

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

Please give me the record of this soldier.

Respectfully,

W. J. Stone
Examiner.

Claim of Mr. B. R. Johnson,

vs. For Pension.

Commonwealth of Kentucky.

Mr. B. R. Johnson, having been duly sworn, testifies as follows:

Q. Mr. Johnson, where do you live?
A. I live three miles below Bedford.
Q. In Trimble County, Kentucky?
A. Yes sir.

Q. What is your age and occuppation, Mr. Johnson?
A. I am a farmer, always have been. I will be 75 years old in November.
Q. How long have you been living in Kentucky?
A. I was born and raised here in Trimble County.
Q. What property, real or personal do you own Mr. Johnson?
A. I own about 38 or 39 acres of land, and one horse.
Q. What is the value of your land?
A. It is assessed at $12 an acre.
Q. What do you assess it at as a whole?
A. I don't know.
Q. What would you say would be a salable value of your 38 or 39 acres of land?
A. Cash value?
Q. yes.
A. I don't think it would be worth any more than it is assessed at.
Q. What would you be willing to take for it?
A. I think that would be about a fair value in cash, a good deal of it is poor and worked down considerably.
Q. I notice that you list your land at $480, is that a fair value of the land?
A. Yes sir, I reckon it is.
Q. What is your source of income from that land a year, Mr. Johnson?
A. It is not very much for I have to rent it as I am not able to work on it.
Q. Could you give me an idea of the estimate value of your income a year?
A. I don't think the rent would be over $75 or $100 a year.
Q. What is your personal property worth, Mr. Johnson?
A. I have one horse, a few farming implements, they don't amount to very much.
Q. What would you say would be a fair value of your property, including everything?
A. About $50.00.
Q. Taking into consideration the horse and all other personal property, would that be a fair value?
A. The horse is assessed at $100 and the few farming implements I have are all old and not worth much, not over $15.00, the whole bulk of them.
Q. What manuel labor, if any, are you able to perform?
A. None at all, I piddle a little, work just a little in the garden but can't hold out.
Q. Take into consideration the income that you get from your property and the partial labor you are able to perform, what would you say your income would be a year?
A. It would'nt be over $125.
Q. What is the condition of your general health, Mr. Johnson?
A. My general health is very poor, gentlemen. I have stomach trouble and my nervous system is all out of shape and am partially paralized.
Q. Have you any family, Mr. Johnson?
A. None at all.
Q. Say you have no family at all?
A. None.
Q. Mr. Johnson, how is the dwelling on this land, the house where you live?
A. It is old, Judge, rather ~~collapidated~~ dilapidated, it has been built 80 years I reckon.
Q. Been built about 80 years?
A. Yes sir.
Q. Who keeps house for you?
A. My sister, Mrs. Woods.
Q. Does the household and kitchen furniture belong to you or her?
A. It belongs to her.
Q. You have no other income except from this little piece of land?
A. None at all, am a little behind and in debt.
Q. About how much, Mr. Johnson?
A. About $165.00.
Q. Mortgage on your Real Estate, don't they or not?
A. None at all.
Q. I believe you said you was'nt able to work only hoe a little in the garden.

in the garden?
A. That is all. My nerves are all worked down, I do that more for exercise than anything else.

The evidence of Mr. Mulligan, after having been duly sorn, testifies as follows:

Q. Mr. Mulligan, you are acquainted with Mr. Johnson?
A. Yes sir.
Q. Do you know the property that he owns, Mr. Mulligan?
A. Yes sir.
Q. What is the value of his Real Estate?
A. About $500 or $600.
Q. What is his source of income a year?
A. It is very little, he rents it out for corn and gets a third.
Q. What would you say as being the income from it?
A. $50 or $75.
Q. Is that income sufficient that he gets from the place to support him?
A. It is not.
Q. What is the value of his personal property?
A. $100 or $150.
Q. Has he any other source of income from anywhere?
A. I think not.
Q. He draws no pension or gets no dowry from anywhere?
A. No sir.
Q. What is his condition, Mr. Mulligan, to earn and support for himself by manuel labor?
A. He is in a bad shape physically, is not able to do farm work. He had pneumonia last winter but was poorly a long time before thatand has not been able to do anything since.
Q. Take into consideration the labor that he is able to perform, that is the partial labor, together with his income from his estate, what would you say that his labor and what he might earn would be worth to him a year.
A. Between $75 and $100.

The evidence of Mr. Jim Jackson, after having been duly sworn, testifies as follows:

Q. Mr. Jackson, you are acquainted with Mr. Johnson?
A. Yes sir.
Q. How long has he been a resident of Kentucky?
A. I can't tell you, I thought he was born and raised here, I think he was. I have been acquainted with him about 50 years.
Q. Has he lived in Kentucky since your acquaintance with him?
A. Yes sir.
Q. Are you acquainted with the property that he owns?
A. I know something about his farm, that is about all.
Q. What would you say would be a fair value of his farm?
A. I don't think it would be worth over $10 an acre.
Q. Do you know whether he possesses any personal property of any value?
A. I don't know.
Q. Do you know his physical condition to work and earn money?
A. No I can't say that I do, he is generally complaining. He works some but I don't know how much. I don't think he is able to make a living by labor.
Q. You don't think he is able to make a living by labor?
A. No sir.
Q. From your acquaintance with Mr. Johnson and his estate, what would you say would be his income from his estate and partial labor a year?
A. It is a pretty hard question to answer.
Q. Just approximately.
A. I don't suppose it would be over $100 or $150.00 a year.

Eugene Mosley,
County Attorney,
Trimble County Kentucky.

Bedford, Ky. Sept., 22, 1913.

Capt. W. J. Stone,

Frankfort, Ky.

My Dear Captain:-

I notice in your letter of August 28th last to me in reference to Trimble County applicants for pension that you say that B. R. Johnson took the oath of allegiance to the U. S. Government at Camp Morton Ind., at the time he appeared and testified in the County Court he application shows that he was released from Camp Morton prison on the account of having been wounded and stated in his application for pension that he never took the oath.

Mr. Johnson is positive that he never took the oath and is willing to make additional affadavits in suport of his contentions.

Mr. Johnson is one of our most honored citizens and his reputation for truthfullness is of the best and we would like to know what is neccesary that this condition be removed and I would like to have your advice as to what should be done.

Please let me hear from you at your earliest convenience and kindly oblige.

yours very truly,

Eugene Mosley

September 23, 1913.

Mr. Eugene Mosley,

Bedford, Kentucky.

Dear Sir:-

I am in receipt of yours of the 22nd. As I wrote you before, the records show that B. R. Johnson took the oath of allegiance to the U. S. Government at Camp Morton, Ind. March 31, 1865.

Now Mr. Johnson states in his application about the same thing, except he says, that he was released March 29, 1865. He states also that he was wounded, and I notice that John H. Law and Alonzo W. Maddox both state that he was wounded in a fight at Mt. Sterling, but it is stated nowhere that this wound rendered him unfit for further military service.

I think that if it could be shown that that wound was of such character as to render him unfit for further military service, that it might help him some in his case, and I am satisfied that he now thinks he did not take the oath of allegiance to the U. S. Government when he was released, but it seems to have been the rule of the United States Authorities to release no man from prison, under any circumstances, without his having taken the oath of allegiance to the U. S. Government. I find that to be true even in cases where Abraham Lincoln, President of the United States, ordered men released from prison. He made it always a condition that they take the oath of allegiance to the U. S. Government before being released.

Very truly,

Examiner.

WJS-C

State of Kentucky

Sct.

Trimble County.

The affiant B. R. Johnson, states that he is 75 years of age and a resident of Trimble County Kentucky, and has been such a resident all his life, he says that he enlisted in the Confederate Army Sept. 10th 1862, at Bedford, Ky., and after his enlistment was conveyed to Owen County, Ky., where he with others was organized and from there to Burborn County, Ky.,and thence to the State of Virgina, and there remained until the spring of 1863 when he was returned to the mountains of Kentucky and was again ordered from the State of Kentucky and never returned thereto until 1864 at or about the time of the fight at Mt.,Sterling, Ky., June 1864, AFFIANT SAYS THAT IN THE BATTLE AT MT.,STERLING, KY, THAT HE RECEIVED A WOUND IN HIS RIGHT KNEE WHICH RENDERED HIM UNFIT FOR FUTHER DUTY,THAT SAID WOUND SEVERED THE LARGE LEADER OF THE LEG AND THE SCIATIC NERVE, HE SAYS THAT BY REASON OF SAID WOUND HE WAS RENDERED UNFIT TO DO FUTHER DUTY AS A SOLDIER AND ORDERED TAKEN TO GEORGETOWN KY, BY GEN. JOHN H. MORGAN, TO THE RESIDENCE OF Dr. GEORGE ELLIOTT,WHERE HE REMAINED FOR A PERIOD OF 15 DAYS,.

The affiant says that while at the residence of said Dr. Elliott, he was parolled by the officer in command of his Regiment, from Lexington, Ky., but he is unable at this time to give the name of said officer, that after he had been legally parolled from service he was taken charge of by Federal soldiers and there conveyed to Lexington, Ky., and thence to Louisville, Ky., and thence to Camp, Morton, Ind, where he remained from 29th of June 1864 to March 29th 1865. Affitnat says that at the time he was taken to Camp Morton, Ind., that he was using two crutchers and was compelled to use the same for a period of five months after he was confined in said Camp Morton Prison,.

He says that he at no time subscribed to or took the oath of allegiance to the U. S. Government, and that he was released from said prison by General Wagoner,in charge of the post at said Camp Morton, and said General Wagoner, never asked,demanded or requested him to subscribe to or take such oath and that it was through the kindness and

fiendship of the said Wagoner for him that he was released, he being unable still for serve as a soldier from the effects of said wound received at Mount Sterling, Ky., he states that his statements in his application for pension are true that he never subscribed to or took said oath and he now reiterates his former statement made therein.

Affiant futher says that if the records show that he took such oath, that the same has been made by mistake or oversight or done in order that the officer discharging him might be protected thereby that by reason of said wound received while in the line of duty for the South that he has never fully recovered therefrom and that said wound has rendered him partially unfit to do labor and that same has at his present age so affected him that he is now unable by reasons thereof to do any labor of any kind.

Affiant states that he is anctous that his claim be again ppened and that he be granted the pension under the acts of Legislation.

S. W. P. Joyce B. R. Johnson his mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me by B. R. Johnson this October 1st 1913.

W. P. Joyce
Clerk Trimble County Court.

Eugene Mosley,
County Attorney,
Trimble County Kentucky.

Bedford, Ky. Oct. 1st 1913.

Capt., W. J. Stone,
Frankfort, Ky.

Dear Sir:-

I enclose you the affadavit of B. R. Johnson, who has heretofore filed application for pension, and he has given a partial history of his service in the army and that surrounding his wound at Mt.Sterling,Ky. as near as he can remember, Mr. Johnson is now old and feeble in health and Ifind that after the elapse of the long time since the war that he is unable to remember the exact dates possible but so far as he is able to state any one of his comrads or any citiven of this County will vouch for their truthfullness. I had a talk with Mr. Will Pryor the other day at our County fair and he said that he would support Mr. Johnsons affadavit in this matter, this proof is hard to get and it will take possible some time to get Mr. Pryors affadavit if we should need it.

yours very truly,

Eugene Mosley.

H. C. Black,
Bedford, Kentucky.

May 14, 1918

Hon. W. J. Stone,
Commissioner of Pensions,
Frankfort, Ky.

Dear Sir:-

B. R. Johnson, the holder of certificate No. 2683 who was a member of Company "A", Fourth Kentucky Cavalry died on the sixth day of April, 1918.

At the time of his death Mr. Johnson was possessed of no property except sixty dollars which he had many years ago placed in a bank to be used for his burial. He made his home with a nephew, Mr. Dan Woods, who paid his funeral expenses and doctor's bill.

I am writing to ask you what will be necessary to do that Mr. Woods may draw the pro rata part of Mr. Johnson's pension. As Mr. Woods is a poor man I think it no more than just that he receive this amount and as their was no estate to administer on other than the pension will it be necessary to go to the cost of taking out administrating papers for this.

Kindly advise me.

Very truly, H. C. Black

HCB:B
10:30