

## Soldier's Application for Pension

I, Rethford M. Blafely

am a citizen of Kentucky, resident at Murray in the County of Calloway

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 H Third 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 Calloway County Kentucky March 20, 1844

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

Answer In March 1863 Forrests Command Gen. Capt. T. A. Miller Col. A. P. Thompson Col. G. A. C. Holt

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

Answer Came home at the close of the war. Honorably discharged

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

Answer No

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 At Paducah after the war ended. Forced to take oath

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

Answer ... Practically none, About \$125<sup>00</sup>

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

Answer ... 37 acres of land \$500<sup>00</sup>

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

Answer ... None

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 ... About \$125<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 ... Since birth except 5 years

Have you an attorney to look after this application?

Answer ... Yes

If so, give his name and address?

Answer ... Barnett & Wells Murray Ky

Witness my hand this 15th day of April 1912

WITNESSES:

X *W. Crawford*, Physician P. O. *Murray Ky*

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

X *W. K. Roberts*, Witness R. F. D. (if any) # *6*

Postoffice Address *Murray Ky R.F.D. #1*

X *W. H. P. ...*, Witness

Postoffice Address *Murray Ky*

STATE OF KENTUCKY

*Ballouay* County } I, *A. W. Patterson* Judge of said County,

certify that *Rethford M. Blakely* and his wife ... are

assessed with *39 1/2* acres, valued at \$ *1000*, and with \$ ... of personal property.

Witness my hand this *10* day of *May*, 1912

*A. W. Patterson* Judge County Court.

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

STATE OF KENTUCKY

Calloway County } Personally appeared before me Idella Wells  
Notary Public of said County, the above named Retherford M. Blakely  
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 15th day of April, 1912

Idella Wells N.P.

STATE OF KENTUCKY

Calloway County } Personally appeared before me Idella Wells  
of said County, the above named C. N. Crawford  
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 Retherford M. Blakely  
the applicant, and find him laboring under the following disabilities: Unable to earn a support by manual labor.

I have known the above for 50 years have done  
his practice for 20 years he has a chronic  
eruption on his legs accompanied with  
some very bad ulcers that render him  
unfit for labor besides he has had to do very  
hard manual labor to support his family which  
has overtaxed his nervous system to the point  
where he is unfit to labor

Witness my hand and seal of office, this 15th day of April, 1912

Idella Wells N.P.

(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

Calloway County } Personally appeared before me Idella Wells  
Notary Public of said County, the above named W. C. Robertson  
and W. H. Purdom, 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 state-  
ments made in this application are correct and true, to the best of their knowledge and belief, and that they have no in-  
terest in this claim, and that said applicant's habits are good and free from dishonor. And W. H. Purdom  
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 the applicant Retherford M. Blakely, was a good & faithful  
soldier and citizen all during the time of his enlistment, and  
has been a law abiding citizen since said war closed

Witness my hand and seal of office, this 15th day of April, 1912

Idella Wells N.P.

*R. B. Bannery*

No. 1003

STATE OF KENTUCKY

**Soldier's Application for Pension**

*R. M. Blakely*

Co. . . . . Rgt.

Filed . . . . . MAY 31 1912

Allowed . . . . .

Read Specifications on Back.

**SPECIFICATIONS**

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

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.



ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

JUN -3 1912  
1919248  
WAR DEPARTMENT

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT,

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,  
WASHINGTON. June 4, 1912.

Respectfully returned to the

Examiner,  
Confederate Pension Department,  
Frankfort, Kentucky.

The records show that R. M. Blakely (name not found as Rethford M. Blakely), private, Company H, 3d (Mounted) Kentucky Infantry, Confederate States Army, enlisted April 1, 1864. On the roll of the company for May and June, 1864 (last roll on file), he was reported present. No later record of him has been found.

The Adjutant General.

(A. G. O. 72-1)

Per

Indorsement.

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,  
FRANKFORT, KY..

R. M. BLAKELY.

Enlisted Apr. 1, 1864, Co. H-  
3rd Ky. Mtd. Inf. and served  
till the close of the war;  
proven by the record and  
comrades.

Property \$600.00

W. J. Stone

I recommend that this claim  
be allowed.

  
Adjutant General.

Allowed by State Pension  
Board.

  
Chairman

(A. G. O. 35.)

THOMAS W. PATTERSON  
JUDGE CALLOWAY COUNTY COURT  
MURRAY, KENTUCKY

Calloway County Court.

R. M. Blakely.

Application for Pension.

This application having been filed and after laying over one month,  
and the applicant and witnesses being before the court and duly sworn,  
and the evidence being heard at the court fully advised doth adjust that  
the facts as set forth in this application seem to fully verified, and the  
applicant and witnesses are men of good upright character and entitled  
to belief. All of which is respectfully reported.

This May 27th, 1912.

No. \_\_\_\_\_ S. \_\_\_\_\_

HEADQUARTERS

# Confederate Pension Department

W. J. STONE, EXAMINER

FRANKFORT, KY,

MAY 31 1912 191\_\_\_\_\_

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

Dear Sir:

*Retherford M. Blakely*

who is an applicant for Pension under the Kentucky Pension law, claims  
to have been a member of Company *A-3d Ky.*

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

Please give me the record of this soldier.

Respectfully,

*W. J. Stone*

Examiner.

Murray, Ky. April 14th. 1927.

Capt. J.T. George.  
Pension Commissioner

Dear Sir;

Please send me two Application for Widow's Pension, and Also a vouuher  
to fill out for Mrs. Retherford M. Nlakely to collect the remainder  
of this quarter of Retherford M. Blakely Dec'd pensioner died March 27th  
1927. and I will have orders made and Voucher filled as per law.

Yours respectfully,

*Mary Neale. ck*