Soldier's Application for Pension

I, W. S. Cooper Kirk, Ky #4 .....

am a citizen of Kentucky, resident at Oscar .....in the County of Ballard .....

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 B 3" Ky Regiment ..... Infantry .....

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 Trigg County Ky - 1839 .....

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

Answer About July 1861 - Company B - 3" Ky Regiment Col. Loyd Tilman, Col. A. P. Thompson, Capt J. H. Bowman, Capt Chas Mushet .....

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

Answer Was paroled at close of war at some place in alabama.

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 - at close of war in Alabama .....

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

Answer Yes .....

If so, when and under what circumstances?

Answer When was paroled .....

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

Answer None

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

Answer None

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

Answer Wife dead

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 No income

Do you use intoxicants to any extent?

Answer None

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 —

Witness my hand this 15th *day of* April 191 2

his
W. S. X Cooper
mark

WITNESSES:

Alex Stamps
J. E. Martin, *Physician* — *P. O.* Kevil Rt 4

Postoffice Address La Center Ky — *Street and No. (if any)*

R. B. Whiteside, *Witness* — *R. F. D. (if any)*

Postoffice Address

L. T. Owen, *Witness*

Postoffice Address Kevil Ky R F D #1.

STATE OF KENTUCKY

Ballard County } I, J. A. Mines *Judge of said County, certify that* W. S. Cooper *and his wife* ——— *are assessed with* — *acres, valued at $*———, *and with $*——— *of personal property.*

Witness my hand this 20 *day of* May, 191 2

J. A. Mines *Judge County Court.*

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

STATE OF KENTUCKY

~~W. S. Coop~~ Ballard County } Personally appeared before me J. A. Hines

County Judge of said County, the above named W. S. Cooper

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

J. A. Hines J.P.B.C.C.

STATE OF KENTUCKY

Ballard County } Personally appeared before me J. A. Hines

County Judge of said County, the above named Dr. J. E. Martin

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 W. S. Cooper

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

That applicant has son leg + is infirm from old age

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

J. A. Hines J.P.B.C.C.

(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

Ballard County } Personally appeared before me J. A. Hines

County Judge of said County, the above named R. C. Whitesides

and L. T. Burns, 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. C. Whitesides + L. T. Burns 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.

Was with applicant from 1861 to close of war

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

J. A. Hines J.P.B.C.C.

Filed April 15 1912.
H. J. Kelly. C.B.C.C.

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.

W. S. Cooper

No. 2942

STATE OF KENTUCKY

Soldier's Application for Pension

W. S. Cooper

Co. ..... Rgt.

Filed JUN 14 1912

Allowed .....

Read Specifications on Back.

SPECIFICATIONS

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allowed Oct 15th 1914

W. J. Stone Commissioner.

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WAR DE[illegible]TMENT,

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

WASHINGTON, June 18, 1912.

Respectfully returned to the

Examiner,
Confederate Pension Department,
Frankfort, Kentucky.

The records show that W. S. Cooper, private, Company B, 3d Kentucky Mounted Infantry, Confederate States Army, enlisted August 28, 1861. On the company roll dated June 29, 1864, last on which his name is borne, he was reported "Absent without leave from 29" April." No later record of him has been found.

Henry P. McCain
Adjutant General.

Indorsement.

PENSION EXAMINER'S OFFICE,

FRANKFORT, KY.

W. S. COOPER.

Enlisted Aug.28,1861, in Co.B, 3rd Ky.Inf'y. There is record proof of service to Apr.29,1864. Comrades testify to his service to the close of the war and that he was captured near Selma, Ala. in April, 1864, and was paroled at Montgomery, Ala. about May 6, 1865.

Indigent.

Approved:

W J Stone.

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

HEADQUARTERS

Confederate Pension Department

W. J. STONE, EXAMINER

FRANKFORT, KY.

May 27th 4
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GEN. W. P. HALL,
Adjutant General, U. S. A.,
WASHINGTON, D. C.

Dear Sir:

W. H. Cooper

who is an applicant for Pension under the Kentucky Pension law, claims to have been a member of Company "B" - 3rd Kentucky *Regiment* Infantry *C. S. A., and to have been*

Please give me the record of this soldier.

Respectfully,

W J Stone
Examiner.

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FRANKFORT, KY,

June 14th, 1912

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Adjutant General, U. S. A.,
WASHINGTON, D. C.

Dear Sir:

W. S. Cooper,

who is an applicant for Pension under the Kentucky Pension law, claims to have been a member of Company "B" - 3rd Kentucky.

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

Paroled at close of war in Alabama. Took the oath when paroled. Never in prison.

Please give me the record of this soldier.

Respectfully,

W. J. Stone
Examiner.

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WAR DEPARTMENT,
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THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,
WASHINGTON, June 1, 1914.

Respectfully returned to the

Examiner,
Confederate Pension Dept.,
Frankfort, Ky.,

inviting attention to the communication addressed to him by this office on April 27, 1914, in response to a similar request.

Geo Andrews

The Adjutant General.

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Form No. 70, A. G. O.
Ed. May 10-13—75,000.

BALLARD COUNTY COURT.REGULAR TERM MAY 20th 1912.

Judge J.A.Hines Presiding.

W.S.Cooper applicant for State Confederate Pension.

Witness Ed Reesor being duly sworn says that he has known said W.S.Cooper about 20 years and that he has been a resident of Ballard more than 10 years,has no property of any kind,(his wife is dead) and he has no Profession,and his health will not permit him to make a liveing by Manual Labor,and he has no Income of any kind

Witness Dow Craig,Being duly sworn gave the same evidence in this case as Ed Reesor the above Witness.

I, T. J. Neely, County Court Clerk of Ballard County, Kentucky, do certify that J.A.Hines, who swore the applicant W.S.Cooper and the affiant witnesses to said apllication, is the regularily elected, qualified and acting County Judge of Ballard County, Kentucky. has been since Jany. 1910

Witness my hands and seal this May 20th. 1912.

T. J. Neely

County Court Clerk Ballard County Kentucky.

Ballard County Court. Regular Term May 20th. 1912.

I, J. A. Hines, County Judge of Ballard County, Kentucky certify that the application of W.S.Cooper coming on for trial before me at this term of this Court, and having laid over after being filed as required by law, the ap licant introduced in his behalf the following witnesses-

Ed. Reesor, who being sworn states that he has known the applicant for about 20 years, and that applicant now lives in Ballard County, and has continously resided there since he first knew him. That applicant is feeble and unable to work at all, has no wife, and no property or income of any kind, and has no profession or calling.

Dow craig, who being sworn testified same as Ed Reesor.

Dow Craig P.O. is La Center Ky. R.F.D. #1 - Ed Reesor P.O. is Bandana Ky

I further certify that I am personally acquained with the witnesses testify together will all the wirnesses who made affidavits herein and know them all to be men of good standing and reputation and worthy of belief, and from the application, affidavits and proof I recommend the application of W.S.Cooper as a just and meritorious claim.

J. A. Hines

County Judge Ballard County Kentucky.

May 27th, 1914.

Ed. Reesor,

Bandana, Kentucky.

Dear Sir:-

I am in receipt of yours of the 25th. The affidavit to which you refer in the case of George Fondaw has been received, but in it the affiant is extremely indefinite in his statements, for he tells nothing about what company ~~name~~ and regiment George Fondaw belonged nor how he knows anything with regard to his service.

I have just learned that George Fondaw is being carried on the rolls of the Confederate Home, and ofcourse while he is being carried on the rolls of that institution he could not be allowed a pension.

The only information we have been able to get from the War Dept. relative to W. S. Cooper is that heretofore given you, which is that he was a member of Company B, 3rd Kentucky Mtd. Inf'y. and on April 29,1864, he was absent from his command without le ave.

Very truly,

Commissioner.

WJS-C

W.H.Cooper,

STATE OF KENTUCKY.
Sct.
COUNTY OF BALLARD.

The affient, Hilson Peal, states that he belonged to Company H. 3rd. Kentucky Regiment Mounted Infantry. and that W.H. Cooper, belonged to Company B. of the same Regiment. and that he was with the Regiment, from about the last days of March, 1864. untill he and the said W.H. or William Cooper, was captured between Montervaller and Selmer Ala. about April, 1st. 1865. in a running fight for about three days, by Gen. Wilson's Command. and about 1500 men was captured at this time, and we was marched to Selmer Ala. and was kept in a stockade at Selmer, for a few days, and then we was marched to Montgomery, Ala. and was paroled by Gen. Wilson,

And the said W.H.Cooper, was with the regiment all the time that I was with it. the officers of Cooper's Co. was Capt. G.Bowman, Chas Mashew, 1st. Lutennent. Geo. Timberlick was 2d. Lutennent, Bill Ashborrks 3rd. Lutennent. and the officers of Co. H, my Co. Wm Stevenson Capt# John Ashbrooks 1st. Lutennent, Newt Mashew 2d. Lutennent. Tom Odonley 3rd Lutennet. And some time in 1864. he(Peal) was transfured to Company D. under Capt. Miller, of the same Regiment.

Hilson J. Peal

Subscribed and sworn to before me, by Hilson Peal, this July 10th. 1914.

Ed. Russ

Notary Public, Ballard County, Ky.
My commission Expires Feb. 18 1918

ED REESOR
Attorney-At-Law
BANDANA, KENTUCKY.

July 10th. 1914.

Capt. W.J.Stone,

Frankfort, Ky.

Dear Capt:-

You will please find affidavit of H.Peal, that you will please file with the claim of W.S.Cooper, of Ballard County. and I will say that it seems to me like that Peal's affidavit is sufficient for you to recomend that a pension be granted to the said Cooper, as I spoke to you in person about this man while I was in your office some time ago , and it seemed that the proof that this affidavit gives will cover all the grounds. that you should need.

And I will say again that he surly needs it as he is in bed and has been for some time, with a bad leg that was hurt at the battle of Harrotsburg. the poor old sole has suffered death lots of times and evry since the Army. during the battle his horse was shot from under him and the horse fell on his leg, and it has been a running soar evry since.

So I feel sure that you will now recomend his application, and it will be a great favor if you will do it in time for the next pay day, which is in Aug.

Mr Cooper, now with his son-in-law and is not near Oscar, as given in his application, and you will please address him at Bandana, in my care.

Please let me here from you about this application, as Mr Cooper is very anxious to know about it, and he is very deserving.

Yours truly.

Ed: Reesor

W.S.COOPER.

State Of Kentucky.
Sct.
County of Ballard.

The affient, O.M.Shelby, states that in the matter of the pension of William H. or W.S.Cooper, that the said affient, was in the 7th. Kentucky Regiment, and that the said Cooper, was in Co. B. 3rd. Ky. and was all in the same Command. And the said Cooper, was present at all times, and was in the Command, the latter part of the year of 1864. just a few days before the Johnsonville, and Trussell Bridge fight.in Tenn.

The said Affient, states that he knows that the said Cooper, was with his Command, as this affient, left the Command, and went out on a cout. and that this affient was captured just on the eav of the said fight. and was never with the Command any more.

And affient, futher states that he knows that the said Cooper, was in the fight, on July 10th. 1864. at the battle of Brices Cross Roads, or Guntown, Miss. and that he was in the battle on July 14th. 1864. at Harrisburg, Miss. And the affient, says that he feels sure that the said Cooper, was never a deserter.

O M Shelby

Subscribed and sworn to before me, by O.M.Shelby, this Sept. 12th. 1914.

Ed Russell

Notary Public, Ballard County, Ky.
My commission Expires Feb. 1st 1918

State Of Kentucky.)
: Sct.
Ballard County.)

The affient, R.C.Whitesides, ##### states that in addition to his original affidavit in the matter of the pension, of W.S.Cooper, that he knows that the said Cooper was present, on July 10th. 1864. at the battle of Brices Cross Roads, or Guntown. Miss. and futher that he was present on July 14th. 1864. and was in the battle of Harrisburg, at Harrisburg Miss. and at this time he ### Whiteside was acting as ordialy Sargt. and made out the morning reports, and that said W.S. Cooper, was present . and futher states that the said Cooper is likly to be inlisted as W.H.Cooper, or Wm. Cooper. and that if so this is one and the same man. that served with me in the 3rd. Ky. and Co. B.

R C Whiteside

Subscribed and sworn to before me, by R.C.Whiteside, this Nov. 29th. 1913.

Ed. Reeves

Notary Public, Ballard County, Ky.
My commission Expires Feb. 8, 1914.

April 5, 1913.

Mr. W. E. Cooper,
R.F.D.#4,
Kevil, Kentucky.

Dear Sir:-

Upon examination of the proof filed with your application for pension I find that the record shows that you enlisted August 28, 1861, and that on April 29, 1864, you were reported "absent without leave". I also find that two witnesses testify that they served with you from 1861 till the close of the war. Proof to explain the difference between what the records show and what the witnesses state should be furnished.

Get all the proof you can and forward to this office to be filed with your application and ~~your~~ it will then be ready to be submitted to the Pension Board for its final action.

Yours very truly,

Examiner.

WJS-C

State of Kentucky.)
) Sct.
Ballard County.)

The affient, L.T.Owen, states in the matter of the pension of Wm Cooper, that he will state futher than in his original affidavit that the said Cooper was a member of the same Company, to-wit. Co. B. Third Kentucky Regement. and that the said Cooper, was enlisted in the said Co. B. in 1861. and was in the battle of Harrisburg ~~XXXXX~~ on July 14th. 1864. at Harrisburg, Mississippi.

L T Owen

Subscribed and sworn to before me, by L.T.Owen, this Sept. 30th. 1913.

Ed Reesor

Notary Public, Ballard County, Ky.
My commission Expires Feb. 8, 1914.

ED REESOR
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW
BANDANA, KY.

Bandana, Ky. Nov. 29th. 1913.

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

Dear Capt:-

Please find two new affidavits, in the matter of the pension of W.S.Cooper, of my County, that you will please file with the original application, and let me know what you think about the matter, as you wrote some time ago, that the records shown that W.S.Cooper, failed to report on April 29th. 1864. I will say that it seems that his name is mixed up to some extent, as he sometimes goes as W.S. ---- W.H. and Wm. Cooper, but is generly known as Wm.
And hes memory is so bad that he can not tell how he inlisted.

Yours truly.

Ed Reesor