

Soldier's Application for Pension

I, Levi Sykes

am a citizen of Kentucky, resident at Prase in the County of Pike

in said State of Kentucky, and was a soldier from the State of Virginia, 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 10 Kentucky Cavalry, Company A

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 Russel County Virginia - 1844

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

Answer 1864, 70 Ky. Cavalry, Col. George Diamond, Cap. Sam. Hunt.

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

Answer Discharged after the surrender in 1865 at Chestnut Burg Va.

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

Answer never was in Prison

Were you paroled? If so, when and where?

Answer never was Paroled

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

Answer Yes

If so, when and under what circumstances?

Answer 1865, at Lebanon, Va, at the request of the Federal Government, to get a voice,

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

Answer *Farming a little, & earn very little*

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

Answer *A little piece of land worth about \$500 - not more than that. Nothing else*

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

Answer *None no wife*

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 *Nothing*

Do you use intoxicants to any extent?

Answer *None to amount to any thing*

How long and since when have you been an actual resident of the State of Kentucky?

Answer *Ever since 1870*

Have you an attorney to look after this application?

Answer *Yes*

If so, give his name and address?

Answer *J. E. Childers, Asheville, Ky*

Witness my hand this *13* day of *Apr* 191*2*

Levi Sykes

attest J. E. Childers

WITNESSES: *S. B. Casbolt*, Physician P. O.

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

S. J. Miller, Witness R. F. D. (if any)

Postoffice Address *Clintwood, Va*

Samuel Duty, Witness

Postoffice Address *Clintwood Va*

STATE OF KENTUCKY

Pike County } I, *H. H. Stallard* Judge of said County,

certify that *Levi Sykes* and his wife *L. has no wife* are assessed with *50* acres, valued at \$ *500⁰⁰*, and with \$ *75⁰⁰* of personal property.

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

H. H. Stallard Judge County Court.

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

STATE OF KENTUCKY

Pike County } Personally appeared before me *J. E. Childers*
Notary Public of said County, the above named *Levi Sykes*
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*, 191*2*.

J. E. Childers Notary Public
Jan 10, 1912 expires

STATE OF KENTUCKY

Pike County } Personally appeared before me *J. E. Childers*
Notary Public of said County, the above named *Dr. S. B. Casbolt*
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 *Levi Sykes*
the applicant, and find him laboring under the following disabilities: Unable to earn a support by manual labor.

*Inflammatory Condition of Kidneys and
defective Sight*

Witness my hand and seal of office, this *12* day of *Apr*, 191*2*.

J. E. Childers Notary Public
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(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

Virginia
Dickenson County } Personally appeared before me *A. M. C. Tiller*
Notary Public of said County, the above named *S. J. Tiller*
and *Samuel Duty*, 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 the undersigned know that the applicant, *Levi Sykes* was in the Confederate Army as stated by him in this application. We served with him in said service and know & hereby state that the answers made by him to the questions in this application touching his service in the said Confederate Army are true.

Witness my hand and seal of office, this *20* day of *April*, 191*2*.

A. M. C. Tiller Notary Public
Dickenson Co Va.

My commission expires Jan. 29, 1916.

No. 1953

STATE OF KENTUCKY

Soldier's Application for Pension

Louis Byham

Co. 10 Ky. Company A.

Filed JUL 3 - 1912

Allowed

Read Specifications on Back.

SPECIFICATIONS

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- 5. *Hitler. 2 Nov. 13. 1912*

J. P. ...

Commissioner

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

KENTUCKY STATE JOURNAL PUBLISHING CO., FRANKFORT, KY

Approved
W. J. ...

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

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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, July 5, 1912.

Respectfully returned to the

Examiner,
Confederate Pension Department,
Frankfort, Kentucky.

The name Levi Sykes has not been found on the rolls, on file in this office, of any company of the 10th Regiment Kentucky Cavalry, Confederate States Army, and no record has been found of the capture or parole of a man of that name and organization.

Lucy M. Baird
Adjutant General.

Indorsement.

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

FRANKFORT, KY..

LEVI SYKES.

Claims to have enlisted in 1864 Company A, 10th Kentucky Cav. and have to been discharged after the surrender in 1865. Two comrades swear to his enlistment, and that he served till the close of the war.

Property: \$500.00

W J S

I recommend that this claim be allowed.

J. Sandy Ellis
Adjutant General.

Allowed by the State Pension Board.

James M. McNear
Chairman.

(A. G. O. 35.)

...state of Virginia... whose genuine
signature is attached to the foregoing certificate is, and was at the time of the signing the same, a
Noah Public... in and for the said *County* duly appointed... and
qualified and authorized, by virtue of his office to take acknowledgments
and administer oaths; and that his attestation is in due form of law.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the
the seal of this court this *22* day of *April* 19*12*,
and in the 13^{*6*} year of the Commonwealth.

James M. McNear Deputy Clerk.



No. _____ S. _____

HEADQUARTERS

Confederate Pension Department

W. J. STONE, EXAMINER

FRANKFORT, KY.

JUL 3 - 1912

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

Dear Sir:

Leri Sykes

who is an applicant for Pension under the Kentucky Pension law, claims
to have been a member of Company *A-10" Ky.*
Regiment *Cav.* C. S. A., and to have been

Please give me the record of this soldier.

Respectfully,

W. J. Stone

Examiner.

The witness, John Adkins, being duly sworn, deposes and says:

Q. Are you acquainted with the applicant, Levi Sykes?

A. Yes sir.

Q. How long have you known him?

A. 5 or 6 years.

Q. Where does he live?

A. Up about Elkhorn I think.

Q. Do you know how long he has been an actual and continuous resident of Kentucky?

A. About 5 years.

Q. Do you know anything about his property rights.

Q. I find that he has not got any property.

Q. Does he live with his son now?

A. I don't know who he lives with up there.

Q. Has he got any income.

A. No sir.

CROSS EXAMINATION:

Q. Do you know whether he has any real estate?

A. Don't think he has.

Q. Is he able and capable to labor for support?

A. He might be capable, but he is not very able.

Q. How old is he, if you know?

A. Looks like he is 60 or 65.

Q. Do you know his occupation?

A. He is a farmer.

Q. Do you know what property his son has that he lives with?

A. No sir.

Q. Do you know whether he draws a pension from the government or from any other source?

A. Never heard of it.

RE DIRECT EXAMINATION:

Q. As a matter of fact hisisone lives on rented land?

A. I don't know anything about it.

Q. State your name, age and residence.

A. J. E. Sykes, am twenty seven years old and live in Pike County,
at Keewanee .

Q. Do you know levi Sykes.

A. Yes sir.

Q. Where does he live.

A. He stays at my house. And makes that his home.

Q. How long has he been an actual and continuous resident of Kentucky.

A. He has been in Kentucky for the last ten years.

Q. What property has he if you know.

A. He has a little ruff farm up here at Elkhorn, and a little scrap in Virginia.

Q. What is the Kentucky tract worth as near as you can state.

A. It is worth less than five hundred dollars.

Q. What is the Virginia Tract worth.

A. It is worth about one hundred and fifty dollars.

Q. Has he any other property.

A. He has a horse and a cow.

Q. What are they worth.

A. A man can cash them I guess for one hundred dollars.

Q. Has he any other property of any kind either real or personal.

A. None that I know of.

Q. Has he any income.

A. None at all.

Q. Is he married or single.

A. Single.

Q.
Cross examination by E. J. Picklesimer, County. Atty.

Q. What is your father's occupation.

A. He has no occupation at all.

Q. Is he able by his labor to earn as much as three hundred dollars per year.

Q. Does he earn as much as three hundred dollars per year.

A. I don't think that he does.

Re-direct examination.

Q. He is very old and feeble is he not.

A. Yes sir.

Q. Is he also nearly deaf.

A. Yes.

Q. When did he deed away his land.

A. It has been fifteen years ago I guess or may be longer.

Signature waived.

State of Ky,
Pike Co, } Sec.

I, H. H. Stallard, Co-Judge of Pike Co., do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true & correct copy of the evidence heard in open court on the application of ~~James F. Ruff~~ ^{Gen. Sykes} that said testimony was taken down in short hands transcribed & adopted it as my summary of the evidence herein. ^{I H. H. Stallard, Co. J. of Pike Co., do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true & correct copy of the evidence heard in open court on the application of James F. Ruff that said testimony was taken down in short hands transcribed & adopted it as my summary of the evidence herein.} ^{Gen. Sykes} ^{together with the testimony of Gen. Sykes & the other witnesses mentioned in full credit on which the person is recommended.}
This May 20, 1912

H. H. Stallard

Co-Judge of Pike Co
Ky.

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
State Board of Health
BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS
CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

1 PLACE OF DEATH

County Ortelle File No. _____
Vot. Pct. 23 Registration District No. 10 Registered No. _____
Inc. Town Fish Trap Primary Registration District No. 7181
City _____ (No. _____ St. _____ Ward _____)
(If death occurred in a hospital or institution, give its NAME instead of street and number)

2 FULL NAME Levi Sykes
(a) Residence. No. _____ St. _____ Ward _____
(Usual place of abode) (If nonresident, give city or town and State)
Length of residence in city or town where death occurred yrs. mos. ds. How long in U.S., if of foreign birth? yrs. mos. ds.

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

3 SEX M 4 COLOR OR RACE W 5 Single Married Widowed or Divorced (Write the word) M
5a If married, widowed, or divorced HUSBAND of Levi Sykes (or) WIFE of _____
6 DATE OF BIRTH _____ (Month) (Day) (Year) 1844
7 AGE 85 yrs. 9 mos. _____ ds. IF LESS than 1 day _____ hrs. or _____ min?
8 OCCUPATION OF DECEASED (a) Trade, profession or particular kind of work _____ (b) General nature of industry, business or establishment in which employed (or employer) _____

9 BIRTHPLACE (city or town) _____ (State or country) _____

PARENTS
10 NAME OF FATHER unknown
11 BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (city or town) _____ (State or country) _____
12 MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER _____
13 BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (city or town) _____ (State or country) _____

14 (Informant) _____ (Address) Fish Trap 19

15 Filed 2/4, 1925 G. M. Justice Registrar

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

16 DATE OF DEATH Feb 3, 1925
(Month) (Day) (Year)

17 I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from _____, 19____, to _____, 19____, that I last saw h_____ alive on _____, 19____, and that death occurred on the date stated above at _____ m. The CAUSE OF DEATH* was as follows:
dropsey

Contributory (Secondary) _____ (Duration) _____ yrs. _____ mos. _____ ds.
18 WHERE WAS DISEASE CONTRACTED _____ If not at place of death? _____ Did an operation precede death? _____ Date of _____ Was there an autopsy? _____ What test confirmed diagnosis? _____ (Signed) _____, M. D. _____, 19____ (Address) _____

*State the Disease Causing Death, or, in deaths from Violent Causes, state (1) Means and nature of Injury; and (2) whether Accidental, Suicidal or Homicidal. (See reverse side for additional space.)

19 PLACE OF BURIAL OR REMOVAL Lowe Sem DATE OF BURIAL Feb 5, 1925

20 UNDERTAKER Jacoe Norman ADDRESS Ortelle

WRITE PLAINLY, WITH UNFADING INK—THIS IS A PERMANENT RECORD
N. B.—Every item of information should be carefully supplied. AGE should be stated EXACTLY, PHYSICIANS should state CAUSE OF DEATH in plain terms, so that it may be properly classified. Exact statement of OCCUPATION is very important. See instructions on back of certificate.

CHILDERS & BOWLES
ATTORNEYS-AT-LAW
300-303 PAULEY BUILDING
PIKEVILLE, KENTUCKY

February 20, 1929.

Secretary of the Treasury,
Frankfort, Ky.

Dear Miss Cromwell:-

Levi Sykes, a Confederate Vetrin, died on the 3 of the present month. A check was issued to him for the sum of \$60.00 on the 15 of the present month. He has no children but a wife who has been appointed his Administratrix . Will you please advise what steps are necessary to meet the requirments of your department to enable his wife to get the benefit of the check?

Thanking you in advance for this favor I beg to remain
as ever your friend,

J. E. Childers

CHILDERS & BOWLES
ATTORNEYS-AT-LAW
300-303 PAULEY BUILDING
PIKEVILLE, KENTUCKY

March 18, 1929.

Commissioner of Confederate Pensions,
Frankfort, Ky.

Dear Sir:

Please find enclosed certificate of registrar
and order of the Pike County Court making appointment
of administratrix in the case of Levi Sykes.

As we previously wrote you, a check was forward-
ed to Levi Sykes for the sum of \$60.00, and reached him
about the time of his death. His widow, the administratrix,
still has the check, but as per your advise, we are sending
you the above information, and when the voucher is made out,
will you please send same to us as we have charge of the
matter for her.

Yours truly,

Childers & Bowles

By J. E. Childers.

