

# Soldier's Application for Pension

I, William J. Sparks

am a citizen of Kentucky, resident at Orangeburg in the County of Mason

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 Co. A. 5<sup>th</sup> Ky Infantry one year and in May 1863.

I re-enlisted in Co. C. of the 5<sup>th</sup> Ky 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 fam-

ily. 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 Morgan Co. Ky, Dec 9<sup>th</sup> 1844

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

Answer Dec 21<sup>st</sup> 1861. I enlisted and served one year in Co. A. 5<sup>th</sup> Ky Infantry and in May 1863 I re-enlisted in Co. C. 5<sup>th</sup> Ky Infantry and served to close of war. Col. Jack May, Maj. J. Cheweth, Capt. J. Henry, Lieuts. Pearce & Cox

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

Answer Wounded & captured Nov. 27<sup>th</sup> 1863. Missionary Ridge, Tenn.

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

Answer Rock Island Ill. Released March 12<sup>th</sup> 1865

Were you paroled? If so, when and where?

Answer At Richmond Va. about Mich 20<sup>th</sup> 1865, was on parole when the war closed.

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

Answer No

If so, when and under what circumstances?

Answer \_\_\_\_\_

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

Answer I work on the farm as much as I can. I can hardly make enough for actual support

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

Answer Nothing more than my household goods and a few chickens

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

Answer My wife is 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 net income. Support myself the best I can by daily labor

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 Yes

If so, give his name and address?

Answer John L. Chamberlain, Maysville Ky

Witness my hand this 9th day of May 1912.

WITNESSES:

J. J. Lambert, M.D., Physician  
Postoffice Address Maysville Ky

William J. Sparks  
P. O. Maysville Ky  
Street and No. (if any)  
R. F. D. (if any) No 3

Postoffice Address Joseph C. Lykins, Witness

Postoffice Address 402 Ashford Place Lexington Ky

STATE OF KENTUCKY

Mason County } I, W. H. Rice, Judge of said County, certify that William J. Sparks and his wife are assessed with no acres, valued at \$ no, and with \$ no of personal property.

Witness my hand this 18th day of May 1912.

W. H. Rice, Judge County Court.

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

STATE OF KENTUCKY

Mason County } Personally appeared before me John L. Chamberlain  
A Notary Public of said County, the above named William J. Sparks  
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 9th day of May, 1912

My commission expires  
January 11th, 1916.

John L. Chamberlain, N.P.M.C.

STATE OF KENTUCKY

Mason County } Personally appeared before me John L. Chamberlain  
A Notary Public of said County, the above named J. H. Harwell  
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 William J. Sparks  
the applicant, and find him laboring under the following disabilities: Unable to earn a support by manual labor.

Chronic Sciatica and Lumbago Chronic bronchitis  
interrupting sleep especially in damp weather & always during the  
winter months. A full & irregular second sound of the  
heart that would of necessity be aggravated by physical exertion.  
Beginning arterio-sclerosis.

Witness my hand and seal of office, this 9th day of May, 1912

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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

Fayette County } Personally appeared before me M. Dalton, a  
Notary Public of said County, the above named Joseph C. Lykins, one  
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 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 said Jos. C. Lykins  
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.

Said Jos. C. Lykins states that applicant served  
with said Jos. C. Lykins in Co. A. Fifth Kentucky  
Regiment until Oct. 1862. Afterward both served in Co. C.  
Fifth Ky. Reg. and served together until  
November, 1863.

Witness my hand and seal of office, this 10th day of May, 1912

M. Dalton

Notary Public, Fayette County, Ky.  
My commission expires February 11, 1914

No. 1054

STATE OF KENTUCKY

Soldier's Application for Pension

*Wm. J. Shanker*

Co. . . . . Sgt.

Filed JUL 3 - 1912

Allowed . . . . .

Read Specifications on Back.

SPECIFICATIONS

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

*Approved*  
*W. J. Stone*  
*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

1931444

WAR DEPARTMENT

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT,

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

WASHINGTON, July 6, 1912.

Respectfully returned to the

Examiner,  
Confederate Pension Department,  
Frankfort, Kentucky.

The records show that William J. Sparks, private; 1st Company A (Captain Mynheir), 5th Kentucky Infantry (latterly mounted), Confederate States Army, enlisted December 24, (1861). He reenlisted in Company C, same regiment, May 8, 1863, and is shown to have been captured November 26, 1863, at Harrison, Tennessee, paroled at Rock Island Barracks and transferred for exchange March 6, 1865. He was received at Boulware & Cox's Wharf, March 10, 1865.

*Henry P. McLean*  
Adjutant General.

Indorsement.

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

FRANKFORT, KY..

WILLIAM J. SPARKS.

Enlisted Dec. 24, 1861, Co. A, 5th Kentucky Infantry, and re-enlisted in Co. C, same regiment May 8, 1863, and captured Nov. 26, 1863, and exchanged Mch. 6, 1865. Proven by the record.

Indigent.

W J S

I recommend that this claim be allowed.

*J. Paul Ellis*  
Adjutant General.

Approved by State Pension Board.

*James M. McConary*  
Chairman.

(A. G. O. 35.)

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:

*Wm J. Sparks*

who is an applicant for Pension under the Kentucky Pension law, claims  
to have been a member of Company *A-5th Ky.*

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

Please give me the record of this soldier.

Respectfully,

*W. J. Stone*

Examiner.

Maysville Ky  
Jan 30 1909

Dear Sir

I thought I would write and let  
you know William P Sparks the  
old confederate soldier is dead  
he died Jan. 26. Will he draw  
up till the time he died are  
not as he didnt have any thing  
to bury him on. yours Respectful

W. H. Sparks

Maysville Ky  
R R # 3

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State of Kentucky,

Set.

Morgan County.

The affiant, Dudley C. Lykins, states that he is a citizen and resident of Caney, Morgan County, Ky., and that he served during the War of the Rebellion in Co. "G" 5th Ky., Infy. That he is well and personally acquainted with William J. Sparks of Orangeburg, Mason County, Ky., and that he has known him all his life. That said Sparks was attached to Co. "G" 5th Ky. Infy commanded by Capt. E. J. Henry - Col. H. H. Hawkins. That he was attached to said command about the 10th May 1863 and served continuously in said Company until the latter part of Novr. 1863 at which time he was wounded and taken prisoner at Missionary Ridge; and continued a prisoner and in prison until after the surrender and close of the war. We were together at the time of his capture. His services were honest and faithful and that affiant [redacted] in the prosecution of this claim.

Further deponent sayeth not.

Dudley C. Lykins

Subscribed and sworn to before me by the affiant, Dudley

C. Lykins, this the 14th May 1912.

H. P. Hamman  
H. P. H. C.

My commission expires Jan 10th 1914.



Mason County Court  
July term - July 1912

J. J. Owens, Clerk of the Mason County Court, certify that the application of William F. Sparks for a Confederate pension was filed in my office May 20<sup>th</sup> 1912, before the regular June term of Court and was entered upon the County Court docket and laid over until the July term when proof was taken which is herewith submitted.

J. J. Owens  
Clerk Mason County Court

J. W. Rice, Judge of the Mason County Court, certify that the evidence herein shows that, the applicant William F. Sparks is a resident of Mason County Kentucky and has resided in said county all of his life. That he has no property either real or personal except the ordinary household goods and a few chickens. That he has no net income and is not able to make a living by manual labor and that he was in the Confederate service. I recommend that he be granted a pension.

W. H. Rice  
Judge Mason County Court

In the matter of applying W<sup>m</sup> J  
Sparks. — who believed as  
follows — I am 67 years of age live  
in Maine by near Orono  
I served in the confederate Army from 1861  
to close of war. I have no property of  
any kind & no income — and my wife  
is dead. — my address Maysville. RA 7103

J. W. Beckett believed as follows I have  
known W<sup>m</sup> J. Sparks 40 years. He has  
lived in Ky ever since. I have known him  
He has no property & he wife is dead

C. H. Ferson believed as follows. I have  
known W<sup>m</sup> J. Sparks 25 years. He has lived in  
Ky ever since I have known him. He has  
no property & no income

J. J. Owens  
Clerk Mason County Court