

(ORIGINAL)

Soldier's Application for Pension

I, A. C. Neace Jr

am a citizen of Kentucky, resident at Wool in the County of Perry

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 G, 10th Ky. Inf.

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 In Breathitt Co. Ky.
Born in 1842

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

Answer In April 1863 Col. Caudle Command. Gen. Marshall
Col. Maj-Maj. Chesneyworth

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

Answer Released at end of War 1865 at Shiloh Ky.

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

Answer No sir

Were you paroled? If so, when and where?

Answer I was not

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

Answer I did not

If so, when and under what circumstances?

Answer

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

Answer *Farming, about \$10⁰⁰ per year*

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

Answer *Personal property, Cash value \$115⁰⁰*

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 \$25⁰⁰*

Do you use intoxicants to any extent?

Answer *I do not*

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

Answer *During natural life*

Have you an attorney to look after this application?

Answer *Yes*

If so, give his name and address?

Answer *H. A. Miller Med Ky*

Witness my hand this *11th* day of *May*, 191*2*

WITNESSES:

H. P. Duff *Med*, Physician P. O. *Med Ky*
 Postoffice Address *Beat Ky* Street and No. (if any).....
Joseph + McInnere, Witness R. F. D. (if any).....
 Postoffice Address *Med Ky*
Waniel + Francis, Witness
 Postoffice Address *Med & Ky*

STATE OF KENTUCKY

Perry County } I, *Glampbell* Judge of said County,
 certify that *A. C. Mace Jr* and his wife *Julia Mace* are
 assessed with *0* acres, valued at \$....., and with \$*122⁰⁰* of personal property.

Witness my hand this *13* day of *Aug*, 191*2* -
Glampbell Judge County Court.

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

STATE OF KENTUCKY

Perry County } Personally appeared before me A. C. Neace Jr.

..... of said County, the above named A. C. Neace Jr. 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 11th day of May, 1912

A. L. Miller Notary Public, P.C.

STATE OF KENTUCKY

Perry County } Personally appeared before me Dr. W. P. Duff

Duff of said County, the above named Dr. W. P. Duff 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 A. C. Neace Jr. the applicant, and find him laboring under the following disabilities: Unable to earn a support by manual labor.

Asthma, Insomnie, Almost blind and in a general weakened condition, and judging from the above named diseases he is unable to support to do manual labor sufficient to support himself.

Witness my hand and seal of office, this 11th day of May, 1912

A. L. Miller Notary Public, P.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

Perry County } Personally appeared before me Joseph Mc Lane

Mc Lane of said County, the above named Joseph Mc Lane

and Daniel Francis, 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 saw and was with the applicant in Confederate service from April 1863 to close of war 1865.

And we further state that he has been a resident of Ky during natural life and further states that we know of our own personal knowledge that said applicant was actual engaged in the following battles while in said service Bluntville Tenn 1864

Jonesville Tenn about 1864 &c. That applicant is unable to earn support by manual labor & that he is intelligent and was a good soldier & citizen

Witness my hand and seal of office, this 11th day of May, 1912

A. L. Miller Notary Public, Perry Co.

my Commission Expires Feb. 24, 1914.

T. B. Mays
Gen. Miller

No. 3013

STATE OF KENTUCKY

Soldier's Application for Pension

A. L. Mace, Jr.
Nace

Co. Rgt.

Filed AUG 15 1912

Allowed

Read Specifications on Back.

SPECIFICATIONS

- 1.....
- 2.....
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- 5.....

Approved Oct 15 1914

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.

M P Neal
M P Neal

Jackson, Ky. *Aug 6* 1915 No. _____
Hargis Commercial Bank & Trust Co.
PAY TO *Ned Turner* OR ORDER \$ *50⁰⁰*
Fifty and ⁰⁰/₁₀₀ DOLLARS
FOR *Cattle*
AUG 10 1915
JACKSON, KY.
M P Neal

PERRY COUNTY COURT.

IN THE MATTER OF APPLICATION FOR PENSION
FOR A. C. Neale Jr. of Ned Perry County Ky.
MEMORANDUM OF THE COURT.

T.G.Napier of Manuel, Perry County, Kentucky and Jim Miller of Ned, P.O. Perry County Kentucky as witnesses were sworn by me in open Court regarding the above mentioned application for pension stated as follows: That they are acquainted with the above named applicant and know him to be a citizen and resident of Perry County, Kentucky and that he has resided in said county and state more than ten years, and that he is unable to earn a support by manual labor, or to earn a support by his knowledge art or skill in any profession trade or craft, and that he dose not receive a Pension from the U. S. or any State or foreign government, and that he dose not possess a net income to the amount of \$100.00, and that he has no property to the value of \$100⁰⁰, nor his wife has no property to that value, and that his support is not propided for by any one.

I further certify as County Judge of Perry County Court that T.G.Napier and Jim Miller who testified as above stated by me are reputable citizens, worthy of belief and that the witnesses and the physician that have testified in in the application are worthy of belief and entitled to belief, and I further certify that the applicant in my judgment is entitled to a Pension under the Confederate Pension Law.

Witness my hand this the 12 day of August 1912.

J. G. Campbell
JUDGE OF THE PERRY COUNTY COURT.

Ned, Ky., Aug 4-1913

W. J. Stone Examiner

Frankfort Ky

Dear Sir: I understand that the Pension Board has allowed A.C. Neace Jr. of Ned Ky. a pension under the late Confederate Pension law, and I am informed by good authority that he is not entitled to any Bounty under the act. he did not serve in the Army over 3 months and was not a Soldier at the close of the war. and if you wish I

can furnish you proof to this fact. and it is a mistake in the record ^{shows} A.C. Neace Jr was a Soldier. A.C. Neace Sr as I understand was a faithful Soldier during the war.

Also Margret Neace is not entitled to any Pension as her husband was never a soldier you have the record of another Jacob Neace who was a Soldier and he has been dead for several years. and Mrs Neace's Husband was never enlisted in the Army. and I also

can
furnish Proof to this effect
I Do not believe in the
Tax payers paying Pensions
to Persons that is not
entitled to pay. I am a
Tax payer myself. and
I believe I am doing the
State of Kentucky Justice
in making this true state-
ment. to you. When you wish
any further light in the
matter I hope you will
not fail to call upon me
as I am ready and willing
at any time to help you
Yours Truly, Kelley Noble

H. A. Miller,

Attorney At Law,

NED, KY., 8-18-1913.

Confederate Pension Department,
Frankfort, Ky-

Gentlemen:

I write to make inquiry if
Kelley Noble of this place or any other
Noble has been corresponding with you
concerning the application of A. C. Neace Sr.
or A. C. Neace Jr. for pension under the
Confederate Pension Act. - Mr. Noble has said
you have authorized and appointed him
to furnish you evidence concerning any
application filed by me. - If he has
been corresponding in any way I would
like for you to furnish me copy of
his letters, and copy of your letters to
him, and I will greatly appreciate
the kindness or favor.

I want to know just he
has written you. he has said and
told the applicants things would go
his way, in this matter.

H. A. MILLER,
ATTORNEY AT LAW

NED, KY.

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Trusting to hear from you
by return mail,
I am, very respectfully yours,

H. A. Miller

P.S. I would like to know when the
Confederate veterans will receive their
first pay, especially those in
Breathitt and Perry Co.
H. A. M.

August 12th, 1913.

Mr. Kelly Noble,
Hed. Kentucky.

Dear Sir:-

Replying to yours of the 4th I have noted carefully what you say in your letter. The Pension Board has not allowed A. C. Neace, Jr. a pension. The application is filed in the name of A. C. Neace, Jr., and Daniel Francis and Joseph McLeMore swear that they served with him from April, 1863, to the close of the war in 1865.

The war records show that Austin Neace (not found as A. C. Neace, Jr.) enlisted October 1, 1861, in Company G, 1st Kentucky Cavalry (also called 10th Kentucky Infantry), and that he was captured April 25, 1864, and was exchanged March 23, 1865. Now, if I understand your letter, A. C. Neace, Jr. served only a little while and then "Deserted" the army, but that A. C. Neace, Sr. did serve till the close of the war.

There is nothing said in the application as to any A. C. Neace, Sr. and the war records has no A. C. Neace, Jr., but simply Austin Neace, so it is natural to be presumed that Austin Neace was the A. C. Neace, Jr. applying for a pension.

You will be doing the tax payers of the State a great favor if you will furnish the proof to straighten this matter out.

and show, as you say, that he never served over 3 months.

I note you say that Margaret Neace's husband was never a soldier. Please furnish me the proof to that effect.

Like you, I do not believe in requiring the tax-payers of the State to pay a pension to any unworthy person, or to one who does not come clearly within the provisions of the pension law, and so far as I am concerned, I intend to do everything within my power to see that only those who made honorable records and got out of the army honorably receive pensions.

I shall hold both of these cases until I hear further from you. I think you are doing your duty in endeavoring to protect the State Treasury against impositions and frauds, and I thank you on my own part and that of the tax payers of the State for all the proof you can furnish to this Department that will help to keep the records straight.

Very truly,

Examiner.

NED, KY.,

Aug 19 1913

W. J. Stone Examiner
Frankfort Ky

Dear Sir: Replying to your letter of
Aug 17- will say that I have seen
Austin Neace Sr. and he says your
letter fills his record exactly and
he also says that he was a Sergeant
in the Confederate Army. You will also
see his Affidavit enclosed in regard to
Margret Neace's husband. The witnesses
for A.C. Neace Jr. lives in Perry County
Joseph McLemore lives about 10 miles from
me. and I can not see him soon. but
If you wish me to make a full investigation
in the matter of A.C. Neace Jr. I will try
and do so if you will give me the appoint-
ment. I have learned that Joseph McLemore
served in the Union Army at the last of the
war. and it would make it impossible
for him to serve in the Confederate Army
with A.C. Neace Jr. until the close of
the war. and it must be a false state-

ment made by Mr Mc Lemore or the
 Notary Public or H. A. Miller atty who
 did the writing as I am Informed
 Since I have been make Investigations on
 the Two Cases. H. A. Miller atty for the
 Applicants has become angry at me
 because I am trying to save the state
 from unnecessary expenses, and are subject
 to make some false statements to you.
 He is one of those trying to defraud the
 state Treasury by trying to get Pensions
 for those that are not entitled to any
 at all. I Can establish every word I say
 by proof, if necessary. and H. A. Miller
 can not. I am going to do all that is
 in my power to help you get the record
 straighten out

Hoping to hear from you at once

Do not pay Mr Miller
 any attention
 in any thing
 he writes
 Yours truly
 Kelley Noble

H. A. MILLER,
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW,
NED. -- KY.

Aug. 29" '13 -

H. J. Stone,
Frankfort, Ky.
Dear Sir:

Your communication of the 19th, inst. at hand, and in reply beg to state frankly that on the 2nd, day of August, 1913, in accordance with the Common School Laws of Ky, we held a school election in ^{sub} district, and because A. C. Neace, Jr. would not vote for Kelley Noble's candidate for trustee he said he would knock him out of his pension, and is making every effort his case to do Mr. Neace an injustice - I understand that A. C. Neace, Sr. has sworn to an affidavit before said Kelley Noble that A. C. Neace, Jr. was not a soldier. A. C. Neace, Sr. is not a gentleman, under any circumstances but I can prove him to be a man unworthy of consideration.

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I can prove to you by our best citizens that Kelly Noble is a young man who is not worthy of belief under any conditions. A. C. Noce, Jr. I am reliably informed did serve in the Confederate army long enough to entitle him to a pension.

We have A. C. Noce, Sr. and A. C. Noce, Jr. both applying for pension. They being both of the same name they have written their names, Sr. and Jr. to distinguish their business apart. They both formerly wrote their names "Austin Noce". They did, they say join the service both, in the name of Austin Noce.

Kelly Noble is very mad at me and is trying to defeat all of the applicants I am working for in order to gratify his corrupt ambition. Kelly Noble don't know anything about any one's service in the Army as he is a young man of about 30 years, and unworthy of belief before his acquaintances.

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If Mr. Noble has written you anymore
I would like to furnish you proof by
good citizens to verify what I say -

I want the Confederate soldiers who are
entitled to a pension to receive it. I
don't want any one to receive a pension
unjust -

Hoping to hear from you with
a full explanation, by return mail,

Yours, Very truly yours,
H. Miller

Ned. Ky., Sept 2-13

W. J. Stone, Examiner

Frankfort Ky

Dear Sir: I have been called off on business for a few days and when I came back I found your letter of Aug 21. waiting my return. and in answer to same will say. I did not mean an appointment to receive any pay for service I only meant for you to advise me what you wanted me to do in the case of A. C. Neace Jr. as it does seem strange that the one

Joseph Mc Lemore stating under oath that he served with A. C. Neace Jr from 1863 to the close of the war 1865 when Mr Mc Lemore was captured in the Morgan raid through Kentucky and was made a prisoner by the Union Army. in which he joined and fought with them until the close of the war, and he is now drawing a pension for Union Services from the U.S. Government. and if you thought it best I would go and see Mr.

Mc Lemore as to how he could have made such a statement although I do not want any pay for my service as I feel it as much to protect the State treasury as much as I would my own Bank account. Now if there is any thing you wish me to do in this matter to get the records straight I hope you will feel free to call upon me. I do not make any charge for what I can do for the state. Now please let me hear from you by return mail

and if you wish any thing done in the matter let me know and advise me what to do.

yours Truly
Kelley Noble.

H. A. MILLER,

Attorney and Counselor at Law.

Fed. Ky., 9-14-1913 -

Confederate Pension Department,
Frankfort, Ky. -

Dear Mr. Stone:

In my previous letter I wrote you that if you required it I could furnish you with the best of proof that Kelley Noble was unworthy of belief under any consideration and he is a man who does not believe in the living existence of a Supreme Deity; and also his father, H. S. Noble -

He understood said that you recently wrote him that A. C. Mace's Jr.'s pension application was rejected - Now I want justice meted out to all alike, and I want to know if this is true - Also write me about A. C. Mace Sr.'s application - Has it been allowed?

Hoping to hear from you at once, I am, yours truly,

H. A. Miller.

September 17, 1913.

Mr. H. A. Miller.

Hod, Kentucky.

Dear Sir:-

I am in receipt of yours of the 14th. While Kelly Noble has written me some letters, he has furnished no proof nor has he attempted to furnish any, therefore it would not be necessary for you to furnish proof at this time of his unworthiness of belief.

The application of Mrs. Margaret Neace, the widow of Jacob Neace, is clearly proven and I have recommended its allowance.

There is an application on file here made for A. C. Neace, Jr., who says that he was a member of Company G, 10th Kentucky Cavalry (also designated 10th Kentucky Infantry), C.S.A., and he says that he was released at the end of the war, 1865, at Whitesburg, Kentucky, and that he was never in prison, was never paroled, and never took the oath to the United States Government. Daniel Frances and Joseph McLemore testify to his service from April, 1863, till the close of the war. An inquiry made of the War Dept. for any record that might be on file there of the service of A. C. Neace, Jr. brings the reply: "The name A. C. Neace, Jr. is not found on the records of Company G, 10th Kentucky Cavalry, but the name Austin Neace does appear, and he enlisted October 1, 1861, and was captured

April 25, 1864, in Perry County, Kentucky, and sent to Camp Morton, Indiana, and on March 15, 1865, he was sent to Point Lookout, Md. for exchange and was received by the Confederate authorities on James River March 23, 1865."

Now this is what is shown in the application and the proof, so that, if A. C. Neace, Jr. was correct in the statement in his application he could not have been the man whose record is on file in Washington, and leaves this application in such state of confusion that it is impossible to reach a definite conclusion as to it. There is no application on file in this office for A. C. Neace, Sr. If an application has been made in his case, and filed in the County Court, it is possible it has been left by mistake among the duplicates on file in the Clerk's office, and if that is true forward it to this office with a statement as to when it should have been mailed to this office and I will date its reception here accordingly.

Very truly,

Examiner.

WJS-C

September 29, 1913.

Mr. Kelly Noble,
Mad, Kentucky.

Dear Sir:-

I am in receipt of yours of the 27th, and note carefully what you say. As I have told you previously, there is no application on file in this office for A. C. Neace, Sr., nor for Austin Neace, Sr. I told you on August 12th that the records show nothing of the enlistment or service of A. C. Neace, Jr., but that the records did show that Austin Neace (without indicating whether it was Junior or Senior) enlisted October 1, 1861, and was captured April 25, 1864, and exchanged March 23, 1865. I could not say that I had recommended the allowance of a claim for Austin Neace because there is no application on file here for Austin Neace or A. C. Neace, Sr.

The application of Vina Noble was received at this office on the 11th day of September, 1913. If an application was made out and filed for A. C. Neace, Sr. and the duplicate is on file in the Clerk's office of your County, a copy of that duplicate, certified to by your County Clerk, including the findings of facts and summary of evidence required by the County Judge, may be forwarded to this office.

Very truly,

Examiner.

WJS-C

October 6th, 1913.

Mr. H. A. Miller,
Med, Kentucky.

Dear Sir:-

Replying to yours of recent date I find that the proof in the case of Daniel Francis is complete and I have recommended its allowance, and it will be allowed when reached by the Pension Board for consideration.

The application of Andrew T. Miller has not been reached for examination since the last proof sent in was filed.

In the matter of the application of Wiley Miller the proof shows that he enlisted Sept. 26, 1862, and was captured June 6, 1863, in Perry Co., Kentucky, and released April 11, 1864, at Point Lookout, Md. upon taking the oath of allegiance to the United States Government, which renders it impossible for the Pension Board to grant him a pension.

There is no proof on file here from the records of the War Dept. of the enlistment or service of A. C. Neace, Jr., and I think I have written you fully heretofore about the proof filed with this application. It is filed in the name of A. C. Neace, Jr. Two witnesses testify to the enlistment and service of A. C. Neace, Jr. from 1863 to 1865, and the war records show that Austin Neace served from October 1, 1861, till the close of the war. The proof necessary in this case is to show A. C. Neace, Jr. is the Austin Neace referred to in the war records.

I am unable to tell you when any application will be reached by the Pension Board for consideration, as they have no regular days of meeting.

A thorough search of the records of this office fails to show applications on file here for Harriet Napier and Edward Collinsworth and Auson Roberts.

Very truly,

WJS-C

Examiner.

State of Ky. }
Breathitt County } Set

Affidavit of G. W. Noble taken at, Dr.
S. J. Miller's in Breathitt County, Kentucky to
be read as evidence in behalf of A. C. Nease, Jr.
by Confederate Pension Department, Frankfort,
Kentucky, an applicant for pension, the witness
after being duly sworn by me true answers
to make to the following questions, disposes
and states as follows:

1. State your age, residence and occupation -

a. age 69 years. Ned, Ky. Evangelist -

2 q. How long have you been acquainted with the
applicant A. C. Nease, Jr.?

a. I have been acquainted with him during natural
life.

3 q. Was the applicant a soldier in the Confederate service?

a. He was - He was actually engaged in the
battles of Blountsville and Jonesville, Tenn., and was
then a Cavalary. In 13 Ky. Cavalary and wore
two spurs in the above battles, and the soldiers
called him "Captain Rush" on account of his
bravery -

4 q. How long did applicant serve in said service?

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A. He served over one year. Although I was not with him in all his services, but I have every reason to believe this from his absence and tales told by ~~those~~ those who are now dead, of his bravery. The applicant was a good soldier, and ~~I think~~ he enlisted in 1863.

Sig. G. W. Noble.

Subscribed and sworn to before me by
G. W. Noble.

This Oct. 24 - 13 -

H. A. Miller,
Ex. Breathitt County, Ky.

State of Ky.)
Breathitt Co. } Sub:

Affidavit of Teter Miller taken at the residence of H.A. Miller's in Breathitt Co. Ky. to be read as evidence by Confederate Pension Department at Frankfort, Ky. in behalf of A.C. Neace, Jr. an applicant for pension. The witness after being duly sworn by me true answers to make to the following questions, disposes and states as follows -

1 q. State your residence and occupation -

a. Residence: Perry Co. Ky. Occupation, farmer -

2 q. Are you acquainted with the applicant, A.C. Neace, Jr.?

a. I am.

3 q. How long have you known him?

a. During natural life -

4 q. Was you in the Confederate Service with him?

a. I was.

5 q. How long did said applicant serve?

a. I don't exactly know. But I served with him in the Confederate Service 14 months, and then by reason of disability I was discharged and left the army -

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59. Where did applicant enlist and when?

a. Enlisted at Whitesburg, Ky. April 1, 1863 -
under Col. Caudell's Command, ^{Gen} Marshall and
Major Chermeyworth -

Sig. Suter ^{his} Miller
mark.

Subscribed and sworn to before me by
Suter Miller,

This Oct. 24-73 -

H.A. Miller,
Esq., Breathitt Co. Ky. -

State of Kentucky,)
Breathitt County.) Sct.

Affidavit of Thomas Hughes, taken at the residence of H. A. Miller's, near Ned Postoffice, in Breathitt County, Kentucky, to be read as evidence in behalf of A. C. Neace, Jr., of Ned, Kentucky, by the Confederate Pension Department, at Frankfort, Kentucky, in his behalf, as an applicant for Pension under the Kentucky, Confederate Pension Act. The witness after being duly sworn by me true answers to make to the following questions, deposes and states as follows:

(1) Ques.-- State your age, residence and occupation.

Ans. Age about 73 years. Residence, Stacy, Ky., occupation, Farmer.

(2) Ques.-- State if you are acquainted with the applicant, A. C. Neace, Jr., and where does he reside?

Ans. I am. He resides Near Ned, Postoffice, Breathitt Co.

(3) Ques.-- State where you reside?

Ans. I reside near Stacy, Perry County, Kentucky.

(4) Ques.-- How long have you been acquainted with the applicant, A. C. Neace, Jr.?

Ans. I have known him during natural life.

(5) Ques. -- State if the applicant was a soldier in the Confederate service, and if so a member of what Command?

Ans. He was. Col. Caudell's Command. He belonged to Company G. 10th, Kentucky Infantry or Cavalry.

(6) Ques.-- State if you was present when the applicant, A. C. Neace, Jr., was released from Confederate service, when and where?

Ans. I was present when the applicant was released from service, He was released at Whitesburg, Kentucky, in April, but I dont now recall the day of the said month, in the year of 1865 at the close of the war.

(7) Ques. --- Did you see applicants discharge?

Ans. I did at the place above stated.

(8) Ques.--- Was he honorably discharged?

Ans. He was given an honorable discharge from the Confederate service.

(9) Ques.-- State if the applicant was an honorable soldier while in service?

Ans. From his discharge I am of the impression he was.

(Signed) Thomas L. Hughes
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Subscribed and sworn to before me by Thomas Hughes, this the 2, *day of*
July, 1914.

A. C. Miller
Examiner of Breathitt County.

State of Kentucky, }
Breathitt County. } Sc_t.

Affidavit of Andrew T. Miller taken at the residence of H. A. Miller's in Breathitt County, Kentucky, to be read as evidence by the Confederate Pension Department, at Frankfort, Kentucky, in behalf of A. C. Neace, Jr. applicant for Pension under the Kentucky Confederate Pension Act. The witness after being duly sworn by me true answers to make to the following questions, deposes and states as follows:

(1) State your age, residence and occupation.

Ans. Age, about 75 years. Residence, Manuel, Perry County, Kentucky. Occupation, farmer.

(2) Ques.-- State if you are acquainted with the applicant, A. C. Neace, Jr. and how long have you known him?

Ans. I am. I have known him during natural life.

(3) Ques.-- State if you was present when the applicant was discharged from Confederate service? and when and where?

Ans. I was present. He was discharged at Whitesburg, Kentucky, April, 1865, at the close of the war. I was not in the Confederate service then but I had gone there to meet some of the soldiers, and saw Mr. Neace the applicant receive a honorable discharge, from the Confederate authorities.

(4) Ques. -- State if the applicant made and honorable record as a soldier?

Ans. I thought so from his discharge.

(Signed) *Andrew T. Miller*
Miller

(2)

Subscribed and sworn to before me by Andrew T. Miller, this the
5th, day of June, 1914.

A. T. Miller

Examiner Breathitt County.

V. C. Mesco, Jr.

Notary Public

in

Breathitt County,

Kentucky

June 30, 1914.

H. A. Miller,

Ned, Kentucky.

Dear Sir:-

I am in receipt of yours of the 27th enclosing the affidavits of Andrew T. Miller and Thomas Hughes to be filed with the application of A. C. Neace, Jr. These affidavits are not clear. They say that they were present when A. C. Neace, Jr. was honorably discharged from the Confederate service in April, 1865, at Whitesburg, Ky. They do not state by whom they were discharged, nor to what command they belonged, and state that they did not belong to the army themselves, but were there by accident.

I infer that they are correct in having been at Whitesburg in April, 1865, but there is no record of any portion of the Confederate army having been surrendered, paroled, or discharged, at Whitesburg at any time, and as there is no record of the enlistment or service of A. C. Neace, Jr. as a Confederate soldier in the war records, it becomes entirely necessary that the proof in his case, to bring him within the provisions of the pension law, should be entirely clear and made by persons who served with him in the army.

And it should show plainly when he enlisted, how long he served, and when and how he got out of the army, and that he got out honorably. I write you thus fully in order that you may be able if possible to get the proof that will bring this man within the provisions of the law and to impress upon you the fact that the points mentioned above must be proven absolutely and clearly in order to comply with the law.

Very truly,

Commissioner.

WJS-C

H. A. MILLER

ATTORNEY AT LAW

Med, Ky. August 3, 1914.

Confederate Pension Department,
Frankfort, Ky.

Gentlemen:-

Find enclosed affidavit of John Neace in Favor of A. C. Neace, Jr.. If you will again look over the application and affidavits of applicant you will at once see that we have furnished plenty of evidence to support this claim. Please file this affidavit with the application and look over the evidence and let me know by return mail about the matter.

I am,

Very truly yours,

H. A. Miller

Ned, Ky., August 26, 1914.

Confederate Pension Department,
Frankfort, Ky.

Gentlemen:-

I would greatly appreciate the favor if you would look up the proof in the matter of A. C. Neace, Jr. together with the affidavit of John Neace recently sent in and inform me by early mail if the proof is complete, and whether he will be allowed a pension under the proof filed.

Also I would like to know the condition of the matter of Wiley Miller since I sent you his affidavit. Please let me hear from you at once in regard to this matter and greatly oblige,

Your friend,

H. A. Miller

P. S.

In the matter of Polly Sizemore I directed the clerk of the Breathitt County Court to furnish you the date that her application should have been forwarded from his office, and he informs me that he is not going to make any statement contrary to the one recently made making the date June the 12, 1912. He says that this is correct according to the record, and if it is I am the man that is mistaken. We will have to abide by the record of the County Clerk in this matter.

H A M.

Statet of Kentucky,
Breathitt County. Sct.

Affidavit of John Neace takened at the residence of H. A. Miller's in Breathitt County, Kentucky to be read as evidence in behalf of A. C. Neace, Jr., applicant for Pension under the Kentucky Confederate Pension Act, by the Confederate Pension Department at Frankfort, Kentucky. The witness after being duly sworn by me true answers to make to the following questions, deposes and states as follows:

1st Ques. -- State your age, residence and occupation?

1st, Ans- Age about 70 years; residence, Breathitt County, Ky., occupation Farmer.

2nd, Ques.-- State if you are acquainted with the applicant, A. C. Neace, Jr, and where dose he reside?

2nd Ans.-- I am. Resides in Breathitt County, Ky., and have known him during natural life.

3rd Ques. - State if you was in the Confederate service in the war of 1861-5 at anytime with the applicant?

3rd Ans.- I was with him in the latter part.

4th, Ques. - State if you was with him at the close of the war and if so where was you?

4th, Ans.- I was amember the same company and ridgment that applicant was, Company, G. 10th, Kentucky Infantry and we was repeased at the m end of the war in April, 1865 at Whitesburg, Kentucky. Applicant was a good soldier and made an honorable record.

Signed, John Neace

Subscribed and sworn to before me by John Neace, this the 3rd, day of August, 1914.

H. A. Miller
Examiner Breathitt County.

Ned. Ky., Sept 14-1914
Confederate Pension Department
Frankfort Ky.

Dear Sir: I understand that the Pension Department has allowed A. C. Neace Jr a Pension. which is not just to my personal knowledge. He was never a Confederate soldier. and his attorney through false affidavits sent you and has been ^{allowed} a Pension. I am a tax payer of the State of Kentucky and do not feel it just for the State and tax payers to pay an unlawful pension to those who is not entitled to it. I can furnish

you evidence that A. C. Neace Jr was never enlisted as a Confederate soldier. His father was a Union sympathizer and A. C. Neace Jr was with some Union men at the close of the war for protection from the Union men. so I understand. if you wish the evidence of the above fact let me know and I will send the affidavits of the fact. Also let me know at once how many affidavits H. A. Miller has sent you. In regard to Mr Neaces enlistment! and who they were?
yours truly
H. S. Noble

H. A. MILLER

ATTORNEY AT LAW

Mad, Ky. Sept. 21, 1914.

Confederate Pension Department,
Frankfort, Ky.

Dear Captain Stone:-

Your favor of September 10, 1914 is just before me for consideration. Will say that I am more than glad to know that you have decided to allow A. C. Neace, JR. a pension.

You say that you received a letter from M. C. Neace of this place bearing date of August 25th, in which he had informed you that he had been employed by A. C. Neace, Jr. to look after his pension application. Immediately on receipt of your letter I took the matter up with A. C. Neace, Jr. and showed him the letter I received from you and he said that he had not thought of such a thing as to ask an illiterate man to assist him in any business, and he did not authorize M. C. Neace nor no other Neace in this matter as he had employed me and expected me look after the matter for him. I want to inform you now that M. C. Neace is a man that no one who knows him will trust him in any way. He is illiterate, and a man of no good qualities, and it is an injustice to any man to even answer a letter written by him. As to who wrote the letter for him I am unable to tell. If you was here and look into his home you would decide with me before you heard any further proof on the matter.

As you understand that an attorney who is in the practice of law he has many enemies, and oftentimes they are seeking to injure him personally; and for this reason I would like to know plainly what H. S. Noble of this place wrote you about the other day. I have been informed that he is seeking for, and if he is it is a case of prejudice and I want to know about the matter so I can explain it to you should it become necessary. Mr. Noble is the father of Kelly Noble who attempted some time ago to injure the application of A. C. Neace, Jr. These people are men that don't believe they say in the existence of a Supreme Deity, and why would any one believe any statement made by such men, if it should be made about any matter.

Please let me know by return mail just what Noble wrote you, and if any thing about any of the applicants that I am working for please send me copy of the letter they wrote.

Anticipating an early reply for which I beg to thank you in advance.

I am,

Yours very truly,

H. A. Miller

P.S.

Please re-examine the application of Wiley Miller and write me at once. *H. A. M.*
as you promised to do sometime since

September 24, 1914.

H. A. Miller,
Ned, Kentucky.

Dear Sir:-

I am in receipt of yours of the 21st. As I have written you heretofore, the war records show that Wiley Miller enlisted September 26, 1862, in Company G, 13th Kentucky Cavalry, and he was captured June 6, 1863, in Perry Co., Kentucky and released April 11, 1864, at Point Lookout, Md. upon taking the oath of allegiance to the U. S. Government.

On the 6th day of August, 1914, Mr. Miller made an affidavit, which you forwarded to me, in which he states that he did not take the oath of allegiance but came out of the prison with a lot of men who did. In either case it would be impossible for him to be granted a pension under the law, for in either case it would show that he voluntarily left the service of the Confederate Government April 11, 1864, and there is no provision in the law that would bring him within its scope.

You ask me "what H. S. Noble wrote me about the other day". He said in his letter that "he understood the pension department had allowed A. C. Neace, Jr. a pension, which is not just to my personal knowledge. He was never a Confederate soldier. I am a tax-payer of the State of Kentucky and do not feel it just for the State and tax-payers to pay an unlawful pension to those who is not entitled to it. I can furnish you evidence that A. C. Neace, Jr. was never enlisted as a Confederate soldier. His father was a Union sympathizer, and A. C. Neace, Jr. was with some Union men at the close of the war for protection from the Union Men. So I understand if you wish the evidence of the above facts let me know and I will send the affidavits of the facts". That letter was dated Sept. 14, 1914, and signed by H. S. Noble.

In reply to the above letter I wrote Mr. Noble telling him that if he could furnish any such proof as he suggested, to do so at once if he intended to, and also wrote him that Kelly Noble had had some correspondence with me relative to the application of A. C. Neace, Jr. about a year ago, and that I had told him if he

could furnish proof to sustain the statements he made, to do so, and that up till this time he had furnished no proof of any kind, and since my letter to H. S. Noble he has filed no proof.

I wrote both Kelly Noble and H. S. Noble to file the proof so that ~~there was no~~ neither myself nor the office could be accused of having disregarded any communication that came to me proposing to furnish proof as to the justice or injustice of an application, and ofcourse if proof should be furnished by responsible parties to sustain the statements made in H. S. Noble's letter, the application of A. C. Neace, Jr. would necessarily be held up until the matter could be investigated thoroughly. Otherwise, the application of A. C. Neace, Jr. will be allowed when reached in regular order.

Very truly,

Commissioner.

WJS-C

Ned, Ky., Oct. 6, 1914.

Hon. W. J. Stone,
Frankfort, Ky.

Dear Sir:-

Through my attorney, H. A. Miller, of this place, I made application May, 1912 for pension, under the Kentucky Confederate Pension Act, granting pensions to Disabled and indigent Confederate soldiers, and since that time Kelly Noble and H. S. Noble his father have been threatening to stop my pension, because I voted for a man for the office of school trustee in our Sub-district who was and is opposed to any treachery in school matters, as are agitated in our Sub-district for several years by H. S. Noble. They ask me to vote for their candidate and I refused to do it owing to the fact however that I did not want to further any plan to wrong our bright boys and girls out of their just rights, as provided by the laws of our State for their education; and that I knew if I should vote for Nobles candidate I would be casting a vote to the detriment of *our* people. So I stand for right, and will vote my sentiments in all elections, regardless of the threats of any man or set of men.

I was a true Confederate soldier and fought for that cause, and am now destitute of this world's goods and this is one reason why that I am an applicant for pension-in order to obtain some means of support in my old and feeble days. I am hardly able to travel by foot or on horse back. I am afflicted at present with a serious case, apparently of "Phthisic".

My lawyer tells me that you have wrote him that these men are trying to injure my just claim by writing you that I was never in the Confederate service, and they tell me that they will swear to an affidavit that they have never wrote you about my pension. If they should do so there is no one here that knows them that will believe it, as they are men that proress no truth and varacity, and in fact are not considered as truthful men under any circumstances. They don't like my attorney, H. A. Miller from the fact however, that he is a smart man and lives in thas vicinity. They are trying to beat his brother out of a farm that he bought and paid his honest earned money for, and Mr. Miller is able to cope with them and thereby prevent their wronging his brother in this matter, and they are anxious to get him out of the way, if possibae.

I have been reliably informed that H. S. Noble received an other letter on the 5th day of this month from you, and if this is true I would like to know what it contained. Please keep me and my attorney informed about the matter.

Expecting to hear from you by early mail.

Yours very truly,

A. C. Neace, Jr.

H. A. MILLER,

ATTORNEY AT LAW.

RED, KY., June 19 - 1916 -

Confederate Pension Dept.,
Frankfort, Ky.
Dear Captain Stone:

I have been recently reliably informed that pensioner, A. C. Neace, Jr. of this place was never enlisted as a soldier in the Confederate service in the war between the States. That all the evidence including his affidavit are absolutely false, and were furnished for the sole purpose of defrauding the State, and for Mr. Neace's affidavit in various cases, in behalf of those who give them to support their claims. Now I am the attorney that represented Neace's case, and while working for him and for quite awhile after his pension was allowed I earnestly believed his claim was just. But since I am thoroughly convinced that I was deceived,

I am a friend to and sympathize

with Mr. Nease's poverty, and I assure you this is not the result of hard feelings toward my friend Nease, as he treats me kind and is my friend; but knowing any pensioner was drawing an unjust claim from the State when I was an attorney in the matter and should fail to report the fact when the truth was discovered I would be as I consider it defrauding the tax-payers of our Noble Commonwealth.

The two affidavits of John Nease and Tabitha Nease filed with this case is true this far:— That he was with the soldiers but was not enlisted as he was too young. They were honest in these affidavits but were evidently mistaken.

I am sorry I am compelled by my conscience to write you the facts in this matter as I received from a source that is wholly reliable. This pensioner's claim were opposed by Kelly and H. S. Noble

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and while they did so I thought and do know that they did what they did as a result of hard feelings, but were yet telling you the truth but I did not know it then, but do now.

Mr. Nease placed this claim in ^{my} hands when he applied for permission to prosecute it for him telling me he was acily entitled to it thereby deceiving me.

All I have more to say is that I feel relieved of a burden by writing you these facts.

Please acknowledge receipt of this letter by return mail.

Yours very truly,
H.A. Miller

State of Ky., }
Breathitt Co } Set.

The affiant, A. C. Mace, Sr., says in this affidavit that he was a member of Co. G, 10th, Ky. Infantry in the war between the States of 1861-1865, from 1861-65 and that A. C. Mace, Jr. was never a member of any Command, nor was he a member of our Company in the service of the Confederate cause. That any evidence contrary to this is absolutely false.

(Sig) A. C. Mace Sr.

Subscribed and sworn to before me
by A. C. Mace, Sr., this July 8, 1916-

Alfred Russell Clerk B. C.
by Kelley Noble D. C.

State of Ky. }
Breathitt Co. } Set.

The affiant John Collinsworth says in this affidavit that he enlisted in Co. G. 10th Ky. Infantry in the fall of 1862 and served awhile and then left the service. That A.C. Nease, Jr. never was a member of any Company in the Confederate Army during the war of 1861-65; That he was at home when the war closed. That he was too young to enter the army. Only that he was out with some of the Confederate soldiers toward the latter end going with them to Tennessee but was never enlisted nor recognized as a soldier by any authority. He staid with a little while coming back home. his
Sig. John Collinsworth
more

Subscribed and sworn to before me by
John Collinsworth this the 12 day of Feb. 1917.
Alfred Russell C.B.C.
By Kelley Noble D.C.

February 17th, 1917.

H. A. Miller,
Ned. Ky.

Dear Sir:-

I am in receipt of yours of the 12th inst. enclosing affidavits to be filed with the application of A. C. Neace, Jr.

These affidavits seem conclusive that A. C. Neace, Jr. was not a soldier, but I shall investigate further, and you can furnish me any other proof you desire.

Very truly,

Commissioner.

WJS-C

February 17th, 1917.

A. C. Neace, Jr.,

Ned, Kentucky.

Dear Sir:-

Affidavits have just been filed in this office in which it is shown that you were never a member of the Confederate army, and the affiants appear to be in a position to know the things they state to be true, and unless these statements are shown to be untrue your name will be dropped from the pension roll.

Very truly,

Commissioner.

WJS-C

March the, 6, 1917.

I Austin Meace Sr,
make oth that I did not
mean to say that A. C.
Meace Jr. was never a
confederate soldier, but
I meant to say he did not
belong to Company "G" while
I was in it. I am infor-
med that Co. G. was re-org-
anized after I was captured,
and A. C. Meace Jr. joined
the re-organization.

I positively state that
I do not know that he
was not a confederate
soldier, A. C. Meace Sr

Ned, Ky March the 16, 1917.

Mr. W. J. Stone,
Frankfort, Ky.

Sir: enclosed find two affidavits, and if
this is not enough. To make satisfac-
tion for A. C. Meace Jr. let me know at
once, and if enough notify me also.

Your friend,
Ned Turner.

Sworn and subscribed
to before me this March
the 6, 1917.

Alfred Russell Clark
by, John H. Combs
Deputy Clerk.

Last Creek Ky.

March, the 16 = 1914.

This is to certify that Ambros Watts. a
Soldier in the Army. with A.C. Neace, Jr.
both in Company G. were together and
saw each other. very often, and I
know that A.C. Neace, Jr. was a Soldier
in the Army in Company G. and I
know that he was in the Confederate Army.

Ambros^{his} Watts.
mark

Witness

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Subscribed and sworn to before me
this March, the 16, = 1914

Alfred Russell, C.B.C.C.,
By Nick. Deaton, D.C.

Breachtit Co, Ky,
March the 16, 1917,

I Daniel Francis make oth that I
served in the Confederate army with
A. C. Neace Jr. in the years 1863 & 1864.

He was a good soldier in my
judgement.

Signed

his
Daniel + Francis
mark

Witnesses

Taylor Watts

Cora Watts

Sworn and subscribed to before
me by Daniel Francis.

This March 16, 1917,

Alfred Russell Clerk,
by John H. Combs
Deputy Clerk,

Neel, Ky.

State of Ky.)
Breathitt Co.) Set.

The affiant, James Guinn, says in this affidavit that he is acquainted with Mr. A. C. Neave, Jr. of Ned, Ky., and have known him for about 60 years, and married his sisters and that he was not in the Confederate Army when the war closed in 1865, but he was ~~at~~ in Lee County with the Union soldiers for protection.

Sig James ^{his} Guinn

Subscribed and sworn to before me by
James Guinn this month 19 - 1917.
Alfred Russell C.B.C.
By Kelley Noble D.C.

Ned, Ky., March 20, 1917.

Confederate Pension Department,

Frankfort, Ky.

Dear Captain Stone:-

I wrote you a few days ago, and requested an answer at once, and up to the present I have not been favored with a reply.

Ned Turner, has brought to to our vicinity the expressions that you told him that if Kelly Noble, A. L. Miller or myself written him that you would cast our correspondence into the waste-basket, and my failure to to receive a reply from you warrants me in partly believing the statement, although Turner is not noted as a truth-teller under any circumstances.

I frankly desire to say that I see no reason why you should believe the statements of any man who has a desire to injure every good element that he comes to a knowledge of. Why, I am reliably informed that he took one of the worst dives of Perry County with him to Frankfort, introducing her as his wife. This fact can be proven by good citizens.

He is scorned at by every good and worthy citizen in our vicinity, because he is so base and uses such base language before a man's family that people that care for the welfare of their wife and children, don't want him among them. I have known instances in which a neighbor would see him coming they would either shut their doors and remain quite or would get their wife and children and leave their residence until he left.

My brother, A. L. Miller who is deputy State Counsellor of the Jr. O. U. M.A., presiding over five orders said that he believed that Turner might prove to be a better man if he should permit him as a member in one of his orders, so Turner filed his application and on the endorsement of my brother he was accepted as a member and the very next day he began cursing the order, saying that they were a band of low-down vagrants, and telling the people he only joined them to learn what they were doing. Now he has been notified by the proper authorities to answer an accusation brought by the order to discharge him. The evidence are plain, and in my judgment, no doubt he will be discharged at once.

Even an order has been given I understand to remove a 'phone box from his residence, severin all connection from communication by wire with other people owing to his depraved inatility in keeping contracts even with business concerns.

If you will grant me the permission, I will demanstrate to your entire satisfaction by the best and most influencial men of Breathitt and Perry Counties that every word I tell you are facts, and that A. L. Miller is an honest man, and that Kelley Noble and myself are men of fair dealings and entitled to and worthy of belief. I can get these endorsements from men in high positions--State and County officials.

Please ask Mr. Luke P. Grigsby, Guard of the State penitentiary, about myself and A. L. Miller, and I will assure you that he will tell you no untruth. He is from Perry County. I could refer you to hundreds of such people, if required.

Because I am indicted in the Breathitt Circuit Court for forgery, is no reason why I am guilty. Turner is the very man that had this done, because I lawed him for a fee in a lawsuit, and reproved him to his face for not keeping his contrats as a school trustee in our Sub-district. He hates A. L. Miller because swore out a warrant for two of Turner's work hands and had them fined in a Justice Court for rolling rail-road ties over his corn field and distoying his corn without his consent. He is angry at Kelley Noble because he is a better man than ~~Turner~~ Turner.

If you doubt my statements send a man up here to investigate the matter and I will take pleasure in proving to him that these thigs are true.

You will please find enclosed affidavit to be filed as evdence against the pension matter of A. C. Neace, Jr. as per my promises in former letters.

Kindly let me haer from you by return mail, explaining fully to me your impression in thet matter, for which I beg to thank you in advance,

I am, Yours very truly,

A. L. Miller

Ned, Ky. March 27, 1917.

Mr. W. J. Stone:

Frankfort, Ky.

Dear Sir:

I will write you in regard to A. C. Neace Jr. as I have not heard from you since I mailed you the affidavit, and if there has not been sufficient evidence to place him back on the Pension Roll please notify me, as I am able to furnish the evidence of two or three more testimonies from Confederate Soldiers. That he was a soldier in the Civil War with them.

I am informed that H. A. Miller is still trying to defeat him out of the claim which is undoubtedly due him.

If you desire references as to this mans standing in the community ~~com~~ around here ask Rev. Elias Mullins, General Merchandise Dealer, Manuel, Ky. also First National Bank, Jackson, Ky. and the Post Master at Ned, Ky. Jeremiah Combs.

Also you will find enclosed herewith M. C. Neaces' signature on a check given AUG. 6, 1915, also his name written in my presence on March 10th. 1916. for you to compare with his signatures which you have on file in your office in connection of the prosecution of the Wiley Miller claim. Also I furnish you with an Affidavit from M. C. Neace stating that he never did sign or give any one else the relief to sign his name to any paper in connection with the Wiley Miller Claim

Undoubtley this is enough to convince you that his motive could not possibly be anything else but preudice alone. as for myself I firmly believe that A. C. Neace is as much entitled to a pension under the law as any one on the pension Pay roll. for the reason that for the last thirty-five years, I have heard more talk of his being a soldier in the Civil War than any other soldier in this part of the country. And that he is today in need, and has always been a loyal and good citizen. and to over-thow him would be an open shame.

yours truly
Ned Turner

March 30th, 1917.

A. C. Neace, Jr.,

Hod., Ky.

Dear Sir:-

On the 17th day of February I informed you that information had been filed with your application to the effect that you were not entitled to a pension because of the fact that you did not serve till the close of the war, and I informed you that unless proof was filed to show this information was not correct your name would be dropped from the pension roll.

No proof has been filed to show that the statements are not true. These last affidavits that were filed state positively and clearly that if you were with the army at all it was only for a short period and that you was not recognized as a soldier, and that when the war closed you were staying with some federal soldiers or home guards for the purpose of being protected. Therefore your name is dropped from the pension roll on March 17th, which is thirty days (as provided in the law) from which you were first given this information set out above.

Very truly,

Commissioner.

WJS-C

March 30th, 1917.

Ned Turner,

Ned, Kentucky.

Dear Sir:-

I am in receipt of yours of the 27th inst. enclosing an affidavit made by A. C. Neace, Sr. to be filed with the application of A. C. Neace, Jr. This affidavit does not repute the one formerly filed. He simply says that he does not know that A. C. Neace, Jr. was not a soldier. This affidavit was made on March 6th, and I had received it some days ago. It was the other papers which you enclosed with this last letter that I referred to at the beginning of this letter. The signature on this check, and as written on the piece of paper which you enclose, shows plainly that H. C. Neace's name was not signed by him in connection with the affidavits of the claim of Wiley Miller, and I have filed these papers with the application of Wiley Miller to show that I am correct in this decision.

Very truly,

Commissioner.

WJS-C

April 11th, 1917.

Ned Turner,

Ned, Ky.

Dear Sir:-

I am in receipt of yours of the 9th inst.

The affidavits to which you refer have been received here, but these affidavits do not disprove the proof that has been filed here showing that A. C. Neace, Jr. is not entitled to a pension.

A. C. Neace, Sr., in the affidavit which you sent to this office, says that he does not know that A. C. Neace was not a soldier, but that he does know that he was not a member of Co. G, of the 10th Kentucky Inf'y. (later 13th Cavalry) up to the time he, A. C. Neace, Sr., was captured.

Ambrose Watts says that he and A. C. Neace, Jr. were in Company G, and that he knows Neace was a soldier, and that is all he says about it. David Frances says that he served in the army with A. C. Neace, Jr. in the year 1863 and 1864. So that to make the best of these affidavits possible they would show that A. C. Neace, Jr. was in Company G for a short time, but there is no proof to show the length of his service if he was in.

The affidavits filed for the purpose of showing that he was not entitled to a pension state positively and plainly that he was not only not in the army when the war closed, but was with a command of Union soldiers or "Home Guards", claiming to be there for protection, and this proof taken with other information that has reached this office relative to this matter, there is no course left open with me but to drop his name from the pension roll, as I informed him some weeks ago.

Very truly,

Commissioner.

WJS-C

Med, Ky. April the 18, 1917.

Mr. W. J. Stone,

Frankfort, Ky.

Sir; I am sorry to be informed that you have dropped A. C. Meace Jr. from the pension roll, one of Ky. oldest and best Confederate soldiers, on false statements made against him. I could have furnished you with the affidavits of three more Confederate soldiers who served with him in the war for two years or more, but affidavits written by any body except H. A. Miller, and certified to by Kelly Noble seems to have no effect.

Mr. H. A. Miller says when my efforts all fail, he will then have Meace's pension restored, and he boasts about his personal influence with you, and to my knowledge he is today living on the money paid by the State as a pension to Andrew Furgate by Wiley Miller, and I have about decided to turn the claim of A. C. Meace over to him, and he claims that he will restore G. W. Noble's pension also.

The reason why they do these things with so much ease, they use any body they want, whether present or absent for witnesses.

and I tried to convince you of this fact by
sending you the signature of M. E. Meace,
~~but~~ and you acknowledged it to be a real
forgery, but yet it effected nothing with you.

It seems to this country as a downright
shame, and an outright disgrace to drop the name
of A. C. Meace under the color by which it was
done, and ~~under~~ the legitimacy of his claim.

To make the matter plain, it seems to this
community of robbing a man of his just and
lawful rights, that is not able even to work
and has no means of support, (good as dead) to
sate the feelings of retaliating designers,
whos statements are false by 999 + 1.

I remain yours for honest business,

Med Turner,

P.S. You may publish in any paper you
please.

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NED, KY.

May 28 1917.

Confederate Pension Department,
Frankfort, Ky.

Dear Captain Stone:-

I notice in the Cincinnati Enquirer of May 24, 1917, on page 8, 1st column that the Board on May 23, allowed Mr. A. C. Neace, Jr. of Ned, Kentucky, and Wiley Miller of Manuel, a pension, and write to ask you if these things are facts, and on what evidence were this done, if done on evidence?

As previously written you that I never wanted the pension of Mr. Neace cancelled but that I desired to present to you the proof that Mr. Neace was wrongfully granted a pension, and that I had as his attorney been deceived in thinking that he had sworn the truth when in fact and in justice he had not. Therefore I presented to you evidence that he was not entitled to receive a pension and furnished the information that if by coercion every old man and woman here would swear that he was not in the Confederate Service when the war closed. I have cleared my conscience, have you?

The pension of Wiley Miller ought to have been cancelled, and I furnished you enough of evidence to show that he was not entitled to a pension, and every old man and woman here if forced will swear that Mr. Miller was not a soldier after he returned from prison at Lookout, Md.

I stand with both feet on the platform of justice and will say that don't see why a man should be allowed a pension and rob the pockets of the tax-payers of the State to satisfy the greedy desire of a man whose soul is blacker than sin and more corrupt than the demons of hell.--or in other words to save that man the sum of one hundred and twenty-five dollars.

Please let me hear from you by early mail, outlining the matter in detail to me.

I am,
Yours very truly,

H. A. Miller

Ned, Ky., July 2. 1917.

Mr A. C. Neace, Jr.,

Ned, Ky.

Dear Sir:-

I have learned from investigation that the evidence furnished me by John Collinsworth, Mollie Collinsworth, James Gwin and A. C. Neace, Sr., and which I sent to the Confederate Pension Department at Frankfort, Ky. and on the strenght of which your pension was cancelled. I am sorry that such is the case, Also sorry that you have so many foes that are seeking your distruction.

Any thing that I could do to help you get your pension matter fixed up again for you I would certainly do at any time. Should Captain Stone call on me fo r any, information along this line I would be more than glad to furnish it.

Very truly yours,

H. A. Miller.

Ned, Ky. July the 18, 1917.
Mr. W. J. Stone,
Frankfort, Ky.

Dear Sir: I will write you in regard to my
deceased fathers pension. ... Some time ago my
father A. C. Meace Jr. received a check with
notice that he was dropped from the pension
roll; some time after that I was informed by
a news paper that his pension was restored,
and as no voucher has been sent him I am
moved to ask you if his pension was really
restored or not, if so I desire to take steps to
collect the allowance, as the old man is dead.

Please inform me at once,
Yours truly,
Mc Cager Meace.

Ned, Ky., July 25, 1917
W. J. Stone Commissioner
Frankfort, Ky.

Dear Sir:- In reply to your letter
of July 21, will say that my
father A. C. Meace Jr died on July
11, 1917. died of heart failure.

Yours truly
Mc Cager Meace.