

(ORIGINAL)

## Soldier's Application for Pension

I, ..... William H. Condit .....  
am a citizen of Kentucky, resident at Hortford, Boyle, in the County of Ohio .....  
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 "A" 13th Kentucky Cavalry .....  
Lyon's Brigade, Forrest's Cavalry, C.S.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 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 Muhlenberg County, Kentucky, July 1st, 1843.

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

Answer October 1863, J. Q. Chenoweth's Command .....  
Lieut. Col. James Cunningham, Capt. T. H. Shanks, .....  
1st Lieut. Frank Plancan, 2nd Lieut. John B. Spaulding, .....  
3rd Lieut. Frank Reid .....

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

Answer Was captured in April, 1865, at Morganfield, Ky., .....  
and forlorn. .....

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

Answer Yes, at Henderson, Ky., released in July, 1862.

Were you paroled? If so, when and where?

Answer Yes, in July, 1862, at Henderson, Ky., and in April .....  
1865, at Morganfield, Ky. .....

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

Answer Yes .....

If so, when and under what circumstances?

Answer July, 1862, and April, 1865; was captured and compelled .....  
to take the oath both times. .....

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

Answer Farming. Corn about \$75.00 per year.

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

Answer None.

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

Answer Has dower interest in 160 acres of land worth about \$1500.00 and which is occupied by her children. One old horse worth \$25.00 and one cow worth \$40.00

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 \$190.00 derived from labor and sale of farm products.

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 of my life.

Have you an attorney to look after this application?

Answer Yes.

If so, give his name and address?

Answer Yancy K. Mosley, Hartford, Kentucky.

Witness my hand this 3rd day of June 1912.

WITNESSES:

A. B. Riley, Physician

Postoffice Address Hartford, Ky.

Comstock A. Henderson, Witness

Postoffice Address Hartford, Ky., Route 6

Charles Frankler, Westerfield, Witness

Postoffice Address Hartford, Ky., Route 6

William H. Condiff

P. O. Hartford, Kentucky

Street and No. (if any)

R. F. D. (if any) No. 0

STATE OF KENTUCKY

Ohio County

I, R. R. Wedding, Judge of said County,

certify that William H. Condiff and his wife Mary Hamilton, now Condiff are assessed with 8 1/2 acres, valued at \$1325.00, and with \$290.00 of personal property.

Witness my hand this 4th day of June 1912.

R. R. Wedding, Judge County Court.

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

STATE OF KENTUCKY

Ohio County } Personally appeared before me, Verma W. Duke, a Notary Public of said County, the above named William H. Condit, 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 3rd day of June, 1912.

Verma W. Duke

STATE OF KENTUCKY

Ohio County } Personally appeared before me, Verma W. Duke, a Notary Public of said County, the above named A. B. Riley 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 H. Condit, the applicant, and find him laboring under the following disabilities: Unable to earn a support by manual labor.

Has a large Hernia (Liquinas) on right side Has abd. prot. + dislocation of right elbow also has a trouble of Arteries Ventricles valve on right side of heart

Witness my hand and seal of office, this 3rd day of June, 1912.

Verma W. Duke

(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

Ohio County } Personally appeared before me, Verma W. Duke, a Notary Public of said County, the above named Curtis A. Hodson and Charles Franklin Westfield, 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 Curtis A. Hodson further make oath to the following facts touching the applicant's service in the Confederate army.

State here what witnesses know of their own knowledge.

That applicant belonged to the same Company and served with witness in the Confederate Army and that witness remembers well to have seen applicant at the battles of Grubbs Cross roads, Johnsonville and Hopkinville.

Witness my hand and seal of office, this 3rd day of June, 1912.

Verma W. Duke

Notary Public, Ohio County, Ky. My Commission expires Mar. 3, 1914.

No. 2379

STATE OF KENTUCKY

Soldier's Application for Pension

*Wm. S. Bunsdy*

Co. .... Rgt. ....

Filed *SEP 13 1912*

Allowed .....

Read Specifications on Back.

- SPECIFICATIONS
1. ....
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  4. ....
  5. ....

*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.

*William S. Bunsdy  
P. - Certificate claim  
Comptroller of Kentucky*

*Filed June 4<sup>th</sup> 1912  
W. J. Pringley clerk  
By S. A. Warner W. J.*

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WAR DEPARTMENT,

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

WASHINGTON, Sept. 16, 1912.

Respectfully returned to the

Examiner,  
Confederate Pension Department,  
Frankfort, Ky.

No record whatever has been  
found in this Department of Wm. H.  
Cundiff as a member of Company A,  
13th Kentucky Cavalry, Confederate  
States Army.

*Geo. Andrew*

The Adjutant General.

(A. G. O. 74)

R. F. D. No. 6, Hartford, Ky.,

July 17, 1912.

Capt. W. J. Stone, Examiner,  
Confederate Pension Dept.,  
Frankfort, Ky.

Dear Comrade:

Enclosed with this you  
will find the certificates and affidavits  
of A. Cundiff and W. J. Galvert, who  
served with me in the Confederate  
Cavalry (Forrest's). In the fight  
at Hopkinsville I was cut off from  
Lyon's Brigade. When captured at  
Morganfield, Apr. 1865, as a matter  
of course, I felt bound to take  
the Federal Oath, (over)

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

HEADQUARTERS

# Confederate Pension Department

W. J. STONE, EXAMINER  
FRANKFORT, KY.

SEP 13 1912 191 \_\_\_\_\_

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

Dear Sir:

*Wm H. Gundiff*

who is an applicant for Pension under the Kentucky Pension law, claims  
to have been a member of Company *A-13<sup>th</sup> Ky*  
Regiment *Coan* C. S. A., and to have been

Please give me the record of this soldier.

Respectfully,

*W. J. Stone*  
Examiner.

which was administered to me  
at Henderson, Ky., by  
Maj. W. H. Shook,  
Comdg Post.

I hope now my proof is  
satisfactory, and that I will  
be granted the pension.

I sorely need it.

I surely deserve it. for I  
staid with the Confederate Cause  
till after Gen. Lee's surrender.

Your friend and comrade  
*William H. Gundiff,*  
Q. F. D. No. 6,  
Hartford,  
Ky.

April 5, 1913.

Mr. William H. Cundiff,  
R. F. D. #6,  
Hartford, Ky.

Dear Sir:-

Upon examination of the proff filed with your application I find that there is no record proof of your enlistment or service. One witness swears that he remembers to having seen you while in the army on two or three occasions, but there is no proof as to length of service and none as to how or when you got out of the army. Proof on these points necessary. Get all you can/and forward to this office, and your application will then be ready to be submitted to the Pension Board for its final decision.

Yours truly,

Examiner.

WJS-C

Paragould, Arkansas, June, 27, 1913.

CERTIFICATE AND AFFIDAVIT

I, the undersigned, A Cundiff, of Paragould, State of Arkansas being duly sworn do make oath and testify that I was a Confederate soldier, and that I know ~~that~~ of my own personal knowledge that William H Cundiff was also a Confederate soldier; that he was sworn into the military service of the Confederate States of America by Lieutenant, James Harley, on or about October, 20, 1863; that he was a member of Company A. Capain --- Shanks, 13th Regiment, Kentucky Calvary, Confederate States of America, commanded by Colonel James Quilbert Chenoweth, and attached to Brigadier General Hyland B Lyon's Brigade of Lieutenat General N B Forest's Division

He further states that the said William H Cundiff made a true and faithful Confederate soldier while I was with him which was until December 1863 when I was captured by the Federals at Nashville Tennessee under General Thoms

A Cundiff

Subscribed and sworn to before me this June, 27, 1913

S. M. Shane

Notary Public

my commission expires August 23 1915

Paragould, Arkansas, June, 28, 1913

~~7070707070~~ CERTIFICATE AND AFFIDAVIT ~~7070707070~~

<sup>2</sup>  
We, the undersigned, ~~W T Calvert~~ W T Calvert, of Paragould, Greene County, State of Arkansas, being duly sworn do make oath and testify that <sup>2</sup> ~~we were~~ <sup>was</sup> Confederate soldier, and that we know of our own ~~own~~ <sup>my</sup> certain knowledge that William H Cundiff, was also a Confederate soldier; that he was sworn into the ~~Confederate~~ military service of the Confederate State of America by Lieutenant, James Harley, on or about ~~the~~ October 20, 1863; that he was a member of Company A. Captain -- Shanks, 13th Regiment, Kentucky Cavalry, Confederate States of America, commanded by Colonel James Quilbert Chenoweth, and attached to Brigadier General ~~Hyland B Lyon's~~ Hyland B Lyon's Brigade of Lieutenant <sup>Gen</sup> Forests's Division

<sup>2</sup> We further state that we know of ~~our own~~ <sup>my own</sup> personal knowledge that the said William H Cundiff was captured by the enemy at Morganfield Kentucky and paroled by Captain -- Kesse, commanding scouts (Federal) on or about April, 22, 1865, and that he took the Federal oath, administered at Henderson Kentucky by Major, W H Shook, commanding post/on or about <sup>(Federal)</sup> ~~the~~ April, 24, 1865.

<sup>2</sup> We further state that said William H Cundiff, was a true and faithful soldier until after the surrender of General Robert E. Lee, Confederate States of America; that the reason he was captured at Morganfield Kentucky, was that he was cut off from General Lyon's force in a ~~fight~~ fight at Hopkinsville, Kentucky, with General McCook's Federal troops, and being unable to rejoin his own command was compelled to remain in Kentucky with a few other Confederate soldiers who also had been dispersed, until he and they were captured near Morganfield, Union County Kentucky, as before stated

W. T. Calvert

Subscribed and sworn to before me this ~~28th~~ June, 29, 1913.

S. M. Shaw

Notary Public.

My commission expires August 23, 1915

Ohio County Court.

Regular August Term, August 5th, 1912.

In the matter of claim for  
Confederate pension of William  
H. Cundiff.

This claim coming on to be heard, the witness  
J. H. Ambrose being first duly sworn states as follows:

Q. State your age, residence, occupation and post  
office address.

A. 54, live in Ohio County, Hartford, Ky., Route 5.

Q. Do you know the applicant William H. Cundiff?

A. Yes sir.

Q. How long have you known him?

A. Some thirty years I guess.

Q. How long to your knowledge has Mr. Cundiff  
been continuously a resident of the state of Kentucky?

A. Ever since I knew him, over thirty years.

Q. What is Mr. Cundiff's age, about what if you  
don't know exactly?

A. Somewhere about 70.

Q. How far do you live from where Mr. Cundiff  
resides?

A. Half a mile I guess.

Q. How long has he lived where he now resides?

A. He has been living there - not exactly at that  
place but about the same distance for two or three or four years.

Q. How long has he been married to his last wife?

A. It has not been so very long.

Q. State about how long if you don't know.

A. It has been six or seven months I guess.

Q. What is the condition of Mr. Cundiff's health and his ability to do manual labor, or mental labor, and earn a support in that way?

A. Mr. Cundiff's health is reasonably fair for a man of his age, but of course I don't think he is able to do very much work.

Q. He does work I believe a small portion of the time, does he not?

A. Yes, he works all he can work and always has so far as I know.

Q. What property, real and personal, has Mr. Cundiff?

A. None that I know of at all.

Q. I believe his wife owns a tract of land does she not?

A. Yes sir.

Q. Do you know anything about an anti-nuptial agreement between Mr. Cundiff and his wife whereby he is to have no interest in her property and no claim for support in any way as a husband?

A. Yes sir, I read the contract.

Q. What is that agreement?

A. It cuts the old man out the best I can see of everything.

Q. How does Mr. Cundiff make his living now, do you know?

A. He has got no other way of making a living only what little he works for, so far as I know.

Q. What sort of work does he do?

A. Farm work.

Q. He does at times work out by the day doesn't he?

A. Yes, he has worked out some.

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Q. What is his total income from all sources?

A. Don't know anything except from what little he earns by what little work he does.

Q. Can't you give an idea about what the earnings from his labor amount to annually?

A. No, I can't exactly say, I don't know, it is small though, is best I know of it; really don't know anything about it except he worked for Mr. Lake and I think his wages were very small, before he married.

Q. State whether or not it is true he has been working around at various places for years for his victuals and clothes, where he could get work?

A. He has done a great deal of work to my knowledge.

Gross-examination by County Attorney.

Q. What property does his wife own?

A. She owns a farm.

Q. What kind of a farm?

A. A reasonably fair farm.

Q. How much is there of it?

A. I don't know just exactly how much of the farm there is.

Q. State about how much?

A. Well there must be somewhere along from 120 to 125 acres.

Q. What kind of land is it?

A. Reasonably fair land, there is some little bottom land on it and hill land attached together.

Q. Does this contract as you refer to as being an anti-nuptial contract between he and his wife, preclude him from using the land?

A. There is something said in the contract about him working on the land, but I don't remember what that was. I don't think he is prohibited from working on the land what he can.

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Q. Does he or not use the land, or cultivate it?

A. He is working there on the farm, yes.

Q. Do you think he is unable to make a living off the farm?

A. It would be a poor living in my judgment.

Q. Do you know his exact age?

A. No, not exactly.

Q. What relation, if any, are you to him?

A. None in the world that I know of.

Q. Has he any children?

A. Yes sir.

Q. Does he own any personal property?

A. None that I know of.

Q. To whom does the stock, horses and cattle on the farm belong?

A. They belong to Mrs. Hamilton I think, possibly the boys have some stock there.

Re-Direct Examination.

Q. Do any of Mrs. Hamilton's children live there on the farm with her and cultivate the land?

A. Yes sir.

Q. How many of them?

A. I think two of the boys.

Q. As a matter of fact what work Mr. Cundiff does on the farm is done at the instance of his wife, working a little crop for her, is that a fact?

A. It seems to me sorther that that was the understanding, I wouldn't be positive about that, I know he was doing some work there.

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Also the witness Thomas Hamilton, who being first duly sworn testified as follows:

Q. State your age, residence, occupation and post office address?

A. 25 years of age, farming is my occupation, Hartford, Route 6.

Q. What relation are you to the applicant, Mr. Cundiff?

A. None at all, I am a step-son of his.

Q. When was your mother and the applicant married?

A. In January I believe sometime.

Q. Of the present year?

A. Yes sir, this year.

Q. How long have you known the applicant, Mr. Cundiff?

A. About five years.

Q. Where does he now reside and how long to your knowledge has he resided in Kentucky?

A. He resides at my home in Kentucky, my mother's home, and he has resided in Kentucky as long as I have known him.

Q. What do you know, if anything, about an anti-nuptial agreement between the applicant and your mother relative to their property rights, and support of each other? If you know anything about it I will get you to state what that agreement is.

A. The way the writing is drawn, he has no interest whatsoever in her property at all, doesn't have any more interest in her estate than you have, not a bit more,

Q. Is he given any right under that agreement to work the farm and earn a living from that, if so, state what it says in that respect?

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A. I think he supports her, that is about all. He just works there on the farm. Of course he cannot work much at all, he is not able to work, that is about all.

Q. When he works on a farm does he raise a crop there to sell himself and dispose of, or does he work in your mother's crop for her?

A. He works for her.

Q. I believe there are two or three of you children, perhaps yourself one of them, who now live with your mother on the farm, do you not?

A. Yes sir.

Q. Has Mr. Cundiff any interest in the crop now growing on the farm?

A. He has about an acre and a half of tobacco.

Q. What portion of that does he get?

A. He gets all of it, of course it goes to support his wife.

Q. Is he able to make a hand on the farm?

A. No sir, not what you call a hand, you couldn't consider it that.

Q. Can he plow, hoe?

A. Yes a little bit, but it is very poor. He has to work a little bit at the time. He cannot stand to work only a little bit at the time.

Q. He does in fact work away from him for wages, does he not, to get hold of a little money?

A. He has not since he has been at home, but he did before he married mother I think.

Q. Has he any property or money at all that you know of, either real or personal?

A. No sir, he has not as I know of.

Q. What has been his income on an average annually from the time you knew him?

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A. About \$20 or \$25 a year I guess.

Q. I believe he has worked around at places during the time for board and clothes or something to that effect, has he not?

A. Yes.

Cross-examined by County Attorney.

Q. What is his age?

A. 69 years I believe.

Q. What is the condition of his health?

A. Poor.

Q. What is he afflicted with?

A. He has rheumatism and he has a rupture that is very, very bad.

Q. What is his labor worth?

A. About thirty cents a day.

Q. During the five years that you have known him previous to his marriage in January to your mother he managed to support himself didn't he?

A. Yes, some of the time he would work for his board, and he would get a little money now and then.

Also the witness C. P. Keown, being first duly sworn deposed as follows:

Q. Mr. Keown, state your age, residence, occupation and post office address?

A. 57 years old, reside in Hartford, post office Hartford, my occupation varies.

Q. What official positions, if any, have you held in this county?

A. I have been Sheriff twice.

Q. Do you know the applicant, William H. Cundiff?

A. Yes sir.

Q. How long have you known him?

A. I don't know exactly how long, a little less than forty years I reckon somewhere along there.

Q. To your personal knowledge how long has the applicant been a resident of Kentucky continuously?

A. Well he has always been a resident so far as I know, he may have been out of the state but he never resided out of the state that I know of, he may have been away awhile.

Q. What property, either real or personal, has Mr. Cundiff?

A. None I reckon.

Q. Has he ever had any property to amount to anything?

A. No sir.

Q. What is the condition of his health at present? Do you know?

A. I don't know absolutely, but I don't suppose it is very good.

Q. What age man is he?

A. Well I take it he is somewhere in the neighborhood of 70 I expect. At the time I first knew him he was a schoolteacher then, and probably thirty years old or past.

Q. Would you regard him as able to earn a support by his own labor, a reasonable support?

A. He cannot make much money. No.

Cross-examined by County Attorney.

Q. You say he never owned any property to your knowledge?

A. No sir, not to my knowledge.

Q. How intimately have you known him the last few years?

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A. Not very intimately in the last few years, don't see him so very often. I used to know him, rolled logs with him, but that has been 37 years ago.

I hereby certify that the above-named witnesses are citizens and residents of Ohio County and are credible and are worthy of belief on oath. I further certify that Curtiss A. Hudson, Chas. F. Westerfield and Dr. A. B. Riley, whose names appear in the applicant's application for pension, are citizens and residents of Ohio County and are credible and from all the evidence it is the opinion of the court that the claim ought to be allowed, and I recommend its allowance.

*R. R. Wedding*  
Judge Ohio County Court.