

Soldier's Application for Pension

I, R. S. McClanahan

am a citizen of Kentucky, resident at Denniston in the County of Menifee

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" 5th Ky. Inf. Served 1 year Mustered out at Hazlegrun

Ky. at the expiration of the term of enlistment. Re-enlisted in Co. "C" 2^d Ky. Mounted

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 I was born in Greenup County Ky. in the year 1837

Apr. 27th

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

Answer I enlisted in Aug. 1861 in Co. A 5th Ky. Infantry under

Jack May as Capt. John S. Williams Col. Umphry Marshall Gen.

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

Answer I got out under the treaty of peace in May 1865 at Mt Sterling Ky.

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

Answer I was, I was in Camp Morton Ind. I was exchanged March 1865

Were you paroled? If so, when and where?

Answer Yes at Mt Sterling Ky. May 1865

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

Answer Yes

If so, when and under what circumstances?

Answer At Mt Sterling Ky. Under the terms of Lees Surrender May 1865

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

Answer *I am not able to do anything that would earn a support*

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

Answer *I have no estate but I own a yearling colt worth in \$10.00*

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

Answer *Nothing and she as well as myself is most helpless we are both dependant on our children for a support*

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 *Our income has been nothing*

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 *I have been a resident of this state all my life*

Have you an attorney to look after this application?

Answer *Yes*

If so, give his name and address?

Answer *J. H. Williams Frenchburg Ky*

Witness my hand this *22nd* day of *Apr* 191*2*

WITNESSES:

John M. Kash M.D., Physician P. O. *B.S. McClanahan*
Frenchburg Ky Street and No. (if any) *Dermiston Ky*
A. A. Howermale, Witness R. F. D. (if any)
Postoffice Address *Frenchburg Ky*
Alfred + Buck, Witness
Postoffice Address *Wellington Ky*

STATE OF KENTUCKY }
Menifee County } I, *A. D. Wells* Judge of said County,
certify that *B. S. McClanahan* and his wife are
assessed with *none* acres, valued at \$....., and with \$ *60.00* of personal property.

Witness my hand this *4th* day of *June* 191*2*
A. D. Wells Judge County Court.

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

17 State of Kentucky by Affidavit
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STATE OF KENTUCKY

Menifee County } Personally appeared before me G. W. Buchanan
A Notary Public of said County, the above named R. S. McClanahan
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 22^d day of April, 1917.

Geo W Buchanan N.P.
My Com. Ex Jan 19th 1914

STATE OF KENTUCKY

Menifee County } Personally appeared before me A Notary Public
G. W. Buchanan of said County, the above named J. M. East
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 R. S. McClanahan
the applicant, and find him laboring under the following disabilities: Unable to earn a support by manual labor.

I have this day examined R. S. McClanahan
and find him suffering from acute Rheumatism
affecting left hip and left knee, he also has
had a broken ulna bone weakening left wrist
At his age the above disabilities render him
unable to do manual labor
April 22nd 1917

Witness my hand and seal of office, this 22^d day of April, 1917.

Geo W Buchanan N.P.
My Com. Ex Jan 19th 1914

(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

Menifee County } Personally appeared before me G. W. Buchanan
Notary Public of said County, the above named D. A. Housmale
and Alfred Back, 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 D. A. Housmale
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.

Wit D. A. Housmale states of his own knowledge that applicant R. S. McClanahan
was a member of Co. "A" 5th Ky Infantry Capt. Jack May Col. John S. Williams Marshall
Brigade enlisted Millersburg Ky. Aug. 1861. Served over 12 months & was mustered
out at Hazlegreen Ky. Oct. 1862. Re-enlisted in 2^d Ky mounted battalion - riflemen
I know he continued in that service until captured in 1863 in the fall of that
year & had not returned to the command when I was captured in 1864. Character
& reputation as a soldier was good - I was a member of the same command all the time
Witness Alfred Back states that he knows of the service of R. S. McClanahan for 1 year until
his command the 5th Ky disbanded at Hazlegreen Ky Oct. 1862 when the time of its first
years enlistment had expired. I belonged to the same Co. "A" 5th Reg. with him until
joined different commands & was separated

Witness my hand and seal of office, this 22^d day of April, 1917.

Geo W Buchanan N.P.
My Com. Ex Jan 19th 1914

No. 2996

STATE OF KENTUCKY

Soldier's Application for Pension

R. J. McElvannan

Co. *A* 5th Ky. Infantry. Rgt.

Filed JUN 8 - 1912

Allowed

Read Specifications on Back.

SPECIFICATIONS

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- 5.

Allowed Oct 15th 1914

W. B. Stone Commissioner

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

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
JUN 10 1912
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WAR DEPARTMENT

Address: "The Adjutant General's Office,
War Department, Washington, D. C."
1922108

WAR DEPARTMENT,

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,
WASHINGTON, June 11, 1912.

Respectfully returned to the

Examiner,
Confederate Pension Department,
Frankfort, Kentucky.

The name R. S. McClanahan has not been found on the rolls, on file in this office, of the 5th Kentucky Infantry, or of the 2d Kentucky Infantry, Mounted, Confederate States Army, and no record has been found of the capture or parole of a man of this name and organization.

Samuel P. McLean
Adjutant General.

Indorsement.

PENSION EXAMINER'S OFFICE,
FRANKFORT, KY.

R. S. McCLANAHAN

Enlisted in Aug. 1861, in Co. A, 5th Kentucky Inf'y. for 1 year, and was mustered out with his regiment Oct. 20, 1862. Re-enlisted in the 2nd Ky. Mtd. Rifles and was surrendered and paroled May 2, 1865, at Mt. Sterling, Ky. Proven by his comrades.

Indigent.

Approved:

W J Stone.

A. D. WELLS.
Judge Menefee County Court.

FRENCHBURG, KY., 191.....

*Earliest Constitutions that act
of the Legislature granting
Indigent Soldiers a pension
was to my judgment a good
Law but I don't think it
ought to be abused or misused
I have no objection to R. S.
McClanahan drawing a pension
if he has entitled to a pension
but he started wrong he
fooled me at the beginning
Very resp
A. D. Wells*

No. _____ S. _____

HEADQUARTERS

Confederate Pension Department

W. J. STONE, EXAMINER

FRANKFORT, KY.

JUN 8-1912 191.....

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

Dear Sir:

R. S. Mc Clenahan

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

Regiment *Inf. 1 year* C. S. A., and to have been

*Re-enlisted in Co "E"
2d Ky. Mounted.*

Please give me the record of this soldier.

Respectfully,

W. J. Stone
Examiner.

R. C.

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Wilmington Ky

Mr W J Stone

Dear sir as I have just
read a letter of D Wells
received from you in
regard to R S McClenahan
Pension and how listed
at my cousin Judge
Wells bridge of what
he had done I will relate to
you the trouble between
my cousin A D Wells
and R S McClenahan
Judge Wells brother Jaws
Wells tried to rape R S
grand daughter and she
indited him and it

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and it is going perditionally
 him if he gets justious
 and just because R &
 stood in with his good
 daughter and wanted the
 uncivilized but punishment
 for his low down deed they
 want to mock A poor
 old man some 75 or 80
 years of age out of his
 just rites. A D wells
 had A letter forged
 and sent it to the
 prosecuting attorney
 forge her father name
 to it telling him to
 withdraw the indictments

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against Tom wells
 so they all put the law
 in force and come very
 near getting Judge in to
 it for forgery R &
 me done no more than
 any other grandfather would
 how dare my cousin Judge
 doubt regard his oath
 all I ask of you is to
 go to the auditor office
 and look at the dog tax
 list and see how many
 more he has stoked A
 dollar from she told
 me himself that
 he intended

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to mock the old man
 and if he didn't know
 the girl to withdraw
 the indictments now
 please consider this must
 old man be kept out
 of his just rites and
 the account of A
 dishonest Judge and
 that will uphold all
 kind of low down
 misdemeanor now what
 kind of Judge do you
 call that and I only
 want to say to you
 in regard to the form
 he speaks of it all

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not worth over a
 hundred dollars and
 now bought the others
 3 heirs and paid them
 in full and they will
 file an affidavit at
 it any time the boy has
 no income at all and
 his labor now are you
 going to let this the wing
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 man of his rites
 because he takes his
 granddaughter part
 the old man is A
 gentleman his self
 A good old rebel.

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soldier and also
minister of the gospel
now I have told you
the truth concerning
the to men hope you
will consider and I
will give you some
names of A D connections
to rite to yours ver
truly J S Mills

rite to W H Mills
R B Mills
Wellington Ky

State of Kentucky }
Meigs County } Affidavit

In the matter of Pension ^{application} filed by R.S. McClanahan

The Claimant R.S. McClanahan states that he was the only man by the name of McClanahan in Company A. 5th Ky. Infantry - that his full name is Benjamin Robert Sims McClanahan; but as I remember I enlisted in the name of R.S. McClanahan for that is my familiar name and I have no recollection of ever giving it any other way than as above stated (R.S. McClanahan) but one time connected with my army service. To the prison authorities at Camp Morton when taken there in the late fall of 63, for a purpose that I thought then might serve me some advantage, I gave my name as B.S. McClanahan and in the prison roll I was called B.S. McClanahan; but in my Company roll I was called R.S. McClanahan I had two other brothers in the "5th" Ky. Cornelius H. McClanahan and John M. McClanahan they were in Co. B. & C in Co. A. They were both killed in the war -

R.S. McClanahan

States James C. Stacy on his oath that he was a member of Co. A. 5th Ky. Reg. & knows that the applicant R.S. McClanahan was the only member of the name McClanahan in Co. A. 5th Ky. Infantry & states that he has no interest in this claim

J. C. Stacy

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a notary, by R.S. McClanahan and J.C. Stacy. This the 1st day of July 1912
Geo W Buchanan N.P.
My Com Ex Jan 19 1912

ye County 2 00

The Affiants Turner Spencer, Judith Ky-

State that they personally know

R. S. McClanahan the applicant herein & know that from
the infirmities of age and bodily ailments, he is not able
to labor in part or whole for his support & that
we have no interests in this claim

Turner Spencer
H. Septon

Personally appeared before me a Notary Public
in & for Menifee Co. Ky. The affiants Turner Spencer
& H. Septon and after hearing heard it read
signed & made oath to the foregoing affidavit

Witness my hand & seal of my said office This June 5th 1912

George Buchanan N.P.

My Com. Ex Jan 19th 1914

October 8th, 1913.

Mr. J. F. Osbon,

Frenchburg, Ky.

Dear Sir:-

I am in receipt of yours of the 6th inst. relative to
the application of R. S. McClanahan. Upon examining the proof
filed with his application I find that there is no record proof
of his enlistment or service in the Confederate army. I find also
filed with his application a copy of a deed in which he has deeded
to his son, A. B. McClanahan, a certain tract of land, the con-
sideration being that the said A. B. McClanahan was to take care
of R. S. McClanahan and his wife during their natural lives, which
renders it impossible for the Pension Board to grant R. S. McClanahan
a pension.

Very truly,

Examiner.

WJS-C

FRENCHBURG, KY., Oct 15 1913

Hon W. J. Stone
Frankfort Ky

Dear Sir

I thought would write
you a few Lines regarding
R. S. McClanahan pension
of course he is not entitled
to a pension under the Law
and your Honor has so
Decided Now then my
information is that Thine
Aid his Son is making
Some change in the deed
for no other purpose only to
get he hold this deed and
Attempt to deprive the State
out of money. if there is any
Other steps taken by Mr
McClanahan I wish you
would notify me at your

1 State of Kentucky } set
2 Menifee County }
3 In the matter of R. S. McClanahan
4 on the subject of his claim for a
5 pension as a Confederate Soldier in
6 the war of 1861-5.
7 The affiant R. S. McClanahan says that
8 he enlisted in Co A 5th Ky Infantry at
9 West Liberty Ky about the 20th day of
10 Sept 1861 the Company was commanded
11 Capt A J May, then by Wm. Myrthier,
12 the regiment was commanded by Col
13 John S. Williams and affiant was dis-
14 charged by reason of expiration of
15 time of enlistment at Hazel Green
16 Wolfe Co Ky about the 10th day October
17 1862 I then enlisted in Co B
18 10th Ky Cavalry the Captain was W. W.
19 Cox, the Col was A J May and then
20 Ed Trimble who was killed at Salt
21 Ville Va the regiment was then com-
22 manded by Geo W Diamond, sometime
23 about the 1st of November 1863 I had
24 been detailed or detached and was
25 serving with the 2^d Ky Mounted Rifles
26 commanded by Col Thos Johnson my
27 Company commander was Capt John
28 Bradshaw and the first Lieutenant was
29 Richard Morton, we were all under
30 Wheeler, after capture Murphreeborough
31 we were retreating toward Habamer
32 and out about a half days march
~~out~~ I was captured and sent to
Camp Morton at Indianapolis Indiana

and confined there until about
the 20th of July 1865 when I was sent
out on exchange and was exchanged
near Petersburg Va about the 1st of March
1864 At Camp Morton I was confined
in barracks to 7, It may be that the
records of Camp Morton may be B F
McClanahan as I for reasons growing
out of the border warfare in eastern
Ky preferred to be called B F rather
than A McClanahan,

I have no income, and have no property.
My wife has no property or income, and
I am not able to labor in whole or part
for my support, or to earn \$300⁰⁰ or
any other sum per annum.

On the 12th day of December 1910 I owned
a small farm in Menifee County Ky
worth not more than \$400⁰⁰. I was then
old and unable to labor and me and
my wife lived on these lands we had
four children My son A B McClanahan
had bought out the other three children
and to procure the best support I could
I conveyed said lands to him as
shown by the original deed filed here with
and made part of this affidavit. Said
said lands were poor worn out lands
the rents of which would not exceed
\$50⁰⁰ per annum. Said A B McClanahan
is a very poor man has no income save
the rents of said lands not exceeding \$50⁰⁰
per annum and is wholly unable to provide
support for affiant or his mother or either

Witness my hand this 21st day
of Sept 1914 J. S. McClanahan

State of Ky
Montgomery Co

Subscribed and sworn to before me
by A. B. McClanahan Sept 21st 1914
Notary Public
Montgomery County
My Comm Expires Feb 14/1918

State of Ky
Montgomery Co

I am 68 years old, live in Mt Sterling Ky I was
a member of Co B 10th Ky Cavalry in the U S
Army, I know A. B. McClanahan he served
in the 5th Ky Infantry but I do not know
when he enlisted he left the 5th Ky in
October 1862 with others whose time had
expired, he then later in the fall of 1862
volunteered in Co B 10th Ky Cav. and
served there until he was captured on
the wheels road near Murphreesborough
Tenn. ^{in the fall of 1863} I then saw him in Camp Morton
Indiana during the summer of 1864
he left there on exchange about the 1st
of March 1865; he is poor has no income
is unable to labor, I know the land
he owned to A. B. McClanahan
March 27th 1811 there is about 125 acres
of it, it is worth not exceeding \$400⁰⁰ and
would not rent for more than \$50⁰⁰ per
year, I know A. B. McClanahan he has

no property save these lands and
has no income and is not able to
support his father or mother or either

B. F. Day

Sworn to before me by B. F.
Day this September, 21st,
1914,

R. G. Keser

Notary Public, Montgomery County, Ky.
My Commission Expires Jan. 10th, 1918.

State of Ky & st
Montgomery Co

The affiant James H. Wells says that
he is a resident of Menifee County Ky
^{lives} about two miles from R. S. McClanahan
I have made out the assessors books
of Menifee County for about 20 years and
am well acquainted with values of lands
and property in Menifee County Ky. I know
the land conveyed by R. S. McClanahan ^{to wife} to
A. B. McClanahan March 27th 1911 the deed
is attached to the affidavit of R. S. McClan-
ahan said boundary contains about
125 acres, is very poor and worn out many
years ago is not worth more than \$400⁰⁰
and the annual rent thereof would not
exceed \$50⁰⁰ per annum. R. S. McClanahan
is very old and unable to labor and
has no property or income - his son
A. B. McClanahan is a poor man and

1 has no property save the lands aforesaid
2 and is unable to provide suitable sup-
3 port for his said father or his
4 Mother Sarah McLanahan or either,
5 J. H. Wells.

6 Sworn to before me by J. H. Wells
7 this Sept 20th 1914

8 B. F. Day
9 Notary Public Montgomery County
10 My Com Expires July 14th 1914

Mt Sterling Ky.
Sept 29th 1914

Hon W. J. Stout
Frankfort Ky.

Sir

When I was County Judge of Menifee County
and R. S. McClanahan made application for a
pension and I passed on his papers afterwards
I found out he had made arrangements with
his Son, A. B. McClanahan, to take care of him
his natural life then I knew under the Law he
was not entitled to a pension and you agreed
with me. but the last few days I have received
letters from Menifee County saying you had
granted him a pension I cant think this so.
I wish you would write to me and explain
the facts in the case. if he has been granted
a pension on what grounds. Was it granted
the people of Menifee County are entitled to know
in fact the entire State are entitled to know
how their money are being spent. Any one man
has the right to give any amount of his own
money, to any one who he pleases. but no one
man has any right to donate the peoples money
to R. S. McClanahan or any one else.

if his Dad has not been changed in any
Way then I am at a loss to understand how
this could have been done if it was done.
Let me know if the County Judge of Mumpke Co.
has taken any hand in this matter any thing
you write me will be confidential

resp
A. D. Hells,
Mt Sterling Ky

Wellington Ky
Sept. 23, 1923

Mr. J. W. Stone

Frankfort Ky

Dear Sir - R. S.

R. S. McClanahan who was number of Company
a Regiment Fifth Ky Infantry Confederate States Army
died Sept 6 1923. his death was sudden by his physician and
examined him after he died. The cause of death was apoplexy
and his wife Sarah McClanahan is in very bad health and
is destitute and wants pension sent to her please send papers
to Sarah McClanahan to file for same

Respect yours
O. H. Motley



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