Soldier's Application for Pension

I, ... John Ratliff .....

am a citizen of Kentucky, resident at ....Cliff.... in the County of ....Floyd.....

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 ....5th Ky. Company F.....

....

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 ....Floyd State Kentucky Jan the Year 1845.....

.....

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

Answer ....Enlisted in the year 1862 Command Colonel Jackson Captain Edward Trimble First-Lieutenant White-head Second Lieutenant G.R. Davidson.....

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

Answer ....Were disbanded at Liberty Hill Virginia

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

Answer ....No.....

Were you paroled? If so, when and where?

Answer ....No.....

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

Answer ....No.....

If so, when and under what circumstances?

Answer .....

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

Answer Day Labor

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

Answer ($ 20-00)

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 ($ 30 00)

Do you use intoxicants to any extent?

Answer No

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

Answer All my life

Have you an attorney to look after this application?

Answer Yes

If so, give his name and address?

Answer Webster Green East Point Ky

Witness my hand this 22 *day of* April 1912

John Reffett

WITNESSES:

Frank Ramey, *Physician*

Postoffice Address East Point Ky

W. T. Mellon, *Witness*

Postoffice Address Prestonsburg Ky

W. F. Osborn, *Witness*

Postoffice Address Cliff Ky

P. O. Cliff Ky

Street and No. (if any)

R. F. D. (if any)

STATE OF KENTUCKY

Floyd County } I, Malone Hall Judge of said County,

certify that John Reffett and his wife are

assessed with No acres, valued at $ No, and with $ No of personal property.

a very old crippled and not able to earn a support by work no income

Witness my hand this 4 *day of* June, 1912

Malone Hall Judge County Court.

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

STATE OF KENTUCKY

Floyd County } Personally appeared before me A Notary Public

of said County, the above named John Reffet

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 day of April, 1912

Webster Green Notary Public

STATE OF KENTUCKY

Floyd County } Personally appeared before me A Notary Public

of said County, the above named F. Frank Ramey

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 John Reffet

the applicant, and find him laboring under the following disabilities: Unable to earn a support by manual labor.

Disease of Kidneys Left Testicle And Rheumatism And from the Infirmaties of age he is incapacitated as to the Performance of manual Labor 3/4

Witness my hand and seal of office, this 22 day of April, 1912

(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

Floyd County } Personally appeared before me A Notary Public

of said County, the above named W. T. Mellon

and W. L. Osborn, 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.

W. T. Mellon a Soldier in the Confederate Army And do know John Reffet was in the Confederate Army I know what I do

W. L. Osborn was a Soldier in the Confederate Army in the same Co. with John Reffet the ~~Claimant~~ Applicant And has known him for 40 years or more

Witness my hand and seal of office, this 22 day of April, 1912

Webster Green Notary Public

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.

No. 3570

STATE OF KENTUCKY

Soldier's Application for Pension

John Reffett

Co. ..... Rgt.

Filed JUL 18 1912

Allowed .....

Read Specifications on Back.

SPECIFICATIONS

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

Allowed July 15th 1916

W. J. Stone Commissioner.

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

KENTUCKY STATE JOURNAL PUBLISHING CO., FRANKFORT, KY

John Reffett
Filed April 22 1912
J N Stanfield Clerk

Indorsement.

PENSION EXAMINER'S OFFICE,

FRANKFORT, KY.

JOHN REFFET

Enlisted in the fall of 1862 in Co.A, 5th Ky.Inf. and served till the close of the war.This is proven by his comrades. His name does not appear on the roll of that company, but a number of the members of that company and regiment testify to his service as stated above.

Indigent.

Approved:

W J Stone.

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE
JUL 20 1912
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Address: "The Adjutant General, War Department, Washington. D. C."

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WAR DEPARTMENT,

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

WASHINGTON, July 22, 1912.

Respectfully returned to the

Examiner,
Confederate Pension Department,
Frankfort, Kentucky.

The name John Reffett has not been found on the rolls, on file in this office, of any company of the 5th Kentucky Infantry, Confederate States Army, and no record has been found of the capture or parole of a man of that name and organization.

Henry P McCain
Adjutant General.

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HEADQUARTERS

Confederate Pension Department

W. J. STONE, EXAMINER

FRANKFORT, KY.

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

Dear Sir:

John Reffett

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

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

Please give me the record of this soldier.

Respectfully,

W. J. Stone

Examiner.

IN THE MATTER OF APPLICATION OF JOHN REFFITT FOR CONFEDERATE PENSION, BEFORE THE HONORABLE

A. O. STANLEY, GOVERNOR,
JAMES P. LEWIS, SECRETARY OF STATE,
ROBERT L. GREENE, AUDITOR OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS.

BRIEF ON BEHALF OF APPLICANT.

The applicant, John Reffitt, has filed with the Commissioner of Confederate Pension his application for a pension under the Act of the Legislature pensioning Confederate Soldiers and in support of the same has filed affidavits of W. T. Mellon, W. B. Harmon, James Banks, A. C. Gunnell, William Hubbard and William Sizemore.

As we understand the requirement of the law, the applicant before he would be entitled to be allowed a pension must show the following state of facts:

FIRST: A continuous service in the Confederate Army of twelve (12) months.

SECOND: That he is a dependent soldier without property totalling in the aggregate $2500.00, and without an income sufficient for his support.

THIRD: That he was not a deserter and honorably discharged or disbanded at the close of the War.

While we do not feel that the Pension Commissioner has intentionally passed upon this claim adversely to the applicant, yet we feel that it is due to his lack of understanding of the facts as they were presented.

It is clearly shown that the applicant enlisted in the Confederate Army as a private soldier in Company "A" 10th Kentucky, in the early days of May, 1862, on Beaver Creek in Floyd County, Kentucky, and that he served in that capacity until he was disbanded after the surrender of Lee at Christiansburg, Virginia.

In the affidavit of William Hubbard we find this statement:

> "I was with the said John Reffitt while he was in the Confederate Army. Said Reffit enlisted in 1862, under Col. Jack May and General Williams in Company "A" 10th Kentucky, and I was a member of COMPANY "A", 10TH KENTUCKY CAVALRY. The said Reffitt served in said Company and regiment from the time he was enlisted until their regiment was disbanded in Virginia, and we came back to Kentucky. I was with his command in Virginia when he heard that General Lee had surrendered."

This is positive proof of his enlistment, of a continuous service until his disbandment and it is a positive statement that they were disbanded near Christiansburg, Virginia after Lee had surrendered, and we insist that one who enlisted in 1862 and served continuously until Lee's surrender, which as all well informed men know, was on April 9th, 1865, at Appomattox, Virginia, must have been more than Twelve (12) months continuous service.

In the affdavit of William Sizemore, another confederate soldier, we find this statement:

> "I was with the said John Reffitt while he was in the Confederate Army. Said John Reffitt enlisted in the year 1862, under Col. Jack May and Company "A" 10th Kentucky, under Ed. Triball, Captain. The said Reffitt served in said Company and regiment from the time he enlisted until our regiment was disbanded in Virginia, and we came back to Kentucky. He was with his command in Virginia when he heard that General Lee had surrendered. At the time we were disbanded we were under General Eckles, and he disbanded us there near Christiansburg, Virginia. He said we

need not go any further that Lee had surrendered to Grant. This was just after Lee Had surrendered and the said John Reffitt was there with us when we was disbanded in 1865."

Thus far we have the statement of the applicant of his service and how he got out of the army, and also the evidence of these two witnesses, William Hubbard and William Sizemore, his comrades in arms, stating positively that he served until he was disbanded, continuously from 1862 until after the surrender of Lee, nearly three (3) years. In addition to this William Mellon says:

"I am acquainted with the claimant, John Reffitt. We volunteered in the confederate army at the same time in the year 1862, and served together in said Confederate Army until 1863. I then was captured and that is all I know about his service."

W. B. Harmon makes the same statement, but adds to that:

"He was an obedient soldier and always at his post of duty."

In a supplemental affidavit W. B. Harmon it is shown that he enlisted at the same time, about the 1st of May, 1862, and that he and Reffett served in the army together until September, 1863, which would have been more than a years service by this witness. Mr. Harmon states that he was then captured and that Reffett was then with his Company in Virginia.

Another Confederate comrade, James Banks, makes this statement:

"I am acquainted with the claimant, John Reffitt. I served with him in the Confederate Army from the year 1862 until 1864, and he was a good soldier and never deserted his post, and always answered to the roll call."

A. C. Gunnell has stated:

"I was acquainted with the claimant, John Reffitt. I was with him frequently through his service in the Confederate Army. We was together in Taswell County, Virginia, when Lee surrendered to Grant, and when the news came to us our superior officers told us to go home that is the way we got out of the army."

William Hubbard states in his supplemental affidavit:

"I am acquainted with the claimant, John Reffitt. I served with him in the Confederate Army from the year 1862 until 1865, with the exception of six months. I was then a prisoner. When I was captured the said John Reffitt was in the service and when I returned he was still in the service, and to my knowledge he served two years and six months. And how he got out of the army, when Lee surrendered to Grant John M. Elliott came and told us that the War was over and now boys, you can go home."

This is the evidence as disclosed in this application, coming from four who have been granted confederate pensions upon their own service and two who have not yet been given a pension. We do not understand how the Board can disallow this application with this positive proof in the record, since it is admitted by the Pension Commissioner that there is no War Record of his service.

The County Court has stated upon his statement of the case that he comes within the provision of the law on the question of his dependence and lack of property holding, and it is clearly shown by this evidence that he got out of the Army by being disbanded after faithful service to the Confederate cause, and we insist that the Board should allow this application and order that his name be placed upon the pension roll and that he be allowed from the time of the filing of his application and regularly thereafter in accordance with the provisions of law.

Webster Greer

OFFICE OF
MALONE HALL,
JUDGE OF FLOYD COUNTY COURT.

CALENDAR
County Court, Fourth Monday. Quarterly, Tuesday Following. Fiscal, Tuesday After First Monday, April and October.

PRESTONSBURG, KY., _____ 191

State of Kentucky)
Floyd County Court) Reg. May Term 27-May- 1912
I Malone Hall Judge of said Court certify that
on the Pension case of John Reffitt hereto attached
Hugh Marshall an Ex Justice of the peace of Prestons-
burg Ky after being sworn says he has known the
claimant all his life and he resides in Floyd Co.
owns no land not able to work to earn a
support. Also William Hannon of Cliff P.O. a Constable for
years of Floyd Co. after being sworn says he has known
Claimant for years a citizen of Floyd Co. got no
property none or little income not able to work
being crippled in one hand. And I certify
that the Co. atty were present and in my
opinion should his war record guarantee if
you should allow this claim I saw on Doub-
thout he was in the Confederate army he
is old and in need a good old man
Malone Hall

STATE OF KENTUCKY,

COUNTY OF FLOYD.. Sct.

Personally appeared before a Deputy County Court the undersigned W.T.Mellon and after being duly sworn deposes and say that he is resident of Prestonsburg, Floyd County Kentucky and that he was a Soldier of the Confederate Army, and in the same Company and under the same command with John Reffitt, he further states that he and the said John Reffitt both volumtaried in the fall of 1862 and served together until he the said Mellon was captured in the year 1863.

W T Mellon

Subscribed and sworn to before me by the said W.T.Mellon this 28" day of April, 1913.

J N Harris Clerk F.C.C.

By J P Harris Jr D.C.

State of Kentucky
County of Floyd

Personally appeared before me a Notary Public in and for the above named county and State. W.B. Harman A resident of Cliff Ky. After being duly Sworn Says that he is acquainted with the claimant- [illegible] And further Says that he enlisted in the confederate army in the year 1862 And served in the same Company that I did until I was captured in the fall of 1863. He was then in the army at Liberty Hill Va.

W. B. Harman

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 30th. day of April 1913

Webster Greer
Notary Public

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State of Ky.
Floyd County

Personally appeared before me a Notary Public in and for the count and State aforesaid James Banks a resident of Prestonsburg Ky. After being duly sworn says that he is acquainted with John Reffet. And has been ever since the latter part of 1862. And further States that they served together in the confederate army from the latter part of 1862 until 1864. And when we was ordered to Knoxville Tenn. John Reffet with some others were left to guard the commissary at Cyberts Hill Tazwell county Va. He further states that John Reffet was a good Soldier and always found at his post And is entitled to a Pension at the rate of $10.00 per month

James Banks

Subscribed and sworn to before me
This the 6th. day of December 1913

My com. expires Jan. 10th 1914

Webster Green
Notary Public
East Point Ky.

October 24, 1913.

Mr. Webster Greer,

East Point, Ky.

Dear Sir:-

I am in receipt of yours of the 23rd relative to the application of John Reffett. When he filed his application the only proof he filed with it as to his military record was that W. T. Mellon said that he knew John Reffett was in the army, but he did not with what company, and by inquiry to the War Dept. at Washington for any record of his service that might be on file there I was informed that his name was not on the roll of the company and regiment to which he claimed to have belonged, and I so informed John Reffett on the 16th day of April last. He then filed the affidavit of W. T. Mellon and W. B. Hammon, both stating that he enlisted in the year 1862 and served with them until they were captured in 1865, and there is no other proof of service and none as to when and how he got out of the army. Proof by men who served with him and made an honorable record to show how long he served and when and how he got out of the army is absolutely necessary before his application could be allowed under the law.

Very truly,

WJS-C

Examiner.

April 16, 1913.

Mr. John Reffet,

Cliff (Floyd Co), Ky.

Dear Sir:-

Upon examining the proof filed with your application for pension I find that there is no record proof of your enlistment and service. One witness testifies that he knows you were in the army, but there is no proof of length of service and none as to when and how you got out of the army. Proof on these points necessary.

Get all the proof you can and forward to this office to be filed with your application before it is submitted to the Pension Board for its action.

Yours truly,

Examiner.

WJS-C

January 12th, 1914.

Mr. Webster Greer,

East Point, Kentucky.

Dear Sir:-

I am in receipt of yours of the 9th, and since the receipt of your letter I have examined the additional proof that you send in the application of John Reffett, including that of James Banks, and I find that W. T. Mollon swears that he served with John Reffett till ~~the~~ he was captured in 1863, and W. B. Harmon swears to the very same thing. James Banks swears that he served with him until 1864, but there is no proof of any further service and none as to when and how he got out of the army. As stated before, proof on these points is necessary.

Very truly,

Examiner.

WJS-C

East-Point-Ky.

Deposition of Katie Salyer

After being duly Sworn She Says that She was acquainted with John Reffet the Claimant before the Rebellion and since the War was ended And during the war And that he belonged to the confederate Army from 1862 until the war was over And when he came home after being disbanded at Liberty Hill Tazwell county Va.
I have knew him ever since the surrender And live near him now

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I am 67 years old and have known John Reffet all my life. My Postoffice address is East-Point-Ky.
witness John Harmon

her
Katie × Salyer
mark

Liggie Greer.

Subscribed and sworn to before me This January the 20th. 1914

Webster Greer
Notary Public,
East Point-
My com expires Jan 13th 1918

February 13th, 1914.

Webster Greer, Esq.,

Mount Point, Kentucky.

Dear Sir:-

I am in receipt of yours of the 10th. On April 16th last I wrote John Reffett that there was no proof of his enlistment or service in the Confederate army in the records, and that one witness testified that he knew him in the army, and on October 24th I wrote him you that the affidavits of W. T. Mellon and W. B. Harmon had been filed, in which they states that they served with him from 1862 until they were captured in 1863, but neither of them stated how long they served nor how they got out of the army.

On January 12th last I wrote you that in addition to those affidavits James Banks' affidavit had been filed in which he swore that he served with him until 1864, but no proof has yet been furnished as to how long he served nor when and how he got out of the army.

In the matter of the application of James Osborn, I wrote him April 15th last that there was no record proof of his enlistment or service in the Confederate army and that one witness testified that he was in the army, but there was no proof of length of service and none as to when and how he got out of the army. Later than that he furnished the affidavit of Stephen Osborn, who says that James Osborn was a member of Company F, 7th Virginia, and served till the end of the war, and came to Lexington, Ky. and took the oath of allegiance to the U. S. Government. In view of the fact that there is no record proof of his enlistment or service and that he furnished no evidence with his application, he ought to have another witness who will testify to the length of his service and when and how he got out of the army.

Very truly,

WJS-C

Examiner.

State of Ky.
County of Floyd.
Personally appeared before me a Notary Public in and for the county and State above named, Katie Salyer a resident of East-Point-Ky. whose age is 67 years. After being duly Sworn, Says that she has known John Reffet all her life. She further Says that in the year of 1862 on Beaver Creek Floyd county that the said John Reffet enlisted in the Confederate army and remained in said Army until the surrender he was then at Liberty Miss. She says that in the way he got out of the army by removing with the army until it surrendered. Attest John Harmon Katie Salyer
her mark
Lizzie Green
Subscribed and sworn to this Feb. 16th 1914
My com. expires Jan. 18th 1918 Webster Green N.P.F.C.
East Point-Ky.

East-Point-Ky.
Feb. 16th 1914
Hon. W.H. Stone Frankfort-Ky.
Dear Sir Yours of recent date to hand contents noted. Answering will say that I was surprised of not hearing of one other affidavit. I am sending you the affidavit of Katie Salyer in addition to all the other proof. Take them all together W.T. Mellon from 1862 until 1865. W.H. Harmon the same James Baxter from 1862 until 1865 Katie Salyer from 1862 until the close of the war. I think this is sufficient proof.
Yours truly
Webster Green

May 20th, 1914.

Mr. Webster Greer,

East Point, Ky.

Dear Sir:-

Replying to yours of the 19th I have examined the proof filed with the application of William D. Harmon, and I find that the proof shows he took the oath of allegiance to the United States Government in December, 1863, which would render it impossible for him to be granted a pension under the law. This information was given Mr. Harmon on the 11th day of July, 1913.

In the matter of the application of James Osburn, I have re-examined it in connection with the additional proof filed, and I find that he states in his application that he was a member of Company A, 10th Virginia Cavalry, and these additional affidavits state that he belonged to Company E, 7th Virginia Cavalry. Ofcourse if the men they testify about belonged to company E, of the 7th Va.Cav. he could not be James Osburn of Company A, 10th Va.Cav. I will make another inquiry of the War Dept. and see if I can find any record of James Osburn of Company E of the 7th Va.Cav.

In the matter of the application of John Reffett, on February 13th last I wrote you the status of this application telling you there had been two affidavits filed by W. T. Melton and W. B. Harmon, in which they swore to the service of John Reffett from 1862 till they were captured in 1863, and James Banks swore that he served with him till 1864, and there is no proof of any further service and none as to how he got out of the army. Two affidavits of ladies have been filed which state that he was surrendered at Liberty Hill, Va. and while these ladies are perfectly sincere, I am sure, in what they say, they could not know of their own knowledge the time and place of his surrender unless they had been present with him.

Very truly,

State of Kentucky }
County of Floyd }

Personally appeared before me a Notary Public in and for the county and State aforesaid A. C. Gunnell. And after being sworn says that he was acquainted with the Claimant John Reffet before the war of the Rebellion and during the war and since the war and he further says that John Reffet served in the army until the Spring of 1865. He was together in Tazewell county Va. when he was told by the officers to go home. He never deserted his post during the war and was a good soldier, that is the way he got out of the Army.

A C Gunnell

Subscribed and sworn to
this June the 26th 1914
my com. expires Jan. 12th 1918 Webster Graves
Notary Public
Floyd Co. Ky.

STATE OF KENTUCKY
CONFEDERATE PENSION DEPARTMENT
FRANKFORT

W. J. STONE, COMMISSIONER

August 17th, 1914.

Webster Greer,

East Point, Kentucky.

Dear Sir:-

Replying to yours of recent date relative to the application of John Reffett, the only proof that has reached this office since my last letter to you is an affidavit made by A. C. Gunnell, in which he says that he served with John Reffett till the spring of 1865, but he does not say what time in the spring of 1865, nor the company and regiment in which he served, nor when nor how he got out of the army.

In the matter of the application of A. C. Gunnell, there is no record proof of his enlistment and service in the Confederate army. R. T. Marrs and S. W. Marrs testify that they served with him for a while, but know nothing of when and how he got out of the army. John Reffett testifies that he served with Gunnell till the spring of 1865, but gives no date, nor the company and regiment in which he served.

The proof in all cases must show when the soldier enlisted, how long he served, and when and how he got out of the army, and that he got out honorably, before a pension can be allowed under the law, and in cases like these where no record can be found of a man's enlistment or service in the Confederate army, the proof must be clear and distinct on all the points.

Very truly,

W. J. Stone

Commissioner.

WJS-C

Practical Legal
The W. B. Carpenter Co.
Cincinnati.

State of Ky.
County of Floyd

Personally appeared before me Notary Public in and for the county and State aforesaid William B. Harman. After being duly sworn says that the claimant John Reffet enlisted in the confederate army on or about the first day of May 1862 in Co. A. 5th Ky. Cav. He further states that he continued with him in said confederate army until 1863. When I was captured.

~~Subscribed and sworn to this 24th day of August 1914~~

And during all that time I had an occation to know that he was a good and obedient Soldier

W. B. Harman

Subscribed and sworn to this 24th day of August 1914

Webster Green
Notary Public
East Point Ky.

State of Ky.
County of Floyd

I, [illegible] a recruit do hereby
the Undersigned Oath in the presence
of Almighty God that I will bear
true Allegiance to the United States
and that I will serve them honestly
and faithfully against all their enemies
and opposers whatsoever and observe
and obey the orders of the President
of the United States and the orders of
the officers appointed over me according
to the Rules and Articles of War
So help me God

In Co A. 5th Ky. Cav.
Enlisted until April 1866
And was discharged in Tazewell
county Va. by his Superior Officer
reporting home with the rest of
his Regt. they would have to surrender
And this is how I got out of the
Army.
Wm. Hall

Subscribed and Sworn to
this 17th day of September 1912

Wm. Hall

November 20, 1914.

A. J. May, Esq.,

Prestonsburg, Ky.

Dear Sir:-

In the matter of the application of John Reffett, when he filed his application for pension the only proof he filed of his service in the army was that W. T. Mellon swore th at he knew John Reffett was in the Confederate army but he didn't know anything about what company and regiment.

W. J. Osborn said that he had known John Reffett for 40 years and knew hd was in the Confederate army. When that statement was made the war had been over for 45 years. Therefore Osborn could not have k known that he was in the army.

An inquiry to the War Department for any record of his service that might be on file there I was informed that there was no record of his enlistment and service in the Confederate army. This information was given to Mr. Reffett April14, 1913, and a letter was written to Webster Greer January 12, 1914, giving the full status of the case at that time, and again on Feb.12,1914. I wrote Mr. Greer relative to this application, giving him the status in full; again on May 24th I wrote Mr. Greer, and I had also written him on October 24, 1913. In the meantime some additional proof has been filed with this application.

On April 28, 1913, W. T. Mellon filed an affidavit in which he said he served with Reffett from the fall of 1862 until he (Mellon) was captured in 1863. On the 6th day of Sept.1913, James Banks testified that he had been acquainted with John Reffett since the latter of 1862 and served with him till 1864, but he does not say what time in 1864. On June 26,1914, A.C.Gunnell filed an affidavit, in which he says John Reffett served in the army until the spring of 1865. He tells nothing of when he enlisted, the company and regiment he served in, and nothing else definite about it. On the 24th day of August, 1914, W. B. Harmon made an affidavit in which he states that Reffett enlisted in the army in 1862, and that he (Harmon) served with him until 1863 when he was captured. This is in detail the status and the evidence so far filed in this case, the sum of which is

that there is nothing very definite as to the time he enlisted more than it was in the year 1862 and there is nothing at all definite as to the length of service he rendered, but the proof don't carry him beyond some date in 1863.

With the proof now on file John Reffett could not be allowed a pension under the law.

Very truly,

Commissioner.

WJS-C

State of Ky
County of Floyd
Personally appeared before a Notary Public
In and for the county and State aforesaid
William Hubbard. And after being
duly sworn Says that he is acquainted
with the Claimant John Reffet and
has been ~~since~~ ever since the Spring
of 1862 and he belonged to Co. A. 10th Ky.
Cav. And I served continually with
him from 1862. until 1865 with the
exception of about six months when I
was captured at [redacted] Gap Tenn when
I was captured John Reffet was in the service
and when I returned I found him
still in the service and remained
in the confederate Army until we
was told by John M. Elliott that Lee
had surrendered And now you can
go home And this how John Reffet
got out of the Army
To my knowledge he Reffet served at least
Two years and six months He was
a good Soldier and allwas present when
the Roll was called

his
William Hubbard
mark

Witness to mark
A.J. May

Subscribed and sworn to befor me by William
Hubbard this Nov. 30" 1914.

my com. expires Jan. 18th 1918

Webster Greer
Notary Public

February 10th, 1915.

Webster Greer,

East Point, Ky.

Dear Sir:-

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

On the 20th day of November last I wrote Mr. A. J. May of Prestonsburg a detail statement of what all the proof shows that had been filed with the application of John Reffett. Later an affidavit was forwarded to this office, dated November 30, 1914, in which he says that he was captured at Bull's Gap in Tennessee, and that John Reffett was then in the service, but he don't tell anything about when that was, and he says that he returned to the service and found John Reffett there, and that later John M. Elliott told them that Lee had surrendered and they went home.

He gives no dates about any of these things, nor is there anything to show what authority John M. Elliott had, or even if he told them that, on what date it was,and the fact that there is no record proof of John Reffetts enlistment or service in any part of the Confederate army, the proof would have to be entirely clear with regard to his service and when and how he got out of the army, and made by men who served with him and know the facts.

I note what you say relative to the application of James Osborn. You are at liberty to furnish any and all the proof that you can or desire to furnish relative to any application now on file in this office.

Very truly,

Commissioner.

WJS-C

IN RE: APPLICATION OF JOHN REFFETT FOR
CONFEDERATE PENSION.

STATE OF KY.,

FLOYD COUNTY. // SCT.

The affiant and claimant, John Reffett, says in further proof of his claim herein that he enlisted in the Confederate Army at the Forks of Beaver creek in Floyd County, Kentucky about the 1st., day of May, 1862. Capt. Trimble was the captain in Col. Jack May's 10th., Kentucky Cavalry. That after his enlistment at the Forks of Beaver creek he went with his company up Big Sandy river and engaged in a skirmish with Col. John Dils' men, who was Colonel in the Union Army on Pond creek in Pike County, Kentucky, and that they went on through the Pound Gap into the State of Virginia, and as affiant now remembers passed through Pound Gap on the 15th., day of May, 1862. After that they marched to various points in the State of Virginia, and from there went into the State of Tennessee, and his company engaged in battle with Burnside's men at Knoxville, Tennessee in the late summer, or about July, 1862. After that they marched back from the state of Tennessee into the State of Virginia and was stationed for sometime at Liberty, Va in Tazwell County Va., and at that point Capt. Ed. Trimble was promoted to Lieutenant's place under Col. Jack May and Capt. Jack Harris of Floyd County. That after they were at Liberty Hill, Va., they came back into Kentucky under Capt. Jack Harris and went to Cynthiana, Ky., and there joined Capt. John H. Morgan's men and was engaged in the battle of Cynthiana. After

the battle of Cynthiana they marched back through Kentucky and into the State of Virginia again and was last stationed at Maiden Springs Va. We were at Maiden Springs in April, 1865 when Col. Jno. M. Elliott was at that time a member of Confederate Congress at Richmond, Va; we came from Richmond through that section of the country and informed the officers of that company of the surrender of Gen. Lee at Appromattox Courthouse and we turned and disbanded by our superior officers and ordered to go home, and from that point we made our way back into Floyd County, Ky., to our homes at the close of the war.

Affiant says he cannot remember all the places that they were stationed and the different battles; that the country was all strange to him, and he cannot remember all the names it has been so long. That he was only about fifteen years old when he enlisted in the army, and affiant now says that he served faithfully in the Confederate Army until the close of the war when he was disbanded as above stated.

his
John X Reffett
Mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me by John Reffett this the 4", day of May, A. D., 1915.

Edgar L. Stephens
Notary Public, Floyd County, Ky.
My commission expires June 13th, 1918

IN RE: APPLICATION OF JOHN REFFERT FOR
CONFEDERATE PENSION.

STATE OF KENTUCKY,

FLOYD COUNTY. SCT.

The affiant, W. B. Harmon., states that he is now 75 years of age and residents in Floyd County, Ky. That he knows the claimant John Reffett ad has known him since the year 1862. That this affiant enlisted in the confederate Army in Prestonsburg, Ky., in company A, under Captain Ed. Trimble about the first of November, 1861. That he was in the service when claimant in said company in 1862 at the forks of Beaver creek , in Floyd County, Kentucky, amd knows said Reffett enlisted in the Army about the first of May, 1862 at that point. That after they left forks of Beaver creek they went up Sandy river to Virginia and engaged in a skirmish with Col. John Dils' men on Pond Creek in Pike County, Kentucky. That they went from there into the State of Tennessee at various different points and places. We were at different points in East Tennessee among which was the city of Knoxville, where we engaged in battle with Burnside's men; later we marched to different places through East Tenness and back into Virginia down as far as the Flat Top mountain; we had several small battles down as far as the Flat Top mountains and Mr. Reffett was still with the company. We were camped at what is known as the Maiden Springs or Libery Virginia and Capt. Trimble gave myself and several others a furlough of a fe w days to come home

and I remember distinctly that the captain in talking to Mr. James Banks, who was one of my comrades said that we must certainly be back within ten or fifteen dsys and he gave us permission to go home, myself, James Banks, James Lafferty, Stephen Fitzpatrick Hugh Marshall, Eperson [redacted] Gearheart, W. J. Osborn and some others whose names I do not now remember but there was about fifteen of us. After I got to my home in Floyd county I was taken prisoner by Rufus White and Ed Ward two union soldiers and taken from my home to Kamper's Barracks at Cincinnati and staid in priso until about 20th day December, 1863 when I was payrolled with the understanding that I would be exchanged for other prisoners and I got away from there and came back into Ky., and came back home and was no longer a prisoner after that time. I left the claimant John Reffett At Liberty Va., in the fall 1863 and never saw him any more after that but he was one of my neighbors and lived in the same community where I lived and I never saw him any more until afterthe close of the war. He was always a faithful soldier while in the service. Affiant says he is not personally interested in this claim.

W B Harmon

Subscribed and sworn to before me by W. B. Harmon this the 4", day of May, 1915.

Edgar C. Stephens

Notary Public, Floyd County, Ky.
My commission expires Jany. 13th, 1918.

June 8, 1915.

Webster Greer,

East Point, Kentucky.

Dear Sir:-

I am in receipt of yours of the 7th.

I have re-examined the application of John Reffett, including the two affidavits to which you refer.

This proof adds nothing to the proof that is already on file with his application. The proof all shows his service to sometime in the fall of 1863.

Yours truly,

Commissioner.

WJS-C

MAY & MAY
ATTORNEYS-AT-LAW
PRESTONSBURG, KY.

Oct. 4th, 1915.

Hon. W. J. Stone,
Pension Commissioner,
Frankfort, Kentucky.

Dear Sir:-

I am writing you again in reference to the pension claim of John Riffett of East Point, Kentucky. I would like for you to look up this application and let me know whether it is ready to be presented to the Pension Board at its next meeting, and when its next meeting will be . Please look into the records very thoroughly to ascertain whether or not it should be submitted. I shall rely largely upon your judgment as to whether or not this case is made out. Please let me hear from you promptly and, oblige.

Yours very truly,

A. J. May

East Point Ky.

Oct. 7th 1915

Hon. W.J. Stone.

Frankfort Ky.

Dear Sir I want you to take the case of John Reffett at once as I am sending you the evidence of William Disemore in his case it looks like we have made all the proof that is necessary you will let me know soon

as ever

Webster Greer

October 7th, 1915.

A. J. May,

Prestonsburg, Ky.

Dear Sir:-

I am in receipt of yours of the 4th inst. relative to the application of John Reffett.

On November 20, 1914, I wrote you fully relative to this application, and in all I have written Webster Greer 6 letters relative to it, two of them since my last letter to you.

Since the receipt of your letter I have again gone carefully over this application, and all the proof filed with it, and I cannot see that the proof brings Mr. Reffett within the provisions of the law.

The application can be submitted to the Board in its present condition at any ~~xxxxxx~~ meeting it may be desirable on the part of the applicant or yourself. The Pension Board does not have regular dates for meeting, but only meets when it is convenient for them to do so when there are cases to be sumitted to it. Therefore, I am unable to tell you when the next meeting of the Board will take place.

If you desire the case of Reffett submitted to the Board, and will so inform me, I will lay it before them the next time they meet, or if I am informed when the next meeting will take place a sufficient length of time before hand, I will notify you and you can appear before them if you desire. All I do, however, in any case, where an appeal is taken, is I simply state to the Board my view of what the proof shows, and leave it to them to decide for themselves.

Very truly,

Commissioner.

WJS-C

East Point Ky.
Oct. 7th 1915.

State of Kentucky }
Floyd county }

Personally appeared before me A. Notary Public in and for the county and State aforesaid William Sizemore whose Post-office is Water gap. And who being duly sworn in relation to the claim of John Reffet of East Point Ky. Says that I am personally acquainted with the claimant John Reffet and have known him since 1865. citizen of Floyd county. Ky. And has been ever since the civil war I was with the said John Reffet while he was in the confederate army. The said John Reffet enlisted in the confederate army in 1862 under col. Jack May In Co. A. the 10th Ky. under Ed Trimble Capt. The said John Reffet served in said Co. and Reg. from the time he enlisted untill our Reg. and Co. was disbanded. in Va. And came back to Ky.

The said John Reffet was with his command in Va. When we got the news that Lee had surrendered we met John M. Elliott who was a member of the confederate congress That is the way we got the news we was at that time under Gen. Eckles. And he disbanded us there near Christiansburg Va He said we need not go any further That Lee had surrendered to Grant Ayn the said John Reffet was there with us when we was Disbanded In April 1865

Attest—
C. E. Friend

his
William Eisemore
mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this oct. 7th 1915

My com. expires Jan 18th 1918 Webster Greer
Notary Public
East Point Ky.

MAY & MAY
ATTORNEYS-AT-LAW
PRESTONSBURG, KY.

Oct. 11th, 1915.

Capt. W. J. Stone,
Pension Commissioner,
Frankfort, Kentucky.

Dear Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter of October 7th, concerning the claim of John Reffett of East Point, Kentucky, for Confederate Pension, and I must confess that I have always labored under a mistaken impression as to how these matters are disposed of. I have always understood that matters pertaining to pension claims were submitted originally to the Pension Board, and did not know that the Board only considered such claims as were appealed from the decision of the Commissioner. It was not my purpose to take any appeal from your decision in this matter, but I only assumed that it was your custom to submit all matters to the Board. We have gotten all the proof that we can get in this man's claim, and if the proof before you is not sufficient to justify you in allowing his pension we do not care to take it up before the Board at this time, but wish to have it held in abeyance until we can secure other proof, if possible. I am sure the old man is a meritorius applicant, and I am sorry the proof is not at hand at this time to clearly establish his claim.

Very truly yours,

A. J. May

AJM-c

East Point Ky.
Dec 30th 1916

Hon. W.J. Stone Frankfort Ky.
Dear Sir and friend I havent
heard from you since I sent
in the Affidavit of William
Sisemore in the case of
John Reffet who stated on oath
when John Reffet enlisted in
the confederate army also
the term of service and how
he got out of the army and
when he got out.
I also sent you two Affidavits
in the case of James Osborn
William Osborn and Stephen
Osborn Each of them states that
~~James Osborn enlisted in 1862~~
under Col. Prentice in Co. E. 7th
Va. And served in said Co.
and Reg. untill the surrender

In April 1866. you will please take up those cases at once and let me know as they are getting very impatient about the matter I think they have proven every thing that the Law requires.

Yourse Respectfully
Webster Green

December 31, 1915.

Webster Greer,

East Point, Ky.

Dear Sir:-

I am in receipt of yours of the 30th relative to the application of John Reffett.

The affidavit of William Sizemore was received here, and filed with the papers in this case, and since the receipt of your letter I have carefully re-examined this application and all the proof filed with it, and have been unable to reach the conclusion that the proof filed in this case brings Mr. Reffett within the provisions of the law. For the reason of lack of proof on some points, and conflicting proof on others.

In a communication to A. J. May, of Prestonsburg, relative to this case, dated October 7, 1915, I informed him that I did not think the proof in this case justified the allowance of a pension, but that my decision was subject to appeal to the Pension Board, and he informed me that he is not disposed to appeal from my decision, but asked that the matter be held up to see if other proof could not be had, and I now suggest the same thing to you, that my decision in this case is subject to appeal to the pension Board.

Very truly,

Commissioner.

WJS-C

Form V. S. 1—125m—6-19-19

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

File No.....
Registered No.....

1 **PLACE OF DEATH**
County Johnson
Vot. Pct. Little Gap
Inc. Town.....
City.....
Registration District No. 5863
Primary Registration District No. Little Gap
(No..... St., ...Ward)

(If death occurred in a hospital or institution, give its NAME instead of street and number.)

2 FULL NAME John Keffett

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

3 SEX: Male
4 COLOR OR RACE: White
5 Single, Married, Widowed or Divorced (Write the word): Married
6 DATE OF BIRTH: ..... (Month) ..... (Day) ....., ? (Year)
7 AGE: 78 yrs. ..... mos. ..... ds.
IF LESS than 1 day ..... hrs. or ..... min?
8 OCCUPATION
(a) Trade, profession or particular kind of work.....
(b) General nature of industry, business or establishment in which employed (or employer).....
9 BIRTHPLACE (State or country)

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

14 THE ABOVE IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE
(Informant) .....
(Address).....

15
Filed ....., 192. J M Daniel Registrar

11—3184

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

16 DATE OF DEATH: 1 (Month) 23 (Day), 1924 (Year)

17 I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from....., 192....., to....., 192....., that I last saw h..... alive on....., 192....., and that death occurred on the date stated above at.....m.

The CAUSE OF DEATH* was as follows:

apopleday

.....(Duration) .....yrs. .....mos. .....ds.

Contributory .....
(Secondary)
.....(Duration).....yrs. .....mos.....ds.

(Signed) ....., M. D.

....., 192..... (Address).....

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

18 LENGTH OF RESIDENCE (For Hospitals, Institutions, Transients or Recent Residents)
at place of death.....yrs.....mos.....ds. In the State.....yrs.....mos.....ds.
Where was disease contracted, if not at place of death?.....
Former or usual residence .....

19 PLACE OF BURIAL OR REMOVAL	DATE OF BURIAL ....., 192.....
20 UNDERTAKER	ADDRESS

MARGIN RESERVED FOR BINDING

WRITE PLAINLY, WITH UNFADING INK—THIS IS A PERMANENT RECORD

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

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Sip, Ky., Feb 11 1924

J. T. George Commissioner
Frankfort Ky

Having Been appointed
administrator for the Estate
of John Reffet Dec Jan 23, 1924
Hear By Make Claim for
Pension Due said John Reffet
at His Death
also Enclose Certificates

John C. Fitch administrator
Sip
Johnson Co Ky