

(ORIGINAL)

## Soldier's Application for Pension

I, William J. Bowen

am a citizen of Kentucky, resident at Sage in the County of Cowell

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. E. 2nd Ky mtd Rifles

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 Aug 6<sup>th</sup> 1841

in Montgomery County Ky

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 the year 1862 in Co. E. 2nd Ky mtd Rifles John H. Bradshaw, Captain Richard Morton. 2nd Lieut.

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

Answer I was a prisoner at Camp Chase Columbus Ohio paroled there

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

Answer I was in Camp Chase Prison Columbus Ohio released Jan 31 1863.

Were you paroled? If so, when and where?

Answer I was paroled July 31 - 1863 at Columbus Ohio

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

Answer Yes

If so, when and under what circumstances?

Answer at Columbus Ohio July 31 1863.

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

Answer ... Farmer ... about \$1000

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

Answer ... To the amount of about \$300

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

Answer ... my own ... no property in her own right

State the net income of yourself and your wife from all sources for the past year. This must include all money received either from wages, rents or interest on loaned money, if any.

Answer ... about \$60

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 ... J. P. Atkinson

If so, give his name and address?

Answer ... J. P. Atkinson ... Stanton Ky

Witness my hand this 8 day of May 1912

WITNESSES:

C. C. Knott, Physician ... William J. Bowen

Postoffice Address ... Bowen ... Street and No. (if any)

Perishable Birch, Witness ... R. F. D. (if any)

Postoffice Address ... Menet KY

Maxton Gardner, Witness

Postoffice Address ... Bowen

STATE OF KENTUCKY

County } I, ... Judge of said County,

certify that ... and his wife ... are

assessed with ... acres, valued at \$ ... and with \$ ... of personal property.

Witness my hand this ... day of ... 1912

Judge County Court.

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

STATE OF KENTUCKY

County } Personally appeared before me, Notary Public, William J. Bowen of said County, the above named 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 8 day of May, 1912.

W. J. Bowen

STATE OF KENTUCKY

County } Personally appeared before me, Notary Public, Powell Co., Ky. My commission expires Jan. 16, 1914. William F. Bowen of said County, the above named

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

1st - his heart is weak 100 to 120 minute Lungs flabby hacking cough. he complains of smothering he is very pale and thin I find he is about able to perform about one 3rd manual labor.

Witness my hand and seal of office, this 8 day of May, 1912.

W. J. Bowen

(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

County } Personally appeared before me, Notary Public, Powell Co., Ky. My commission expires Jan. 16, 1914. Berry P. Bishop and Martin Fowler of said County, the above named

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

further make oath to the following facts touching the applicant's service in the Confederate army.

He was a member of the Company and Regiment elsewhere referred to in this application.

Witness my hand and seal of office, this 8 day of May, 1912.

W. J. Bowen

Notary Public, Powell Co., Ky. My commission expires Jan. 16, 1914.

No. 3484

STATE OF KENTUCKY

Soldier's Application for Pension

*William J. Bowen*

Co. .... Rgt.

Filed *July 29 1912*

*W. J. Bowen*

Allowed .....

Read Specifications on Back.

- SPECIFICATIONS
- 1.....
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*Allowed Apr 15 1914*

*W. J. Bowen* Commissioner

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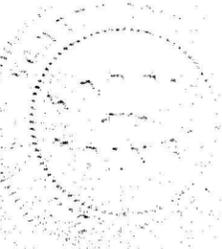
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To Applicants for Pension

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.



Indorsement.

PENSION EXAMINER'S OFFICE

FRANKFORT, KY.

W. J. BOWEN

Enlisted Oct. 12, 1862, in Co. B, 2nd Bat. Ky. Mtd. Rifles. There is record proof of service to Feb'y. 28, 1863. He states himself that he was captured and imprisoned at Camp Chase, O., and was released on taking the oath of allegiance to the Government, which he did on account of the condition of his health, and that when he recovered about four mos. after he left the prison he returned to the service and served till the close of the war. Four of his comrades testify that his statements are true.

Indigent.

Approved:

W J Stone.

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

1940245

WAR DEPARTMENT

Address: "The Adjutant General, Department, Washington, D. C." 1940245

WAR DEPARTMENT,

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

WASHINGTON, July 31, 1912.

Respectfully returned to the

Examiner,  
Confederate Pension Department,  
Frankfort, Kentucky.

The records show that William Bowen, private, Company B (name not found as of Company E), 2d Battalion, Kentucky Mounted Rifles, Confederate States Army, enlisted October 12 (year not stated). On the muster roll covering the period from November 30, 1862, to February 28, 1863, last on file, he was reported present. No later record of him has been found.

*Henry P. McCarroll*

Adjutant General.

I the under signed Caroline Willoughby of Sage, Powell Co, Ky. on Oath make the following statement.

That I personally saw W.J. Lowen of this place, and who is an applicant for a confederate pension, in the confederate army under Captain John H. Bradshaw on the 14th day of Sept 1863. one day before the battle of Spouts Springs, Estill Co, Ky. which resulted in the death of the said W.J. Lowen brother. "Morton Lowen"

Given under my hand this the 6th day of Oct 1913.

Att. *Ida Carter*

*Caroline Willoughby*

No. .... S.....

HEADQUARTERS

# Confederate Pension Department

W. J. STONE, EXAMINER

FRANKFORT, KY.

JUL 29 1862 191 .....

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

Dear Sir:

*William J. Bowen*

who is an applicant for Pension under the Kentucky Pension law, claims  
to have been a member of Company *C - 2d Ky*  
Regiment *Mtd Rifles* C. S. A., and to have been

Please give me the record of this soldier.

Respectfully,

*W. J. Stone*  
Examiner.

POWELL COUNTY COURT.

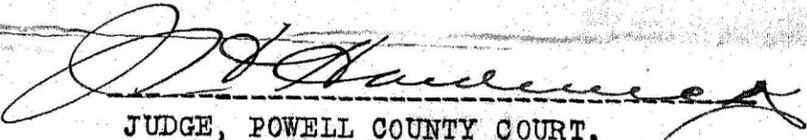
June Term, 1912.

In the Matter of the application for  
Pension of William J. Bowen.

The evidence heard shows that Mr. Bowen owns a small farm worth \$350.00; that he owns no other property; the only income he has is from the farm, perhaps \$60.00, a year; that his citizenship and residence have been continuously in this state; that his home now is in Powell County.

The witnesses heard were <sup>J. Cooper</sup> ~~Berry Blach~~ and ~~Morton~~ <sup>William</sup> ~~Woolman~~, of Bowen, Ky.

The claimant is unable to earn a support by manual labor and the claim should be allowed.

  
JUDGE, POWELL COUNTY COURT.

Sage. Ky.  
Aug 25<sup>th</sup> 1913.

Dear Mr Stone:-

Herewith find  
The sworn statement of  
W. J. Bowen and Martin Turkin  
in regards to the service  
that he <sup>"Bowen"</sup> rendered to the  
Confederate army after he  
had taken the oath of  
allegiance to the United States  
Government on Jan 31<sup>st</sup> 1863.

Please let me hear from you  
as soon as the pension board  
passes on my Bowen application  
Yours Very Truly, H. L. Willd.

I the undersigned W.J.Bowen on oath make the following statement.

That I enlisted in the confederate army, under John H. Bradshaw on October 12, 1862, and was taken prisoner by General Garfield, about five miles above where Hazel Green, Ky, now stands. said capture was during the ~~holidays~~ holidays between December 25th 1862 and January 1st 1863. and to save my life from disease and starvation, as the Dr, had give me up to die, I took the oath of allegiance to the United States Government on Jan 31, 1863 and returned home untill I recovered, so I was able to return to my old command under said Bradshaw, which was near where Campton, Ky. is now, some time in the months of September, or October of the same year "1863" and continued in the confederate army under Capt, Bradshaw untill the close of the war.

Given under my hand this the 25th day of August 1913.

W. J. Bowen

I the under signed Morton Forkner, on oath make the following statement.

being personally acquainted with the above said W.J. Bowen before and after the war, and during said war, do state according to the record of the fight at Spouts Spring, Ky. when said W.J. Bowen was by my side it was ~~on~~ in October 1863 which would have to have been after the said Bowen was in prison. and above allegiance was taken. Then I was with the Said Bowen, off and on untill the close of the war, when we all laid down our arms and went home. I did'nt get no discharge of no character, and dont know of no-body that did that was in our command under Captain. Bradshaw.

Given under my hand this the 25th day of August 1913.

Morton Forkner

State of Ky.

County of Powell.

I J.W. Woolery clerk for the state and county aforesaid do certify that the above W.J. Bowen and Morton Forkner personally appeared before me and was Sworn to the above statements by me, to be the truth and nothing out the truth so Help theit God.

Given under my hand and seal this the 25th day of August 1913.



J. W. Woolery Clerk.  
Per H. C. Wills D.C.

September 12, 1913.

Mr. F. C. Wills,

Sage, Kentucky.

Dear Sir:-

I am in receipt of yours of the 10th relative to the application for pension of W. J. Bowen. On July 7th I wrote you the status of his case at that time. Since then I have received the affidavits mentioned in your letter. In Bowen's application he states that he took the oath of allegiance to the United States Government on the 1st day of January, 1863, but says nothing about having returned to the army or having rendered any further service. In this affidavit that he furnishes he says he returned to the service in September or October 1863, and continued in the Confederate army till the close of the war. Morton Forkner states that he was with him in October, 1863, and was with him off and on till the close of the war. From which you will see that the testimony conflicts in such a way as to not leave it clear, and proof to reconcile these various statements should be furnished in the way of making clear this re-enlistment and showing when and how he got out of the army.

Taking the oath of allegiance to the U. S. Government by a Confederate soldier before the close of the war is the same thing as is meant in the law where it says a man who deserted cannot receive the benefits of the pension act unless he be returned to the service and served till the close of the war or was honorably discharged.

So it makes it necessary that the proof be plain and accurate as to  
~~the company and regiment in which this latter service was rendered~~  
and the time and place and how he got out of the army.

Very truly,

Examiner.

WJS-C

Date Oct 4 1913.

To the Confederate Pension Board,

Frankfort, Ky.

We the under signed Morton Forkner, of Lowen, Powell Co, Ky. and  
William S. Lowen of Sage, Powell Co, Ky. on oath make the following statement.

That the above W. S. Lowen did re-enlist in the Confederate army  
"after he taken the oath of allegiance to the U.S. Government" on <sup>about</sup> Sept 10th  
1865 at the mouth of Indian Creek in Powell Co, Ky under Captin John H.  
Bradshaw, with 2d Ky mounted rifle-men, Co. E. and did continue in said  
service until the close of the war, when we were all honorable discharged  
near Campton, Wolf Co, Ky. on <sup>about</sup> April 14th 1865.

We did not get no discharge and dont know of any body with our command that  
did, as we were defeated we thot of no gain by having them.

Given under our hand this the 4 day of October 1913.

Morton Forkner  
W. S. Lowen

State of Ky.

County of Powell.

State of Kentucky,  
County of Powell.

I J.W. Woolery Clerk for the ~~xxx~~ State and County aforesaid do certify that Morton Forkner, W.C. Lowen and Caroline Willoughby personally appeared before me and was duly Sworn to the statements herewith to be the truth and nothing but the truth to the best of their knowledge, so Help their God.

Given under my hand and seal this the 6 day of Oct 1913.

Seal.

J. W. Woolery Clerk.  
Per J. C. Willis D.C.

December 10, 1913.

W. J. Bowen, Esq.,

Same, Kentucky.

Dear Sir:-

I am in receipt of yours of the 9th. Your application has not been reached for re-examination since the receipt of the last proof you filed.

Very truly,

Examiner.

WJS-C

January 9th, 1914.

Mr. E. G. Wills,

Sage, Kentucky.

Dear Sir:-

I am in receipt of yours of the 8th. The application of W. J. Bower has not been reached for re-examination when your letter reached here, but I have re-examined the proof in the case and find that there is a conflict in the testimony of Bower himself. He says in his application that he took the oath of allegiance on the 31st day of January, 1865, and does not say anything about ever having re-enlisted in the service, and when notified that the taking of the oath of allegiance to the U. S. Government before the close of the war and before he was honorably discharged would deprive him of the benefits of the pension law, he then makes an affidavit that he re-enlisted in the same company that he had previously belonged to on the 12th day of October, 1862, and further along in the same affidavit he says it was sometime in the month of September or October, 1863. Morton Faulkner testifies that W. J. Bower was by his side in October, 1863, but does not say of his having re-enlisted in the Company but simply says he saw him off and on until the close of the war. From which you will observe that there is a conflict in the testimony that does not make it clear in any way.

Very truly,

WJS-C

Sage. 14.  
Jan 17<sup>th</sup> 1914  
Hon. W. J. Stone, C. P. E.  
Annapolis, Md.

Dear Sir:-  
Yours of the 9<sup>th</sup> Inst. at hand, will say in regards to the application of W. J. Brown for pension, you say in one affidavit he states he re-enlisted in the month of Sept or Oct 1863 and also states of re-enlistment being on Oct 1<sup>st</sup> 1862. in regards to the year was a mistake & made in taking his affidavit, but in regards to the month & day he says he did not think of it having to be so accurate when he stated in the month of Sept or Oct but when notified of same he went to his sister who had the date of the death of his Bro, then he says he was able to state

#2.  
Mr. Parkman that he was active in service "and better" after said allegiance when taken, he says he that the application sufficient to grant him his drawing pension, and as to the conflicting in the date it is like this. I myself made the mistake in regards to the year in taking his affidavit 1863 being correct; and as to the day & month, he like the foregoing since did not think that the body would be so technical with the application, it was then when he was notified of same that he searched the record and found when his Brother was killed by his side, which was Oct 15<sup>th</sup> 1863. then he could give the exact date, as Oct 12<sup>th</sup> 1863. Hoping that the board will properly re-consider Mr. Brown's application possible.

I am yours very truly  
H. C. Willis  
P.S. let me hear from you again soon.

Sage. 124.  
2-16<sup>th</sup> 1914  
Hon. W. J. Stone, C. P. E.  
Annapolis, Md.

Dear Sir:-  
Some time ago I wrote you in regards to the application for a pension for one W. J. Brown, and I received a letter from you of Jan 9<sup>th</sup> 14 saying that Mr. Brown affidavits conflicted with each other, now Mr. Stone according to the application of Mr. Brown, he gives the date of enlistment and states that he took the oath of allegiance on Jan 31<sup>st</sup> 1863. he did not certify that he did or did not give any more service to the Confederate cause but, on finding as you say allegiance to the U. S. Government disqualified ~~as an applicant~~ him, then he does further certify and proves by

#2.  
The exact date which was on Oct 12<sup>th</sup> 1863<sup>rd</sup> not 1862. which was simply a mistake I made, as I had it down in writing and copied same on a typewriter. Mr. Parkman states he was with Mr. Brown about 1 1/2 years previous to the close of the war which shows without a doubt his service after his allegiance. he was only out of service according to the proof from the 31<sup>st</sup> day of Jan 1863 until Oct 12-1863 (which he states that time he was home sick in bed) from the first day he enlisted until the close of the war. So let me hear from you again I am  
yours very truly  
H. C. Willis

Frenchburg, Kentucky.

June 16~~th~~<sup>th</sup> 1914

Hon. W.J. Stone Commissioner,

Frankfort Kentucky.

Dear Sir.

An old man came to me to day and told me that he had a claim in before you for some time for a Pension as a confederate soldier and that there was a mistake made in in the date of when ~~he~~ returned to his Co, This man,s name is W.J. Bowen and he lives in Powell County Ky. Now I want to say to you that the old man Woven is a good man and is getting along in years and he wants me to aid him in getting his claim and I have agreed to do so hence, I want to get the matter before you as it really is, and if ther has been a mistake made I want him to have the chance to correct it, so please let me ~~know~~ <sup>know</sup> he has had another man working at this busin ness for him but only agreed to help in the Matter

Very Truly  
J. G. Osborn

June 18th, 1914.

T. W. Osborn.

Frenchburg, Ky.

Dear Sir:-

I am in receipt of yours of the 16th relative to the application of W. J. Bowen. I have had a very considerable correspondence with Mr. F. G. Wills of Sage, Ky. relative to this application. When he filed his application he furnished no proof with it, except two witnesses says that he was a member of the company and regiment elsewhere referred to in this application, which was Company E, 2nd Kentucky Mounted Rifles. I immediately made inquiry of the War Department at Washington for any record of him that might be on file there and found that it was shown that he enlisted October 12th, 1862, and his company roll for November 30, 1862, showed him present with his company and no later record of him has been found. When he filed his application and <sup>was</sup> asked when and how he got out of the army, he said on January 31, 1865, by taking the oath of allegiance to the United States Government at Columbus, O. But he said nothing about having returned to the service of the Confederate army and of course that barred ~~fr~~ him from the benefits of the law, and when

this information was given him he then claimed to have re-enlisted or re-joined his command, after he left prison, and he filed an affidavit of his own, and that of Morton Forkner, as to his further service in the Confederate army. He states in his own affidavit that he returned to his command in October, 1863, and served till the close of the war. Morton Forkner testifies that he was with said Bowen off and on from October, 1863, until the close of the war, but does not tell in what command he was nor when and where he was, in fact, nothing definite about it except the general statement. If W. J. Bowen returned to the service, and served till the close of the war, the proof should be definite, not only stated the time, but the place and when he returned to the command, and the company and regiment in which he served, and when, where, and how he got out of the army.

I note that you say you have promised to assist him in this matter, and I have given you a correct statement of the status of the case and the proof that was actually necessary to bring this applicant within the provisions of the law. I always try to impress it upon those who are getting proof in an application to get all the proof they can, and when I say all, I mean all, and send it to this office to be filed with the application, and an overwhelming number of those to whom I write that way get one

affidavit of some sort, or a letter from somebody, and send it to this office and write and ask me if that will be sufficient, and if not sufficient to let them know and they can get more proof. That simply creates a voluminous correspondence, without in any way hastening ~~the matter~~ in any manner the consideration of the application.

Very truly,

Commissioner.

WJS-C

State of Kentucky

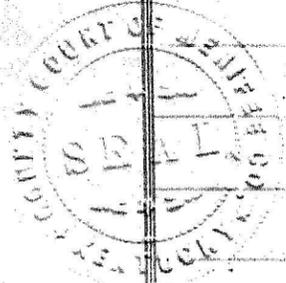
County of Menifee

The affiant and Claimant W.J. Bowen says that he has a claim in before the commissioner for a Pension as a confederate soldier in Co E" 5th Ky, Regiment under captain Bradsaw and Col. John S. Williams and that as he now remembers took the oath in January 1862 and went home and remained there until about October the same year I went back to the same Co. and Regiment I was at home at the mouth of Indian Creek me and my brother was out hunting hogs and when the soldiers came along and inquired for me as they wanted to see me their old comeard my mother rang the bell and I and my brother that was with me came in and my brother and I went on with them my brother whose name was Horton Bowen and the 3rd day after that my brother was shot and killed in a fight at Spout Springs in Estill County Ky, and I remained with them from that on until the war ~~was~~ closed in the year 1865 between HazleGreen and Campton I remember one very noted thing that we did while I was a soldier as I now remember Morgan, s men ~~was~~ were with them and on the Kentucky river between Beattyville and Irvin Estill County Ky they captured a what we called then a freight load of meat and the Soldiers were so hungry that they eat that meat without cooking and there was about 2500 soldiers together and when they got to beattyville we had a small fight and the Confederate soldiers whiped them and burned a fine flout mill and a good quantity of flour I have heretofore filed my application and from what I learn about my application I made a mistake in some of the dates about when I went back but there is one thing that I am certain about and that is I went back after

I got out of prison and remained until the war closed but  
it seems very hard for me to get some one who was along with  
me at it seems like the most of them are dead or gone to some  
other Country my health is very bad I take smothering spells  
and besides my mind is not near as good as it used to be

W. J. Bowen

Subscribed and sworn to before  
me by W. J. Bowen this July 13<sup>th</sup> 1914  
W. C. Mynhier Clerk



Recd  
JUL 13 1914  
Jc

Frenchburg Menifée County Ky.

July 10th 1914.

Hon, W.J.Stone Commissioner,

Frankfort

Kentucky,

My Dear Sir;

I have just written another statement of W.J.Bowen a citizen of Powell County Kentucky and when he told me what all he had to go through I could not keep from shedding tears how he was sick with measles and was captured and put in prison he said he had a 1/2 pt of brandy as medicine and they took that away from him and made him walk and wade the creeks and rivers and that he never has seen a well day since he told me about being at home at the mouth of Indian Creek which is now Menifée County Ky and he and his brother Horton Bowen was out in the woods hunting hogs and the soldiers of his old Co, inquired for him and wanted to see him and his mother rang the dinner bell and he and his brother came in and he and his brother went with them and three days after that they had a fight with the yankey,s and the yankeys was down in the bottom behind an old barn and some houses and

the confederates were upon the hill and his  
brother was standing between him and a man by  
the name of Faulkner was shot and killed  
possibly you have a record of said fight I am  
very sorry for the old man and I am pretty  
certain that he does not want to make any  
false statements and that he is entitled to a  
pension from what I know and can learn about  
Mr. Bowen he is a strictly honest upright man

He says the treatment that he received  
from some while he was in Prison would make a  
man shudder to hear him tell he said he owed  
his life to an old woman that came in to see  
him while he was sick that all the Doctors that  
were in there had done all they could for him  
and said to him they were bound to die and  
this old lady said she could bring in a Doctor  
that she believed could cure him and that Doctor  
with an instrument drawed three pints of blood  
from about his breast was as black as it  
could be and that saved his life he said that  
Green Trimble was a prisoner at the same time  
he was and that Trimble told the Captain that  
he would kill the man the way that they were  
treating him and that the Captain told him that  
if he did not ~~ex~~ shut his mouth that he would

make him wade the rivers and creeks

Very Truly,

J.F. Osben,

September 22, 1914.

J. F. Osbon,  
Frenchburg, Kentucky.

Dear Sir:-

I am in receipt of yours of the 19th relative to the application of William J. Bowen. I note that you say he wanted you to write to me relative to his claim as he has not heard a word from it since it was filed. This is certainly a very erroneous statement, or else the letters I have written about this application have never been received by the persons to whom they were addressed.

On July 7, 1913, I wrote Mr. F. C. Wills, and again on Sept. 12, 1913, I wrote Mr. Wills, and on December 10, 1913, I wrote Mr. Bowen, and on January 9, 1914, I again wrote Mr. Wills relative to this application, and on June 18, 1914, I wrote you a long letter giving you in full a statement as to the status of the case and all the proof on file therewith, and since my letter to you of June 18, 1914, which contained all the information that it was possible to give at that time, no additional proof has been filed and no change has taken place with regard to this application.

Very truly,

Commissioner.

WJS-C

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Frenchburg Meniffee County Ky.

Sept, 19th 1914.

HON. W.J.STONE COMMISSIONER.

Frankfort

Kentucky.

Dear Sir;

Mr, W.J.Bowen who was  
a Confederate Soldier in Co. ;E; 5th Ky. Regmt  
is over to see me from Powell County Kentucky  
whose Post office is Sage Powell Co Ky. and  
wanted me to write to you relative to his claim  
as he has not heard a word from it since it was  
filed now I desire you to inform me what shape  
his claim is in as he is poor and needs the mone  
so I hope you will let me know as soon as you we  
well can or you write to him at ~~xxxx~~ Sage Ky.

Very Truly

J.F.Osben.

This certifies that  
 Mary E. Bowen,  
 wife of W. J. Bowen  
 states that

W. J. Bowen returned  
 home from camp  
 Chase Prison in the  
 year of 1863  
 and returned back  
 to his company in  
 the fall of 1863  
 and remained until  
 the close of the  
 rebellion

Subscribed and  
 sworn to before  
 me by Mary E. Bowen  
 this 24th day of

Oct 1914

John Hamilton J.C.

of Chamber Co. Ky.

for M. E. Hysmier clerk nec



GENERAL AFFIDAVIT.

State of Indiana, County of Parke, ss:

In the Matter of claim for pension of William J. Bowen of the 7<sup>th</sup>, Kentucky Cavalry Confederate Service.

ON THIS 18<sup>th</sup> day of November, A. D. one thousand nine hundred and Fourteen, personally appeared before me, a Notary Public

, within and for the County and State aforesaid, duly authorized to administer oaths, Berry Howell, aged 69 years,

a resident of No. Hillsdale Street,

County of Vermillion, State of Indiana, well known by me to

be reputable and entitled to credit, and who, being duly sworn according to law, declares in relation to the aforesaid case as follows: That he is personally acquainted with the claimant

William J. Bowen who enlisted in the Seventh Kentucky Cavalry. He was made a prisoner in Camp Chase Prison. He re-enlisted in Captain John H. Bradshaws Company after being released from prison and remained in the Confederate service to the end of the War. That further affiant was in the Confederate service with the claimant for three years and six months and has personal knowledge of the facts above stated.



I certify that I am not interested in the prosecution of this case.

That my post office address is Hillsdale, Vermillion County Indiana.

David M. Scott  
Charles Howell

If affiant signs by mark, two persons who write sign here.

Berry Howell  
Signature of Affiant

State of Indiana, County of Parke, ss:

Subscribed and Sworn to before me, this 18<sup>th</sup> day of November, A. D. 1914.

and I hereby certify that I read the contents of the foregoing affidavit, to said affiant, including the words

..... erased,

and the words.....

..... added, and thoroughly acquainted him

with its contents before the same was executed. I further certify that I am

in nowise interested in the claim nor concerned in its prosecution, and that

said affiant Berry Howell is..... personally known to me and

that he is a..... credible person.....



Francis M. M. Langhlin  
Official Signature.

Notary Public.

Official Character.

My Com. Expires May 24<sup>th</sup> 1916.

LUCIEN COVER, PRINTER, QUINCY, ILL.

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November 25th, 1914.

W. J. Bowen,

Sage, Kentucky.

Dear Sir:-

I am in receipt of yours of the 23rd enclosing the affidavit of Berry Howard. This affidavit adds nothing to the proof already on file with your application, because this man is not definite in his statements, tells nothing of his own service, and of yours only in a general way.

Very truly,

Commissioner.

WJB-C

February 24th, 1915.

W. J. Bowen,  
Sage, Kentucky.

Dear Sir:-

I am in receipt of yours of the 23th.

As heretofore written you, the fact that you took the oath of allegiance to the U. S. Government about January 1, 1863, as stated in your application and also in your affidavit which you later filed, it is impossible for you to be allowed a pension under the law.

Very truly,

Commissioner.

WJS-C

November 11, 1915.

W. J. Bowen,

Bean, Kentucky.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of yours of the 8th, and note that you say you can get more information about your application.

I have written you, and others for you, a number of letters, amounting to eight in all, relative to your application, and my last was to you of February 24, 1915, in which I told you the facts that you took the oath of allegiance to the U.S. Government about January 1, 1863, as stated in your application, which would render it impossible for you to be granted a pension under the law.

Very truly,

Commissioner.

WJS-C

State of Kentucky.

Powell County.

The affiant William J. Bowen, says that on May the 10<sup>th</sup> 1912 he filed in the Powell County Court an application for a Soldiers Pension, under the act of the General Assembly of Kentucky granting pension to Confederate soldiers, and in support of said application he made an affidavit of proof of his claim and committed an error as to the dates that he intended, and he makes this his affidavit to correct the affidavit aforesaid. He says that he enlisted in the year 1862 in Co, E 2nd Ky. Mounted Rifles, John H. Bradshaw, Captain, Richard Morton 2nd. Lieutenant, and made a prisoner and confined in Camp Chase prison, Columbus Ohio, and was released from said prison on the 31st day of January 1863, that he was released from said prison on account of the condition of his health, and because he could not live in the confinement then under the conditions and was forced by reason of the state of his health to take the oath of allegiance which he did before being released, that he was about four months in a precarious condition and under the care of Doctors before he finally recovered after his release, and that he re-enlisted again in the same company on the 12th day of October 1863, and continued in service on to the close of the war, and that during the time after he re-enlisted he frequently met with and was in company with Morton Forkner on until the close of the war. He says that the original affidavit contained the figures as to date of 1862, by oversight of the draftsman of same or by confusion in his statement, that he is now almost 75 years of age, and does get confused as to dates at times.

W J Bowen

Subscribed and sworn to before me by William J. Bowen this April 3rd 1914.

A J Knox  
Judge of Powell County Court.

Oct. 31. 1914

personally came  
before me the undersigned  
<sup>Notary Public</sup>  
of the State of Wis  
County of Langlade J. N. BOWEN,  
who being duly sworn  
states & avers that  
he well remembers of  
J. N. Bowen, residing  
in service of Army after  
he was discharged  
from prison in the  
Spring 1863 and remained  
there till the close of

War. Resided in the  
signed J. N. Bowen,  
Notary Public  
Langlade Co. Wis.

My Commission expires Dec. 17. 1916