

# Soldier's Application for Pension

I, John W. Cross  
am a citizen of Kentucky, resident at Heights in the County of Marshall  
in said State of Kentucky, and was a soldier from the State of Ky., 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. D. 7. Ky. Reg.

in the service of the Confederate States, and that by reason of disability and indigence I am now entitled to receive the  
benefit of this Act. I further swear that I do not receive aid or pension from any other State, or from the United States,  
and that I am not an inmate of any soldier's home, and that I am unable to earn a reasonable support for myself and fam-  
ily. I do further solemnly swear that the answers given to the following questions are true:

In what County, State and year were you born?

Answer Davidson Co. Tenn. 1842.

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

Answer August or Sept. 1861. Pillows Command. Colonel Chas  
Wickliff, Capt J. M. Chandler D. P. Walston 1st Lieut.

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

Answer I got sick and was left on march near Cold water and I was cut  
off by the Yankees and could not get back to the command. This was the fall or early  
winter of 1862. I had chronic Diarrhoea and partial Paralysis + never have finally recovered.  
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 Yes

If so, when and under what circumstances?

Answer I don't remember the year I was sick and the Yankees came to  
my father's home after me + I could not go + my father vouched for  
me and 3 or 4 months after this I went to Paducah it must have  
been 1863 or 1864.

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

Answer ..... None .....

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

Answer .. 9.0 acres land worth \$800.00 one horse worth 100.00 one cow 25.00 furniture etc. \$50.00 and that's all. ....

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

Answer ... the land above is in my wife's name and is really hers. Nothing else .....

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 Not over \$ 50.00 .....

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 ... Since I was 11 years old, .....

Have you an attorney to look after this application?

Answer ..... Yes .....

If so, give his name and address?

Answer Shumwell + Reeds, Benton Ky. ....

Witness my hand this 23 day of April 1912. ....

WITNESSES:

B. T. Hall, Physician

Postoffice Address Benton Ky

Wyatt Mordis, Witness

Postoffice Address Benton Ky

B. T. Hall, Witness

Postoffice Address Hardin Ky R. 7 Box

J. W. Cross

P. O. Heights Ky

Street and No. (if any)

R. F. D. (if any)

STATE OF KENTUCKY

Marshall County } I, J. P. Price, Judge of said County,

certify that J. W. Cross and his wife are

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

Witness my hand this 5 day of June 1912

J. P. Price, Judge County Court.

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

STATE OF KENTUCKY

Marshall County } Personally appeared before me R. L. Shemwell  
Notary Public of said County, the above named J. W. Cross  
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 13 day of April, 1912

My Commission Expires Jan. 30. 1916

R. L. Shemwell Notary Public

STATE OF KENTUCKY

Marshall County } Personally appeared before me R. L. Shemwell  
Notary Public of said County, the above named D. J. Hall  
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 J. W. Cross  
the applicant, and find him laboring under the following disabilities: Unable to earn a support by manual labor.

Chronic Cystitis and Prostatitis,

Witness my hand and seal of office, this 13 day of April, 1912

My Commission Expires Jan. 30. 1916

R. L. Shemwell Notary Public

(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

Marshall County } Personally appeared before me R. L. Shemwell  
Notary Public of said County, the above named Wyatt Mordis  
and B. F. Holt

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.

State here what witnesses know of their own knowledge.

Wyatt Mordis Burien Ky. States he was member of same Co. with the applicant John W. Cross. We joined same time. I knew him well then & since was on the march near Coldwater Miss. Oct or Nov. 1862 and know that applicant was left on account of a stroke of paralysis and diarrhoea and when I got home in 1863 he was at home & was still sick in fact he has never fully recovered. B. F. Holt states that he was in same company and enlisted at the same time as applicant J. W. Cross. Knows that said cross was sick and had been sick some time. I know he served from Aug or Sept. 1861 to Oct or Nov. 1862 when we left him near Coldwater Miss. He was sick.

Witness my hand and seal of office, this 13 day of April, 1912

My Commission Expires Jan. 30. 1916

R. L. Shemwell Notary Public

No. 496

STATE OF KENTUCKY

Soldier's Application for Pension

*J. M. Smith*

Co. . . . . Sgt.

Filed JUN 12 1912

Allowed . . . . .

Read Specifications on Back.

SPECIFICATIONS

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

*Approved Oct 5 1913*  
*W. J. Stone*  
*Commissioner*

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

The material facts to be proven in the pension claim, under the laws of the State of Kentucky, are as follows:

- 1. Service in army.
- 2. Present Disability.
- 3. Indigency.
- 4. How you got out of the Army.
- 5. Character as a Soldier and Citizen.
- 6. Applications will not be filed unless certificates of Doctor and County Judge are filled out.

- 1. May be proven by officers or comrades.
- 2. May be proven by physician's certificate.
- 3. May be proven by neighbors and by certificate of County Judge.
- 4. May be proven by filing parole or discharge, or in case these have been lost or destroyed, by officers or comrades who know the facts.
- 5. May be proven by comrades and citizens.

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE  
JUN 19 1912  
1925788  
WAR DEPARTMENT

Address: "The Adjutant General,  
War Department, Washington, D. C."  
1925788

WAR DEPARTMENT,

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

WASHINGTON. June 20, 1912.

Respectfully returned to the

Examiner,  
Confederate Pension Department,  
Frankfort, Kentucky.

The records show that J. W. Cross,  
private, Company D, 7th Kentucky In-  
fantry, Confederate States Army, en-  
listed October 12 (also shown September  
25), 1861. On the roll for May and  
June, 1864, (last on file), he was re-  
ported to have deserted at Cotton  
Grove, Tennessee, April 20, 1864. No  
later record of him has been found.

*Henry P. O'Leary*  
Adjutant General.

Indorsement

Confederate Pension Department

STATE OF KENTUCKY

FRANKFORT,

J. W. CROSS.

Enlisted Oct. 12, 1861, Co.  
D, 7th Kentucky Infantry,  
and in November, 1862, he  
had a stroke of paralysis  
near Coldwater, Miss. and  
was never able for further  
service. Proven by the  
record and comrades.

Indigent.

W J Stone.

I recommend that this  
claim be allowed.

Adjutant General.

*Approved By Pension Board*  
*James B. W. W. W.*  
*Chairman*

MARSHALL COUNTY COURT.

In the matter of John W. Cross,  
applicant for pension under the  
act of the Kentucky Legislature,  
approved March, 11", 1912.

I, Joe L. Price, Judge of the County Court of Marshall  
County, Kentuckt, do certify that the foregoing is the evidence  
heard upon the trial of the applic tion of John W. Cross, and  
from said evidence I find that said Claimant is entitled to a  
pension under said act.

Given under my hand, this the 11 day of June 1912.

*Joe L. Price*  
Judge Marshall County Court.

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

HEADQUARTERS

# Confederate Pension Department

W. J. STONE, EXAMINER

FRANKFORT, KY,

June 12th, 1912

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

Dear Sir:

J. W. Cross

who is an applicant for Pension under the Kentucky Pension law, claims  
to have been a member of Company "D" - 7th Kentucky  
Regiment C. S. A., and to have been  
Enlisted Aug. or Sept. 1861, Pillows' command  
Col. Thos. Wickliffe.  
Got sick and was lost from command.

Please give me the record of this soldier.

Respectfully,

W. J. Stone

Examiner.

MARSHALL COUNTY COURT.

In the matter of John W. Cross,  
applicant for pension under the  
act of the Legislature, approved  
March, 11", 1912.

Be it remembered that on the trial of the above styled  
application, in the Marshall County Court, June 5", 1912, before  
Hon. Joe L. Price, Judge, Walter Prince, Benton, Ky., R.F.D#4,  
being duly sworn, testified as follows:

Questioned by W.M. Reeder, Atty., for Applicant.

Q. Are you acquainted with John W. Cross?

A. Yes Sir.

Q. Where does he reside?

A. In Marshall County.

Q. What is his physical condition?

A. Very bad.

Q. In your opinion is he able to work and earn  
a support?

A. He is not.

Q. What property has he?

A. He don't own any at all.

Q. What property has his wife if you know?

A. None at all.

Q. What is his income?

A. Nothing.

Be it also remembered that on the trial of the above styled ap-  
plication, at the same time and place, John G. Lovett, Benton, Ky.,  
being duly sworn testified as follows:

Questioned by W.M. Reeder, Atty. for Applicant.

Q. Are you acquainted with John W. Cross?

A. Yes sir.

Q. What is his physical condition?

A. He is very poorly, old and feeble and almost  
blind.

Q. What property has he?

A. He hasn't anything that I know of. He used to own a farm over there but it was very poor.

Q. If he still owns it, what would it be worth?

A. \$300.00 or \$400.00.