Soldier's Application for Pension

I, O. M. Shelby

am a citizen of Kentucky, resident near Bandana in the County of Ballard

in said State of Kentucky, and was a soldier from the State of Kentucky, in the war between the United States and the Confederate States and I do hereby apply for aid under the Act of the General Assembly of Kentucky, entitled "An Act granting pension to disabled and indigent Confederate soldiers." And I do solemnly swear that I was a member of Company C. 7th Kentucky regiment

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 Massack County Ill., 1841

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

Answer 1861 Capt. Joel Blake, Colonel Chas. Wickliffe

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

Answer Was captured near Bolivar Tenn. in 1864

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

Answer Yes, in Bolivar Tenn, where I was paroled

Were you paroled? If so, when and where?

Answer Yes, at Bolivar Tenn in 1864

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

Answer No

If so, when and under what circumstances?

Answer did not take it

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

Answer Farming about $350.00 a year

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

Answer have 2 mules and wagon, 2 Cows, Plows, Harrows, worth about $250.00

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 about $200.00

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 ever since I was 3 months old

Have you an attorney to look after this application?

Answer Yes

If so, give his name and address?

Answer Geo. B. Wilds

Witness my hand this 22 *day of* April 1912.

O. M. Shelby

WITNESSES:

H. L. Rogers, *Physician* *P. O.* Bardana Ky

Postoffice Address Mechlifde Ky *Street and No. (if any)*

N. O. Nadin, *Witness* *R. F. D. (if any)*

Postoffice Address

E. W. Jackson, *Witness*

Postoffice Address

STATE OF KENTUCKY

Ballard **County** } *I,* J. A. Hines *Judge of said County, certify that* O. M. Shelby *and his wife* *are assessed with* No *acres, valued at* $.00, *and with* $ no ~~of~~ *personal property.*

Witness my hand this 18 *day of* June, 1912.

J. A. Hines *Judge County Court.*

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

STATE OF KENTUCKY

Ballard County } Personally appeared before me W. T. White Notary Public of said County, the above named O. M. Shelby 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.

W. T. White Notary Public

STATE OF KENTUCKY

Ballard County } Personally appeared before me W. T. White Notary Public of said County, the above named N. L. Rogers 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 O. M. Shelby the applicant, and find him laboring under the following disabilities: Unable to earn a support by manual labor. Because of rupture, wound in right leg, Rheumatism and old age

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

W. T. White 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

Ballard County } Personally appeared before me W. T. White Notary Public of said County, the above named N. O. Haden and E. U. Jackson, 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 each 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.

Affiants both belonged to the same company and regiment as applicant, and know that he enlisted at Camp Burnett in the fall of 1861 and served until 1864 until after the battle of Harrisburg, but do not remember about his capture or parole

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

W. T. White Notary Public

My Com Expires Feby. 13, 1916

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.

Lodged for filing April 22-1912
T. J. Nelly C.B.C.C.
By Gertrude Henderson D.C.

Filed May 20. 1912
T. J. Nelly. C.B.C.C.

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. 2804

STATE OF KENTUCKY

Soldier's Application for Pension

O. M. Shelby

Co. ..... Rgt.

Filed JUN 27 1912

Allowed .....

Read Specifications on Back.

SPECIFICATIONS
1. .....
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Allowed
W. J. Stone Commissioner.

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT,

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

WASHINGTON. June 29, 1912.

Respectfully returned to the

Examiner,
Confederate Pension Department,
Frankfort, Kentucky.

The records show that O. M. Shelby, private, Company C, 7th Kentucky Mounted Infantry, enlisted September 16, 1861, and on a roll of the company for May and June, 1864, last on file, he was reported as present. No later record of him has been found.

Henry P. McCain
Adjutant General.

Indorsement.

PENSION EXAMINER'S OFFICE,

FRANKFORT, KY.

O. M. SHELBY

Enlisted Sept.16,1861, in Company C, 7th Kentucky Inf'y. and there is record proof of service to June 30, 1864. Comrades testify to his service till the close of the war.

Indigent.

Approved:

W. J. Stone.

ED REESOR
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW
BANDANA, KY.

Oct. 14th. 1913.

Capt. W.J.Stone,
Frankfort, Ky.

Dear Capt:-

I write you in behalf of O.M.Shelby,who has made a claim for a Condederate Pension, which is now pending before you and the Board. He is very anxious about geting his pension through, as he is in need of the proceeds so bad, he is almost blind, and has no health atall, and has no money, and I will say that I know that he needs his pension, awfull bad, just now, and I would like to hear from you on this line and to know if it will be posable for him to get it through for the next pay day. which is next month. he is from Ballard Co.

Yours truly.

Ed. Reesor

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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:

O. M. Shelby

who is an applicant for Pension under the Kentucky Pension law, claims to have been a member of Company C - 7th Ky.

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

Please give me the record of this soldier.

Respectfully,

W. J. Stone

Examiner.

BALLARD COUNTY COURT. REGULAR TERM JUNE 18th, 1912.

Judge J.A.Hines Presiding.

O.M.Shelby Applicant for State Confederate Pension.

First Witness. A.M.Shelby Being Sworn, says that he knows the Applicant and that he Has lived in Ballard County more than five years, has no Realestate & his personal Property is not worth more than four or Five hundred Dollars and has no Income other than his labor and he could not earn more than $100. per year he has no Profession.

Second Witness. Geo C.Terry. being Sworn his Evidence was the same as A.M.Shelby only He puts the worth of his Personal Property at $200 to $300 .

The foregoing testimony was duly taken before me in opn court june 18,1912, at the court hase in Wickliffe, Ky., in the presence of the County Attorney representing the Commonwealth. upon which I submit the following .... FINDING OF FACTS IN EVIDENCE:-

That O.M.Shelby is now, and has been continuously since prior to Jany.1,1907, a resident and citizen of Ky.

That his total means of support consists of personalty alone, worth $400.00, and that he has no income except from his labor worth $100.00 a year.

That I am personally acquainted with the witnesses to this application, who are all respectable and entitled to credit, and whose post office addresses are:-

A.M.Shelby, Bandana, Ky.
Geo.C.Terry, Bandana, Ky.
N.L.Rogers, Physician, Wickliffe, Ky.
N.O.Haden, Wickliffe, Ky.
E.U.Jackson, Wickliffe, Ky. RF.D.

WHEREFORE, I recommend that O.M.Shelby be allowed a Pension.

Dated at Wickliffe, Ky. this 18 day of June, 1912.

J.A. Hines, County Judge
Ballard County, Ky.

October 18, 1913.

Mr. Ed. Reesor,

Bandanna, Ky.

Dear Sir:-

I am in receipt of yours of the 14th relative to the application for pension of O. M. Shelby. His application has not been reached by the Pension Board for consideration. I have examined the proof filed with his application and find that he states himself that he left the service in 1864 and did not return to it, and I find that the war records show his service in the 7th Kentucky Regiment to June, 1864. There is no other proof of his service, and as he states himself that he left the service in 1864, and shows no reason why he did not return ~~to~~ it, I do not think the Pension Board could grant him a pension on the proof now filed with his case.

Very truly,

Examiner.

WJS-C

ED REESOR
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW
BANDANA, KY.

Nov. 22d. 1913.

Capt. W.J.Stone,

Frankfort, Ky.

Dear Capt:-

Please find additional affidavits, in the O.M.Shelby, pension matter, which you will please file with the original application, and write me what you thaik about the proof. and we will be very much oblige.

Yours truly.

Ed Reesor

STATE OF KENTUCKY.)
: Sct.
COUNTY OF BALLARD.)

The affient, O.M.Shelby, states that in addition to his affidavit in his original application for a pension, that as he has heretofore said that he was captured near Boliver Tenn; in the year 1864. and that it was about the middle of the year, and that when he was captured, that it was just a day or two before the Johnsonvill, and Trussell brigge fight, and that Col. Tulburt, of the Second Ill. Valv. paroled him, with the understanding that he was to be exchanged, and that he came home, in Ballard County Kentucky, and that he never was called for, to be exchanged, and futher states that the said parole was lost by fire, by loosing a house some 30 years ago.

And that on my return from the Army, that he showed his parole to his brother A.M.Shelby, in Ballard County Kentucky, on my first meeting with him. at the residence of Joe Evans, near Blandville, Ky.

O M Shelby

Subscribed and sworn to before me, by O.M.Shelby, this Nov. 22d. 1913.

Ed Reesor

Notary Public, Ballard County, Ky.
My commission Expires Feb. 8, 1914.

STATE OF KENTUCKY.)
: Sct.
BALLARD COUNTY.)

The affient, A.M.Shelby, states that in the matter of the pension, of O.M.Shelby, that he is a# brother of the applicant, ## O.M.Shelby, and that he knows that the said O.M.Shelby, came home from the Arm#y in the year 1864. and that he had his parole, and that he saw the parole, and that the said O.M.Shelby, was never asked to be exchanged.

A M Shelby

Subscribed and sworn by A.M.Shelby, before me, this Nov . 22d. 1913.

Ed Rudd

Notary Public, Ballard County, Ky.
My commission Expires Feb. 8, 1914.

Wickliffe,Ky.,Jany.27,1914.

W. J. Stone
Frankfort,Ky.

Dear Sir and Comrade:- Some time last Spring,as the attorney for N.P.Mills and O.M.Shelby,I forwarded to you their applications for Confederate Pensions. After many solicitations from each of them for me to write to you asking why they had not been granted,and for their present status,I am at last doing so very reluctantly,because I am cognizant of your worrying correspondance. O.M.Shelby is now practically blind,and without any means of support,save what a feeble brother 87 years old and tottering into his grave furnishes.

You may not remember me,personally,but doubtless remember well my deceased brother,John D.Wilds county Judge of Ballard county about 1880,when you were running for Congress against the "Bull of Ballard",Oscar Turner.- We both worked very hard for your election,not only then,but every time you ran for office afterwards. My Brother and I were paroled at Grenada,Miss.in M May 1865,by General Cranby,U?S?A.and I have my Parole now,carefully preserved. Jake Corbett and Judge R.J.Bugg were students of mine in 1872-3; and I am now,and have been ever sice 1900, Adjutant of Charles Wickliffe Camp No.1080,U. C. V.

I was a member of Company C.,7th.Ky .Crosslands regiment, and have made these explanations of my identity,by way of apology for worrying you with this correspondence.

Geo. B. Wilds