Soldier's Application for Pension

I, W. R. Clayton (William Rubens)

am a citizen of Kentucky, resident at Murray, Ky *in the County of* Calloway

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* Thompsons 1st Crossland 2nd Sherill 3rd and 7th Regiment Company D Infantry

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 Calloway County Kentucky
Feburary 4 1838

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

Answer Fall 1863 General Forrest Command 1st General Buford 2nd General 3rd Lyon

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

Answer Tupello Mississippi captured brought to Mackley Molesville, Tenn - Took oath of allegiance and permitted to Return home in 1865.

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

Answer Taken oath Mackley Molesville, Tenn 1865 Captured but never confined in prison

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 Summer of 1865 to keep from going to Paducah before General Payne -

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

Answer Working for small Wages About $75.00 a year.

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

Answer None

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

Answer None Ms House Helper

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 Only small Wages 50¢ per day When I am able to work About $75.00 a year

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 74 years

Have you an attorney to look after this application?

Answer Yes.

If so, give his name and address?

Answer Barnett & Wells Murray Ky

Witness my hand this 11th *day of* October 1912

William Rubert his X Clayton mark.

WITNESSES:

Ben P. Kemp, *Physician* P. O. Murray Ky

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

J. D. Parish, *Witness* *R. F. D. (if any)*

Postoffice Address Paducah, Ky.

, Witness

Postoffice Address

STATE OF KENTUCKY

Calloway County } I, L. W. Patterson, *Judge of said County, certify that* W. R. Clayton *and his wife* *are assessed with* no *acres, valued at $* no *, and with $* no *of personal property.*

Witness my hand this 24th *day of* June, 1912

L. W. Patterson *Judge County Court.*

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

STATE OF KENTUCKY

Calloway County } Personally appeared before me Idella Wells

Notary Public of said County, the above named William Ruben Clayton 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 11th day of October, 1912

Idella Wells N. P.

STATE OF KENTUCKY

Calloway County } Personally appeared before me Idella Wells

Notary Public of said County, the above named Ben B. Keys 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 William Ruben Clayton the applicant, and find him laboring under the following disabilities: Unable to earn a support by manual labor.

General Debility, Old Age, Drug ha[bit]
Brn wounded all over & Crippled

Witness my hand and seal of office, this 11 day of October, 1912

Idella Wells N. P.

(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

McCracken County } Personally appeared before me Roscoe Reed

of said County, the above named J. D. Parrum and one 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 do 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.

I fought by the side of this man and slept with him. He was taken wounded in the Battle of Paducah

Witness my hand and seal of office, this 9th day of Octo[ber], 1912

My commission expires Feb 5th-1916

Roscoe Reed
Notary Public, McCracken Ky

Oct 11, 1912.

Idella Wells N. P.

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. 3543

STATE OF KENTUCKY

Soldier's Application for Pension

W. R. CLAYTON

Co. ..... *Rgt.*

Filed JULY 17, 1913.

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

Indorsement.

PENSION EXAMINER'S OFFICE,

FRANKFORT, KY.

, W. R. CLAYTON

Enlisted Dec.15,1863, in Co.D, 7th Ky.Mtd.Inf'y., and there is record proof of service to June 2, 1864. Proof shows that he was twice wounded, the last time on July 16,1864, which wound rendered him unfit for further military service,and from which he has never recovered.

Indigent.

Approved:

W J Stone.

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE
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WAR DEPARTMENT

WAR DEPARTMENT,

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

WASHINGTON, July 25, 1913.

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Respectfully returned to the

Examiner,
Confederate Pension Department,
Frankfort, Kentucky.

The records show that W. R. Clayton, private, Company D, 7th Kentucky Mounted Infantry, Confederate States Army, enlisted December 15, 1863. On the muster roll for May and June,1864, last on file, he is reported present. No later record of him has been found.

H. A. Ainsworth

Adjutant General.

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(A.G.O.74)

In the matte of:

Willia Ruben Clayton.

Application for Pension.

nis day this cause coming on to be heard,and the applicant and w'tnesses being pre ent either in person or by affidavit,and the Court being fully advised doth adjudge that the facts as set forth in the application seem to be fully verified,and would ask your most careful consideration of this application.

This November 11th 1912.

W. W. Patterson

Per B. O. Langston D.C.C.C.

Clerk

No. S

HEADQUARTERS

Confederate Pension Department

W. J. STONE, EXAMINER

FRANKFORT, KY,

July 22 1913

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

Dear Sir:

W. R. Clayton

who is an applicant for Pension under the Kentucky Pension law, claims to have been a member of Company "D" - 7th Kentucky *Regiment* Infantry *C. S. A., and to have been*

Please give me the record of this soldier.

Respectfully,

W. J. Stone

Examiner.

Affidavit

The affiant M. G. Nelson in the cause of W. R. Clayton of Murray, Calloway County in his application for a pension states that he is acquainted with said applicant and served with him in the 7th Ky. Co. D under Col. Crossland. Col from the fall of 1863 until some time in the fall of 1864 was with him in battle and general service and further he was a good soldier. The above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief this Oct 10th 1912 M G Nelson

Subscribed and Sworn To Before Me By Said M G Nelson To Be His Act and Deed and To Be Correct To Best of His Knowledge and Belief

Given under My Hand this Oct 10 1912

Lillie P Williams
Notary Public
Marshall County

My Commission Expires Feb 8 1916

August 11th, 1914.

W. B. Barnett,

Murray, Kentucky.

Dear Sir:-

I am in receipt of yours of the 27th ult.

The application of W. R. Clayton was received here on July 17, 1913. The war records in Washington prove his record to June 30, 1864, but there is no further proof of service and none as to when and how he got out of the army.

It will be necessary that he get the proof of two or more comrades as to how long he served and when and how he got out of the army.

Yours truly,

Commissioner.

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October 1, 1914.

J. Bodine Henslee.

Blood, Kentucky.

Dear Sir:-

I am in receipt of yours of the 27th ult. relative to the application of W. R. Clayton. The proof necessary to complete his case must show any service that he rendered after June 30,1864, and that he got out of the army honorably, that is, that he served till the close of the war or until he was honorably discharged.

Very truly,

Commissioner.

WJS-3

Paducah, Ky., October 10th, 1914.

I, R. J. F. Robinson, state, that I am personally acquainted with William Clayton, and that we served in Company D, 7th Kentucky, after June 30th, 1864, and until the close of the war.

Witness
S. E. L. Kay.

R. J. F. Robinson
his mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me by R. J. F. Robinson this the 10th day of October, 1914.

My commission as Notary Public expires on Feby 5th, 1916.

Notary Public

The affiant W. P. Tatum states that he knew W. R. Clayton during the War, who has made application for pension, and he further states that he saw said Clayton about June 1865 and the said Clayton was wounded by a bullet and was not able for military service.

W. P. Tatum

Subscribed and sworn to before me by W. P. Tatum, this May 8" 1915.

H. C. Broach
Clerk Calloway County Court.

May 27rd, 15

Hon, W.J.Stone,

Relative to the Application of W.R.Clayton,
In your letter of May the 10th,you say that there is no proof showing the degree of his wound,or any thing to show how ,or when he got out of the Army, or whether the wound rendered him unfit for Military servi—;or not,
I beg to call your attention th the affidavit of W.R.Clayton and the affidavit of Mr.Piper, each showing in substance that Mr Clayton was wounded on the field of battle, about July 16th 1864, and while he was at the burial of Capt Walston,he was not able to do any thing, and that Capt Utley carried him to the hospital from this burying same day where ,Mr Clayton states he remained until the close of the war,hence no discharge was given him, and that all this time he was unable for military service,which time together with the time served as an active comrade would be much longer than one year,.
Dr.B.B.Keys states that he is still disabled and has been through life since receiving said wound, unable to labor in whole or in part for a living,
While Claytons Affidavit is not conclusive,but taking same in connection with these other sworn facts, seems to make same conclusive,
I suggest those affidavits,lest same has been mislayed

Respectfully W.B.Barnett,

June 1, 1915.

W. R. Clayton,

Redden, Kentucky.

Dear Sir:-

I am in receipt of yours of the 29th of May.

I have received the two affidavits to which you refer, one made by L. A. McNab, in which he says that"you was in the battle of Paducah, and he saw you with your command after that, but saw you no more until after he got home from the army".

And the others made by W. P. Tatum, in which he says that he saw you about June, 1865, and that you was wounded by a bullet, and was not able for military service. He does not say how he knows ~~it~~ that you were wounded by a bullet, and does not say that you received the wound in the service; in fact says nothing about your military service.

As heretofore written you, the proof necessary in your case is to show any service you rendered after June 30,1864, and when and how you got out of the army, and that you got out honorably, that is, served till the close of the war or until you was honorably discharged.

Very truly,

Commissioner.

WJS-C

July 10th, 1915.

J. Bodine Henslee,

Murray, Kentucky.

Dear Sir:-

I am in receipt of yours of the 10th relative to the application of W. R. Clayton.

On the 1st day of June, 1915, I wrote Mr. Clayton fully as to what was yet necessary in his case, which was to show any service he rendered after June 30,1864, and when and how he got out of the army. Since which time no additional proof has been filed.

There had been some additional proof filed after he had filed his application, but that proof, as you will see from the letter which I wrote him on the 1st of June, does not cover the point above set out.

Very truly,

Commissioner.

WJS-C

State of Kentucky)
) Set.
County of McCracken)

I, J. B. Parrish, state, that I was in the battle of Guntown, Miss., and that W. R. Clayton was in the same battle; When the roll was called after the battle, the name of W. R. Clayton was called and he did not answer. I asked one of my Comrades, "where Clayton was", and he said, "that he had been wounded and was carried from the field. This was in June, 1864.

J. B. Parrish

Subscribed and sworn to before me by J. B. Parrish this the 4th day of August, 1915.

Roscoe Reed
Notary Public, McCracken County, Ky.

State of Kentucky
County of Marshall

I H G Nelson state that I was in the battle of Gun town in the State of Miss and I W R Clayton was in the same battle. also we were engaged in the fight in and around Harrisburg and Tupelo in Miss and that my self and the said W R Clayton, and a man by name of Piper died in my Capt Walston on sunday morning after the Harrisburg fight he Clayton was complaining at the time of a wound in his arm which he received on Thursday before, I went back to camp that evening did not see Clay again until I came from my furlough I think the Gun town fight about the 27th of June 1864 and the Harrisburg fight about July 16 1864 we were engaged there about 3 days

the foregoing is the best of
my recollection me was with
in co L 7 Ky. Reg was serving
at that time as mentioned in my
our capt was Daniel Walston dont
remember his initials

M. G. Nelson

Subscribed and Sworn to before
me 5 Day of Aug 1915 By
M G Nelson

Helen P Williams
Notary Public in
Marshall Co Ky

My Commission
Expires Feb-8-1916

August 11th, 1915.

T. E. Kirks,

Redden, Ky.

Dear Sir:-

I am in receipt of yours of the 9th inst. enclosing affidavits to be filed with the application of W. R. Clayton.

The affidavit of M. T. Nelson testifies to the service of W. R. Clayton till the 27th of June, 1864, at which time he says Clayton was complaining of a wound in his ankle which he received on Thursday before, but he does not tell anything about the degree of that wound.

The affidavit of J. B. Parrish is in direct conflict with what Mr. Nelson says, for he says that he heard that Clayton had been wounded and carried from the field. If he had been wounded so severely as to make it necessary for him to be carried from the field, he would not have been able to have helped Mr. Nelson bury his Captain at the time stated.

Mr. Clayton's affidavit showing when he was wounded and how badly he was wounded, or any other facts connected with it, would be useful but could not be considered conclusive, but any proof that he could get showing that his wound rendered him unfit for further military service would be a great advantage to him, because the law says that wounds received or disease contracted in line of duty rendering the soldier unfit for further military service brings him within the provisions of the law, but ofcourse there must be conclusive proof to show the above conditions.

Very truly,

Commissioner.

WJS-C

This is to ceterfy that I Was
in the Same Company with
William. R. Clayton. the Seventh
Kentucky Redgement Company. D
and that Mr Clayton Was
Wounded in the Battle of
Tupelo & Harrisburg. and was
disabled for any farther Service
our Captain Was wounded on
thursday Walston and Died on Saturday
night my self and Mr. Clayton
Buried him. Mr Clayton was
Carred from there to the hospitle
and I did not See him any more
he Was wound in the ankle
with a peace of a Bombshell
this was on or about July the 14 1864

J M Piper

Subscribed and Sworn to before me
by J. M Piper This the 18 day of
January 1916

R O Wallingford Jr Clerk of
the Carlisle County Court
By R O Wallingford D C

Reddell Ky
Jan 20 - 1916

Mr. A.P. Stone Frankfort Ky
Sir I Write You a few Lines to
Day and let You My travals
Threw the war. I Was in the
seventh Kentucky Redgement
Company. D. I Was in the Battle
of tupelo & harrisburg and was
Wounded in my anele on
thursday By a piece of a
Bombshell. My captain Which
Was Dave. Walston Was shot
at the same time we boath
fell close together he died on
the following Saturday night
I Was not able to do any thing
But hold horses. which I did.
When my captain Died My Self.
Mr Piper and Mr. Nelson Was
sent to Burry him. I Went. But
Was not able to help But verry
Little. I Was not able to go any
father I was carried from there to the
hospittle there I remained about
a Leven Months and
the War Closed. While I Was there
I Was Wounded on or about
July 16 - 1864
W. R. Clayton
his X mark

attest W. T. Woundy
T. & Kirks
Subscribed and Sworn To Before me
By W.R Clayton This the 22 day
of January 1916
G W Halland J P C C

March 3d, 1916.

T. E. Kirk,

Redden, Ky.

Dear Sir:-

Yours of recent date received.

The affidavits to which you refer were received here and filed with the application of Mr. Clayton, and will be given due consideration.

Very truly,

Commissioner.

WJS-C

The Affiant L.D.Hale,M.D. states when sworn That he is a practicing Physician of Calloway County,Ky, and as such, has carefully examined the foot and badly scarified and mangled condition of William Claytons,who is the same William. Clayton asking for a Pension, and who as I am informed was in the Confederate Army and who as I am informed was badly wounded in said limb,while in said war, now after due examination I am compelled to say that said wound has completely disabled said Clayton at all times since same was done and that he is still disabled from same and can never be otherwise,has gone through ~~it~~ life since such happening in this condition, That the tissues and parts of his foot are so destroyed now and were so at the time same was done that it would have been impossible for him to have rendered any service in the war at the time more than to have loaned his presence, This the 31st day of May 1916,

R.D.Hale M.D.

Subscribed and sworn to by
Dr.L.D.Hale before me,
This the 2 day of June 1916

G.W.Hallum J.P.C.C.