(ORIGINAL)

Soldier's Application for Pension

I, Nathan O. Haden

am a citizen of Kentucky, resident at Wickliffe 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 solemly swear that I was a member of Company C. 7th Ky. regiment

in the service of the Confedate 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 in Todd County Kentucky in the year 1845.

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

Answer Enlisted at Milburn Ky. in Sept. 1861, in Company C 7th Ky. regiment, Joel Blake 1st Captain and Charles Wickliffe 1st Colonel. afterward Jessie Hinkle was elected Captain and Ed. Crossland Colonel.

How did you get out of the army, when and where? At Paducah Ky., in Nov. 1864,

~~Answer~~ by taking the oath of allegiance to the United States.

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? yes.

Answer at Paducah Ky. in Nov. 1864, under circumstances below set forth.

If so, when and under what circumtances?

Answer no

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

Answer No business — earn nothing, on a/c. of defective sight & bad health.

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

Answer No estate of any kind, except 300$. in cash. My daughter Bessie owns a house and lot in Wickliffe worth 400$.—has title on record of same, which is, however, assessed to me for taxation.

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

Answer My wife is dead, and all the estate left by her is the 300$. given in above as now my property.

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 No income from any source for the past 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 All my life, 71 years, except when soldiering for the Confederacy.

Have you an attorney to look after this application?

Answer Yes.

If so, give his name and address?

Answer ~~Geo. B. Wilds, Wickliffe, Ky.~~

Witness my hand this 5 *day of* Oct. 1916

Nathan. O. Haden

WITNESSES:

Harry R. Melton, Physician

Postoffice Address Wickliffe, Ky.

I. C. Faulkner, Witness

Postoffice Address Wickliffe, Ky.

Geo. B. Wilds, Witness

Postoffice Address Wickliffe, Ky.

P. O. Wickliffe, Ky.

Street and No. (if any)

R. F. D. (if any)

STATE OF KENTUCKY

Ballard *County* } *I,* S. J. Moore *Judge of said County,*

certify that Nathan O. Haden *and his wife* — has no wife —

own no *acres of land, valued at* $0. 1 Town Lot valued at 200$ *, and with* $ 550. *of personal property.*

Witness my hand this 16 *day of* Oct. *,* 1916

S J Moore *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 Wm T White a Notary Public of said County, the above named Nathan O. Haden 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 5 day of October, 1916

Wm T White Notary Public

STATE OF KENTUCKY

Ballard County } Personally appeared before me Wm T. White a Notary Public of said County, the above named Harry R. Melton M.D. 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 Nathan O. Haden the applicant, and finds him laboring under the following disabilities: Unable to earn a support by manual labor.

Cataract in each eye making him almost totally blind. 77 yrs of age and suffering from general disability rendering him unable to earn a living

Witness my hand seal of office, this 13 day of October, 1916

Wm 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 Wm T White a Notary Public of said County, the above named T. C. Faulkner and George B Wilds, 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 applican't service in the Confederate army.

State here what witnesses know of their own knowledge.

That affiants and applicant all served together as members of Company C. 7th Ky. regiment from Sept. 1861 to Aug. 1864, when T C Faulkner was sent to Lauderdale Miss. hospital and did not rejoin his company until about Nov. 19, 1864, and Geo. B. Wilds was sent to Grenada Miss. hospital, and did not return to his Company until 10 days before the surrender. And they both say applicant made a good and valiant soldier, and since the war has made an honest upright citizen.

Witness my hand and seal of office, this 5 day of October, 1916

Wm T. White Notary Public

My Com Expires Feby 16th 1920.

Filed Oct. 17, 1916
G. O. Johnson
Clerk

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. 3761

STATE OF KENTUCKY

Soldier's Application for Pension

Nathan O. Hader

Co. _____ Regt. _____

Filed AUG 21 1917 ~~NOV 21 1916~~

Allowed _____

Read Specifications on Back.

SPECIFICATIONS

1 _____
2 _____
3 _____
4 _____
5 _____

Allowed Oct 15th 1917

W. J. Stone Commissioner

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

The State Journal Co., Frankfort, Ky.

Indorsement.

PENSION EXAMINER'S OFFICE,

FRANKFORT, KY.

NATHAN O. HADEN

Enlisted Sept.'61, in 7th Kentucky Inf'y., and in November, 1864, took the oath of allegiance to the U.S. Government at Paducah, Ky. which under the law approved M Mch.12,1912, would render it impossible for him to be granted a pension.

Proof filed August 21, 1917, shows that he had been granted a furlough and was at his home very ill and on being threathened with death by guerillas then infesting that section that in order to save his life he was carried to Paducah where he took the oath of allegiance which evidence is construed to bring him within the provisions of the law approved Mch.18,1914, and showing that he was under extreme duress.

Property: $700.00

Approved:

W J Stone.

H.W.D.
10th St

WAR DEPARTMENT,

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

WASHINGTON, November 23, 1916.

Respectfully returned to W. J. Stone, Confederate Pension Department, Frankfort, Kentucky.

with the information that a statement was furnished you, dated Sept. 27, 1916, in the case of N. O. Haden (also borne as N. O. Hayden), Private, Co. B, 7 Regt. Ky. (mounted) Infantry, C.S.A., under call for Nathan O. Haden, said Co. 7 Regt. Ky. Infantry, C.S.A., to which attention is invited.

H. P. Blair

The Adjutant General.

Per

Form No. 160-2—A.G.O.
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HEADQUARTERS

Confederate Pension Department

W. J. STONE, EXAMINER

FRANKFORT, KY.

November 21st 1916

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

Dear Sir:

Nathan O. Haden

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

Please give me the record of this soldier.

Respectfully,

W. J. Stone

Examiner.

I left my command a few days after the destruction of the Federal Supplies at Johnsonville, Tenn., Nov. 3, 1864, under the official leave granted myself and "Most of the Kentuckians" "to return to their homes for a few days rest, before returning" "south to join Hood on his Nashville campaign" — See History of 3rd, 7th, 8th and 12th Ky., by Henry George, page 130. —

My health was bad before leaving my command, and it got worse after arriving home because of exposure from hiding out to prevent being killed by Guerrillas; and being now too ill to ride horseback on the return trip South to rejoin my command, and fearing assassination by the Guerrillas daily, to save my life, my relatives and friends carried me to Paducah, and had me take the oath of allegiance to the U.S.

I can not prove these facts by any other witnesses, because during the intervening 52 years they have all died.

IN THE BALLARD COUNTY COURT

REGULAR TERM, NOV. 20, 1916.

State of Kentucky
County of Ballard

In the matter of the application of Nathan O. Haden for Confederate Pension.

The application of Nathan O. Haden for a Pension having been duly filed at the last regular October term of this court, and having lain over in the office of the Ballard County Clerk until this regular November term of said court, as required by law, and now coming regularly on for hearing, the County Attorney being present representing the Commonwealth of Kentucky, the following witnesses were duly sworn and testified as follows:

Geo. W. Terry testified: that he is the sheriff of Ballard County and personally knows Nathan O. Haden and his financial condition; that he is a resident of Ballard County and has been for more than 30 years; that he has no wife and no property except $300. in cash, and a house and lot in Wickliffe worth $400. assessed against him for taxation, but the title to which is in his daughter, Bessie; that his character as a citizen is above reproach, and that he is old and feeble and almost blind, and unable to do work of any kind for a support.

WILLIAM HENDERSON testified; that Nathan O. Haden is and has been a resident of Ballard County for 30 years or more, and during all that time has been a sober and reliable citizen; that all the property he owns is less than $1000. in value, and that he has no wife, and is unable to earn a support because he is old and feeble, partially deaf and almost blind.

From the foregoing and all the testimony in this case, I submit the following, ...

FINDING OF FACTS

FIRST.- That the applicant, Nathan O. Haden, served as a soldier in the Confederate army from Sept. 1861 to August 1864, - proven by 2 comrades.

SECOND.- That he got out of the army - by taking the OATH OF ALLEGIANCE at Paducah Ky. in Nov. 1864, while away from his command on official leave of absence - forced upon him by his friends to save his life while he was at home sick - his assassination by guerrillas being imminent, as he and his friends believed.

THIRD.- The proof shows his inability to earn a support.

FOURTH.- That he has no income and owns only $300. worth of property.

FIFTH.- The proof shows his good character as a soldier and citizen.

WHEREFORE, I recommend that the application of Nathan O. Haden for a Confederate Pension be allowed.

The names of his witnesses are:- Nathan O. Haden, Harry R. Melton, T. C. Faulkner, Geo. W. Terry and Wm. Henderson, and post office, Wickliffe Ky.

This Nov. 20, 1916.

S J Moore
Judge Ballard County Court.

Wickliffe Ky. July 20, 1917

W. J. Stone
Frankfort, Ky.

Once upon a time, away back yonder, when, in the congressional race, you were pricking the Bull of Ballard there was a citizen of Ballard (W. H. Reeves, father of G. W. Reeves) tall, slim, thin and old, called away from home on urgent business that could not wait. He could, on occasion, assume the bashful modesty of an innocent child. The morning was damp, foggy and cold, and being thoroughly chilled, as he was passing by Northington's store where whisky was sold by the quart, and drinks sometimes given away to encourage customers, he stopped in to warm and dry himself. — going into the back room where the proprietor and others were sitting in comfort around a hot stove, he took a seat shivered and yawned violently and said: I'm nearly dead for a drink of whisky, but I'd die before I'd ask for it. The broad hint created such laughter that he got what he wanted without either asking for it or dieing.

July 26, 1917.

Judge Geo. B. Wilds,

Wickliffe, Ky.

Dear Judge:-

I am in receipt of yours of the 20th, though it was not mailed until the 24th, and am very much interested in the account that you give of the manner in which old Brother Reeves mannaged so adroitly to put himself on the outside of a good healthy snorter of liquor, and I can assure you that I am just as anxious to see every Confederate soldier who wants a pension, and the proof brings him within the provisions of the law, get what he wants, as you can be longing for the same results.

I have carefully reviewed the application of N. O. Haden and all the proof filed with it, and I find that you and T. C. Faulkner both testify to his service and that he was a good soldier from September, 1861, to August, 1864, and beyond that there is no proof of service and none as to what became of him, except his own statement, which says that he took the oath of allegiance to the U. S. Government in November, 1864, and he further states that he had leave from his command to go to his home for a few days with instructions to return to his command after that few days rest, which it is plain from his own statement he did not do, and there is no proof anywhere that he was in any danger of losing his life by being killed by Guerillas, and it would appear that there was as much danger in his going to his home to a country infested by Guerillas as there would be in his returning to his command in the same section of country, and I do not think that the law would justify the allowance of a pension under these circumstances.

Your friend,

Commissioner.

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STATE OF KENTUCKY)
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COUNTY OF BALLARD)

Mrs. Ophelia Brown of Blandville, Kentucky, being first duly sworn, says:

That she has personally known N. O. Haden ever since before the Civil War, living in the same neighborhood with him in Ballard County, Kentucky where they both now reside, he having lived at her father's house a while just before the commencement of said war; That she remembers when he enlisted as a soldier in the confederate army in 1861, and also when he came back home sick in November, 1864; that he came home then with other confederate soldiers, and after a stay of about a week, when they left, he, being unable to ride on account of his sickness, was taken to Paducah, Kentucky by his grand-father, Joshua P. Pruitt and took the Oath of allegiance to the United States; that his grand-father is now dead. At that time the Guerrillas infesting Ballard County were not only threatening to kill every Confederate soldier captured by them who would not agree to take the oath of allegiance, but actually killing many without giving them a chance to take the oath. I believe his taking the oath saved him from death at the hands of Guerrillas then searching the county. N. O. Haden returned home in November, 1864, and his taking the oath was indelibly impressed upon my mind by the fact that my husband, P. S. Brown, now deceased, was a member of the same Company C, 7th Kentucky and had returned home only two or three weeks before, and had also taken the oath to save himself from being killed by the Guerrillas.

Mrs Ophelia Brown

Subscribed and sworn to before me,
this 9th day of August, 1917.

M. Hom BLANDVILLE, KY.

Notary Public in and for
Ballard County, Kentucky.

My commission expires My Commission Expires Jan. 11, 1920

(date)

Wickliffe, Ky., Aug. 20, 1917

W. J. Stone
Comr. of Pensions
Frankfort, Ky.

In reply to yours of July 26th, wherein you suggest, substantially, that before a Pension could be granted N. C. Haden, it would require additional proof that: "he was in danger of losing his life by being killed by Guerrillas," and as to: Why he did not return to his command with the other soldiers after the expiration of the few days leave of absence granted them. (he was too sick to ride).

I enclose herewith the affidavit of Ophelia Brown covering those 2 points, which you will please file as additional proof with Hadens Application.

In replying hereto please state whether the proof is now sufficient; and also whether you have yet recd. and examined the application for Pension of Belle Emerson; and if so, whether the proof is sufficient, and if not, in what respect.

Wishing you health, happiness, prosperity and a green old age, I am

Your erstwhile comrade
Geo. B. Wilds

I am longing for the allowance of a Pension to N. O. Haden of Wickliffe Ky, with greater earnestness and intensity than old man Reeves longed for the whisky.

Wont you, please, carefully review the testimony, including the "finding of facts" by the County Judge, and see if you cant possibly agree with him in recommending the allowance of his pension? Prayerfully remembering that the "Word of God" enjoins the execution of judgment in mercy?

The testimony shows he is worthy!

That he left his command after the destruction of the Federal supplies at Johnsonville, Tenn, Nov. 3, 1864 under the official leave granted himself and most of the Kentuckians to return to their homes for a few days rest, confirmed by the Historical fact related in Henry George's History of 7th Ky., page 180;

That his bad health having been aggrawed by exposure he was unable to return to his command, and took the oath of allegiance to prevent his assassination by gerrillas, which he verily believed to be imminent and this was less than 6 mo. before Lee's surrender.

Prayerfully your comrade

Geo. B. Wilds

August 21st, 1917.

Judge Geo. B. Wilds,

Wickliffe, Ky.

Dear Judge:-

I am in receipt of yours of the 20th enclosing an affidavit to be filed with the application of N. O. Haden.

I have decided that this affidavit will complete the proof in his case, and a pension will be allowed him I hope in time for him to receive the first installment in November.

In the matter of Mrs. Belle Emmerson, the proof shows that her husband enlisted Sept.2,1861, in Company K, 8th Texas Cavalry, and was captured Nov.3,1863, and imprisoned at Rock Island, Ills., from which place he escaped December 4, 1864, and that he went from there to Canada, where he remained till the close of the war, which ~~xxx~~ renders it impossible for her to be granted a pension under the law.

Very truly,

Commissioner.

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