

# Soldier's Application for Pension

I, John Sparks  
am a citizen of Kentucky, resident at near Monterey in the County of Quincy  
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 4<sup>th</sup> Kentucky 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 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 I was born on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of June 1833

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 latter part of summer or the fall of 1861. I was under Col. R. P. Traylor, Lieut. Col. Robert Hines, Major Minor, Captain Willis Roberts.

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

Answer I was first paroled after the war was over; I was afterwards compelled to take the oath.

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

Answer Yes. Was in the Patton M. Prison during eight months. I was exchanged a short time before the war closed.

Were you paroled? If so, when and where?

Answer Yes; I was paroled after the war closed.

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

Answer Yes.

If so, when and under what circumstances?

Answer I took the oath after the war was over along with some of Galt's men as well as together.

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

Answer ... I am in no business and earn nothing

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

Answer ... I have no property whatever

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

Answer ... My wife has no property whatever

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 ... Nothing

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 born

Have you an attorney to look after this application?

Answer ... Yes

If so, give his name and address?

Answer ... John H. Douglas, Owenton Ky.

Witness my hand this, the 19th day of April, 1912

WITNESSES:

J. H. Chrisman, Physician P. O. Monterey Ky.

J. M. Hernandez, Witness R. F. D. (if any)

Gabriel R. Caldwell, Witness

Postoffice Address

STATE OF KENTUCKY

Owen County } I, W. P. Yancey, Judge of said County,

certify that John Sparks and his wife are assessed with No. acres, valued at \$ No., and with \$ No. of personal property.

Witness my hand this, the 12th day of April, 1912

W. P. Yancey Judge County Court.

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

STATE OF KENTUCKY

County Court Clerk of said County, the above named ... Personally appeared before me, Walter Wilhoite, 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, the 19th day of April, 1912.

Walter Wilhoite, clk. C.C.

STATE OF KENTUCKY

County Court Clerk of said County, the above named Dr. J. H. ... 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.

Infirmitie of age and very nervous on account of said infirmitie he is unable to do any work to make his support or any part of same by manual labor.

Witness my hand and seal of office, this, the 19th day of April, 1912.

Walter Wilhoite, clk. C.C.

(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 Court Clerk of said County, the above named J. M. ... and Gabriel P. Caldwell, 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 further make oath to the following facts touching the applicant's service in the Confederate States army.

State here what witnesses know of their own knowledge.

The witness J. M. ... states that he was in the same company with the applicant, John ... for about ... years after the said ... that he ... the witness ... states that he does not believe the said ... The witness ... states that he ... the same company and ... about ... the witness ... states that he ... a good ... and that he is not able to do any manual labor ...

Witness my hand and seal of office, this, the 20th day of April, 1912.

Walter Wilhoite, clk. C.C.

No. 347

STATE OF KENTUCKY

Soldier's Application for Pension

*John Sparks*

Co. 4th Ky. Infantry Rgt.

Filed JUN 17 1912

Allowed

Read Specifications on Back.

- SPECIFICATIONS
- 1.....
  - 2.....
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  - 5.....

Approved  
*W. J. Shaw*  
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.

Indorsement.

STATE OF KENTUCKY  
ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,  
FRANKFORT, KY.,

JOHN SPARKS.  
Enlisted Sept. 10, 1861 in Co.  
D- 4th Ky. Inf., and was  
captured May 16, 1864 at  
Resaca, Ga. and exchanged Mch.  
9th, 1865. Proven by the  
record and comrades.

Indigent.

W J S

I recommend that this claim  
be allowed.

*J. Handley*  
Adjutant General.

*Approved by*  
*State Pension Board*

*James M. McHenry*

(A. G. O. 35.)

*Chairman*

No. \_\_\_\_\_ S \_\_\_\_\_

HEADQUARTERS

# Confederate Pension Department

W. J. STONE, EXAMINER

FRANKFORT, KY.

June 19th, 1912

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

Dear Sir:

John Sparks,

who is an applicant for Pension under the Kentucky Pension law, claims  
to have been a member of Company \_\_\_\_\_ 4th Kentucky  
Regiment \_\_\_\_\_ Infantry \_\_\_\_\_ C. S. A., and to have been  
Enlisted latter part of summer 1861; under Col.  
R.P. Trabue; Major Monroe; Captain Willis  
Roberts. Was in prison at Walton, Ill. Peniten-  
tiary eight months; exchanged a short time  
before the war closed.

Please give me the record of this soldier.

Respectfully,

*W. J. Stone*

Examiner.

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

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WAR DEPARTMENT

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT,

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

WASHINGTON, June 22, 1912.

Respectfully returned to the

Examiner,  
Confederate Pension Department,  
Frankfort, Kentucky.

The records show that one John Sparks, private, Company D (Captain Willis), 4th (Colonel Trabue) Kentucky Infantry, Confederate States Army, enlisted September 10, 1861. On the roll of the company covering the period from May 1 to August 31, 1864, last on which his name is borne, he was reported "absent, missing May 15, 1864."

The records of prisoners of war show that he was captured May 16, 1864, at Resaca, Georgia, received May 21, 1864, at Louisville, Kentucky, and that he was transferred May 23, 1864, to Alton, Illinois. No record has been found of a man of this name and organization at Alton, Illinois, but the records show that one John Sparks, possibly the man in question, Company D, 36th Georgia Infantry, Confederate States Army, was captured May 16, 1864, at Resaca, Georgia; confined at Alton, Illinois; and received at Boulware & Cox's Wharf, Virginia, March 6 to 9, 1865, by the Confederate agent for exchange. No later record of this man has been found.

*Henry P. McCain*  
Adjutant General.

(A. G. O. 72-2)

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Adjutant General.

*James M. ...*  
*State Pension Board*  
*Frankfort, Ky.*

Regular May Term, held at Owenton, Ky., on the 27 day of May 1912,  
County Judge, W. P. Yancey, present and presiding:-

The application of John Sparks for pension under an act of the  
General Assembly of Kentucky approved March 11th, 1912, granting pensions to indigent Confederate  
Soldiers or their widows, having been filed in this Court on or before the regular April, 1912, term and  
lain over until this, a subsequent regular term thereof; the following is a brief memorandum of the sub-  
stance of the testimony of each witness heard by me touching said claim:-

Witnesses:- G. W. Thomas and Mrs. Lucas  
P. O. Monterey, Ky. Each testify that they  
have known the applicant for more than 20  
years, and is now, and has been a resident  
of Owen County east 25 years; that he  
owns no property of any kind either real  
or personal; that his wife owns no  
property of any kind either real or  
personal; that by reason of old age and  
bodily infirmities is unable to earn living  
by manual labor; that he does not  
draw a pension from any State or from  
the Government of the United States,

And I find from all the evidence adduced the following facts proven:-

That the applicant, John Sparks, is a citizen of Owen County, Kentucky, and  
has been a citizen of the said county and state continuously during the 25-  
years last past; that he joined the Confederate States Army in the fall of 1861,  
and served continuously in said army, was in a Federal prison until the  
war closed; that neither he nor his wife, has any personal property, whatever,  
that he is not an inmate of any soldier's home; that he does not draw any pen-  
sion from this state, from any other state, from the United States nor from any  
foreign state; that he is not able to gain a subsistence by manual labor; that  
he has no source of income whatever except by charity. I further certify  
that I am personally acquainted with all the witnesses who have testified  
herein, and that all of them are reputable and entitled to credit.

Wherefore, upon the merits of the claim I recommend that the pension applied for by

John Sparks be Granted

W. P. Yancey  
Judge of the Owen County Court.