

# Soldier's Application for Pension

I, R. B. Craig

am a citizen of Kentucky, resident at Corinth in the County of Grant

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 Harpers Battery Artillery

Harden's Division

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 in South Ky April 17<sup>th</sup> 1837

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

Answer Jan. 1862 in Harpers Battery, Jefferson County Miss. Harden's Division. Capt. Harpers. 1<sup>st</sup> Lieut. Put Darden - Afterward under Capt. J. C. Blackburn separate Command

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

Answer Wounded at battle of Shiloh. Hon. Discharged, reenlisted under Capt. Blackburn served under him 8 months until end of war - Injured on Miss River at end of war.

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

Answer After being discharged was captured by Federals, imprisoned 11 months at Cairo Ill - was paroled to the Union, escaped & reenlisted as stated.

Were you paroled? If so, when and where?

Answer Yes out of prison to Union by Cairo as stated

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

Answer no

If so, when and under what circumstances?

Answer No

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

Answer *None - Earns nothing*

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

Answer *House and lot in Cventon, cash value \$1,000.00*

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 *\$100.00 Rent on house*

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 1871 continuously*

Have you an attorney to look after this application?

Answer *Yes*

If so, give his name and address?

Answer *Wassundingham & Alexander, Cventon, Ky*

Witness my hand this *23* day of *April*, 191*2*

WITNESSES:

*R. B. Braig*, Physician P. O. *Cventon Ky*

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

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

Postoffice Address *Cventon Ky* .....

Witness .....

Postoffice Address .....

STATE OF KENTUCKY

*Grant* County } *W. H. Summers* Judge of said County,

certify that *R. B. Braig* and his wife ..... are

assessed with *no* acres, valued at \$....., and with *nothing* of personal property.

Witness my hand this *19* day of *May*, 191*3*

*W. H. Summers* Judge County Court.

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

STATE OF KENTUCKY

Owen County } Personally appeared before me. Walter Wilhite  
 County Court Clerk of said County, the above named R. B. Craig  
 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 23 day of April, 1912

Walter Wilhite Clerk Owen County Court  
 Owen Ky

STATE OF KENTUCKY

Owen County } Personally appeared before me. Walter Wilhite  
 County Court Clerk of said County, the above named W. E. Foster  
 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 R. B. Craig  
 the applicant, and find him laboring under the following disabilities: Unable to earn a support by manual labor.

Rheumatism

Witness my hand and seal of office, this 23 day of April, 1912

Walter Wilhite Clerk Owen County Court  
 Owen Ky

(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 } Personally appeared before me  
 of said County, the above named

and 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 state-  
 ments made in this application are correct and true, to the best of their knowledge and belief, and that they have no in-  
 terest 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 army.

State here what witnesses know of their own knowledge.

I do not know personally of R. B. Craig's service in the Confederate Army  
 during the years 1861 and 1862. My information is that during that time  
 he was a member of an artillery company in Gen. Hardee's division.  
 During the year 1863 and the early part of 1864 he was with me serving  
 with the Cavalry command that I had, in the State of Mississippi. He was a good  
 soldier, always loyal and reliable.

J. C. Blackburn

Witness my hand and seal of office, this 10th day of May, 1912.

Fanny Turner, Notary Public Woodford  
 Co. Ky. My commission expires Feb. 2, 1914.

written

No. 2076

STATE OF KENTUCKY

Soldier's Application for Pension

R. B. CRAIG

Co. . . . . Rgt.

Filed . . . . . MAY 30 1913

Allowed . . . . .

Read Specifications on Back.

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*Approved by Judge 31<sup>st</sup> 1913*  
*W. J. Stanton, 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

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WAR DEPARTMENT

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**THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,**

WASHINGTON, June 3, 1913.

Respectfully returned to the

Examiner,  
Confederate Pension Department,  
Frankfort, Kentucky.

The records show that R. B. Craig, private, Captain Darden's Company, Mississippi Light Artillery (formerly Captain Harper's Company of Artillery), enlisted March 1, 1862. On the roll for July and August, 1862, last on which borne, he was reported "discharged July 3, 1862." No later record of him has been found, nor has <sup>the</sup> Captain J. C. S. Blackburn, referred to within been identified.



The Adjutant General.

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(A. G. O. 74)

Indorsement

**Confederate Pension Department**

STATE OF KENTUCKY

FRANKFORT.

R. B. CRAIG.

Enlisted March 1, 1862, in Darden's Mississippi Light Artillery, and was discharged July 3, 1862. Proven by the record. The ~~XBX~~ discharge was on account of wound received in the battle of Shiloh.

Proport : \$17 00.

W. J. Lane.

I recommend that this claim be allowed.

Adjutant General.

Approved by State Pension Board.

Chairman.

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

HEADQUARTERS

# Confederate Pension Department

W. J. STONE, EXAMINER  
FRANKFORT, KY.

May 30th 1913

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

Dear Sir:

R. B. Craig

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

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

Enlisted in Jan. 1862 in Harpers' Battery, Jefferson  
County, Miss., Hardee's Division, Capt. Harper; after-  
ward under Capt. J. C. S. Blackburn, separate command.

Please give me the record of this soldier.

Respectfully,

*W. J. Stone*

Examiner.

At the hearing of the application of R. B. Bessing for pension under the Confederate pensions act W. G. O'Hara and J. M. Riley of Williams town who are personally known to me as persons worthy of belief were sworn and testified as follows:

W. G. O'Hara: Applicant resides at Cornith, has lived there more than two years and has been resident of Ky. many years and prior to 1890 and continuously since the year 1890, do not know his age, think he is 65 or 70 years old; he is very feeble and not able to earn his living by manual labor or to earn anything in any way and has no property has not an income of \$300<sup>00</sup> from all sources is dependent on his son for support has no contract with any one for his support.

J. M. Riley: Have known applicant since 1899, he has been resident of Ky. since that time & before that time many years. He is feeble and not able to do any manual labor, do not know personally of his service in the army, do not know of any property he owns, he once had a little property but has none now, has no trade by which he can earn any money and no income from all sources amounting

to \$300<sup>00</sup>

From the foregoing testimony the records and facts known personally to me, I find that the applicant R.B. Craig was a Confederate Soldier, that he has resided in the State of Ky. continuously ~~for~~ for many years previous to Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> 1907 and has not resided out of the state at any time during the period from 1899 to the present time; that he has no property of any kind and no income from any source; that he is wholly incapacitated to perform any manual labor and that he has no trade from which receives any income and has no contract by which any one is to take care of him and recommend that a pension be granted him

Witness my hand as judge of the Grant County Court this 19<sup>th</sup> day of May 1913

W.T. Timmon J.C.C.

I hereby certify that J.O. Nixson and Dr. W.C. Foster witnesses are personally known to me as being worthy of belief

W.T. Timmon J.C.C.