

(ORIGINAL)

Soldier's Application for Pension

I, Joel S. Head, Sr.,

am a citizen of Kentucky, resident at Harrodsburg,

in the County of Mercer

in said State of Kentucky, and was a soldier from the State of Texas, 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 A. 2nd, Texas 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 soldiers' 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 Scott County, Kentucky, July, 7th, 1836.

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

Answer Enlisted January, 1861, in Harris County, Texas, 2nd. Lieutenant Co. A, 2nd. Texas

Infantry. Captain Ashville Smith. Service on Guard Boat on Channel from Galves

ton to Houston, Texas, under Capt. Thomas Chubb.

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

Answer In April, 1865. Houston, Texas. Army surrendered and broke up.

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?

Answer Yes.

If so, when and under what circumstances?

Answer In July 1865 at Galveston, Texas; compelled to in order to get permit to leave Galveston.

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

Answer None and have no earning capacity.

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 My wife is dead.

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 None.

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 August, 1865.

Have you an attorney to look after this application?

Answer No.

If so, give his name and address?

Answer _____

Witness my hand this 23rd day of September, 1925 1925

WITNESSES: Joel S. Head Sr., Physician P. O. Harrodsburg Ky.

Postoffice Address _____ Street and number (if any) _____

J. D. Clark, Witness R. F. D. (if any) _____

Postoffice Address Lexington Ky #6

Joel S. Head, Witness

Postoffice Address Lexington Ky #6

STATE OF KENTUCKY } Mercer County } I, Bruce C. Allen Judge of said County,

certify that Joel S. Head, Sr., ~~and~~ his wife being dead,
own. ~~no real or personal property with \$ of personal property.~~
~~xxxxxx of land xxxxxxxx and xxxxxxxx of personal property.~~

Witness my hand this 5th day of Oct 1925,
Bruce C. Allen Judge County Court.

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

STATE OF KENTUCKY

Fayette County

Personally appeared before me Lucille Dabell

Notary Public of said County, the above named Joel S. Head, Sr., 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 September, 1925.

my commission expires June 19, 1928

Lucille Dabell Notary Public, Fayette County, Ky.

STATE OF KENTUCKY

Personally appeared before me

of said County, the above named

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 finds him laboring under the following disabilities: Unable to earn a support by manual labor.

Witness my hand and seal of office this _____ day of _____, 191_____.

(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

Mercer County

Personally appeared before me Chas. T. Corn, A

Notary Public of said County, ~~the above named~~ William J. Hanna,

and D. M. Thompson, 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 army.

State here what witnesses know of their own knowledge.

That each of the affiants were soldiers in the confederate Army and have well known Joel S. Head, Sr. for several years and that he has always been known and recognized by his comrades as a Confederate soldier; they state that he enlisted in the State of Texas, ^{and} there are no soldiers here who personally served with him.

William J. Hanna
D. M. Thompson

Witness my hand and seal of office, this Fifth day of October, 1925.

My Commission expires Feby, 25th, 1928.

Chas. T. Corn
NOTARY PUBLIC MERCER COUNTY, KENTUCKY.



1925 Oct 5
Fees =
Morgan County Court

T. S. Monahan Clerk
Raymond Monahan S. C.

No. 4376

STATE OF KENTUCKY

Soldier's Application for Pension

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.

Good A. Head, Jr.
Co. G. 4th Cavalry Regt.

Filed

Allowed Dec 18 1925

Read Specifications on Back

W. R. George, Com

SPECIFICATIONS

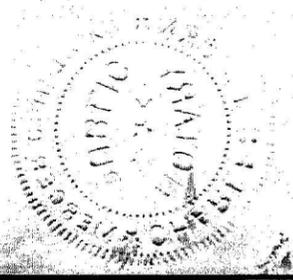
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Commissioner

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

The State Journal Co., Frankfort, Ky.

with A. R. Head written
received Jan 5 1925



CONFEDERATE PENSION DEPARTMENT

FRANKFORT, KENTUCKY

Joel S. Head, Sr., enlisted in
Company "A" 2nd Texas Infantry
January, 1861. in Harris Co.
Texas, surrendered at Houston
Texas, April, 1865. proven
by records. Indigent.

J. S. Head

ORD

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE
WASHINGTON August 24, 1925.

Respectfully returned to

Examiner,
Confederate Pension Department,
Frankfort, Kentucky.

The name Joel Samuel Head has
not been found on the muster rolls of
Co. B, 2nd. Texas Infantry, C.S.A.,
which partly cover the period from Aug
Aug. 7, 1861 to Feb. 29, 1864. Nor
has any record been found of his ser-
vice, capture or parole as of that
organization.

The records show that a state-
ment of service was furnished in the
case of one S. (also borne as Sylves-
ter) Head, Co. A, 2nd. Texas Inf., C.S.
A., March 16, 1915, on call for J. S.
Head, Co. B, 2nd. Texas Inf., C.S.A.

For information as to service
in the U.S. Navy, a communication
should be addressed to the Navy Dept.
Washington, D.C.

Lutz Wahl
Brigadier ~~Major~~ General,
Acting The Adjutant General.

By J.C.

Form No. 072-A.G.O.

J. B. HEAD

PASTOR MOUNT VERNON BAPTIST CHURCH

VERSAILLES,
KENTUCKY

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Joel Samuel Head
born July 7 1836
Enlisted Confederate Service
Jan 1861. in Harris County
Texas

Served in Company B
Second Texas Infantry

as 2nd Lieutenant
under Capt Ashville Smith
& Colonel Smith.

All under General

J.B. Mc Guider.

Was transferred to
Navy after having arm
broken and served with
Capt Thomas Chubb
on guard boat

Harrodsburg, Mercer County, Kentucky, and is President of the First National Bank of said City; he says that he has known the applicant Joel S. Head, Sr., for several years and that he is an American citizen, a resident of Harrodsburg, Mercer County, Kentucky, that he owns no property either real or personal, that he is in his eighty ninth year and has no income from any source and is dependant on his relatives for his support.

OFFICE OF
NAVAL RECORDS AND LIBRARY
NAVY DEPARTMENT

WASHINGTON, D. C.

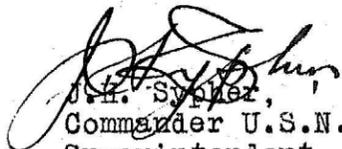
4 September, 1925.

Dear Sir:

It is regretted that this office has not been able to furnish the information requested in your letter of August 27, 1925, relative to naval service performed by Joel Samuel Head in the Confederate Navy.

Such search as was possible has been made for the record of this man. Mention was made in your request of his having served with Captain Thomas Chugg on a guard boat. There was a Thomas Chubb, a Master's Mate in the Confederate Navy, who commanded the ROYAL YACHT, a small guard boat at Galveston, Texas, but we have no rolls of this vessel, and the rolls of the Jackson, Miss., Naval Station, with which the operations at Galveston were apparently connected, fail to show the name of Joel Samuel Head. We have also searched the rolls of the New Orleans Station, the nearest one to Galveston, and the records of enlistments at the various naval rendezvous, but without success. A more specific search is of course impossible unless we can be given the name of the vessel or station on which Joel Samuel Head is supposed to have served.

Very truly yours,



J. H. Sypher,
Commander U.S.N.,
Superintendent.

Mr. J.T. George,
Commissioner of Confederate Pensions,
Frankfort, Ky.

MERCER COUNTY COURT.
NOVEMBER TERM, 1925.

FINDING OF FACTS AND RECOMMENDATION IN REGARD TO THE
APPLICATION OF JOEL S. HEAD, SR., FOR CONFEDERATE PENSION.

The applicant Joel S. Head, Sr., having at the October term of this Court filed his application for a Confederate Pension and the same having laid over till the present term of this Court and a duplicate of said application being on file in the Office of the Clerk of the Mercer County Court, this day came the applicant and the Commonwealth by the County Attorney, and upon proof heard in open court, the Court finds that the said Joel S. Head, Sr., is an American, a resident of Mercer County, Kentucky, that he is now in his eighty ninth year, that he has no property either real or personal and no source of income and that he is dependant upon his relatives for support and he hereby recommends that a Pension be granted to the said Joel S. Head, Sr., and with this finding of facts and recommendation is attached a summary of the proof taken herein in open Court.



JUDGE MERCER COUNTY COURT.

SUMMARY OF PROOF TAKEN HEREIN.

William Smock, being first duly sworn, states that has known the applicant Joel S. Head, Sr., for a good many years and he states that said Head is an American citizen, a resident of Harrodsburg, Mercer County, Kentucky, that he owns no property ~~either real or personal~~, that he is in his eighty ninth year, has no income from any source and is dependent upon his relatives for his support; the witness further states that he is a resident and citizen of Harrodsburg, Kentucky, and is a member of the Lee Sock Company, engaged in the Coal and Lumber business in said City.

F. P. James, being first duly sworn, states that he is a resident and citizen of

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS
OF
THE UNITED STATES

FOUNDED 1899

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS, KANSAS CITY, KANSAS

FRED STOVER
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
BUTLER, PENNSYLVANIA

GERALD F. O'BRIEN
SENIOR VICE COM.-IN-CHIEF
TULSA, OKLAHOMA

HENRY M. LEVITT
JUNIOR VICE COM.-IN-CHIEF
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA



OFFICE OF
JOSEPH B. HEAD
NATIONAL CHAPLAIN
VERSAILLES, KENTUCKY

Nov 17, 1925

Confederate Pension Dept
Frankfort, Ky

Dear Brother George-

Your letter received in regard to the pension application of my grandfather Joel S. Head. In my opinion the Joel Sylvester Head on record in Co A 2nd Texas Infantry is the record of my Grandfather and that the name Sylvester should have been that of Samuel. It is very easy to get a middle name mixed up.

As the muster rolls of Co A 2nd Texas Infantry show the name of Joel S. Head I should think that would be sufficient to grant the pension on as I am positive that is his record.

In regard to the Naval service the Navy Dept states "that there was a Thomas Chubb, a Masters mate who commanded the Royal Yacht, a small guard boat at Galveston Texas, but that they had no rolls of this vessel. Now this guard boat is the same one on which my Grandfather served under Thomas Chubb, but as the records are not available his Naval service of course could not be given in his application for pension.

As the name of Joel S. Head is on record of Co A 2nd Texas Infantry I don't think there is the least doubt about that being the same man as my Grandfather.

Would not the Army record be sufficient to grant the pension on as the naval records cannot be found?

I appreciate very much your interest in the matter and think that you can straighten out the matter so that the old gentlemen will receive his pension soon for he certainly is in need of it.

Thanking you for writing me in regard to the matter. I am

Very truly yours.

Joseph B. Head
National Chaplain
Veterans Of Foreign Wars

November, 5, 1925.

Confederate Pension Department,
Austin, Texas.

Gentlemen:

We have an application just filed in this office for Confederate pension by one Joel S. Head. He says in his application that he enlisted in Company "A" 2nd Texas Infantry, in Harris County, Texas. in January 1861- under Captain Ashville Smith and Col. Smith all under General J. B. McGruder, and he was transferred to the Navy under Captain Thomas Chubb. The report from the War Department fails to show the name of Joel S. Head, he is now ninety-one years of age, and in my opinion the poor old veteran has forgotten the Company or regiment in which he served in the Confederate States army. If it is possible, Will you please send such information as your record will permit in regard to the service of this poor old veteran,

Very respectfully,

J. T. George
Cms

Copy

November, 5. 1925.

Mr. J. P. Head.

Versailles, Kentucky.

My dear Sir:

We are just in receipt of the application of your Grand-father, Joel S. Head for Confederate pension. We also have a report from the War Department and a report from the Navy Department at Washington City copies of which I am enclosing you. Of course, I know these records are very incomplete, and in my opinion your grand-father is mistaken in regard to the Company and regiment in which he enlisted. I have just written the Confederate pension Department at Austin, Texas copy of which I am enclosing you.

Very respectfully,



OFFICE OF
COMMISSIONER OF CONFEDERATE PENSIONS
FRANKFORT, KENTUCKY

J. T. GEORGE, COMMISSIONER

November, 18, 1925.

Copy.

Mr. Joseph B. Head.
Versailles, Kentucky.

My dear Sir:

Your favor of the 17th received, and, I am fully satisfied that your grand-father, ^{Paul B.} ~~Joseph B.~~ Head performed the service in the Confederate army, that he has sworn to in his application, but the law plainly says; that an indigent veteran who did actual military service in the Confederate army from the date of his enlistment until the close of the war, or, until he was honorably discharged to be come eligible to a pension, and such services must be proven by the records or by officers and comrades, who know the facts, and the proof from the records are rather indefinite and there is no proof to show how or when he got out of the army, I am not making a final decision in the case, as I hope to obtain more evidence regarding his service in the Confederate army, and, I want you to give me any kind of a clue by which I might obtain further evidence of service, you must know I have a sworn duty to perform, regardless of my personal feelings in the matter,

Very respectfully,

J. T. George
Com.

Harrodsburg, Kentucky,
December, 17th., 1925.

Col. Henry George,
Commissioner of Pensions,
Frankfort, Ky.

My dear Col:

Several weeks ago, I sent in my application for a pension and since then have heard nothing. I will thank you to let me know if my papers were all right or if any further evidence is required by you.

Thanking you for an early reply and wishing for you a most happy Christmas, I remain,

Very truly yours,

Joel S. Head Sr

Harrodsburg, Kentucky,
December, 22nd, 1925.

Col. J. T. George,
Frankfort,
Ky.

My Dear Colonel:

Your kind favor of the 18th, duly received and I certainly do appreciate it so much. I see from the copies of the letters you inclose that your correspondence was with my Grand Son, J.B. Head, at Versailles, and he failed to let me know of such correspondence and of course I knew nothing of how the matter stood, hence the reason of my letter to you on the 17th.

I note in your letter to him of the 18th, you address him as Joseph B. Head and his right name is Joel B. Head. My name is Joel S. Head, Sr., and I am sure this correction should be made to you. I am perfectly satisfied with the efforts you have made in my behalf and do appreciate them so much.

I am truly,

Your obedient servant,

Joel S. Head Sr
(Joel S. Head, Sr)
% William Smock,
Harrodsburg, Ky.

December, 18, 1925.

Mr. J. S. Head, Sr.
Harrodsburg, Kentucky.

My dear Sir:

Your favor of December 17th received. You say in your letter that you sent your application for pension to this office several weeks ago, and that you have heard nothing from it. Your application was filed in this office November 5th, 1925- and I wrote you on that day in regard to your application, and I wrote you again on the 18th day of November, copies of which letter I am inclosing you. I also, wrote the War Department at Washington City for any record they had on their files, of the service of Joel S. Head and I also wrote the Navy Department for any record they had on their files in regard to the service of Joel S. Head. I mailed you copies of reports from both Departments. I have done everything that I could possibly do to obtain proof sufficient to bring you within the provisions of the Confederate Pension law, but you say in your letter of December 17th, that you have not heard anything from me in regard to your application, but for fear that I make a mistake in the matter, I am placing Joel S. Head on the pension rolls, he will receive his first voucher and pension Certificate about January, 16th, 1926-

Which you must have prepared and returned to this office, by February, 1st, 1926-

Very respectfully,

J. D. George
Comm.