

## Soldier's Application for Pension

I, William A. Stidham

am a citizen of Kentucky, resident at Prosperity in the County of Larue

in said State of Kentucky, and was a soldier from the State of Virginia, 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 51<sup>st</sup> Va. Vol. Inf., Co. A

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 I was born in the State of Va, Lee Co then, but Wise Co now, Apr 2<sup>nd</sup> 1842.

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

Answer Under Col. G. B. Whorton - Capt. John P. Wolf - Augustus Henderson first Lieut

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

Answer At Lee's surrender our officers disbanded us.

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

Answer I never was in prison.

Were you paroled? If so, when and where?

Answer After we came home we went to Cumberland Gap and got some little paper from W. Y. Dilard Com. of the post.

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

Answer I did not.

If so, when and under what circumstances?

Answer .....

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

Answer I am a turner or chair maker, suppose I earn \$75 per yr.

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

Answer I think my house plunder to be worth fifteen dollars and my furniture to be worth seven dollars.

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

Answer nothing at all.

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 I suppose I earn seventy-five dollars a yr.

Do you use intoxicants to any extent?

Answer No Sir

How long and since when have you been an actual resident of the State of Kentucky?

Answer Since Oct. 1865

Have you an attorney to look after this application?

Answer I have not (I have now T. S. Thompson)

If so, give his name and address?

Answer

Witness my hand this 19 day of Apr 1912

WITNESSES:

J. J. Gambell, Physician P. O. Blaine Ky  
Postoffice Address Street and No. (if any)

W. H. Thompson, Witness R. F. D. (if any)  
Postoffice Address Prosperity Ky

STATE OF KENTUCKY

Lawrence County } I, David Boggs, Judge of said County,  
certify that William H. Statham and his wife are  
assessed with no acres, valued at \$ no, and with \$ of personal property.

Witness my hand this 15 day of July 1912

David Boggs, Judge County Court.

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

STATE OF KENTUCKY

Lawrence County } Personally appeared before me J. T. Thompson  
Deputy Clerk of said County, the above named William H. Stidham  
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 19 day of Apr 1912  
J. T. Thompson D.C.

STATE OF KENTUCKY

Lawrence County } Personally appeared before me J. J. Gambill M.D.  
of said County, the above named William H. Stidham  
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.

Due to Disease of heart Lumbago and  
Arterio Sclerosis.

J. J. Gambill M.D.

Witness my hand and seal of office, this 15 day of June 1912  
J. T. Thompson D.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

Lawrence County } Personally appeared before me J. T. Thompson  
of Prosperity Ky of said County, the above named J. J. Gambill of Blainey  
and W. A. Williams of Prosperity 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.

They state they know nothing of his  
Army service.

Witness my hand and seal of office, this 19 day of Apr 1912  
Mont. Holt D.C.  
J. T. Thompson D.C.

**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.

*Filed June 17<sup>th</sup> 1912 in  
Lawrence County Courthouse  
Mund-Shell-Beck etc  
By Wm. Lewis W.C.*

No. 1000  
STATE OF KENTUCKY

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

Commissioner

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, July 24, 1912.

Respectfully returned to the

Examiner,  
Confederate Pension Department,  
Frankfort, Kentucky.

The records show that William H. Stidham, private, Company A (formerly Company I), 51st Virginia Infantry, Confederate States Army, enlisted July 16, 1861, and that, as W. H. Stidham, he was paroled May 5, 1865, at Cumberland Gap, Kentucky, - date and place of capture not shown.

Henry O McCain  
Adjutant General.

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Indorsement

Confederate Pension Department

STATE OF KENTUCKY

FRANKFORT.

WILLIAM H. STIDHAM.

Enlisted July 16, 1861, Co.A,  
51st Virginia Inf'y., and he  
was surrendered and paroled  
May 5th, 1865 at Cumberland  
Gap, Kentucky.

Proven by the record.

Indigent.

W J S

I recommend that this  
claim be allowed.

Adjutant General.

Approved by State Pension  
Board.

James R. McInerney  
Chairman.

June the 11, 1912.

This day appeared  
before me Gabe Church  
and makes the follow-  
ing statement:

I know this to be the  
same William H. Stidham  
that served in the Late  
Civil War in Confed-  
erate service in Co. A.  
under Col. G. B. Whorton,  
Capt. John P. Wolf, Augustus  
Anderson first Lieut.  
in 51st Va. Vol. Inf't. that  
we went in together and  
came out together

Gabe<sup>h</sup> Church

J. J. Thompson D<sub>o</sub> Mark

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

HEADQUARTERS

# Confederate Pension Department

W. J. STONE, EXAMINER

FRANKFORT, KY.

July 19th, 1912

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

Dear Sir:

*William H. Stidham*

who is an applicant for Pension under the Kentucky Pension law, claims  
to have been a member of Company *A - 51st Va.*

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

Please give me the record of this soldier.

Respectfully,

*W. J. Stone*  
Examiner.

*Subscribed and  
sworn to this June 11 1912  
by Gabe Church  
Given under my  
hand this June 11 1912  
M. H. Holt C. G. B.  
by A. A. Thompson D. C.*

Houckville Ty

Jan. 22 1924

W. J. Stone,

Dear sir,

William H. Stidham is  
dead he died the second day  
of October I receive the  
Voucher the 21st of Jan-  
-uary. one of his vouchers  
had laid at the post office  
till I got his other

The reason that I had  
not wrote up they told  
me that the post master  
had to do it

wrote by Margarette  
Stidham his widow

P.S. When he died I had to  
broke up house keeping I  
got sick my self and I  
couldnt fix nothing and  
I am getting up so that  
I can go around through  
the house I would had that  
wrote sooner but I thought  
that they had reported  
up.

Margarette Stidham  
the wife of William F.  
Stidham

To the adjutant General  
of the state of Kentucky.  
I David Boggs Judge of the  
Lawrence County Court, make the  
following finding and recommendation  
in the matter of application of  
William H. Stidham for pension as  
a Confederate soldier.

The said application having  
been filed at the regular June  
term of the Lawrence County Court,  
June 7<sup>th</sup> 1912, and laid over until  
a subsequent regular term of said  
Court July 15<sup>th</sup> 1912, when proof was  
taken as to the citizenship, residence  
and means of support of applicant.

The County Attorney was  
present and represented the Com-  
monwealth.

The following witnesses to wit:  
Samuel Prince of Irad Ky, and  
Allen Hays of Louisa Ky, were  
sworn and testified in open Court  
that they have known the applicant  
for 24 years and all this time he has  
been a citizen of Ky, and has resided  
continuously in Lawrence since  
January 1<sup>st</sup> 1907, that the applicant

William H. Stidham, lives by making and selling chairs, that he has no income other than what he gets by making and selling chairs about \$75.00, per year.

After hearing the evidence and being advised, the court finds and adjudges that the applicant William H. Stidham is a citizen of the state of Kentucky and has continuously <sup>resided</sup> in Lawrence County Ky. since January 1<sup>st</sup> 1907, and that applicant has no income, the court recommends this as

a meritorious claim. July 15<sup>th</sup> 1912

David Boggs J.L.C.C.

This is to certify that the foregoing witnesses to-wit, Samuel Bruce of Brad Ky. and Allen Hays of Louisa Ky. are known to me, and that they are reputable and entitled to credit on oath.

July 15<sup>th</sup> 1912.

David Boggs J.L.C.C.