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Soldier's Application for Pension

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In what County, State and year were you born?

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

Answer After Gen. Lee's surrender, I was paroled at Abington Virginia, came to Louisville, Ky. and took the oath of allegiance to U. S.

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

Answer Yes, I was captured at Buffington's island, imprisoned at Camp Douglas, Ill., and released at the close of the war.

Were you paroled? If so, when and where?

Answer Yes, at abington Virginia at the close of the war

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

Answer Yes at Louisville, Ky.

If so, when and under what circumstances?

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

Answer In farming. Last year, 1911, I earned about fifty dollars

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

Answer I pay taxes on Eight hundred dollars, which includes my real and personal estate

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

Answer I am a widower

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 received as net income about fifty dollars, but no more

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 of my life.

Have you an attorney to look after this application?

Answer No

If so, give his name and address?

Answer ×

Witness my hand this 22 *day of* May 1912.

Benjamin C Downs

WITNESSES:

James F Furnish, *Physician*

Postoffice Address Waterford, Kentucky

C H Jones, *Witness*

Postoffice Address Waterford, Kentucky

Chas Jasper, *Witness*

Postoffice Address Waterford, Kentucky

P. O. Waterford Spencer Co. Kentucky

Street and No. (if any)

R. F. D. (if any)

STATE OF KENTUCKY

Spencer County } I, Samuel K. Baird *Judge of said County, certify that* Benjamin C. Downs *and his wife* (has no wife) *are assessed with* 60 *acres, valued at* $500.00, *and with* $200.00 *of personal property.*

Witness my hand this 29 *day of* June, 1912.

Samuel K. Baird *Judge County Court.*

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

STATE OF KENTUCKY

Spencer County } Personally appeared before me a Notary Public of said County, the above named Benjamin C. Downs 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 22 day of May, 1912.
My commission expires March 10, 1914

James B. Gentry, Notary Public

STATE OF KENTUCKY

Spencer County } Personally appeared before me a Notary Public of said County, the above named James F. Furnish 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 Benjamin C. Downs the applicant, and find him laboring under the following disabilities: Unable to earn a support by manual labor.

(1) Slight enlargement of the liver, and tenderness on pressure
(2) Varicose veins of both legs to such extent as to impair walking
(3) Varicocele to an extent which causes much pain

By this physical examination I find him unable to earn a reasonable support.

James F. Furnish, M. D.
Waterford, Kentucky

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(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 a Notary Public of said County, the above named C. H. Jones and Charles Jasper, 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 C. H. Jones further makes oath to the following facts touching the applicant's service in the Confederate States army.

State here what witnesses know of their own knowledge.

Said Columbus H. Jones say he knows that said Benjamin C. Downs the applicant was a member of Captain Hunter's company of Morgan's cavalry, Colonel Cluke's regiment, and saw said Benjamin C. Downs on duty at McMinnville, Tennessee. John Hunt Morgan Brigadier General C. S. A

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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.

Benjamin C. Downs

No. 2092

STATE OF KENTUCKY

Soldier's Application for Pension

Benjamin C. Downs

Co. ..... Rgt.

Filed AUG 23 1912

Allowed .....

Read Specifications on Back.

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Approved, Nov 22nd 1912
W. J. Stone Examiner
~~Commissioner~~.

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT,

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

WASHINGTON, August 28, 1912.

Respectfully returned to the

Examiner,
Confederate Pension Department,
Frankfort, Kentucky.

The records show that one Ben Downs, private, Company G (not found as of Company C), 8th Kentucky Cavalry (formerly known as Company G, 4th Kentucky Cavalry), Confederate States Army, was enlisted September 10, 1862. On the muster roll dated February 13, 1863, and covering the period from September 10 to December 31, 1862 (only roll on file), he was reported present.

The records of prisoners of war show that Benjamin C. Downs, private, Company G, 8th Kentucky Cavalry, Confederate States Army, (probably the same man) was captured at Buffington, Ohio, July 19, 1863, and that he was paroled at Camp Douglas, Illinois, and transferred to Point Lookout, Maryland, for exchange February 24, 1865. No later record found.

Geo Andrews
The Adjutant General.

(A.G.O.72-1) *Per* ll

Indorsement

Confederate Pension Department

STATE OF KENTUCKY

FRANKFORT.

BENJAMIN C. DOWNS.

Enlisted Sept.10,1862,Co.G, 8th Kentucky Cavalry and was captured July 19, 1863 in Ohio and was exchanged at Pt. Lookout, Md. Feb'y.24, 1865.

Proven by the records.

Property: $1300.00

W J S

I recommend that this claim be allowed.

Z Adjutant General.

Allowed by the State Pension Board.

Chairman.

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

HEADQUARTERS

Confederate Pension Department

W. J. STONE, EXAMINER

FRANKFORT, KY.

Aug. 23, 1912

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

Dear Sir:

Benj. C. Downs,

who is an applicant for Pension under the Kentucky Pension law, claims to have been a member of Company C, 8th Kentucky Regiment Cavalry C. S. A., and to have been

Please give me the record of this soldier.

Respectfully,

W. J. Stone
Examiner.

SECTION 12 OF THE KENTUCKY PENSION LAW PROVIDES THAT

§ 12. No pension money granted under this act while due or to become due to any pensioner, shall be liable to attachment or levy or seizure by or under any legal or equitable process whatever, whether the same remains with the State, or in the course of transmission to the pensioner entitled thereto.

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PENSION CERTIFICATE OF

Benjamin C. Downs

Payable Quarterly

by the

Treasurer of Kentucky

at

Frankfort, Kentucky.

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COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

DEPARTMENT OF CONFEDERATE PENSIONS

It is hereby certified

That in conformity with the laws of the Commonwealth of Kentucky;

Benjamin C. Downs

who was a member of Company "G" Regiment 8th Kentucky Cavalry

Confederate States Army, is entitled to a pension at the rate of Ten dollars per month, to commence on the Twenty-third day of August one thousand nine hundred and Twelve.

Given at the office of the Commissioner of Pensions

this First day of April

one thousand nine hundred and Fourteen.

W. J. Stone

Commissioner.

HARCOURT-LOUISVILLE

Spencer County Court.

August 5, 1912.

In the matter of the application of Ben Downs for a pension under the Confederate Pension Act.

The above matter being called in open court, the applicant, Ben Downs offered the testimony in open court of Chas. Ramsey and R. E. Holloway, Post Office of both Waterford, Ky., who being duly sworn testified as follows:-

Chas. Ramsey stated that he was 60 years of age, had lived in Spencer County, Kentucky, for a number of years and had known applicant, Ben Downs, for 20 years. He stated that the said apllicant, Ben Downs had resided in Spencer County, Kentucky, during the entire time that the deponent had known him and was yet a citizen and resident of Spencer County, Kentucky. He stated that the said applicant, Ben Downs, owned 60 acres of land on which was a 2 room cottage with no outbuildings and that the said farm was worth $800.00 and that he had no personal property except $500.00 in promissory notes.

R. E. Holloway stated that he was 56 years of age, had lived in Spencer County, Kentucky, all of his life and had known applicant, Ben Downs, 30 years and that the said applicant had resided in Spencer County, Kentucky, during the entire time that the deponent had known him and is yet a resident and citizen of Spencer County, Kentucky. He stated as to the property of said applicant the same facts as the former witness Chas. Ramsey. Both stated that the applicant was not able to labor to any extent for his support

and would not be able to earn more than $50.00 a year for his support.

It is therefore adjudged by the Court that the applicant Ben Downs resides in Spencer County, Ky., and has so resided for 20 years last past. It is further adjudged that the said applicant owns 60 acres of land which with the improvements is worth $800.00 and personal property in the sum of $500.00 and that he owns no other property except these two items. It is further adjudged that he is not able to earn for his support more than $50. 00 per year. It is recommended by the Court that the claim of Ben Downs for a pension be allowed.

Samuel A. Baird
J. S. C. C.