(ORIGINAL)

Soldier's Application for Pension

I, Charles F. Westerfield

am a citizen of Kentucky, resident at Hartford, Route #6 in the County of Ohio

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 Company H., 8th Kentucky Cavalry

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 Daviess County, State of Kentucky, December the 15th, 1848.

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

Answer Enlisted in the month of December, 1864, in General Forest's Command. Col. — Shocklett, Capt. Amos Taylor, 1st Lieut. Lee Mosley, 2nd Lieut. John Westerfield, 3rd Lieut. Dr. — Morton, Ord Sarg. John Cones and Corp. John Ford. Wooly Ford.

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

Answer Was Captured near Selma, Ala., about April 15th, 1865, and was Paroled about 15 days later, near Montgomery, Ala.

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

Answer Yes. At Selma, Ala., in the Confederate Prison after Union Were Released, and was taken out about 25th of April, 1865.

Were you paroled? If so, when and where?

Answer Yes. About May 1st, 1865, near Montgomery, Ala.

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

Answer Yes.

If so, when and under what circumstances?

Answer About May 25th, 1865, Was Captured near the Cumberland River, in Kentucky, and Compelled to take the oath.

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

Answer Farming Corn about $75.00 a year on an average.

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

Answer Own 107 acres of land worth $1300.00, and owe purchase money notes of $600.00. Own live stock worth $250.00

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

Answer Nothing

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 $165.00 proceeds of Crop and for rent.

Do you use intoxicants to any extent?

Answer No. None at all.

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 Yes.

If so, give his name and address?

Answer Yancy L. Mosley, Hartford, Kentucky

Witness my hand this 29th *day of* April 1912.

Charles J. Westerfield

WITNESSES:

Edmund W. Ford, Physician — P. O. Hartford, Kentucky.

Postoffice Address Hartford Ky. — Street and No. (if any)

J. P. Sinclair, Witness — R. F. D. (if any) No. 6.

Postoffice Address Hartford Ky.

attest C. M. Leach — John S. Jackson his mark, Witness

Postoffice Address Hartford, Ky. Route 5.

STATE OF KENTUCKY

Ohio County } I, R. R. Redding Judge of said County,

certify that Chas. J. Westerfield and his wife Margaret Westerfield are assessed with 151 acres, valued at $604.00 and with $672.00 of personal property.

Witness my hand this 30th *day of* April, 1912.

R. R. Redding Judge County Court.

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

STATE OF KENTUCKY

Ohio County } Personally appeared before me.....

A Notary Public of said County, the above named Charles F. Westerfield 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 29th day of April, 1912.

C. M. Brown
Notary Public, Ohio County, Ky.
My Commission expires Jan 10 1914.

STATE OF KENTUCKY

Ohio County } Personally appeared before me.....

A Notary Public of said County, the above named Edwin W. Ford 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 Charles F. Westerfield the applicant, and find him laboring under the following disabilities: Unable to earn a support by manual labor.

His chronic Dyspepsia and Candidiasis Use Bunions of back feet Enlarged and misplaced Viscera Colon and Enlarged Left Testicle thereon Condition weak the Changes due to Age and Infirmities

Witness my hand and seal of office, this 29th day of April, 1912.

C. M. Brown
Notary Public, Ohio County, Ky.
My Commission expires Jan. 10, 1914.

(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

Ohio County } Personally appeared before me.....

A Notary Public of said County, the above named John S. Jackson and J. S. Sanderfer, 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 John S. Jackson 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 he enlisted at the same time and in the same Company with Applicant and served with him during the entire time Applicant was in the army and for that reason he knows that the foregoing answers to questions made by applicant are true.

J. S. Sanderfer says that he was near neighbor and knows of Service in Confederate Armies

Witness my hand and seal of office, this 29th day of April, 1912.

C. M. Brown
Notary Public, Ohio County, Ky.
My Commission expires Jan. 10, 1914.

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.

No. 2496

STATE OF KENTUCKY

Soldier's Application for Pension

Chas. F. Westerfield

Co. ..... Rgt.

Filed JUN 26 1912

Allowed .....

Read Specifications on Back.

SPECIFICATIONS

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Approved June 17th 1913

W. J. Stone Examiner
Commissioner.

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

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Chas. F. Westerfield
Vs of confederate Claim
County of Kentucky
Filed April 30th 1912
W. S. Tinsley
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ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE
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Address: "The Adjutant General,
War Department, Washington, D. C."
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WAR DEPARTMENT,

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

WASHINGTON. June 28, 1912.

Respectfully returned to the

Examiner,
Confederate Pension Department,
Frankfort, Kentucky.

No record has been found in this office of the service, capture or parole of a man named Chas. F. Westerfield as of Company H, 8th Kentucky Cavalry, Confederate States Army.

Henry P. McCain
Adjutant General.

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Indorsement

Confederate Pension Department

STATE OF KENTUCKY

FRANKFORT.

CHARLES F. WESTERFIELD

Claims to have enlisted in Dec.1864, in Company H, 8th Kentucky Cavalry. Two witnesses testify to his enlistment and to his service till the close of the war and that he was surrendered and paroled at Montgomery, Ala. in April, 1865.

Property: $2,000.00.

W J Stone.

I recommend that this claim be allowed.

J. Sandy Ellis
Adjutant General.

Approved by State Pension Board.

Chairman.

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HEADQUARTERS

Confederate Pension Department

W. J. STONE, EXAMINER

FRANKFORT, KY.

JUN 26 1912 191....

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

Dear Sir:

Chas. F. Westerfield

who is an applicant for Pension under the Kentucky Pension law, claims to have been a member of Company H - 8th Ky.

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

Please give me the record of this soldier.

Respectfully,

W. J. Stone

Examiner.

OHIO COUNTY COURT - Regular June Term 1912.

-12. In the Matter of the Application of Charles F. Westerfield for Confederate Pension.

Charles F. Westerfield - Application for Pension

Witness Herbert Mitchell:

Q. State your age and where you reside?

A. I am 29 years old, Hartford, Ohio County, Ky.route #6.

Q. Do you know Chas. F. Westerfield?

A. Yes sir.

Q. How long have you known him?

A. All of my life.

Q. Where does he live?

A. He lives near Bells Run.

Q. What County and State?

A. Ohio County and State of Kentucky.

Q. How long of your personal knowledge has he resided continuously in Ohio County, Ky.?

A. All of my life.

Q. What real estate has Mr. Westerfield?

A. He has two small farms.

Q. State what each one of them is worth?

A. One is worth about $500 and he bought the other one fumm my mother and he gave her $1100 for it.

Q. Do you know whether the last farm he bought is paid for or not?

A. No sir, he owes my mother $600.

Q. What personal property has he?

A. He has a pair of mules, and a horse and a cow and a calf, and I don't know how many hogs - three or four.

Q. Has he any other property or income other than what you named?

A. No sir.

Q. What property or income has his wife?

A. None that I know of.

Q. What is the condition of Mr. Westerfield's health?

A. Not very good.

Q. What opportunity have you for knowing his health?

A. I don't know.

Q. Do you live close to him?

A. Yes sir, I live in about half a mile of him.

Q. Have you worked with him?

A. Some.

Q. Do you know whether he tries to make a hand on the farm or not?

A. He tries but he fails.

Q. About what is his income each year?

A. I don't know. Not much.

Q. Does it amount to $300?

A. No sir, $150 I guess. He is a good citizen and law-abiding.

Cross-examined by C. E. Smith County Attorney

Q. Did he raise tobacco last year?

A. I believe he had a little patch.

Q. You don't know what it brought?

A. No sir.

Q. What kind of land is this, bottom or hill land?

A. One is hill land.

Q. Which one?

A. The largest one I suppose.

Q. What condition for cultivation is it?

A. Not much, I don't think.

Q. It produces very good corn and wheat, doesn't it?

A. No sir.

Q. Can you raise tobacco on it?

A. Not much.

Q. How about the other, is it bottom land?

A. Part of it.

Q. How much is in bottom land?

A. 43 acres.

Q. What is it worth an acre?

A. He gave $1100 for it.

Q. How long ago?

A. This Spring.

Q. What is his part of mules worth?

A. They are worth $400.

Q. What is the horse worth?

A. He is worth about $50.

Q. Does he rent out part of his farm?

A. Yes sir, I am renting it from him.

Q. Do you pay money rent or part of the crop?

A. Part of the crop.

Q. How much of his land are you cultivating?

A. I don't know, about 15 acres I guess may be something like that.

Q. Is this on the bottom or hill farm?

A. Bottom farm.

Q. What quanity of corn per acre will that produce?

A. I don't know. I have been there four years and haven't made a crop yet --- drowned out.

Q. It yields well when it does hit?

A. I suppose so.

Q. Is Mr. Westerfield, the applicant, able to do half a man's work?

A. I don't think he is.

Q. What is his age?

A. Up in 70 I think.

Q. Is he constantly under the treatment of a physician?

A. I cannot tell you.

Also the witness Lon Taylor:

Q. Where do you live, what is your age, and give your post office address?

A. 26 years old, Hartford Ohio County, Ky. Route #6. I live about four miles from Mr. Westerfield, near Bells Run.

Q. You know the applicant, C. F. Westerfield?

A. Yes sir.

Q. How long have you known him?

A. All my life, reside in half a mile of his home.

Q. Where does he reside now?

A. He resides in what we call the Taylorfield settlement in Ohio County, Ky.

Q. How long to your knowledge has he resided in Ohio County, Ky.?

A. As long as I have known him.

Q. What character of man is Mr. Westerfield?

A. A good man, I have worked for him and he treated me mighty nice. Worked for him four years ago, he wasn't able to work and his son was sick and I worked for him about three weeks and he is a good man.

Q. How is he regarded in the neighborhood?

A. Everybody thinks well of him.

Q. Of what does his real estate consist?

A. Two farms. One hill farm I guess is worth something like $400 or $500 and the other is a bottom farm, 43 acres I believe it is.

Q. What are they all worth?

A. I don't know exactly. The hill farm is pretty well worn out, he don't make but very little on it, and the bottom farm is a very good farm when it hits, but is awful low and there ain't one year out of three that he ever gets a crop.

Q. Do you know whether he has his farm paid for?

A. No sir, I heard him tell Mrs. Mitchell, he told her he would make her safe in the $500 and I suppose $600 was to be paid afterward, he gave $1100 for it.

Q. What personal property has he?

A. Two mules and a cow as far as I know. I have not been on his place for six months I guess. I don't know whether he has any hogs or other stock.

Q. What real estate or other personal property has his wife that you know of?

A. None that I know of.

Q. What income does he derive from his farm and from his labor per year?

A. Something like $150 or $175.

Cross-examination by County Attorney

Q. What improvements is there on the hill farm?

A. But very little.

Q. His dwelling house?

A. Well he has a very nice house to live in, nothing fine at all, but a very comfortable farm.

Q. You say that farm with its improvements is worth $400 or $500?

A. Yes sir, I had rather have his house than his farm, counting the house in with the farm.

Q. What drops does he grow?

A. Corn, tobacco, a few oats occasionally. and I don't think he grows any wheat hereof late years.

Q. Is he able to work at all?

A. He patches around a little and kindly keeps up plac s that has to be done but he can't make a hand at all or half a hand either.

Q. What in your judgment is the value of the bottom farm?

A. He gave $1100 and he gave more than I would have given for it.

Q. Is there any improvements on it?

A. No sir, not toany extent.

Q. Any dwelling house?

A. A small box house.

Q. A barn?

A. No sir, not that I know of.

Q. What in your judgment is the fair, cash value for the two mules?

A. I guess they are worth $100 a piece.

Q. What is the value of the horse?

A. $50 or $60. The horse is about 16 or 17 years old, I wouldn't want to give much for a horse like that.

Q. Does he raise a considerable quanity of tobacco?

A. No sir, not now. Some few years back when he had a large family he did, but since they are gone he don't. He has one son that works on the place and has a tobacco patch

and I think Mr. Westerfield had a little patch last year, and I think his wife helped him with that.

Q. Those three live there together?

A. Yes sir.

Q. There on the farm?

A. Yes sir.

Re-Direct Examination.

Q. Is Mr. Westerfield able to do manuel labor?

A. No sir.

Q. To what extent does he labor?

A. He don't work but very little of his time. He says he ain't able and which I don't think he is, because I have worked in the field with him and he cannot work but a short time until he has to rest. He is 64 years old.

I hereby certify that the above-named witnesses Lon Taylor and Herbert Mitchell are citizens and residents of Ohio County and persons known to me and are reputable and entitled to credit on oath.

I further certify that the witnesses named in the application, viz: Edward D. Ford, J. P. Sandefur and John S. Jackson are persons known to me and are worthy of belief on oath, and from all the evidence in this claim the Court is of the opinion that the claim ought to be allowed.

R. R. Wedding.
Judge Ohio County Court.

April 21, 1913.

Mr. Charles F. Westerfield,

Hartford (Ohio Co), Ky.

Dear Sir:-

Upon examining the proof filed with your application for pension I find that there is no record proof of your enlistment or service in the Confederate Army. I find that one witness testifies that he served with you during the entire time you were in the army. One testifies that he knows you were in the army because he was your neighbor, but there is no proof of the date of your enlistment and none as to when and how you got out of the army. Proof on these points necessary.

Get all the proof you can and forward to this office to be filed with your application before it is submitted to the Pension Board for its action.

Yours truly,

Examiner.

WJS-C

STATE OF KENTUCKY,
SCT.
DAVIESS COUNTY,

These affiants, W. G. Kimberland, and John Watkins, state that they are residents of Daviess County, and State aforesaid, and that they were members of Company H, Eighth Kentucky Cavalry in the Confederate Army. They say that they and Charles F. Westerfield, of Ohio County, Kentucky, enlisted during the month of December, 1864, under Capt. Amos R. Taylor, and that they served together in said Company and regiment to the close of the war, and were all paroled at Montgomery, Alabama, in April 1865.

W G Kimberlan

John Watkins

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this the 25th day of April, 1913.

Ethel Coffman
Notary Public in and for
Daviess County, Kentucky.

My Commission Expires, January 18, 1914.

Hartford, Ky.
4/17/14.

Commissioner of Confederate Pensions
Frankfort, Ky.

Sir:-

According to the Confederate Pension law Charles F. Westerfield of this Co. is not entitled to a pension because he has a good farm and plenty of every thing around him. Has just sold a pair of mules for $500.00. It is understood through this country that he is going to be granted a pension.

This is not written through any personal ill feeling for there is none.

If you doubt the truthfulness of this statement you should order an investigation. Thought I would let you know about this matter so if you see fit you can properly adjust the matter.

- A tax paying citizen.

April 20, 1914.

Mr. Charles F. Westerfield,

Hartford, Kentucky.

Dear Sir:-

Information has just been filed with this office to the effect that you do not come within the provisions of the pension law because you have more property than $2500.00 worth, and I am writing to inform you that with this information on file an investigation will have to be made before any money can be paid you on a pension.

Yours very truly,

Commissioner.

WJS-C

Hartford Ky April the 29 1914
Mr W. J Stone Frankfort Ky
Dear Sir being a neighbor to
C F Westerfield and joining
farms With his farm on Panther
creek and his farm being a
part of the farm owned by
me, I take pleasure in Stating
the condition of affairs on
said farms they are two
small farms 47 and 43 acres
on panther creek and are
low bottom land an considered
worthless unless a county
ditch is cut through them
and if that is done we
that are like myself and
C F Westerfield; without
the money to pay for the
ditch would have to give
up their land to pay for

the ditch this has been
the best crop year on theese
two farms for a number
of years and verry little has
been made on theese two farms
even this year; this 43 acres
of bottom land I consider
is all the land Charles F
Westerfield has for his
hill farm is wore out
he has raised a big family
on this farm and if it is gone
I dont have to refer you
to Ben Taylor for he lives
3 or 4 miles from here and
I am right here and have
been for about 16 year
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name to what I state
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sary to this effect write
me and I am ready
to give it
Charlie Phillips

Hartford Ky.
April 22, 1914.

Mr. W. J. Stone,
Frankfort, Ky.

Sir-

This is my protest to Charles F. Westerfield being granted a pension. He is in good circumstances financially and this community is shocked at the idea of him being granted a pension. It is absolutely unjust. If he hasn't got a support and can't live without a pension there is no man in this country that can. He need never work any more to live in comfort and ease. We would like for you to investigate this matter because we know poor people are being taxed to help him lay up more money (and unjustly). You might write Ben W. Taylor, magistrate of Ohio Co., for his opinion on the matter.

Yours Respectfully, a neighbor of Westerfield.

JNO. B. WILSON
LAWYER
HARTFORD, KY.

COUNTY JUDGE
County Court First Monday in Each Month
Quarterly Court First Monday in Each Month

May 2, 1914.

Capt. W. J. Stone,
Frankfort, Ky.

Dear Capt,- I have been requested to investigate the financial standing of Chas. F. Westerfield applicant for Confederate pension and beg to advis that I find from the Assessor's book that for 1914 taxation he lists:

Notes	$300
Cash	200
Lands	454
Horses	50
Cows	25
Hogs	20
Farm tools	10
Wagon	10
House hold goods	100
Total	$1169
Less exemption	250
Balance for taxation	$ 919

I have known Mr. Westerfield for quite a good long while and I regard him as one of our best citizens and feel safe in saying that he is so regarded by his neighbors. I do not know much about Mr.Westerfield's land property except what I have seen in passing his home place of 65 acres which has the appearance of a rocky, gravely, worn place. The 43 acres lies in Panther creek bottoms and it is subject to overflow. Mr. Westerfield in my judgment will have an income from his farm of anywhere form $75 to $100 per year, and that is all the income he has that I know of.

I feel like saying to you that it was a mistake to defer granting his pension and you would make no mistake in taking prompt action in the matter.

Jno. B. Wilson
J. C. C. C.

P.S.- I expect to be in your city Wednesday and hope to be able to see you then. J.B.W.

Affiant, C. F. Westerfield says that he listed for taxation in the year of 1913 property of the total value of $919; that he listed 105 acres of land at $454, and that the Board of Supervisors were satisfied that it was a fair assessment as they never raised him, and that affiant believes that he listed his property at a fair cash valuation; that this is all the property he has and that his entire income from the products of his farm was less than $100 last year.

I am the affiant herein and believe the foregoing statements true.

Charles. F. Westerfield

Subscribed and sworn to before me by C.F.Westerfield, this May 2,1914.

K.D.Rake
Examiner Ohio County Ky.

$300 of the above assessment is notes which was given to my wife for a small tract of land which she owned. The $200 in Bank was part of proceeds of price of Mules & which I have since paid on purchase price of Heirlands & now own

Charles. F. Westerfield

P.S. Judge Jno B Wilson has this day Written you