

Soldier's Application for Pension

I, John W. Fields

am a citizen of Kentucky, resident at Madisonville in the County of Scott

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 Com. "D" 9th Ky Regiment Orphan
Brigade

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 Scott Co Ky in 1844

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

Answer Sept 1862, Col. Thos H Hunt, Capt Ben Desha, Lieutenant Arnett

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

Answer Went Discharge at Stone River 1863. Being under age.

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

Answer Louisville Ky 1864

Were you paroled? If so, when and where?

Answer No

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

Answer No

If so, when and under what circumstances?

Answer _____

STATE OF KENTUCKY

Scott County } Personally appeared before me J. B. Ward
Judge of said County, the above named John W. Guilds
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 25 day of May, 1917
J. B. Ward Sec

STATE OF KENTUCKY

John W. Ligon Scott County } Personally appeared before me J. B. Ward
Judge of said County, the above named John E. Pack M.D.
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.

Enabled from rheumatism in the hip and unable to do manual labor.

Witness my hand and seal of office, this 25 day of May, 1917
J. B. Ward Sec

(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

Scott County } Personally appeared before me J. B. Ward
Judge of said County, the above named W. J. Williamson
and John T. Bates, 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 W. J. Williamson 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.

I served in the same company with the applicant and know him to have been a true soldier until his honorable discharge.

Witness my hand and seal of office, this 25 day of May, 1917
J. B. Ward Sec

No. 636

STATE OF KENTUCKY

Soldier's Application for Pension

John H. Stickle

Co. Rgt.

Filed JUL 19 1912

Allowed

Read Specifications on Back.

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Approved
W. J. Lewis
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.

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THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,
WASHINGTON. July 23, 1912.

Respectfully returned to the
Examiner,
Confederate Pension Department,
Frankfort, Kentucky.

The records show that John Fields,
private, Company D, 9th Kentucky In-
fantry (Mounted), Confederate States
Army, enlisted October 21, 1861. On
the roll covering the period from
July 1 to December 2, 1862 (last on
which borne), he was reported "Dis-
charged on order of being under 18 yrs.
of age."

The prisoner-of-war records show
his name on a roll of "rebel deserters
discharged from military prison,
Louisville, Ky.," which shows that
he took the oath of allegiance Sep-
tember 29, 1863, and bears remarks
as follows: "Discharged Murfrees-
boro, Nov. 23, 1862." No later rec-
ord found.

Henry P. Carr
Adjutant General.

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JOHN W. FIELDS.

Enlisted Oct. 21, 1861, Co. D,
9th Kentucky Mtd. Inf'y. and was
Nov. 23rd,
discharged ~~December~~, 1862 on
account of being under age.

Proven by the record.

Indigent.

W J S

*I recommend that this
claim be allowed*

J. Handy Ellis
Adjutant General

Approved by State Pension
Board.

James A. McCreary
Chairman.

J. B. WARD,
COUNTY JUDGE
TELEPHONE 423.

Capt. W J Stone,

GEORGETOWN, KY.

Dear Sir:

In the matter of application for pension of John W Fields,
will say that Mr, Fields claims to have been a resident of
the state all of his life, the facts as brought out at the
hearing, was that the applicant has a daughter living in
Indiana that he visits perhaps once a year and stays with
her about six months at a time, and the witness J. T. Bates
refused to testify that the applicant had been a resident
of the state since 1907, He meets all of the other require-
ments, and it is left to you as to what construction you
put on that clause of the act,

Yours respt,

J. B. Ward
J. B. Ward

No. _____ S _____

HEADQUARTERS

Confederate Pension Department

W. J. STONE, EXAMINER

FRANKFORT, KY.

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

Dear Sir:

John H. Fields

who is an applicant for Pension under the Kentucky Pension law, claims
to have been a member of Company *D - 9th Ky.*

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

Please give me the record of this soldier.

Respectfully,

W. J. Stone
Examiner.

Stamping Ground,
Ky,

May 8/21

Dear Bro. Stone,

Please read carefully the
inclosed letter.

I hope you can see your
way clear to continue to John W. Fields his
pension. It hardly looks fair because cir-
cumstance force him to go to his daughters
part of his time, to withhold his pension
from him. I know you will do your
level best to make it O.K. for this old
comrade, and I feel sure it is the desire
of the legislators to have such cases assisted,

Yours in Hope,

Geo. C. Wagner

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W. J. Porter, M. D.
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Connersville, Ind.
7--22--1921.

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Residence 123

To Whom it May Concern;
This to certify that John W. Fields, who was a member of Company D--
Regiment Ninth Kentucky Cavalry, Confederate States Army, is not able to
make the trip to Kentucky to make application for his Pension which is
now due him. He is making his home with his daughter, Mrs Chas Ferguson
of Connersville, Ind.

Very truly yours,

W. J. Porter, M. D.

November 17th, 1921.

John W. Fields,
Sadieville, Ky.

Dear Sir:-

This is to notify you that your name has been taken off of the pension roll as of November 1st, 1921, for being absent from the State longer than three months.

If you should return to Kentucky, and file an affidavit with this Department stating that you have returned to make this State your permanent residence, your name can be restored to the roll the date of the filing of the affidavit.

Yours truly,

Commissioner.

WJS-C

Honorable W. J. Stone, Commissioner of Confederate Pensions,
Frankfort, Kentucky.

Dear Sir:

My father, John W. Fields, has sent me your letter to him of November 17th, stating that his name has been dropped from the pension roll as of November 1st on account of his absence from the state longer than three months.

I feel that if you knew the facts in the case this action would not be taken. My father has not changed his residence. All of his clothing and other personalty is still here, except the small amount that he has with him. Several months ago he went to make a short visit to his daughter who lives in Indiana, with no intention of making his home there, but expected to stay only a few weeks. He is very old and feeble and while there became ill and unable to travel and still remains in that condition, and for that reason has been unable to return home. He intends to return home just as soon as he is able to travel, but of course it may be quite a while before he has strength enough to do so. He is greatly in need of his pension as he has no other means of sustenance, and he feels that under the circumstances your action will be a serious injustice to him and that when you are aware of the facts you will see to it that his pension continues.

If you desire these facts established by affidavits, so advise me and I will furnish them.

Very truly yours,

Walter Fields

November 26, 1921.

Rogers Gap, Kentucky.

November 29th, 1921.

Walter Fields,
Rogers Gap, Ky.
Dear Sir:-

I have yours of the 26th, and note carefully what you say. I received a letter dated July 22d, 1921, addressed to "Whom It May Concern" from W. J. Porter, M.D. relative to John W. Fields, in which he made this statement, viz: "That John W. Fields is not able to make the trip to Kentucky to make application for his pension which is now due him. He is making his home with his daughter, Mrs. Charles Ferguson, of Connersville, Ind."

From that statement there was nothing left for me to do except to drop his name from the pension roll. If there is any injustice being done to him it is not the fault of the pension law and not mine.

As said to him in my letter of November 17th, when he returns to Kentucky and files an affidavit with this Department stating that he has returned to this State to remain permanently, his name will be restored to the pension roll.

Very truly,

WJS-C

Commissioner.

P.S.-- It is not my desire to see the name of anyone dropped from the pension roll, but the law is plain and I am compelled to be governed by the law.

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Dec. 19-1921.

W. J. Stone, Com.
Frankfort, Ky.

Dear Sir:

I wrote you a letter dated July 22nd, 1921, relating to John W. Fields in which I made this statement, viz: "John W. Fields is not able to make the trip to Kentucky to make application for his pension which is now due him. He is making his home with his daughter, Mrs. Charles Ferguson, of Connersville, Ind."

I made the trip, with his attorney, S. C. Tate, to his daughter's home to get his statement.

He came up here to visit his daughter, by permission from you through his son, Walter Fields, who went to you about the matter, and was told to have his papers sent through

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Saderille P.O., which he did.

He only brought clothes enough for a visit expecting to go back and was taken sick with diarrhoea - or much worse because he already had it - and is not fit to travel.

Now, I feel that in that statement I made a grave mistake as I did not thoroughly understand the matter and wish to straighten matters for him, and will do anything to make amends whereby he may be reinstated on your pension list, as he surely needs financial aid if any one ever did.

He says Kentucky is his home, part of his ~~belongings~~ clothes are there, and if his wife will enough help be there to-day.

So please see that justice is done the poor old man. I am indeed sorry that my mistake was the cause of his being cut off, but I did not rightly understand.

Very Truly Yours,

M. J. Porter, M.D.

December 22d, 1921.

W. J. Porter,
Connorsville, Indiana.

Dear Sir:-

I have yours of the 19th, and from the explanation you make I have decided to restore the name of John W. Fields to the pension roll for the time being, hoping that he may be able to return to his home in Kentucky before the end of the present quarter, which ends February 1st, 1922.

Very truly,

Commissioner.

WJS-C

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SADIEVILLE, KY.

4/27/1922

Rev. Geo. C. Waggoner,
Stamping Ground, Ky.

My very dear Sir: As per my statement yesterday over phone. I write you by next mail. I have an uncle, ~~now in his 79th year~~, who is now in his 78th or 79th year, having entered the Confederate service at the age of 15⁺ serving in Co. D. 9th Ky. Reg. - 6th Ohio Brigade for a period of two years, at the end of which time he received an honorable discharge for being under 18 years of age. He then joined Morgan's Cavalry & served until the end of the war. His name is John W. Fields. He has been drawing \$12.00 per month pension, but it seems that the law states that he must remain a resident of this state in order to be a beneficiary of said pension. The facts are as follows: He was born & reared in this state & has always claimed Scott County as his home. He has one son living in this county and two daughters living in Indiana whom he often visits & stays for two or three months at a time & then returns to Ky to visit his son and other relatives. It seems that while visiting these daughters in Indiana he drew his pension right along - as he has never claimed any thing but a temporary residence in that state - until recently when the doctor who lives in Corynersville Ind. stated, unthoughtfully, I suppose, that the said John W. Fields made his home in Indiana whereupon Pension Commissioner W. J. Stone wrote him a letter & told

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him if he were going to be a resident of the state of Indiana he would be compelled to drop his name from the Confederate pension roll. However the same doctor wrote to Mr Stone afterwards, stating that said Fields was only a temporary resident of Ind. whereupon he (Stone) agreed to reinstate him for the time being asking him to come to Ky just as soon as he was able to come and he is here now for his next allowance. He is afraid he will lose his pension by spending part of the time in Ky & part in Ind. & has asked me to take the matter up with you & ask you to see Mr. Stone & state to him the circumstances. The facts are these: He is getting very old & with only one son in Ky & his two girls in Ind. he naturally feels more at home with his girls than he does with his son & wife. In fact they care for him better & it is almost impossible for him to live on \$12⁰⁰ per month unless he has other assistance. And if he is compelled to pay his train fare from Sadieville Ind. every three months to come to Ky. to receive that amount he is just as well off without a pension. In fact he is getting too feeble to make the trips so often. He feels that he is entitled to that pension what little time he has to stay on earth & would like for Mr. Stone to so arrange matters that he will not be compelled to come to Ky. so often in order to register. Any thing you can do for him will be much appreciated by him & I trust you will pardon me for imposing on your good nature with such a lengthy letter & at this I have only put in a portion of all he asked me to say you. If you find it convenient when in Frankfort you will kindly call Mr. Stone's attention to his wants. Thanking you in advance. I am,

Sincerely yours,
Joe L. Mulberry.