

(ORIGINAL)

# Soldier's Application for Pension

I, Erasmus Taylor

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

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 Co. C, 25th Va 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 Scott Co. Va. Mar. 25<sup>th</sup> 1846.

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

Answer 1863. Co. C, "1st Regt." 25<sup>th</sup> Va Cavalry. James Collins, Capt. Henry Edwards, Col. Gen. Hodge. Gen. W. E. Jones. Gen. Bradley Johnson.

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

Answer Disbanded at New River Va. Apr. 1865. by order of Gen. Sherman - a dispatch came - of R. E. Lee surrender -  
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 No. I don't think so now.

If so, when and under what circumstances?

Answer

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

Answer: Part of the time mail carrying when I am able have been afflicted with sore eyes.

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

Answer: None except 2 horses worth about \$150.

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

Answer: None she 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: About 27 years last April.

Have you an attorney to look after this application?

Answer: Yes.

If so, give his name and address?

Answer: R. O. Bousheers Whitesburg Ky.

Witness my hand this 16th day of May 1912.

WITNESSES:

J. M. Bentley, Physician, Whitesburg Ky.
W. H. Jones, Witness, Kings Forest, Ky.

STATE OF KENTUCKY

Loebler County I, J. D. Fitzpatrick Judge of said County, certify that Emory Taylor and his wife dead are assessed with 200 acres, valued at \$2000, and with \$2000 of personal property.

Witness my hand this 2nd day of Sep 3rd 1912.

J. D. Fitzpatrick Judge County Court.

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

STATE OF KENTUCKY

Letcher County } Personally appeared before me, a Notary Public  
R. O. Brushers of said County, the above named Emory Taylor  
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.  
my com. extends to May 22, 1914.  
Witness my hand and seal of office, this 16th day of May, 1912.  
R. O. Brushers, N. O. S. & Co.

STATE OF KENTUCKY

Letcher County } Personally appeared before me R. O. Brushers  
Notary Public 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 Emory Taylor  
the applicant, and find him laboring under the following disabilities: Unable to earn a support by manual labor.

Chronic Gastritis and Nephritis and Anemia and Lumbago.  
J. M. Bentley (M.D.)

Witness my hand and seal of office, this 7th day of Sept., 1912.  
my com. extends to end of next Senate  
R. O. Brushers N. O. S. & Co.

(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

Letcher County } Personally appeared before me, a Notary Public  
R. O. Brushers of said County, the above named John H. Gores  
and 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 Confederate army.

State here what witnesses know of their own knowledge.  
That he was a member of 2nd Tenn. Cav. Reg. that applicant  
did service as stated. That his character as a citizen and  
soldier has been regarded very good. He has been a resident  
of Ky. for more than 19 years. He came here from Scott Co  
before I did - both resided in same vicinity before and after  
the war.

Witness my hand and seal of office, this 7th day of July, 1912.  
com. extends to close of next Senate  
R. O. Brushers N. O. S. & Co.

No. 1521

STATE OF KENTUCKY

Soldier's Application for Pension

*Company Stimpson*

Co. *A. - 25th Regt. Cavalry* Rgt.

OCT 4 - 1912

Filed *James J. ...*  
*R. B. ...*

Allowed

Read Specifications on Back.

SPECIFICATIONS

- 1. ....
- 2. ....
- 3. ....
- 4. ....
- 5. ....

*Approved Mar. 11<sup>th</sup> 1913.*  
*W. J. Stone*  
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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WAR DEPARTMENT,

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,  
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WASHINGTON. Oct. 9, 1912.

Respectfully returned to the

Examiner, Confederate Pension  
Department, Frankfort, Kentucky.

The name Emory Taylor has not been  
found on the rolls on file in this  
office, of Company C, 25th Regiment  
Virginia Cavalry, Confederate States  
Army, and no record has been found of  
the capture or parole of a man of that  
name and organization.



The Adjutant General.

(A. G. O. 74)

Indorsement

Confederate Pension Department

STATE OF KENTUCKY

FRANKFORT.

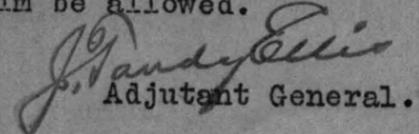
EMORY TAYLOR.

Claims to have enlisted in 1863,  
in Company C, 25th Virginia  
Cavalry. There is no record  
proof of enlistment or service.  
The Confederate Military  
records of Virginia show  
that he enlisted as claimed,  
Company C, 25th Virginia Cav.  
and that he was surrendered  
and paroled at New River,  
Va. April, 1865. Proven by  
copy of above record filed  
with application.

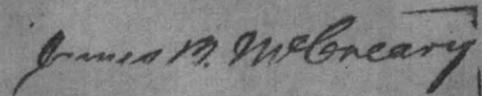
Property: \$150.00.

W J Stone.

I recommend that this  
claim be allowed.

  
Adjutant General.

Allowed by the State  
Pension Board.



Chairman.

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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:

*Emory Taylor*

who is an applicant for Pension under the Kentucky Pension Law, claims  
to have been a member of Company *C-25<sup>th</sup> Va.*

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

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Please give me the record of this soldier.

Respectfully,

*W. J. Stone*  
Examiner.

DR. J. D. FITZPATRICK  
Judge Letcher County Court  
WHITESBURG, KY.

OFFICIAL STATEMENT CERTIFIED BY COUNTY JUDGE:

STATE OF KENTUCKY,  
COUNTY OF LETCHER.

I, J. D. Fitzpatrick, Judge of Letcher County Court do hereby certify that the claimant and witnesses are known to be reliable and trustworthy persons, as shown in the application, for state pension, all of them are known and considered generally as respectable citizens, who appears in open court and make oath as to the claim for service; applicants, citizen-ship, residence and means of support, all of which is taken as true upon merits as stated by said party relative thereto, and that, Post-office address shown in the application are correctly given by the claimant and said witnesses upon the hearing of merits from proof instructed. The court is now of the opinion that the applicant is justly entitled to pay for service shown by provisions of Ky., Pension Laws.

Given under my hand this July 27th. 1912.

 County Judge.

STATE OF KENTUCKY,

LETCHER COUNTY.

I, J. D. Fitzpatrick, County Judge do hereby certify that the above named witnesses were introduced before me in open Court, who were duly sworn in relation to the claim of the applicant.

Emory Taylor That their statement were duly taken and recorded as testimony in my presence correctly in answer to the question of counsel shown in this case; Nothing to the contrary being known or shown on the investigation upon merits. The proof is considered sufficient to authorize payment of the claim.

Witness my hand, as County Judge. Aug. 7<sup>th</sup> 1912.

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P. J. L. C. C.



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Emory Taylor.

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The Commonwealth of Ky.

} Petitioner applicant.

The applicant, states:

That the name of "Emory" is a name given unto  
him while he was a resident citizen of Scott County Va  
over 40 years ago. It was done by relatives to dis-  
tinguish him, by that name, from relatives, of his,  
of the name of Sylvan Samuel Taylor or S. S. Taylor  
that being his name, given by Parents at time of his  
Birth. Also; that he enlisted in the service of the  
Confederate army in his proper and right name;  
Sylvan Samuel Taylor or S. S. Taylor.

After war ceased - He returned home - in Scott Co. Va,  
and he was ~~called~~ <sup>called by</sup> name of Emory - ~~He~~ By some  
Relatives, to distinguish him from other members  
of the Taylor family, having the same name of  
Sylvan, Samuel; after becoming a resident of Ky.  
He has always been called and known by name  
of Emory Taylor; nearly 40 years.

This fact was never disclosed or made known



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wrote his counsel, until today - at home of writing  
Voluntary Department at Richmond Va. for an  
official statement, of service from war records.  
at home of enticement, his right name was given  
Taylor S. S. or Sylvan Samuel Taylor.

That he is now entitled to pay for service ~~under~~  
in the name of either, or as Emory Taylor - the  
same name who did Va. service - in Confederate  
army, 1863-1865, as S. S. Taylor; or Sylvan,  
Samuel, Taylor; as stated in the application made  
for State Pension in name of Emory Taylor under  
Ky. Pension Laws.

That no consideration was taken about his  
application, until since it has been filed in  
Circuit Co. Court; and he never did execute it  
therein until today: - has done  
all Business transactions in this state in  
name of Emory Taylor - named under that  
name in this state - and has done mail service -  
as Emory Taylor under contract with U. S. - in Ky. -  
never did any Business, since becoming a resident  
"see over"

R. O. BRASHEARS

COUNSELLOR  
IN LAW PROCEDURES  
WORK CAREFULLY DONE IN CIRCUIT AND  
APPELLATE COURTS OF THE STATE

AND AS YE WOULD  
THAT MEN SHOULD  
UNTO YOU

OUR MOTTO: OPPRESS NONE.



DO YE ALSO  
TO THEM  
LIKEWISE

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of Ky. - See name of Sylvanus, Samuel Taylor; or S. S.  
Taylor - as he was known in the State of Va, at the  
Office of Enlistment in Confederate Army, 1863. -  
Co. C. 25<sup>th</sup> Va, as Sgt. and changed to Cavalry. -

wherefore he  
Emory <sup>his</sup> Taylor <sup>affiant</sup>  
<sub>must</sub>

Subscribed and sworn to before me by Emory Taylor  
Sept 7<sup>th</sup> 1912.

R. O. Brashears, M. P. L. C.

Term extends until close of next Ky. Term.

# Commonwealth of Virginia

DEPARTMENT CONFEDERATE MILITARY RECORDS

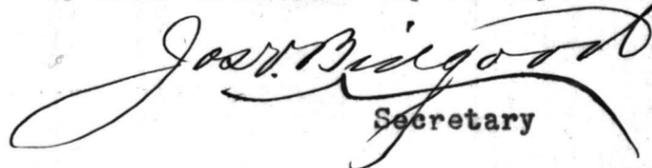
JOS. V. BIDGOOD, SECRETARY  
W. SAM BURNLEY, ASST. SEC'Y

RICHMOND, VA., September 11th, 1912

S.S ( Emory ) Taylor

This is to certify that the records in this office show that  
S.S. ( Emory ) Taylor was a member of Company C, 25th Regiment Cavalry, Va,  
having enlisted in Scott County 1862, and served until the Regiment was  
disbanded at New River April 1865.

Given under my hand this 11th Day of September 1912

  
Secretary

LETCHER COUNTY COURT,  
SEPTEMBER TERM, 1912.

EMERY TAYLOR, CLAIMANT,

-VERSUS- APPLICATION FOR STATE PENSION

COMMONWEALTH OF KY. DEFENDANT

BE IT REMEMBERED That on the trial of the above styled application, on the 2nd day of September, 1912, the following evidence was introduced and heard before the Honorable J. D. Fitzpatrick, presiding County Judge of Letcher County Court.

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LETCHER COUNTY COURT,

SEPTEMBER TERM, 1912 - SEPTEMBER 2d.

EMERY TAYLOR, CLAIMANT, )

-VERSUS-

COMMONWEALTH OF KY., DEFENDANT. )

APPLICATION FOR

STATE PENSION.

JASPER BOWENS, a witness for the claimant, being introduced and duly sworn, in answer to questions, stated as follows:

EXAMINED BY THE ATTORNEY FOR THE CLAIMANT:

Q- Your name is Jasper Bowens?

A- Yes sir.

Q- Are you acquainted with the claimant, Emery Taylor?

A- Yes sir.

Q- How long have you known him?

A- Ever since I was a little boy.

Q- About how long have you known him?

A- Thirty or thirty-five years.

Q- State if you know how long he has been a resident of the state of Kentucky?

A- Ever since I can recollect; thirty or thirty-five years.

Q- Where does he now reside?

A- He is staying with one of his boys on Cowan Branch, near-by Colson postoffice, in Letcher County, Kentucky.

Q- State what you know about his means of support?

A- Just what little he works out. He has no means.

Q- Do you consider him capable of doing manual labor sufficient to earn support for himself and his family?

A- No sir.

X-EXAMINED BY MONROE FIELDS, FOR THE STATE:

Q- Do you know how old he is?

A- No sir.

Q- Was he grown when you first knew him?

A- Yes sir.

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S. H. PROFFIT, a witness for the claimant, being introduced and duly sworn, in answer to questions stated as follows:

EXAMINED BY THE ATTORNEY FOR THE CLAIMANT:

Q- Are you acquainted with the claimant, Emery Taylor?

A- Yes sir.

Q- How long have you known him?

A- Ever since I can recollect.

Q- How long is that?

A- I am thirty-seven years old, and going on thirty-eight.

Q- Have you known him twenty or twenty-five years?

A- Yes sir.

Q- How long has he been a resident of this state?

A- All the time I have known him.

Q- Where does he now live?

A- Nearby Colson postoffice, in Letcher County, Kentucky.

Q- Do you consider him capable of doing sufficient work to earn support for himself and family?

A- I don't suppose he is.

Q- Has he any property?

A- I don't know what property he has. I suppose he has some property - a horse, I believe.

Q- Anything else?

A- I don't know.

Q- Does he own any real estate?

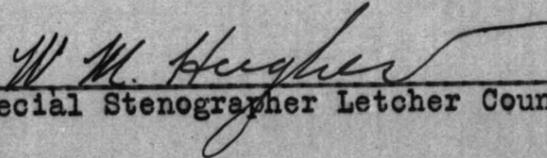
A- No sir, I don't think he does.

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State of Kentucky,  
County of Letcher,

I, W. M. Hughes, Special Stenographer for the Letcher County Court, certify that the foregoing pages are a true and correct transcript of all the evidence introduced and heard, or offered, in the case of Emery Taylor, claimant, versus Commonwealth of Kentucky, application for State Pension, pending before the County Court for Letcher County, Ky.

Witness my hand this September the 2d, 1912.

  
Special Stenographer Letcher County Court