

# Soldier's Application for Pension

I, William H. Cobb

am a citizen of Kentucky, resident at Runsey in the County of Wheat

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 A 8<sup>th</sup> Ky Reg

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 Hopkins County Kentucky March 7<sup>th</sup> 1844

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

Answer Enlisted Oct 9<sup>th</sup> 1861, at Slaughterville Ky in the 8<sup>th</sup> Ky Reg. under Col. Man White, afterwards under Col. Henry C. Burnett who was succeeded by Col. H. B. Lyon. Capt Bot Slaughter was Captain of our Company.

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

Answer Mustered out at M<sup>c</sup>Kenzie Station Tenn. Nov. 1865

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

Answer Was in prison at Indianapolis Ind. seven months + three days. was released in August 1862.

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 .....

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

Answer Am living on my farm but am not able to work it myself, and the amount realized from my farm is about \$150<sup>00</sup> per year.

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

Answer I own 100 acres of land that is worth \$2000<sup>00</sup>

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

Answer she owns nothing either real or personal

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 Our entire net income last year was about \$100<sup>00</sup>

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 my life

Have you an attorney to look after this application?

Answer yes

If so, give his name and address?

Answer G. H. Cary

Witness my hand this 27 day of April 1912

Attest G. H. Cary William H. Cobb

WITNESSES:

W. L. Haynes, Physician P. O. ....

Postoffice Address Calhoun 19 Street and No. (if any).....

Joseph Ray, Witness R. F. D. (if any).....

Postoffice Address Sacramento, Ky.....

George Tomblinson, Witness

Postoffice Address Cambridge, Ky.....

STATE OF KENTUCKY

W. L. Lean County } I, J. T. Higgs Judge of said County,

certify that William H. Cobb and his wife are

assessed with 100 acres, valued at \$1200<sup>00</sup>, and with \$35<sup>00</sup> of personal property.

Witness my hand this 27 day of April 1912

J. T. Higgs Judge County Court.

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

STATE OF KENTUCKY

W. Lean County } Personally appeared before me... Circuit Court Clerk of said County, the above named William H. Cobb 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 27th day of April, 1912.

W. A. Rafferty clerk.

STATE OF KENTUCKY

W. Lean County } Personally appeared before me... Circuit Court Clerk of said County, the above named W. L. Haynes 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 William H. Cobb the applicant, and find him laboring under the following disabilities: Unable to earn a support by manual labor.

Mitral regurgitation due to mitral insufficiency. He also suffers with chronic rheumatism.

Witness my hand and seal of office, this 25th day of May, 1912.

W. A. Rafferty clerk.

(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

W. Lean County } Personally appeared before me... Circuit Court Clerk of said County, the above named Joseph Ray and Jack Tomblinson, 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 they 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.

They say that they know the said William H. Cobb enlisted in Co. A. 8th Ky. Reg. on the 9th day of Oct. 1861, and that they each served with him in said service under the said command and in the same Company, and they each say they know the said William H. Cobb served in said service until he was mustered out or until the Company was disbanded at M<sup>rs</sup> Kuzie Station Tenn. in Nov. 1865, and that the applicant is the same William H. Cobb who served with them.

Witness my hand and seal of office, this 27th day of April, 1912.

W. A. Rafferty clerk.

No. 2307

STATE OF KENTUCKY

Soldier's Application for Pension

*John N. Bell*

Co. . . . . Rgt.

Filed JUN 17 1912

Allowed . . . . .

Read Specifications on Back.

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.

SPECIFICATIONS

1. ....
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*W. J. Stone*  
Commissioner

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

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*John P. Rios*  
Clerk  
*B. J. E. Barry*

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, June 21, 1912.

Respectfully returned to the

Examiner,  
Confederate Pension Department,  
Frankfort, Kentucky.

The records show that W. H. Cobb,  
private, Company A, 8th Kentucky  
Mounted Infantry, Confederate States  
Army, enlisted October 9, 1861; that  
he was captured at Fort Donelson  
February 16, 1862; that he was sent  
from Camp Morton, Indiana, to Vicks-  
burg, Mississippi, to be exchanged,  
and that he was received at that  
place September 11, 1862, and de-  
clared exchanged at Aiken's Landing  
November 10, 1862. On a muster roll  
of Companies A, D, F and I, said  
regiment, for May and June, 1864,  
he was reported present. No later  
record of him has been found.

*Henry J. Cowie*  
Adjutant General.

Indorsement.

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

FRANKFORT, KY.,

*William H. Cobb  
Enlisted Oct 9<sup>th</sup> 1861  
Co. B. 8<sup>th</sup> Ky Infy  
Captured Fort Donelson  
Feb 16<sup>th</sup> 1862.  
Exchanged Nov 16<sup>th</sup> 1862.  
Records show him  
present for duty June  
1864. Continued to  
be served till close  
of war*

*Property \$2005.00*

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HEADQUARTERS

# Confederate Pension Department

W. J. STONE, EXAMINER

FRANKFORT, KY.

June 17th, 1912

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

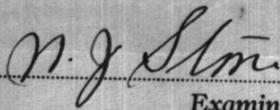
Dear Sir:

William H. Cobb,

who is an applicant for Pension under the Kentucky Pension law, claims  
to have been a member of Company "A" - 8th Kentucky  
Regiment C. S. A., and to have been  
Enlisted Oct. 9, 1861 at Slaughtersville,  
Ky. under Col. Dan White, afterwards under  
Col. Henry C. Burnett, who was succeeded  
by Co. L. H. B. Lyon, Capt. Bob Slaughter  
Was in prison at Indianapolis, Ind. seven  
months and three days; released Aug. 1862.

Please give me the record of this soldier.

Respectfully,



Examiner.

McLean County Court.

At a Regular Term of the McLean County Court, held at the Court House in Calhoun, McLean County, Kentucky, on the 3rd day of June, 1912, Present and presiding, Honorable J. T. Higgs, County Judge.

William H. Cobb, ----- Applicant.

TO ( Application for pension under an act of the General Assembly of Kentucky, entitled, "An act granting pension to disabled and indigent Confederate Soldiers.

McLean County Court.

BE IT REMEMBERED that on the 3rd day of June, 1912, at the June term of the McLean County Court, the above styled application was called for hearing before the Honorable J. T. Higgs, Judge of the McLean County Court.

PRESENT:

R. Alexander, County Attorney.

G. H. Cary, Attorney for Applicant.

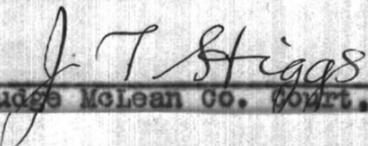
The above application having been duly filed with the Clerk of the McLean County Court on the 6th day of May, 1912, it being the first day of the Regular May Term of the said McLean County Court and same having lain over until this day, the first day of the June Term of said Court, to hear evidence as to applicant's citizenship, residence and his means of support, and the same being called for hearing, the following testimony in substance was heard, viz:-

Joseph Ray, after first being duly sworn, testified in substance as follows, viz:- That his name is Joseph Ray, and his place of residence is McLean County, Kentucky, that he is 67 years of age, and that he has known the said William H. Cobb, the applicant herein, all of his life; that he served with him in the Confederate Army, during the Civil War, and he says that the applicant is a resident of McLean County, Kentucky, and that he knows said applicant is not physically able to earn a support by his own labor. He stated that William H. Cobb is the owner of about one hundred acres of land in ~~McLean~~ McLean County, Kentucky, and that he did not think same was worth exceeding fifteen or sixteen hundred dollars, that it is low land that overflows and a crop is very uncertain upon it, and that said 100 acres of land is all the property applicant owns.

Dave Pitt, after being duly sworn, testified in substance as follows: That his name is Dave Pitt, that he is 36 years of age, and he lives in McLean county, Kentucky. He stated that he is personally acquainted with the applicant William H. Cobb and has known him for about 15 years; that said applicant is not able to work for his own support, and has not been able ~~to~~ to make a support by his own labor for quite a while; that he is acquainted with the land owned by applicant, being about 100 acres, and that same is worth about \$1500.00 He states that said land is all the property applicant owns known to him.

I, J. T. Higgs, Judge of the McLean County Court, do hereby certify that the above memorandum is in substance the evidence as heard in the above styled application, and I further certify that after making a thorough examination of the application as filed herein, and of the affidavits filed with same, and after hearing all the evidence and examining the tax records of this county that I am of the opinion that this claim against the state for a pension under an act of the General Assembly of Kentucky, entitled, "An Act granting pension to disabled and indigent Confederate soldiers" is a meritorious claim, and that said application should be granted.

Given under my hand as Judge of the McLean County Court, this the 3rd day of June, 1912.

  
Judge McLean Co. Court, Ky.

Calhoun, Ky.,

January, 31, 1918.

Hon. W. J. Stone,  
Frankfort, Ky.,  
Dear sir.

I am thus writing you to state that on the 10th. day of January, of this year, Mr. William H. Cobb, an Ex Confederate soldier, departed this life, here near Calhoun, McLean County, Ky. He held a pension certificate No. 2367, under the Confederate pension law, which was enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Kentucky, at the session of 1912, the same having been issued to him on the 1st. day of April, 1914, which allowed him to a pension of ten dollars per month, to begin the 17th. day of June, 1912, the time of the filing of his petition.

His widow is desirous of obtaining the remainder or the amount which was due him at his death, upon the last quarter, and also desires to make application for a pension as his widow, please be so kind as to inform me by next return main the necessary steps to be taken.

You will find that his said certificate discloses the fact that the deceased was a member of Company "A", of 8th. Regiment Kentucky Infantry, Confederate Army.

Thanking you in advance for this information.

I am very respectfully yours.

