

Soldier's Application for Pension

I, W. F. Pharis

am a citizen of Kentucky, resident at Mayfield in the County of Garrett

in said State of Kentucky, and was a soldier from the State of Tennessee, 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 "F" 8th Tennessee

Corvary

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 fam-

ily. 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 Jackson County Tenn. Oct 14th 1839

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

Answer Enlisted Aug. 1861. M. B. Forrest. Company
Officers: Joe Bullbary (Capt) & Liberal (Col) Bullbary (1st Lieut)
Steve Bullbary (2nd Lieut) & Hornor (3rd Lieut)

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

Answer First discharged near Murfreesboro. Tenn. 1863 re-enlisted
and served until 1865 when disbanded at Paris Tenn. by order of Superior
Close of war

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

If so, when and under what circumstances?

Answer —

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

Answer *No business of any kind Nothing earned*

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

Answer *No property of any kind*

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

Answer *Two houses and lots in the City of Mayfield worth about \$1400*

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 received from wages about \$125*

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 *Since 1865 47 years*

Have you an attorney to look after this application?

Answer *Yes*

If so, give his name and address?

Answer *W. S. Pharris Mayfield Ky*

Witness my hand this *30th* day of *April* 191*2*

WITNESSES:

E. A. Stearns, Physician

Postoffice Address *Mayfield Ky*

W. S. Pharris
P. O. *Mayfield Ky*

Street and No. (if any)

Noah Johnson, Witness

R. F. D. (if any) *#1*

Postoffice Address *Kilham Tenn*

F. C. Boston, Witness

Postoffice Address

STATE OF KENTUCKY

Graves County

I, *J. W. Monroe* Judge of said County,

certify that *W. S. Pharris* and his wife *U. C. Pharris* are

assessed with *7 1/2* acres, valued at \$ *650*, and with \$ of personal property.

Witness my hand this *9* day of *Nov*, 191*2*

J. W. Monroe Judge County Court.

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

STATE OF KENTUCKY

Graves County } Personally appeared before me J. W. Wilson, Circuit Court Clerk of said County, the above named N. J. Pharis 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 30th day of April, 1912 J. W. Wilson Clerk

STATE OF KENTUCKY

Graves County } Personally appeared before me J. W. Wilson, Circuit Court Clerk of said County, the above named S. A. Stevens 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 N. J. Pharis the applicant, and find him laboring under the following disabilities: Unable to earn a support by manual labor.

He has a sore leg from tubercular bone disease with shortening. He has had an injury of shoulder (left) & is feeble from age. He is unable to earn a living by manual labor in consequence thereof.

Witness my hand and seal of office, this 14th day of Sept., 1912 J. W. Wilson 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

State of Tenn. Overton County } Personally appeared before me J. H. Ward a Notary Public of said County, the above named Noah Johnson and Crockett Poston, 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 we 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. W. J. Phares enlisted at Hillsboro Tenn. 1861. Captain Joe, (Bilhus, Co) Forrest's Command. Dierks's Col) 8th Tenn.

Calvary. We further state that we served in the army with W. J. Phares, and that he was a good true and honorable soldier. We left him in the year of 1868 and came home.

at Hillsboro 10 day of September, 1912

Sworn to and Subscribed J. H. Ward N. P.

Before me this the 10 of September 1912

My Commission Expires January 1915 Began Jan 1911.

No. *2244*

STATE OF KENTUCKY

Soldier's Application for Pension

W. J. Hammett

Co. Rgt.

Filed **NOV 12 1912**

Allowed

Read Specifications on Back.

SPECIFICATIONS

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W. J. Stone Commissioner

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

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*Filed Sept. 16, 1912
By J. H. Brown Secy*

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, November 15, 1912.

Respectfully returned to the

Examiner,
Confederate Pension Department,
Frankfort, Kentucky.

The name W. T. Pharies has not been found on the rolls, on file in this office, of Company F, 8th Tennessee Cavalry, Confederate States Army, and no record has been found of the capture or parole of a man of this name and organization.

The records show, however, that one Thomas Pharris, private, Company F, 8th Tennessee Cavalry (which regiment was officially designated the 13th Tennessee Cavalry, but was mustered in the field for awhile as the 8th Tennessee Cavalry, and as Dibrell's Tennessee Cavalry), Confederate States Army, was enlisted August 15, 1862. On a muster roll dated October 12, 1862 (only roll on which borne), he was reported present. No later record has been found.



The Adjutant General.

(A. G. O. 74)

Indorsement

Confederate Pension Department

STATE OF KENTUCKY

FRANKFORT.

W. T. PHARIES

Enlisted in August, 1861 in Company F, 8th Tennessee Cavalry. There is record proof of service to October 12th, 1862; and was wounded and discharged in Sept. 1863, and recovered and re-enlisted and served till the close of the war. Proven by comrades and others who saw the discharge.

Property: \$1400.00.

W J Stone.

I recommend that this claim be allowed.

Adjutant General.

Allowed by the State Pension Board.

Chairman.

B. C. SEAY
O. H. BROOKS

LAW OFFICES OF
SEAY & BROOKS
MAYFIELD, KY.

Nov. 6th. 1913.

Capt. W. J. Stone,
Confederate Pension Dept.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed find additional affidavit in support of the application of W. T. Pharis,

Yours Very Truly,



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:

H. J. Pharies

who is an applicant for Pension under the Kentucky Pension law, claims

to have been a member of Company *F-8th Tenn.*

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

Please give me the record of this soldier.

Respectfully,

W. J. Stone

Examiner.

April 21, 1913.

Mr. W. T. Pharies,
Mayfield, Ky.

Dear Sir:-

I am in receipt of yours of the 17th instant. I note what you say about the proof you can get on the points I mentioned to you in my former letter.

I cannot say that that proof will be satisfactory to the Board, but this I will say: Get the testimony of these men to whom you refer, and ~~submit~~ any other testimony that you may desire on the points names, and forward to this office and I will submit it to the Pension Board and notify you of their decision when they have passed upon it.

Very truly,

Examiner.

WJS-G

April 15, 1913.

Mr. W. T. Pharris,

Mayfield (Graves Co), Ky.

Dear Sir:-

Upon examining the proof filed with your application for pension I find that the record shows your enlistment from Aug. 15, 1862, to Oct. 12, th, 1862, and I find that two witnesses testify ~~that they were~~ to your service till sometime in 1863. There is no other proof of service and none as to 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

July 22d, 1913.

Mr. W. T. Pharies,
Mayfield, Kentucky.

Dear Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter of recent date. As said to you in my former letter, I am unable to tell how much good the affidavits of the men you mention would do you until I could see the affidavits. I am very anxious to do anything for you within my power. Get the affidavit of every man you can that knows anything about your service in the army and when and how you got out of the army and forward to me to be filed with your application, and I will do the very best I can for you under the law.

Very truly,

Examiner.

WJS-C

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COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY,)

County of Graves.))

ss.

Personally appeared before me the affiant W.T. Pharris, with whom I am acquainted and known to me to be a citizen of veracity and good standing in the community in which he lives, and who states that he enlisted in the Confederate army in the late war between the States, said enlistment was in Aug. 1861, and that he served in Forrest's Command, under Capt. Joe Billbary, and Col. Dibrall, he says he served under these officers until Sept. as he remembers 1863, when he received wounds received in the leg and body, and was disabled for further service and was discharged and sent home, he says he had a discharge given him of said date but the same was given by this affiant to his father, W.M. Pharris, to keep for him, but he is informed that said discharge has long since been destroyed, and he is unable to recover same. He says that he remained at home after this discharge for the period of about two months, according to his best recollection, and then rejoined the regular army again at Hillham, Tenn. under Capt. Brown, in Forrest's command, and served continuously in the regular army until the second week of April 1865, he says that after the death of Capt. Brown at Big Springs, Tenn. he was under Capt. Taylor, he says that he was finally stationed at Paris, Tenn. under Capt. Johnson, in the courier's office, and was made a courier, that on the date above stated to-wit, the second week in April, 1865, they were informed that Gen. Lee had surrendered and that at that time Capt. Johnson, told him and all those with him that they might go home that thereby was no use for further services, and that he Capt. Johnson, was going home himself, and on said orders they were disbanded and he returned home, He says that with the exception of the time he was confined at home after he was discharged at Murfreesboro, Tenn. he was in the regular army from Aug. 1861, until the second week in April, 1865, in the regular army, in the Confederate service.

W.T. Pharris

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 6th day of Nov. 1913.

J. W. Wilson, Circuit Court Clerk Graves Co. Ky.

CAPT. T. J. ELMORE

wrote Elmore at 25th 1913 to get
a fuller statement from Pharris.
and with thought of could approve the
application

Mayfield, Ky. Apr 29th 1913

Gen W. J. Stone

Frankfort - Ky

Dear Comrad,

I write you in the
interest of Comrad W. J. Pharris, who was in the 8th
Tenn Cavalry as he registers in our Camp book
I do not know any thing of his soldier life, except
what he claims. but I want to recite this that we have
none so destitute as he, absolutely unable to maintain
himself or wife. His good old wife works at the wooden
Drills daily, when she can scarcely walk to her daily
labors. Now I write this at her request, and I would
be glad if you could obtain his pension, as early
as practicable, and let same be acted on at your
earliest convenience, and by so doing you will greatly
oblige his family and neighbors. Respectly

T. J. Elmore

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY,

County of Warren,

SS.

Personally appeared before me Mr. W. C. Poston, with whom I am personally acquainted and known to me to be a citizen of veracity and good standing in the community in which he lives, and who states that he is a nephew of the applicant W. T. Pharris, and states that he remembers some years ago, having ^{in my possession a} ~~seen~~ a discharge of W. T. Pharris, this applicant from the Confederate army, he says that this discharge was in the custody of and among the personal papers of the affiant's grand-father, William Pharris, who was the father of W. T. Pharris. He says that a number of years ago his grand-father's residence was destroyed by fire, and all his papers burned among which was this discharge. He says that he remembers very clearly of having ^{had} ~~seen~~ this discharge ^{in my possession} ~~on a number of occasions~~, and ~~he~~ understood that this discharge was given William Pharris, by his son W. T. Pharris, to keep for him when he returned home from service in the Confederate army.

W. C. Poston

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this the 20 of October 1913.

C. C. Smith, C. H. C. C.
By Frances Clark, D. C.

State of Kentucky,

Graves County Court. Regular Term, Monday, Oct. 21, A. D., 1912.

In the matter of application for pension of
W. T. Pharies, whose post office address is Mayfield, Kentucky,
the court makes the following report of findings, viz:

That the applicant is 73 years of age; that he has been a
resident of this State 47 years; that he has no property or
income and on account of infirmities is not able to earn
a support; that his wife owns two houses and lots in Mayfield,
Ky. worth about \$1400.; that her income is about \$125.;
that he does not now and has never received a pension from
any State or Government.

Then came H. A. Coulter and Esker Smith, whose post
office address' is Mayfield, Ky., witnesses herein who
after having been sworn testified as follows: That they
have known the applicant 20 or 30 years; that he has no
property or income and on account of infirmities he is not
able to earn a reasonable support.

Wherefore in view of the foregoing facts it is the
judgment of the court that the applicant should be granted
a pension and the court so recommends.

A copy-

Attest: O. L. Mason, Clerk.

By ESM, D. C.