

# Soldier's Application for Pension

I, Chas La Fayette Wickman

am a citizen of Kentucky, resident <sup>near</sup> Morgan in the County of Barren

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 <sup>was</sup> a member of Co A 38 Tenn Inf <sup>Col Dan Munger - Cavalry for a while</sup> Dauless's Brigade

Capt Byers Col Jno C Carter Douless's Brigade <sup>after Wright's Bay</sup>

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 Det Kempt Co Tenn in 1835 Nov aged 77 years

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

Answer Enlisted in Cavalry for a short time & then in 38 Tenn <sup>Col Dan Munger</sup>  
Regt - Co A Capt Byers & Col John C Carter

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

Answer I was at Camp Chase from July 22 1864 until Feb 11 1865  
when I was exchanged & paroled at Richmond Va for exchange with 5 my

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

Answer Yes Camp Chase 7 months Dec 22 to Feb 11 1865

Were you paroled? If so, when and where?

Answer Paroled for exchange at Richmond Va at time of  
exchange

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

Answer Yes at end of war

If so, when and under what circumstances?

Answer Heard to War over

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

Answer *Farming when able. Not able to earn money*

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

Answer *50 acres land rented at \$400 with furniture \$600*

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

Answer *None*

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 a peasant living. No income*

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 1867 & since 1867*

Have you an attorney to look after this application?

Answer *No. Counselor J. M. Murray will look after it*

If so, give his name and address?

Answer *J. M. Murray Glasgow Ky*

Witness my hand this *22* day of *Apr* 191*2*

WITNESSES:

*R. B. Shuler*

Physician

*E. F. Wilkinson*

P. O.

Postoffice Address

Street and No. (if any)

*W. Taylor*

Witness

R. F. D. (if any)

Postoffice Address

*W. Taylor*

Witness

Postoffice Address

*J. Murray*

STATE OF KENTUCKY

County

I,

Judge of said County,

certify that ..... and his wife ..... are assessed with ..... acres, valued at \$....., and with \$..... of personal property.

Witness my hand this ..... day of ..... 191...

Judge County Court.

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

STATE OF KENTUCKY

Barren County } Personally appeared before me J.A. Murray  
Collector of said County, the above named E.L. Melman  
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 22 day of April, 1912

J.A. Murray, Clerk

STATE OF KENTUCKY

Barren County } Personally appeared before me J.A. Murray  
of said County, the above named R.S. Plummer, 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 E.L. Melman the applicant, and find him laboring under the following disabilities: Unable to earn a support by manual labor.

On account of age (77 years old) and physical infirmities

W. Plummer in above and states on oath that E.L. Melman has only 2 acres land worth about \$500 and no other means & that he can't earn a support by manual labor

W. Plummer  
Thos G. Page

Witness my hand and seal of office, this 22 day of April, 1912

J.A. Murray, 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

Barren County } Personally appeared before me J.A. Murray  
Collector of said County, the above named J.W. Taylor

and A.E. Taylor, 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 J.W. Taylor 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 was a member of same reg't. & Co. and know that the applicant E.L. Melman was a good and honorable soldier of Co. A 38<sup>th</sup> Tenn. Infan. C.S.A.

J.W. Taylor  
E.L. Melman is a man of veracity  
I was in Camp Chase 7 months with E.L. Melman until he was taken to Richmond Va. in Feb. 1862. I saw him there. His men met him and he was a good soldier.

Witness my hand and seal of office, this 22 day of April, 1912

J.A. Murray, Clerk

*W. R. Melkum*

*Case*

No. *2875*

STATE OF KENTUCKY

**Soldier's Application for Pension**

*Chas. F. Whitburn*

Co. .... Rgt.

Filed ..... JUL 16 1912

Allowed .....

Read Specifications on Back.

SPECIFICATIONS

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

*Allowed*

*W. J. Stone* Commissioner

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

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*See summary*

**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.

Indorsement.

PENSION EXAMINER'S OFFICE.

FRANKFORT, KY.

CHARLES L. WILKINSON

Enlisted Oct. 1, 1862, in  
Company B, 2nd Bat. Tenn. Inf'y.  
and was captured July 22d,  
1864, and exchanged Feb'y. 1st,  
1865. Proven by the records.  
Comrades testify to his  
service till the close of  
the war.

Property: \$1,000.00

Approved:

W J Stone

Linnata Ky Nov 25

Mr L A Murray I think I would  
write you a few lines as I can not  
get to talk with you did  
my brother know any thing  
that would help you he knows  
as much as any one he knew  
come home at close of the war he  
knew I came & he knew that it  
was understood by all I had  
a parole from Richman with  
30 days partow I went to my  
company in North Carolina and  
drawed full pay up to that time  
and brought \$ 3.00 ~~to me~~  
I home with me went to our company  
in and found that one day and night  
they told us to some wars and  
they till we were call for  
the 1st Com before our party  
was out they never was on

as Colfax I was not with  
the command when it surrendered  
they all had to go to Nashville and  
to take the oath my brother said  
this was under too by all he  
knew I went to Nashville  
I can not find a eye witness  
unless I could find one of the  
the six friends there in the camp  
when they were at there ~~now~~ now  
Mr. Murry I know if any is like  
I am if me I never was home  
or till 65 you have all been a good  
friend to me I have hope in some  
thing I could if you will wait  
after it you shall have any thing  
you are in place and bring  
after it is of my hope I have  
in you good all you can if you want  
to write me Glasgow N. J. S. 2205  
you are friend if I could talk with you  
you would under Sam C. & Wilkinson

BARREN COUNTY COURT.

June TERM 16 DAY OF June 1912

IN THE MATTER OF

W. L. Wekusan

FINDING OF FACTS, ETC., BY COUNTY JUDGE.

Claimant of the Pension Provided for by an Act of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky. Approved March 11, 1912.

At a regular term of the Barren County Court, held at the courthouse in Glasgow, Ky., on the 16 day of June 1912, came said claimant and the County Attorney for Barren county, when the following proceedings were had:

J. P. Deff Glasgow, Ky. whose postoffice address is

Glasgow, Ky., a witness in behalf of the claimant, was introduced and heard, who stated that he was acquainted with said claimant, who is a citizen and resident of Barren county, Kentucky, and has been continuously since January 1, 1907; that the claimant does not possess any income to the amount of \$300 per year. The claimant's property is of less value than \$2,500, to-wit: Of the value of \$ 500 or 1000 Land & Personal

A. C. Taylor Shell Rock, Ky. whose postoffice address is

Shell Rock, Ky., a witness in behalf of the claimant, was introduced and heard, who stated that he was acquainted with said claimant, who is a citizen and resident of Barren county, Kentucky, and has been continuously since January 1, 1907; that the claimant does not possess any income to the amount of \$300 per year: That claimant's property is of less value than \$2,500, to-wit: Of the value of \$ 800 or 1000 Land & Personal property

That his wife has not income sufficient for the suitable support of herself and family, including her husband.

That by the combined partial ability to earn a support and income, or property, or any or all of them combined, the claimant is not able to obtain an income equivalent to \$300 per year; that the claimant is not able to earn a support by manual labor or by his knowledge, art or skill in any profession, or trade or craft.

The County Judge of Barren county, from the said evidence, finds the facts to be that said claimant is in indigent circumstances in the meaning of said act of the legislature, and the foregoing statements of the witness is the substance of all the evidence offered by the claimant or County Attorney, and he adopts said statements as his finding of facts, and he recommends

That the pension be granted

The County Judge certifies that the witnesses as to the claimant's inability to earn a support by manual labor are reputable and entitled to credit.

Witness my hand this, the 12 day of July 1912.

J. M. Bolan County Judge of Barren County.

October 13, 1913.

Mr. John A. Murray,

Glasgow, Kentucky.

Dear Comrade:-

I am in receipt of yours of the 11th. In the case of Charles L. Wilkerson the record shows that he "Deserted" March 1, 1865.

In the case of Mrs. Annie King, the proof in her case is complete and I recommend its allowance, and it will be allowed but I cannot tell just when. I will do what I can to get it passed upon at an early date.

Your comrade,

Examiner.

WJS-C

1 State of Kentucky 3  
2 County of Barren 3

3 The affiant of  
4 B. F. Wilkinson of Huntsville Alabama  
5 states on oath that C. L. Wilkinson entered  
6 the Confederate Service in 1862 and  
7 served until some time in April  
8 1865, and that in May 1865 he saw  
9 him at his home and said Wilkinson  
10 had a furlough from his command. He  
11 had been in prison at Camp Chase Ohio  
12 from July 1864 until Feb'y 1865 when  
13 he was exchanged and paroled. I  
14 further state that all of the Company said  
15 Wilkinson belonged to the 38<sup>th</sup> Regt Tenn  
16 Infantry C. S. A. Co "A" are dead or  
17 moved away from the place said C. L.  
18 Wilkinson lived and that it would be  
19 impossible to get proof of a Comrade.  
20 The affiant resided near where said  
21 Wilkinson did after the war closed  
22 and to the best of his knowledge believes  
23 that said Wilkinson did honorable  
24 service to the close of the war in  
25 April 1865. + B. F. Wilkinson

26  
27 Subscribed and sworn to before me  
28 this 30 day of Oct 1913

29 J. A. Muenney  
30 Clerk Barren Co Court  
31  
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GLASGOW, KY. Oct 30 1913

Dear Mr J Stone

Per my Exam

Friend

Enclosed find

affidavit of facty who knew Mr L Melman  
at his Tennessee home when he returned after  
war closed. I also made affidavit that I  
knew my old friend in Camp Chase Ohio  
he was captured on 22<sup>d</sup> July 1864 (Hovels  
big fight in front of Atlanta) He had repeated  
chances to take the oath in prison as well  
as I and others and he declined to do so  
He was with me in Mich 1865 sent to be  
exchanged. I was separated from him and  
Camp State further. His comrades are all dead  
or mired away from his old home in Tenn.  
The old man is sick and dependent and  
having been an honorable soldier I can  
surely trust is some mistake about his being a  
deserter. as I know him to within 5 or 6 weeks of  
~~the fall of Richmond.~~  
my old friend J A Murray "old Ben"

1 State of Kentucky 3  
2 County of Barren 3

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4 The affiant John A  
5 Murray states that he was in prison at  
6 Camp Chase from July - 1864 until  
7 last of February 1865, that he was  
8 personally acquainted with C. L. McKuson  
9 of Co. "A" 3<sup>rd</sup> Tenn. Inftry and that  
10 said McKuson as well as said Murray  
11 & others were given option of taking the  
12 Oath of allegiance to the United States  
13 or remain in prison and that said McKuson  
14 declined to take said Oath. He further  
15 states that about 1<sup>st</sup> March 1865 that he and  
16 said McKuson were being conveyed from  
17 Camp Chase to Forten Monroe presumably  
18 in exchange that said McKuson was  
19 in the large square en route to exchange  
20 but said Murray was separated from  
21 said McKuson and does not know of  
22 his own knowledge any further regarding  
23 said McKuson but at a reunion at  
24 Nashville he saw some of said McKuson  
25 frequent and they gave him recognition  
26 as a good soldier. Mr McKuson is a man  
27 of the strictest integrity. J. A. Murray  
28 Col. 2<sup>nd</sup> Ky. Inftry C. S. A.

28  
29 Subscribed and sworn to before me J. A. Murray this 30<sup>th</sup>  
30 October 1913.

31 J. H. Shannon  
32 Clerk Barren Circuit Court

GLASGOW, KY. Dec 10 1913

Hon Mr. J. Stone

Prisoner of War

Financially

near Comrade

I attach a letter from my  
old friend and Comrade C. L. McKuson who has been sick  
in bed for years and who is destitute financially. As I  
have stated to you before in affidavit McKuson was with  
me in Camp Chase from July 1864 until about Nov 1<sup>st</sup>  
1865, when we were called out to go to Ft Delaware for  
finally to be exchanged. I escaped capture and started  
South thro Ky and was recaptured. McKuson went on and  
was exchanged. He had parole at Richmond for 30 days and  
went to his command who were then about ~~April 15<sup>th</sup>~~ 1865  
in North Carolina. He drew his pay some \$300 and  
as he had parole he went to his home in Tennessee with  
orders to report for duty at expiration of his leave of absence.  
Richmond fell and Lee surrendered and he did  
not have to go back. I have filed affidavit ~~that~~  
of party who says he did not reach home until  
about time Richmond fell. His letter is written so  
indistinctly that I give you statement of its contents.  
I am sure that a great injury will be done a  
good soldier if he is turned down on Circumstantial  
evidence.

Please file this letter with C. L. McKuson's  
application. All of his comrades back in Tenn when  
he volunteered or died or have moved away & he can't  
get further statement of old friend J. Adkinson