

(ORIGINAL)

# Soldier's Application for Pension

I, J A Cole

am a citizen of Kentucky, resident at Laducah in the County of McCracken

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 G 20th Tennessee Regiment of mounted Infantry

J H Wells Brigade - of Forrest 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 Meckley County, Tennessee June 6 1847

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

Answer 1863, then in October, Russells regiment 20th Tennessee mounted

infantry - R M Russell Colonel G L Green Lieutenant Colonel W J Gay

Major - E J Hall's Captain, W J Casler 1st Lieutenant - J M Hall 2nd

Lieutenant

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

Answer Rounded at Gainesville Alabama with Forrest's Command but recaptured in

May 1865

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

Answer never in prison

Were you paroled? If so, when and where?

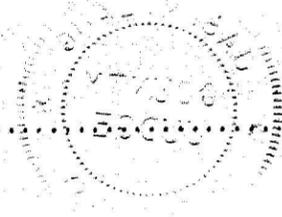
Answer Yes at Gainesville Ala, May 1865

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

Answer No

If so, when and under what circumstances?

Answer didn't do it



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

Answer in Grocery Store - barely enough to live on -

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

Answer None worth about 1000 to 1200\$ - Stock of Groceries worth \$200.<sup>00</sup>

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

Answer None whatever

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 No income but profits of small grocery business amounting to about \$200.<sup>00</sup>

Do you use intoxicants to any extent?

Answer Take a drink perhaps once in 3 months

How long and since when have you been an actual resident of the State of Kentucky?

Answer Christmas 1888 - 26 years -

Have you an attorney to look after this application?

Answer Yes

If so, give his name and address?

Answer Saml H. Rowland Paducah Ky

Witness my hand this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of February 1915

WITNESSES:

J. J. Reading, Physician P. O. Paducah Ky. Street and No. (if any) 1220 Tennessee St. R. F. D. (if any)
Postoffice Address Paducah Ky
Witness
Postoffice Address
Witness
Postoffice Address

STATE OF KENTUCKY

Myra Allen County I, James Hays Judge of said County, certify that J. A. Bale and his wife town lot & house for house are assessed with 2000 acres, valued at \$1200.00 and with \$0 personal property.

Witness my hand this 13 day of October 1914. James Hays Judge County Court.

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

STATE OF KENTUCKY

Webster County } Personally appeared before me, Jas. M. Lang  
County Judge of said County, the above named J. A. Cole  
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 13th day of Oct, 1914.

Jas. M. Lang  
Notary Public

STATE OF KENTUCKY

McCracken County } Personally appeared before me, Ina Bolliston  
a Notary Public of said County, the above named J. T. Keaster  
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 John A. Cole  
the applicant, and find him laboring under the following disabilities: Unable to earn a support by manual labor.

He has a right Inguinal Hernia

Witness my hand and seal of office, this 23rd day of February, 1915.

My commission expires Jan 20, 1918 Ina Bolliston, Notary Public

(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.)

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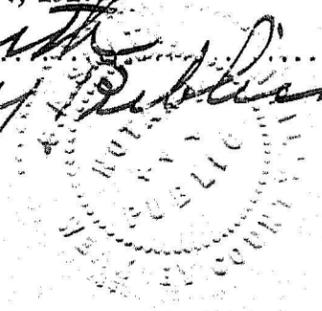
Webster County } Personally appeared before me, J. A. Smith  
a Notary Public of said County, the above named B. J. Bondurant  
and J. E. Travis, two of the subscribing witnesses to the foregoing application, with whom I am personally acquainted, and known to me to be citizens of veracity and standing 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.

We, the undersigned witnesses served in the company with J. A. Cole, and know that he was a good soldier, from every stand point, and that the facts as set forth in his application are true and correct, and that he surrendered at Gainsville Ala, in May 1865.

B. J. Bondurant  
J. E. Travis

Witness my hand and seal of office, this 3rd day of March, 1915.

My Comm'n expires 1917 J. A. Smith  
Notary Public



No. 4338

STATE OF KENTUCKY

Soldier's Application for Pension

J. A. Cole

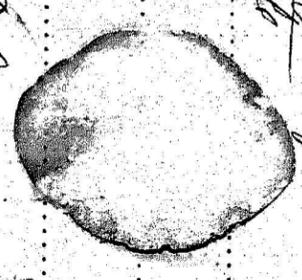
Co. 1st Regt. Jan. 26, 1925. Pvt.

Filed Oct 11-1925  
John W. Jackson  
Attest J. A. Cole

Read Specifications on Back.

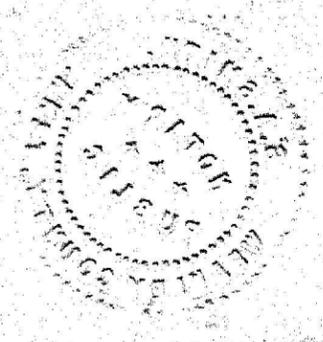
SPECIFICATIONS

1. Enlist. Jan. 26, 1925.
2. Honor. Dis. 1925.
3. Enlist. in this State.
- 4.
- 5.



J. A. Cole, 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 filed 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.

Address "The Adjutant General,  
O.R.D. War Department, Washington, D. C."

WAR DEPARTMENT  
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE  
WASHINGTON Jan. 30, 1925.

Respectfully returned to

Confederate Pension Department,  
State of Kentucky,  
Frankfort, Ky.

The records show that J.A. Cole, prt. Co. I, 20th. (Russells) Tenn. Cav. C.S.A. also known as 15th. Regt. Tenn. Cav., enlisted Jan. 1, 1862, also shown as Dec. 1, 1863, at Newburn, Tenn. and on muster roll for May & June 1864, (last on file) is shown, Present. The above orgn. by consolidation about Mar, 1865. became a part of the 19th. & 20th. Regt Consolidated Tenn. Cav. as a prt. of Co. E, of which latter orgn. J.A. Cole is shown to have been surrendered by Gen. R. Taylor, C.S.A. to Gen. E.R.S. Canby U.S.A. May 4, 1865. and paroled May 11, 1865. at Gainesville, Ala. Residence Dresden, Tenn.

*Robert C. Davis*

Major General,  
The Adjutant General.

By *AW*

Form No. 072-A.G.O.

CONFEDERATE PENSION DEPARTMENT

FRANKFORT, KENTUCKY

J. A. Cole, enlisted Jan, 1st. 1862. in Company "I" 20th Tenn. Cav. and served until the close of the war, paroled May, II, 1865. at Gainesville Ala, proved by the records.

Indigent

McCracken County Court.

In the matter of J. A. Cole applicant for pension under the act granting pensions to disabled and indigent confederate soldiers.

BE IT remembered that on the <sup>13<sup>th</sup></sup> day of <sup>Oct</sup> ~~Sept~~. 1924, at a regular Court held and for the County of McCracken and State of Kentucky came J. A. Cole the above named applicant, who introduced Robert E. Vannerson, whose post office address is R.F.D.#2, Paducah, Ky., and Thos. B. Orr, whose post office address is Paducah, Ky., as witnesses in his behalf, and the witnesses being by me duly sworn deposed as follows, in substance-

That they are both personally acquainted with the applicant, J. A. Cole, and that they have both known him for the past many years, during all of which time he has been a citizen and a resident of the State of Kentucky; that the said J. A. Cole is unable to earn a support by manual labor or by his knowledge of any art or skill in a profession; that he does not receive a pension from the United States, from any State, or from any foreign government, that he does not possess an income of as much as three hundred dollars per year and that he has <sup>except his house</sup> no property; that his wife has no property except her household goods; that his support is not provided for by reason of any contract with any one and that he is unable to earn a support or income of three hundred dollars per year by reason of the combined partial ability to earn money by manual labor, by his property, or by any other means.

I, James M. Lang, Judge of the McCracken County Court, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct statement in substance of the evidence given by the foregoing witnesses on the hearing of this application on the day and date first above mentioned. I further certify that both the above witnesses are personally known to me and that they are entitled to full faith and credit when sworn as witnesses. I have examined the papers in this case and I recommend that a pension be granted to the above applicant.

Given under my hand as Judge of the McCracken County Court this the <sup>13<sup>th</sup></sup> day of <sup>Oct</sup> ~~Sept~~. 1924.

  
JUDGE, MCCRACKEN COUNTY COURT.

State of Kentucky, McCracken County Court,  
Court met pursuant to adjournment, regular term, 9/28/39  
Hon. Brady M. Stewart, Judge Presiding.

This day came Andrew E. (Jack) Cole, who produced in open court an instrument of writing purporting to be the last will and testament of John Andrew Cole, deceased, and it appearing that D. B. Clapp and W. A. Blackburn are the attesting witnesses thereto, that D. B. Clapp is absent from the court, but that W. A. Blackburn is present before the court and the latter, first being duly and regularly sworn according to law, testified that said instrument of writing was executed by John Andrew Cole in the presence of each of the attesting witnesses thereto and that each of the attesting witnesses to said instrument of writing subscribed their names to said instrument in the presence of the testator, in the presence of each other and at the request of the testator.

WHEREFORE, said instrument of writing having been duly and regularly proven and established by law, to be the last will and testament of John Andrew Cole, deceased, it is so adjudged to be and is ordered to record as such.

It further appearing that said instrument of writing nominates Andrew E. (Jack) Cole as executor and directs that he be permitted to qualify in said capacity by the execution of a bond with no surety thereon and the court, being sufficiently advised, hereby appoints Andrew E. (Jack) Cole as executor and fixes his bond to act in said capacity in the penal sum of \$700.00, but the court directs that no surety be required of him to act in said capacity. And then came the said Andrew E. (Jack) Cole who took the oath of office required of an executor and made bond in conformity with this order and it is adjudged that Andrew E. (Jack) Cole is the duly qualified and acting executor of the will of John Andrew Cole, deceased.

The court appoints Joe Ernstberger, W. R. Gunter and Frank Brooks as appraisers, which said appraisers shall first take

the oath of office required of them by law and then proceed to appraise all of the property that shall be exhibited unto them and make due report thereof in writing to the office of the McCracken county court clerk.

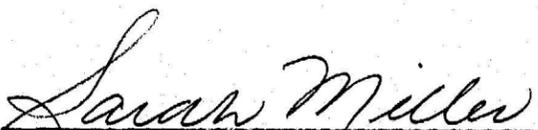
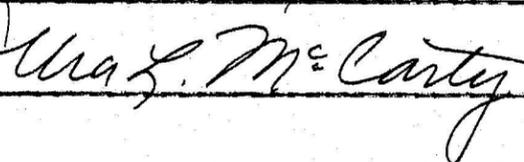
Witness my hand as Judge of McCracken County Court  
this 28th day of October, 1939.

  
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Judge, McCracken County Court.

STATE OF KENTUCKY,  
COUNTY OF MCCRACKEN, SCT.

I, Sarah Miller, Clerk of the County Court, for the County and State aforesaid, do hereby certify that the foregoing instrument is a true and correct copy of same as appears on record in my office, recorded in McCracken County Court Order Book #8.

Given under my hand and seal of office this 28th day of  
October, 1939.

 Clerk  
By  D. C.



WALTER A. BLACKBURN  
ATTORNEY AT LAW  
CITIZENS SAVINGS BANK BUILDING  
PADUCAH, KENTUCKY

October 30, 1939

Miss Annie Belle Fogg  
Secretary Confederate Pensions,  
Dept. Accounts and Control  
Frankfort, Kentucky

Dear Miss Fogg:

My father, John Andrew Cole, died in this City, October 25, 1939. I was appointed Executor of his will by the McCracken County Court on the 28th day of October, 1939, and herewith enclose a copy of the order of said Court.

I understand that my father has not yet received his check for the Quarterly payment up to October 1, of this year. I am therefore writing to request that you send check for the Quarterly payment and also for the balance from October 1, to the date of his death, to me as the Executor of his Estate. I am also advised that there is an allowance for burial fee which I also request that you send to me.

If there is anything further that you require upon my part before making these disbursements, please advise me at once as I want to get the affairs all straightened out as soon as possible.

Yours very truly,

*Andrew E. (Jack) Cole*  
Andrew E. (Jack) Cole, Executor.

*W. A. Blackburn*  
Atty  
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