

Soldier's Application for Pension

I, William Dills

am a citizen of Kentucky, resident at Paintsville in the County of Johnson

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. B. 16th Virginia 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 Russell County Virginia in 1845

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

Answer Sept. 1862 1st Va. Cavalry later transferred to the 16th Va Cavalry. Capt. Jake Gent 1st Lt. Morton 2nd Lt. Belfrey White 3rd Lt. John Dills Col. Jimison Ferguson

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

Answer Surrender. Was at home on detached service at the time of the surrender, on 30 days leave of absence

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 Yes

If so, when and under what circumstances?

Answer At the next election in 1865

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

Answer *Farming*..... *Nothing personally*.....

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

Answer *2 town lots \$1500. 1 span of mules \$200.*.....

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*.....

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 1866*.....

Have you an attorney to look after this application?

Answer *Yes*.....

If so, give his name and address?

Answer *W. G. Wells Muck Ky.*.....

Witness my hand this *19th* day of *April*..... 191*2*

WITNESSES:

G. T. Daniel....., Physician P. O. *Paintsville Ky.*

Postoffice Address *Paintsville Ky.*..... Street and No. (if any).....

W. G. Dills....., Witness R. F. D. (if any).....

Postoffice Address *Mingo Ky.*.....

Jones M Dills....., Witness

Postoffice Address *Paintsville Ky.*.....

STATE OF KENTUCKY

Johnson County } I, *John W. Wheeler* Judge of said County,

certify that *William Dills* and his wife are

assessed with *two* acres, valued at \$ *700*....., and with \$ *387*..... of personal property.

Witness my hand this *20th* day of *April*....., 191*2*

John Wheeler..... Judge County Court.

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

STATE OF KENTUCKY

Johnson County } Personally appeared before me W. G. Wells
Notary Public of said County, the above named William Dills
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 19th day of April, 1912

W. G. Wells N.P. Jc

STATE OF KENTUCKY

Johnson County } Personally appeared before me W. G. Wells
Notary Public of said County, the above named J. Daniel
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 Dills

the applicant, and find him laboring under the following disabilities: Unable to earn a support by manual labor.

I find that he is afflicted with Erysipelas
on both legs below knees, festered ulcers on
each leg. He is also so blind he can hardly
see to walk around. Can not see the letters
he makes when he signs his name. These con-
ditions render him totally unable to perform manual
labor of any kind. He also has Fistula & kidney
trouble.

Witness my hand and seal of office, this 20th day of April, 1912

W. G. Wells N.P. Jc

(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

Johnson County } Personally appeared before me W. G. Wells
Notary Public of said County, the above named James M. Dills
and Noah Dills

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 James M. Dills

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 served in the same army with this
applicant and knew him to be a good obedient
soldier during his entire service and has
lived with or in the same neighborhood with
this applicant since the war and he is still
free from dishonor.

Witness my hand and seal of office, this 19th day of April, 1912

W. G. Wells N.P. Jc

My Com. Expires Jan 28 1914

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No.

STATE OF KENTUCKY

Soldier's Application for Pension

William Davis

Co. Sgt.

JUL 18 1912

Filed April 22 1912

Allowed

Read Specifications on Back.

- SPECIFICATIONS
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Approved July 29th 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.

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

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WAR DEPARTMENT,

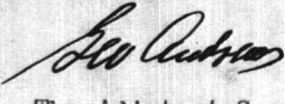
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

WASHINGTON, May 2, 1913.

Respectfully returned to the

Examiner,
Confederate Pension Department,
Frankfort, Kentucky.

The records show that William Dills, private, Company K, 22d Virginia Cavalry, Confederate States Army, enlisted August 1, 1863. On the company roll dated October 31, 1863, last roll on which his name is found, he was reported present. No later record has been found.



The Adjutant General.

Indorsement

Confederate Pension Department

STATE OF KENTUCKY

FRANKFORT.

WILLIAM DILLS

Enlisted July 1, 1862,
Company B, 16th Virginia Cav.
There is record proof of
service to December 31, 1864.
Comrades testify to his fur-
ther service till the close
of the war.

Property: \$1200.00.

W J Stone.

I recommend that this
claim be allowed.

Adjutant General.

Approved by State
Pension Board.

Chairman.

(A.G.O.74)

I, E.R.Combs, Clerk of the Circuit Court Of Russell County, ^{Va.} do hereby certify that Creed Martin and G.W.Seacatt personally appeared before in my office aforesaid, and after being duly sworn, stated that they served over one year in the late Civil War as a comrade of William Dills, and futher stated that said William Dills was a goog and loyal soldier. Given under my hand , this June 19th, 1912.

 , Clerk.

No. _____ S. _____

HEADQUARTERS

Confederate Pension Department

W. J. STONE, EXAMINER

FRANKFORT, KY.

JUL 18 1912 191 _____

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

Dear Sir:

Mr Dills

who is an applicant for Pension under the Kentucky Pension law, claims
to have been a member of Company *B-16" Va.*

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

Please give me the record of this soldier.

Respectfully,

W. J. Stone
Examiner.

State of Kentucky

Johnson County

The affiant R. L. Davis says that he is acquainted with Wm Dills and James Dills applicants for Confederate pension, and was acquainted with them during the war between the States, & lived in Libanon Russell Co, Va, during the war, and was well acquainted with these boys James & Wm Dills, & knew that each of them were soldiers in the Confederate army, & saw them when they were at home and they would come in with their uniforms on, & was said by my brother John Davis who soldiered with them, that they each were good and brave soldiers,

I am 58 years ~~years~~ old and reside in Johnson County Kentucky.

R. L. Davis

Subscribed and sworn to by R. L. Davis before me, this June 7th 1912

W. S. Wells Notary Public

Johnson County Ky.

On the hearing of the application of William Dills for a pension, the following witnesses were introduced on behalf of the said applicant, whom I hereby certify to be reputable and entitled to credit on oath.

Said witnesses, after being duly sworn, testified substantially as follows:

William Dills, Paintsville, Ky. ~~states~~ the applicant herein states:

That he is 66 years of age; that he was a soldier in the Confederate Army from September 1862, until close of war; that he is unable to earn a support by manual labor; has no profession or trade; that he receives no pension from Government; that he has no income; that his real estate is worth \$1000.00 and personal property \$200.00; that his income does not amount to \$300.00 per annum; that his wife has been dead 15 years; that his support is not provided for by contract; that he has resided in Kentucky since March, 1866; that he belonged to the 16th Virginia Cavalry and that they were disbanded; that he has no discharge; that he first volunteered in the 22nd Virginia Regiment.

R. L. Davis, Paintsville, Ky. states:

That he has known claimant since the said Davis was an infant; Davis lived in Virginia, but since 1877 has lived in Kentucky; that said Dills lived in Kentucky before he came here; that he saw said Dills in uniform and knows that he was in the Confederate army; that he is not able to do anything for his maintenance; that he knows nothing about property.

W. W. Burchett, Paintsville, Ky. states:

That he is acquainted with claimants property and the value is about \$1000. or \$1200; has known claimant about 24 or 25 years; no income except ~~from~~ from his team that he knows of; that he thinks said claimant is unable to earn his support by manual labor.

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I further certify that G. Va Daniel, Paintsville,
Ky., Noah Dills, Mingo, Ky. and James M. Dills, Hager Hill,
are reputable citizens and entitled to credit on oath.

Given under my hand, this the 12th day of July,
1912.

John Wheeler
JUDGE JOHNSON COUNTY COURT.

ORDERS) JOHNSON COUNTY COURT.

JULY TERM, SECOND DAY OF JULY, 1912.

WILLIAM DILLS

-vs-APPLICATION FOR PENSION

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY.

The application of the applicant herein for a pension under "An Act granting Pensions to Disabled and Indigent Confederate Soldiers" approved March 11, 1912, being called for trial and the parties hereto answering ready and it appearing to the Court that the application herein was filed in duplicate on the 22nd day of April, 1912, and same was at the regular Term, 1912, of said Court continued and was also subsequently continued at the June Term, 1912, until the present Term of said Court and the Court after hearing all the testimony introduced on the trial of said application adjudges and recommends that said applicant, William Dills, is entitled to a pension under said Act and that said pension be therefore allowed.

A Copy Attest:--

Paul C. Hager

CLERK JOHNSON COUNTY COURT.

March 3, 1913.

Mr. Chas. Howes,
Frankfort, Ky.

Dear Sir:-

In reference to the application of William Dills (name found on file in the War Record Dept. at Washington as John W. Dills), the records there show his enlist on July 1, 1862, in Company B, 16th Virginia Cavalry and also show that he was still in the service on December 31, 1864, as a lieutenant in his company, and three witnesses testify that they were in the same company with the applicant, but there is no proof of further service and none as to how or when he got out of the army. Proof showing this latter point should be furnished before this application is submitted to the Pension Board.

Yours very truly,

Examiner.

WJS-G

April 24, 1913.

Mr. Chas. Howes,

Frankfort, Ky.

Dear Sir:-

Replying to the letter of your brother dated the 11th inst. addressed to you beg to advise: In the case of James M. Dills, who gives his Post-Office as Hager Hill, Ky. I find that the War Records show that he enlisted August 5th, 1862, in Company A, 16th Virginia Cavalry, and that on his company roll for December, 1864, he was present with his company, and the war records show nothing further of his service. I find that Noah Dills of Mingo, Ky. testifies that James M. Dills served about 4 years, which would have taken his service to August 5, 1865, -long after the war closed, which ofcourse shows that Noah Dills was mistaken as to the length of time. William Dills testifies that he served in the same brigade with James M. Dills, but says nothing of his length of service. There is not one word of proof on file as to when and how James M. Dills got out of the army. That is an essential point in every application. Proof can be taken in the form of affidavits made by persons who know the facts.

In the matter of the application of William Dills, as I said to you in my letter of March 3rd, the name William Dills is not found as a member of Company B, 16th Virginia Cavalry, but the name John W. Dills is found as a member of that company, and it was presumed that it was the same man, the name having been giving at the time of enlistment as John W. Dills- the W. standing for William- and it shows that this John W. Dills served as shown by the records from July 1, 1862, to December 31, 1864. If there was a William Dills and also a John W. Dills who belonged to this same company and regiment, it would seem that the war records do not show it. That being true, it would be natural to suppose that the person referred to as William Dills was the same person who was named in the record as John W. Dills. Assuming that John W. Dills and William Dills are two different persons, the proof then shows that Crede Barton and G. W. Seacapp testify that William Dills served in the war for over one year, but they say nothing of the company and regiment in which he served. James M. Dills testifies that he served in the

same army with this applicant, and knew him to be a good and obedient soldier during his entire service, but says nothing as to date of enlistment and length of service. Neither of these three witnesses make any statement as to when and how William Dills got out of the army. Date of enlistment, length of service, and when and how a man got out of the army, are the essential points to be proven, and more especially how and when he got out of the army.

There is no proof on file in neither James M. Dills application nor William Dills application as to when and how they got out of the army. Proof may be taken in the form of affidavits made by their comrades or officers who know the facts on these points. The witnesses can write down, or have someone do it for them, exactly what they know on these points and swear to it before an officer authorized to administer oaths and forward it to this office to be filed with the application.

Command me when I can serve you.

Yours truly,

Examiner.

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State of Kentucky

County of Johnson SS.

IN THE MATTER OF WILLIAM DILLS, APPLICANT FOR PENSION.

The affiant, William Dills, states that he is the same William Dills whose application is on file herein for a pension under the recent act allowing pensions to indigent confederate soldiers; that he thinks he testified substantially before the County Court the facts that he is now detailing; but the same, by inadvertence or oversight, seem to have been omitted from the record.

Affiant further states that originally he volunteered in a Company (the name of which he does not now recall) commanded by one Will Wiatt, captain, of the 22nd regiment of the Virginia cavalry; that in about two months thereafter, Captain Wiatt's Company was dissolved, and all the members of said Company were transferred to other companies; and that the affiant was transferred, as he now remembers, to Company "K" of the 22nd Virginia cavalry, Captain Hankins commanding, in General Jenkin's brigade; that at the time he was serving in Company "K" of the 22nd, one Jake Browning was serving in Company "B" of the 16th Virginia cavalry; and that after affiant had served about six (6) months in Company "K" of the 22nd, he exchanged places with said Browning and took Browning's place in Company "B" of the 16th Virginia cavalry, and Browning took his place in Company "K" of the 22nd Virginia Cavalry. Affiant is not positive that it was Company "K" of the 22nd in which he served, but that is his best recollection. His brother, John W. Dills, made the exchange for him with Browning.

Affiant further states that he enlisted first in about September, 1862, and served until the close of the war; and that he was disbanded from the service upon the surrender of General Lee.

Witness my hand this the 28th day of April, 1913.

~~William Dills~~

Subscribed and sworn to before me by William Dills this
the 28th day of April, 1913.

W. H. Tangher
Notary Public

State of Kentucky

County of Johnson S.S.

IN THE MATTER OF WILLIAM DILLS, APPLICANT FOR PENSION)

The affiant, James M. Dills, states that he is a brother to William Dills, applicant, and that he thinks he testified substantially to the facts herein detailed before the County Court, but the same, by inadvertance or oversight, seems to have been omitted from the record.

Affiant further states that according to his best recollection his brother, William Dills, first volunteered in about September, 1862, in captian Wiatt's company, of the 22nd regiment of the Virginia cavalry; that later said Wiatt's company was dissolved and said applicant was transferred to a company in the 22nd Virginia cavalry, and later exchanged his place in the 22nd Virginia cavalry with one Jake Browning, who was at the time serving in Company "B" of the 16th Virginia cavalry, and that said applicant served from about September, 1862, until the close of the war; that he was disbanded from the service upon the surrender of General Lee.

Witness my hand this the 28th day of April, 1913.

James M. Dills

Subscribed and sworn to before me by James M. Dills this
the 28th day of April, 1913.

W. H. Targhan
Notary Public

State of Kentucky,

County of Johnson SS.

IN THE MATTER OF William Dills applicant
FOR PENSION.

The affiant, Lucinda Daniels, states that she is 67 years of age, and resides in Johnson County, Kentucky; that she has resided here since about 1871; that at the time referred to by the applicants, William Dills and James M. Dills, when they returned on furlough from the army to Lebanon, Virginia, for the purpose of securing horses for service therein, she resided at that time in Lebanon, Russell County, Virginia, and that she was present when they came to Lebanon on furlough for the purposes stated by them in their affidavits; that she knows that each of said applicants, William Dills and James M. Dills, enlisted in the confederate army some time in the year 1862, and left home with the intention and for the purpose of serving in the army; that her information is, that they both served in the army while they were away from home and that she knows they did not return to their homes until they returned on the occasion mentioned by them in their affidavits, when they returned on furlough for the purpose of securing horses for service in the army at the time of General Lee's surrender; and affiant further states that said applicants had secured the horses and started back to the army when they received the news that General Lee had surrendered.

Witness my hand this the 28th day of April, 1913.

Lucinda Daniels
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Subscribed and sworn to before me by Lucinda Daniels this
the 28th day of April, 1913.

W. H. Vaughan
Notary Public

July 29, 1913.

Messrs. Vaughn, & Howes,

Paintsville, Ky.

Gentlemen:-

I am in receipt of yours of the 28th relative to the application of William Dills. The affidavits to which you refer reached here and are on file with the application, and I am of the opinion that the proof furnished with these affidavits is sufficient to bring his application within the provisions of the law. If further proof is needed I will notify you.

Very truly,

Examiner.

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