SOLDIER'S APPLICATION FOR PENSION.

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statements and answers therein made, made oath that the said statements and answers are true.
Witness my hand, at office, this 17 day of Juste 1899.
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of T. Kings & sout by Wildred Frengh The margor of its -4.6111 Tennessee Ridge Tenn. Elisha Thomas Ridings wither October by his only son James Thomas Ridings and October 15th, 1818. In memory of my dear father Eld. E.T. Ridings and his old bible that was painted in his own blood at the battle of muffesburough the last day of December 1862, that shows so plain untill this day, and it went the the whole war through in his inside pocket of the old gray geans, together with a touch of his experince thinking that maby he might drown out sorrow with the drum and the bell and the bum and the shell and the wild grand music of war. While holding my fathers bible in my hand that is now four score There is a thought presented to me that is yet untold, Of my Dear Fathers Bible that he carried with him all through the war of crime Better known as the Civil War, where he volinteered thinking his sorrows he would leave behind When the North raised up against the South he was in possession of a sin sick sole "I will Volinteer in defense of the South I will face the Norths deaths dealing blow While the tumult is raging, while the war goes on, I will stand wher death and distruction dwells But there I will forget all my sorrows of late that makes me such and earthly hell. But my dear old bible that has give me so much comfort in the I will carry it along and when not engaged in battle I will read it to the very last. And from Ft. Sumter to Lees surider in 1865 this dear old bible filled its place in the old coat of gray, When at Franklin while filling a heros part among all who fell at the blow of the North he a victum lay. With his right thigh struck with a plunging death dealing ball and torn asunder, And while in the Hospittle he red in this dear old bible that his Master had done and declared this thunder, "Ah there is nothing coming to pass by chance, predestination is prooved to me witherse ever I rome, And if ever spared to see the end of this bloody war among those predestnarians I will ask afer a little home. But the gim of our thought yet untold which to me have prooven Is to record an event at old Muffesburough the last day of december 1862 When old earth was trimbling at the awful discharge of the Norths triumphant train,

Among all the heroic boys who so gallently stood until they fell

he was found among the slain,

And this dear old bible from the blood of his face which shows untill this day was painted red,
And dear Father was left on the cold earth untill ten oclock in the p m and was counted for ded
An ounce ball had plunge through his face and left it deformed in the sight of the world,
But the grandest of all gims I wish now before all mankind to hurl

All the rest of the wounded had been carried off the field and treeted with the greatest of skill,

While dear father lay froze to the earth in his own blood there testing his Makers will,

With a busted skull and broken jaw bone and all nature said that he would hafto die,

But a greater than all earthly physiciane was there and mans high spree ded centemeters He ded out ride.

He adinistered to his dying form, He pored oil in his wounds so great

To proove to all this world that mans wisdum is a fake, It healed dear father and caried him home, give him a darling wife and a wonderig son,

Before his days was completed, or his race intirly run.

Charging me his only born son this dear old bible to keepe, Then think not that I lie when I say that Dear Father yet speaks.

While for a season after his death it carelessly lay around I thought his charge no special duty,

But now it is preserved as a living monument of sacrid and sublime beauty.

For when I am sinking benieth inky clouds and wondering what to do,

The sight of the dear old book tells me Dear Fathers fate the last day of December I862

It cheers me over lifes rugged road and before giviing up in dispare courage sets out a new

When I think of dear fathers bed of snow at old Muffesburouth the last day of December 1862.

NOTE: The margine is signed in pencil "J T Ridings his only son"