

# SOLDIER'S APPLICATION FOR PENSION.

John Joseph, a native of the State of Tennessee  
and now a citizen of Tennessee, resident at Salley, in the County of Marshall

in said State of Tennessee, and who was a soldier from the State of Louisiana in the war between the United States and the Confederate States, do hereby apply for aid under the Act of the General Assembly of Tennessee, entitled "An Act for the benefit of the indigent and disabled soldiers of the late war between the States, and to fix the fees of attorneys or agents for procuring such pensions, and fixing a penalty for the violation of the same." And I do solemnly swear that, while in the discharge of my duty in the service of the Confederate or United States, as a member of

Confederate Army

I was wounded in the battle or battles of Memphis

and from the effects of such wound or wounds I was disabled as follows:

I was shot through the thigh

and that by reason of such wound and disability I am now entitled to receive the benefits of this Act. I further swear that I do not hold any National, State, or County office, nor do I receive aid or pension from any other State, or from the United States, and that I am not an inmate of any soldiers' 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: Lincoln County Louisiana Born in 1828

When did you enlist and in what command? Give the names of the regimental and company officers under whom you were serving at date of wound or wounds?  
Answer: on the 13 day May 1861 in Captain Bogard company known as the Memphis Company 1st. Regiment T. Linn

In what battle or battles were you wounded, and, if not in battle, state under what circumstances you received the injury or injuries?  
Answer: Memphis Battle in a charge

What was the precise nature of your wound or wounds?  
Answer: I was shot through the thigh from the effects of said wound I was disabled from service

What limb, if any, did you lose by reason of said wound or wounds, and, if no limb, state fully the disability caused by said wound or wounds, and is said disability permanent?  
Answer: Said wound together with age I am disabled permanently

Were you incapacitated for service by reason of said wound, wounds, or service?  
Answer: Yes

Were you discharged from the army by reason of said wound, wounds, or service?  
Answer: No I failed to get any Discharged

If discharged from the army, where were you and what did you do until the close of the war?  
Answer: I was at home most of the time

What was the name of the surgeon who attended you?  
Answer: Dr. Dancer

*This Application was not accepted by Tenn*

How did you get out of the army?

Answer: I got out my service which had not been finished  
to take up the doctors part & was out of  
Did you take the oath of allegiance to the United States Government?

Answer: Yes, within three days of joining

If so, when and under what circumstances?

Answer: I had to take it or go to prison

Are you married, or have you been married?

Answer: Yes

If so, what is the size of your family?

Answer: Six

What are the respective ages of your wife and children?

Answer: Wife 45 - children all of ages

To what sex do your children belong?

Answer: 1 girl 5 boys

Are not some of your children able to support you?

Answer: No

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

Answer: not able to do any thing

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

Answer: one hundred & eighty acres land valued at \$1100-

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

Answer: None

How have you derived support for yourself and family for the last five years?

Answer: from my land by the help of my boys

Do you use intoxicants to any extent?

Answer: No

How long have you been an actual resident of the State of Tennessee?

Answer: Seventy eight years

Have you an attorney to look after this application?

Answer: No

If so, give his name and address?

Answer: -

Witness my hand, this 25<sup>th</sup> day of Jan

18<sup>th</sup> Dec  
John A. Jones  
mark

WITNESSES:

M. S. McRady, Physician.  
L. W. Galt, Witness.  
T. Red, Foster, Witness.

STATE OF TENNESSEE,

Marshall County.

Personally appeared before me,

*J. H. Orr*

Clerk of the County Court of said County, the above named

*John G. Troop*

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, at office, this 8<sup>th</sup> day of February 1901

*J. H. Orr*

Clerk

STATE OF TENNESSEE,

Marshall County.

Personally appeared before me,

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*F. S. McRady*

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 G. Troop* the applicant, and finds him laboring under the following disabilities:

The wound shows that Mr. John G. Troop has been shot through the thigh. He claims that his leg aches and pains him at times just as it did soon after he was shot and that he can not walk any distance without suffering. He is also feeble from old age and sickness and will not be able to work any more. He and his wife and daughter get their support from the rent that the boys pay for their little farm. He is in debt, is in need of help and he is worthy.

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Personally appeared before me,

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Clerk of the County Court of said County, the above named

*G. W. Foster*

and *Fred Foster*, 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 his 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 both further make oath to the following facts touching the applicant's service in the *Confederate* army:

*were both with applicant during service and he made a good soldier, and know him to have been wounded as stated.*

Witness my hand, at office, this 8<sup>th</sup> day of Feb'y 1901

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CHAPTER 64. LAWS OF TENNESSEE, 1891.

for the benefit of the indigent and disabled soldiers of the late war with the States, and to employ attorneys or agents for procuring such pensions, and fixing a penalty for the violation of the same.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Tennessee,* That the Comptroller, Attorney General of the State, and three ex-Confederate soldiers, to be suggested by the Tennessee Division of Confederate Veterans, appointed by the Governor, and hold their offices for two years, without pay, shall constitute the "Board of Pension Examiners," who are invested with full power and authority to hear and determine all applications for pensions under the provisions of this act, and to prescribe such rules and regulations touching such applications at such times as they may deem necessary for the proper conduct of their business as such board; and to hear evidence touching such applications, at such times and places, and in such manner as they may desire; and to allow or refuse pensions according as justice and law may require. They are invested with full power over the entire pension roll at all times, and it is their duty to strike from the rolls such names as may be improperly there, after proper notice and hearing. Their decision shall be final.

SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted,* That only disabled soldiers, Federal and Confederate, that enlisted from the State of Tennessee in Tennessee, Tennessee, or citizens of this State at the time of their enlistment in regiments of other States, who are now residents of this State; or citizens of other States who enlisted in Tennessee or other States, but who are now and have been citizens of this State for one year, shall be entitled to the benefits of this act; and they must be bona fide residents of the State one year before making their application for pension; and their characters as soldiers must have been free from dishonor; and it must appear that they are not pensioners entitled to pension under the laws of the Federal Government or of any other State, and that they are not already in possession of a competency—the object of this statute being to provide for the indigent and disabled.

SEC. 3. *Be it further enacted,* That the rates of pensions to be paid under this act shall be as follows:

1. For total disability, such as the loss of both arms, both legs, or both eyes, or the use of the same, either in battle, skirmish or on picket, or from sickness, exposure, or other injuries received during the war, in prison or on the way home, \$25 per month.

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Passed March 10, 1891.

THOMAS R. MYERS,  
Speaker of the House of Representatives.  
W. C. DIMMICK,  
Speaker of the Senate.

Approved March 12, 1891.

JOHN P. BUCHANAN,  
Governor.

CHAPTER 64. ACTS OF 1893.

SEC. 3. *Be it further enacted,* That when a pensioner dies during a quarter, the Comptroller shall issue to his representative a warrant for the amount due him, from the date of his last payment to the date of his death, on being furnished with a certificate of the death of the pensioner.

<p>READ ACT ON BACK</p> <p>376</p>		<p>No. _____</p>	<p>Soldier's Application for Pension.</p>	<p>The Board reserves the Right to Call for Additional Testimony if they Deem it Necessary.</p>	<p>allowed _____</p> <p>Quarterly allowance, \$ _____</p> <p>Pension allowed from _____</p> <p>Rejected _____</p>
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*Handwritten:* J. B. Myers, May 27, 05

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How did you get out of the army?

Answer: I was wounded and for the effect of said wound was disabled from serving

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

Answer: Yes

If so, when and under what circumstances? By Proclamation of the U.S. Government

Answer: I was prevented to take the oath or go to prison away from my children. I was not able for period. I took the oath in 1864

Answer: Yes

If so, what is the size of your family?

Answer: five

What are the respective ages of your wife and children?

Answer: My wife is dead. My youngest child is twenty four years old.

Answer: Three boys, one girl

Are not some of your children able to support you?

Answer: No

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

Answer: I am not able to do any thing

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

Answer: I have some land worth \$1400 and personal property to the amount of \$2000

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Answer: None

How have you derived support for yourself and family for the last five years?

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Do you use intoxicants to any extent?

Answer: No

How long have you been an actual resident of the State of Tennessee?

Answer: Twenty nine years

Have you an attorney to look after this application?

Answer: No

If so, give his name and address?

Answer: None

Witness my hand, this 19 day of May 1902

WITNESSES:

A. S. McRaty, Physician

W. H. [unclear], Witness

J. H. Russell, Witness

accepted

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Marshall County.

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Clerk of the County Court of said County, the above named John G. Troop 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 thereto made, made oath that the said statements and answers are true.

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that Dr. Geo W. Foster <sup>J. W. Russell</sup> was present when applicant was wounded being a member of the same Co and Regiment and was always found him ready to do his duty at any and all times never refusing to do duty when assigned him. We also know that he was discharged at Dupel's Mill & afterwards returned to the same Co & Regiment

Witness my hand, as office, this the 26 day of May 1902

John M. Luna Notary Public

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accepted

M. F. TROOP  
836 OLIVER AVE.  
SAN DIEGO, CA 92109

Soldier's Application for Pension (No. 2, accepted)

I, J. D. Troop, a native of Tenn. - and now a citizen of Tennessee, resident at Galley, in the County of Marshall in said state of Tenn. and who was a soldier from the State of Tenn. in the war between the United States and the Confederate States, do hereby apply for aid under the Act of the General Assembly of Tennessee, entitled "An Act for the benefit of the indigent and disabled soldiers of the late war between the States, and to fix the fees of attorneys or agents for procuring such pensions, and fixing a penalty for the violation of the same." And I do solemnly swear that, while in the discharge of my duty in the Confederate or United States, as a member of the Confederate Army, I was wounded the battle or battles of Murphreebrough <sup>(sic)</sup> on Stones River and from the effects of such wounds I was disabled as follows:

I was shot through <sup>(sic)</sup> the leg in the thigh cut the tendons <sup>(sic)</sup> of my leg <sup>(sic)</sup> in to, and that by reason of such wound and disability I am now entitled to the benefits of this Act. I further swear that I do not hold any National, State, or County office, nor do I 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



In what County, State, and year were you born?  
Answer: Lincoln County Tenn. and Borned  
in October 14. 1823

When did you enlist and in what command? Give the names of the regimental and company officers under whom you were serving at date of wound or wounds:

Answer: April 1861 - 8 INFANTRY Reg - Alford  
Fulton's command, and some as Col. and Bryant's Company,  
known as New Hope Co - Col. Moore and Captain  
James McFee was my officers at the time I received  
my wounds

In what battle or battles were you wounded, and if not in battle, state under what circumstances you received the injury or injuries?

Answer: Stones river or Murfrees burro

What was the precise nature of your wound or wounds?

Answer: I was shot in the leg which cut the  
leaders of my leg ~~into~~ which has greatly impaired  
same

What limb, if any, did you lose by reason of said wound or wounds, and is said disability permanent?

Answer: The leaders of my right leg is drawed and  
it hurts me to walk and is permanent and also ruptured  
and have Rheumatism

Were you incapacitated for service by said wound  
wounds, or service?

Answer: yes.

Were you discharged from the army by reason of  
said wound, wounds, or service?

Answer: No, I offered (sic) my services but  
they would not take me and failed to give me a discharge  
I did not ask for a discharge

If discharged from the army, where were you and  
what did you do until the close of the war?

Answer: I was at home my wife died and  
I had seven little children to see after

What was the name of the surgeon who attended  
you?

Answer: Ben Stephens, Dr. Dance of  
Lynchburg Tenn. Now dead

How did you get out of the army?

Answer: I was wounded and from the  
(sic) affect of said wound was disabled from  
service (sic)

Did you take the oath of allegiance to the  
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Answer: Yes

If so, when and under what circumstances?

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Are you married or have you been married?

Answer: Yes

If so, what is the size of your family?

Answer: five

What are the respective ages of your wife  
and children?

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is twenty five years old

To what sex do your children belong?

Answer: three Boys. one girl.

Are not some of your children able to support you?

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Answer: no

How long have you been a resident of the state of Tennessee?

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Have you an attorney to look after this application?

Answer: no

If so, give his name and address?

Answer: none

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Witness my hand, this 19 day of May, 1902

J. G. TROOP

Witnesses:

F. A. McRae, physician

G. M. Foster, witness

J. M. Russell, witness

Statement of Notary Public John M. Luna: Dr. F. A. McRae swears that John G. Troop, the applicant is laboring under the following disabilities:

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Witness my hand, at office, this the 26 day of May, 1902.

John M. Luna Notary Public

Statement of Notary Public John M. Luna as to what the witnesses, George M. Foster and J. M. Russell said about the above applications:

"We further make oath to the following facts touching the applicants service in the Confederate Army:

That we, Geo. M. Foster, J. M. Russell were present when applicant was wounded being a

member of the same Co and Regiment and we  
always found him ready to do his duty at any  
and all time never refusing to do duty where  
assigned him. He also know that he was discharged  
at Tupelo Miss & afterwards returned to the same  
Co & regiment "

Witness my hand, this the 26 day of May 1902  
— John M. Luna, M.P.

February 19, 1983

Note:

Because much of the handwriting on this  
Application was nearly illegible, I have copied it here  
for easier reading. The law is shown on the outside  
of the application is very interesting reading  
particularly Section 3. Apparently, John D. Troop's  
pension number was 3176, and it was OK'd 5-27-02.  
He was the great-grandfather of Melvin Feltor  
Troop and Wynema Troop Rand.

— Melvin F. Troop

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