

# Soldier's Application for Pension

I, Gabriel Church  
am a citizen of Kentucky, resident at Millard in the County of Carters  
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 Company A, 51<sup>st</sup> Virginia Infantry

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 fam-  
ily. 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 Romney Lee County Virginia August 25<sup>th</sup> 1834

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

Answer In Co. A 51<sup>st</sup> Virginia Infantry in the spring of 1861  
the exact day and month I do not remember. Col. Foster  
Captain John P. Wolf

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

Answer I was sent home to enlist recruits and before I had filed  
my name on the war closed

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 I came into Louisa Lawrence County Kentucky  
and took the oath of allegiance to the United States  
Government the war being over



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

Answer I am not engaged in any business and do not earn any thing much

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

Answer I have no real estate and but one cow worth about thirty five dollars and household goods worth probably fifty dollars

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

Answer My wife has no estate of any kind either real or personal but raised about enough or hardly enough to

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 Neither myself and wife had any income the past year. We raised a little corn about enough or hardly enough to winter my cow

Do you use intoxicants to any extent?

Answer None at all

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

Answer I have lived in Kentucky since the year 1866

Have you an attorney to look after this application?

Answer Yes

If so, give his name and address?

Answer J. S. Hubbard Grayson Carter County Ky

Witness my hand this 10th day of June 1912

WITNESSES:

Gabrial Church Physician P. O. William 49

Postoffice Address Street and No. (if any) R. F. D. (if any)

Witness R. F. D. (if any)

Postoffice Address Grayson Ky

STATE OF KENTUCKY

Carter County } I, R. A. Carpenter Judge of said County, certify that Gabrial Church and his wife James are assessed with no acres, valued at \$, and with \$ of personal property.

Witness my hand this 10th day of June 1912 R. A. Carpenter Judge County Court.

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



STATE OF KENTUCKY

*Carter* ..... County } Personally appeared before me. *a. Clark*  
*within and* ..... of said County, the above named *Gabriel Church*  
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<sup>nd</sup>* day of *April*, 191*2*.

*J. E. McDavid, Clerk Carter Co. Court.*

STATE OF KENTUCKY

*Carter* ..... County } Personally appeared before me. *a. Clark*  
*within and* ..... of said County, the above named .....  
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 .....  
the applicant, and find him laboring under the following disabilities: *Unable to earn a support by manual labor.*

Witness my hand and seal of office, this *22<sup>nd</sup>* day of *April*, 191*2*.

(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

*Carter* ..... County } Personally appeared before me. *a. Clark*  
*within and* ..... of said County, the above named *G. M. D. Trotter*  
and *Arthur Lee* ..... 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 *that* .....  
further make oath to the following facts touching the applicant's service in the ..... army.

State here what witnesses know of their own knowledge.

*That they know nothing of his service in the Confederate Army*

Witness my hand and seal of office, this *22<sup>nd</sup>* day of *April*, 191*2*.

*J. E. McDavid, Clerk Carter Co. Court.*



*W. J. Stone*

No. 495

STATE OF KENTUCKY

**Soldier's Application for Pension**

*Abner L. Hurd*

Cor. H. S. 1. *Truman* Pvt.

JUN 13 1912

Filed April 22, 1912

Allowed

Read Specifications on Back.

**SPECIFICATIONS**

1. ....
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*Approved Apr 4<sup>th</sup> 1913*

*W. J. Stone* Commissioner

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

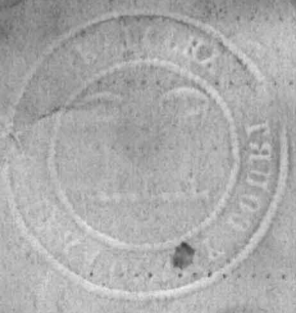
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**To Applicants for Pension**

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  
JUN 15 1924 567  
WAR DEPARTMENT

Address: "The Adjutant General,  
War Department, Washington, D. C."  
1924567

**WAR DEPARTMENT,**

**THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,  
WASHINGTON, June 17, 1912.**

*Respectfully returned to the*

Examiner,  
Confederate Pension Department,  
Frankfort, Kentucky.

The records show that Gabriel Church, private, Company I, afterwards Company A, 51st Virginia Infantry, Confederate States Army, enlisted July 16, 1861. On the company roll dated October 31, 1863, last on file in this office, he is recorded as present. No further record of him has been found.

*Henry P. Sloan*  
Adjutant General.

Indorsement

Confederate Pension Department

STATE OF KENTUCKY

FRANKFORT.

GABRIEL CHURCH.

Enlisted July 16, 1861, Company A, 51st Virginia Infantry, and on the company roll dated Oct. 31, 1863, he was reported present. Two comrades testify that he served till the close of the war.

Indigent.

W J Stone.

I recommend that this claim be allowed.

Adjutant General.

*Approved by  
State Pension Board*

*James B. McHenry  
Chairman*



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HEADQUARTERS

**Confederate Pension Department**

W. J. STONE, EXAMINER

FRANKFORT, KY.

June 13th, 1912

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

Dear Sir:

Gabrial Church,

who is an applicant for Pension under the Kentucky Pension law, claims to have been a member of Company "A" - 51st Virginia Regiment Infantry C. S. A., and to have been Enlisted in the spring of 1861.

I was sent home to enlist recruits and before I had filled my mission the war closed. Never in the prison.

Please give me the record of this soldier.

Respectfully,

*W. J. Stone*

Examiner.

*Physicians  
Certificates in  
Case Gabriel Church  
Late a  
Private Inf  
C S A*



Wayson Ky  
April 12 1912

I, D. B. Wilson a regular practicing  
Physician of above town and state do  
hereby certify that I have this day  
examined Gabriel Church late a  
Private Co A 51 Va Inf Confederate  
States of America and find him  
to be 77 years old and in his dotage  
with pulse 60 per minute sitting  
and 84 after exercise Has blindness of  
left eye from a catarach and such is now  
forming in right eye till it will be but a  
short time till total blindness will result  
He has marked stiffness from rheumatism  
till he gets about with difficulty. He  
has been a hard worker whom I have  
known thirty five years and is a most  
worthy up right Citizen but now in  
his old days is not able to do any  
hard manual labor and is entitled  
to the act of Ky favorable to such soldiers

D. B. Wilson

Subscribed and sworn to before me by D. B.  
Wilson Apr 12 1912. L. L. Opheim

Notary Public for Eastern Kentucky Ky



## FISCHER &amp; KITCHEN

DEALERS IN

RAILROAD TIES, TAN-BARK AND GENERAL MERCHANDISE

State of Kentucky Webbville, Ky. 1912  
 County of Carter

This is to certify that we have known Gabriel Church about twenty years, and he has worked for us more or less all the time. And found him honest and industrious. And has always been a renter. And he is now about 77 years of age. Eye sight failing and very deaf. Not wholly able to support himself and family by manual labor. And we think he is deserving of the amount set aside for old Confederate soldiers

John W. Kitchen  
 Loral L. Kitchen

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 26th day of April 1912  
 O. G. Conway

Notary Public

My Commission Expires Jan 29th 1916



CARTER COUNTY COURT.  
Regular June Term, 1912.

State of Kentucky,  
County of Carter,           Set.

By an act of the General Assembly of Kentucky, granting pensions to disabled and indigent confederate soldiers, approved March 12, 1912.

Personally appeared before me (R. A. Carpenter)  
Judge of the Carter County Court, (Thomas Yates)  
whose post office is Grayson Carter County Ky, and

J. B. McDavid, whose post office is  
Grayson Carter County Ky, both citizens of and residents  
of Carter County, Kentucky; persons whom I certify to be respectable  
and entitled to credit; and being duly sworn, STATE: that the  
claimant, Gabriel Church, has been a bonafide resident  
of Kentucky since before January 1st, 1907; that he is unable  
to earn a support by manual labor, skill or profession, art or craft,  
and that he does not possess a net income to exceed three hun-  
dred dollars per year, and that he has no property of any kind,  
either real or personal or mixed, to exceed the value of (\$2500.00)  
twenty five hundred dollars.

From the evidence above I hereby recommend the allowance  
of the above claim.

R. A. Carpenter  
Judge of the Carter County Court.



H. M. BOSWORTH,  
AUDITOR  
JOHN E. BYARS,  
SUPERVISOR OF REVENUE AGENTS

STATE OF KENTUCKY  
SUPERVISOR OF REVENUE AGENTS  
FRANKFORT

Nov 22 - 1912.

Dear Father,

Concerning Mr. Church's pension it seems that he needs some more proof. It is as follows: In his own statement he says that before the war closed he was sent on some mission and while gone & before he completed the work, the war closed. W. M. Church and Adam Blythe swear that he served to the close of the war. You see these two statements do not exactly agree. Col. Stow says that the only other proof needed will be to have these two men to swear to the definite time he served and what he was doing when the war closed. Tell Mr. Church how the land lays and he will get his pension as soon as these men do this and make all statements agree.

Let me hear from you. Love well  
E. C. S.



State of Kentucky  
County of Carter



of the  
matter of Claims of Pension  
under the Act of the General  
Assembly of Kentucky entitled  
an Act pensioning disabled  
and indigent Confederate  
soldiers. Personally examined  
me George Quincy Claimant  
person who being by me duly  
sworn according to law states  
in response to the letter herewith  
filed. States that the mission  
that he was sent on was  
to recruit men for the  
Confederate service and  
while he was on this recruiting  
service the war closed. I  
had just returned to my  
command when the war  
closed. Adam Bly the who  
gave me an affidavit that  
was filed along with my  
application has died since  
making that affidavit. I  
will just as soon as possible



Witness

proves the affidavit of  
G. M. Church showing that  
I was on recruiting service for  
the Confederate Army and had  
just returned from said  
service to my command  
when the war closed.  
G. M. Church  
mark

x B. F. Sommers  
x Harold Black

I appear to and subpoenaed to  
before me this the 27<sup>th</sup> day of  
November 1912 and I certify  
that the contents of the foregoing  
affidavit were read to and fully  
explained to the affiant  
by a sworn juror and I  
certify that the Affiant who  
is the Claimant herein is to  
me well known and is a  
respectable citizen and entitled  
to full faith and credit  
in his testimony in making  
an affidavit and that I have  
no interest in the prosecution  
of his claim

witness my hand this the 27<sup>th</sup> day of  
November 1912

J. E. McDavid Clerk  
Custer County Court



State of Kentucky  
County of Boyd 3rd  
In the Matter of Claim for  
Pension of Gabriel Church  
Company # 51 Virginia  
Infantry. Confederate Army  
Personage appeared before me  
W. M. Church aged 86 years  
who being by me duly sworn  
agreed to lay down that  
he served in the same Company  
and regiment with Gabriel Church  
and that soon time before the close  
of the Civil war that Gabriel  
Church was appointed to go  
and recruit men for our  
Company and he had just  
returned from said recruiting  
service to his company when  
the war closed. He was in the  
continuously until the close  
of the war. When he was on  
recruiting service for our  
Company he was as much  
in the service of the Confederacy  
as if he had been on the field  
with his own arms & horse

service



all of the facts of my own  
personal knowledge by having  
been with him in the same  
Occurrence. My post office  
address is Battlement Boyd  
County Kentucky and I  
have no interest in this claim  
and am in no manner

concerned in its prosecution  
Affiant signed by J. M. Church  
mark

Attest

Witness John Brown  
Abner Bounding

I swear and subscribed before  
me this the 18 day of November  
1912 and certify that the  
content of the foregoing  
Affidavit was fully read to  
and explained to the affiant  
and witnesses by my swearing  
hands. I certify that the affiant  
and witnesses are to me well  
known and are respectable and  
entitled to credit and belief.  
That I am in no manner  
concerned in the prosecution

Heatham J. P. C.



Seal

~~of this date~~

I Ed S. Hughes Clerk of  
the Boyd County Court do  
Certify that E E Eastman  
is a J P B C duly Commissioned  
and sworn and that the  
above signature is genuine

Witness my hand  
this 29<sup>th</sup> day of Nov

1912

Ed S Hughes, Clerk  
By Lucile Mullan.





State of Kentucky  
Boyd County } Set

Personally appeared  
before me a Notary Public  
in & for the County & State aforesaid  
Adam Blythe of Catlettsburg Kentucky  
and W. M. Church of Cammonsburg  
Kentucky and being first duly  
sworn deposes and says He and  
W. M. Church and Gabriel  
Church and I knew him before  
the late Civil War. He lived close  
to him before he enlisted in the  
Confederate Army he enlisted  
in 1861 in the 154<sup>th</sup> Va. Company  
"A" of the Confederate Army  
and served until the war ended.  
John P. Wolfe was his Captain  
He has to our best knowledge  
and belief been an actual resident  
of Kentucky since the fall of 1866,  
and now lives at Willard in  
Carters County Ky. W. M. Church is  
the brother of Gabriel Church and  
Adam Blythe married his cousin  
the witnesses and Gabriel Church  
were all members of the same  
Right Company and all three  
were enlisted from the same  
County in the Spring of the War



He has no real or personal  
property to our knowledge unless  
it is some household kitchen  
furniture Adam Blythe  
attest to mark W. M. Church  
C. L. Williams  
Notary Public

Subscribed and sworn to before  
me by Adam Blythe and W. M.  
Church this 20th day of April  
A.D. 1912 and I further certify  
that the witnesses are known  
to me and are entitled to  
full faith & credit on oath  
My Commission Expires January 12<sup>th</sup>  
1914

Given under my hand  
and official seal the day  
and date above written  
C. L. Williams  
Notary Public Boyd  
County Ky

