

(ORIGINAL)

## Soldier's Application for Pension

I, Robert F. Hears

am a citizen of Kentucky, resident at North Smith 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 Co. C-34 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 Buchannon County Virginia  
July 20 1846.

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

Answer In 1863 about the month of March Co. C  
Hitcher Captain Sawyer Lieutenant Beavers.

I served in same Co. and Regiment until  
after the surrender of Gen. Lee 1865.

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

Answer My Command was disbanded at <sup>Co.</sup> Cross Roads  
Virginia

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 About the month of May 1865. I took the oath of  
allegiance to the United States Government at  
Charleston, W. Va. under an order from the Government  
of the United States.



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

Answer *Farming in a small way*

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

Answer *About six acres of Real Estate of the value of eighty five Dollars, no personal property*

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

Answer *I have no wife*

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 *I had no income the past year from any source and have no wife*

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 the <sup>year</sup> 1866, August the 20*

Have you an attorney to look after this application?

Answer *yes*

If so, give his name and address?

Answer *J. N. Hubbard, Grayson<sup>Carter</sup> County, Ky.*

Witness my hand this *6* day of *June* 191*2*

WITNESSES:

*Dr. Strother*, Physician P. O. *Robert F. Vears*  
*Grayson Ky.* *Norton Branch Ky.*

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

*Jackson Mullins*, Witness R. F. D. (if any).....

Postoffice Address *Bradshaw W. Va.*

*James Osborn*, Witness

Postoffice Address *Stacy Va.*

STATE OF KENTUCKY

*Carter* County } *R. A. Carpenter* Judge of said County,

certify that *Robert F. Vears* and his wife ..... are assessed with *6* acres, valued at \$ *150<sup>00</sup>*, and with \$ *72<sup>00</sup>* of personal property.

Witness my hand this *10* day of *February* 191*3*  
*R. A. Carpenter* Judge County Court.

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



STATE OF KENTUCKY

West Virginia

McDowell

County

Personally appeared before me

a Notary Public

of said County, the above named Robert F. Vears 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 6 day of June, 1912

J. F. Roberts Notary Public My commission expires Feb. 8, 1916

STATE OF KENTUCKY

West Va

McDowell

Notary Public

County

Personally appeared before me

of said County, the above named D. G. H. Mullins MD 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 Robert F. Vears the applicant, and find him laboring under the following disabilities: Unable to earn a support by manual labor.

I have examined Mullins and find him unable to perform manual labor

Witness my hand and seal of office, this 7 day of June, 1912

J. F. Roberts Notary Public My commission expires Feb. 8, 1916

(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

West Virginia

McDowell

County

Personally appeared before me

Notary Public

of said County, the above named Jackson Mullins and James Osborn, 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

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.

We and each of us served in Co. 34 Regt. Virginia Cavalry and served with Robt. F. Vears from time he enlisted until his death at Cox Cross Roads, Virginia.

Jackson Mullins mark James Osborn mark

Witness my hand and seal of office, this 6 day of June, 1912

J. F. Roberts Notary Public My commission expires Feb. 8, 1916



No. 1011

STATE OF KENTUCKY

Soldier's Application for Pension

*Robert F. Moore*

Co. 6 31<sup>st</sup> Va Cavalry Regt.

FEB 12 1913

Filed Jan 10 1912

Allowed

Read Specifications on Back.

SPECIFICATIONS

- 1. *Read on back*
- 2. *Read on back*
- 3. ....
- 4. ....
- 5. ....

Approved Mar 11 1913

*W. J. Shaw*  
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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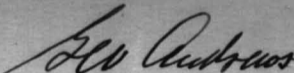
WASHINGTON, February 17, 1913.

Respectfully returned to the

Examiner,  
Confederate Pension Department,  
Frankfort, Kentucky.

The name Robert F. Viars has not been found on the rolls, on file in this office, of Company C, 34th Virginia Cavalry, Confederate States Army.

The name Robert F. Vyers, private, Company C, 24th Virginia Cavalry, Confederate States Army (name not found on the rolls of that organization), appears on a list of prisoners of war paroled May 1 to 31, 1865, at various <sup>places</sup> in Virginia, West Virginia and Maryland. No record of his capture has been found.



The Adjutant General.

(A.G.O. 74)

Indorsement.

PENSION EXAMINER'S OFFICE,

FRANKFORT, KY.

A voucher was mailed to this ~~applicant~~ pensioner on Oct. 15, 1914, at North Branch, Ky. but he evidently did not get it, as the enclosed letter was received in November, and he is evidently a resident of West Virginia, or at least has his post-office there, so I never mailed him a duplicate.

L C Crutcher.

He has been in West Virginia for sometime.

Indorsement

Confederate Pension Department

STATE OF KENTUCKY

FRANKFORT.

*Robert*  
ALBERT F. VIARS.

Claims to have enlisted in the month of March 1863, Company C, 34th Virginia Cav. and was surrendered and paroled May 31, 1865, in Virginia. Proven by the records.

Indigent.

W J Stone.

I recommend that this claim be allowed.

*J. H. Anderson*  
Adjutant General.

Approved by State Pension Board.

*James R. McCreary*  
Chairman.



Name Robert F. Viars.

November, 1925

VOUCHER

\$36.00

RETURN TO

J. T. GEORGE,

COMMISSIONER OF CONFEDERATE PENSIONS  
FRANKFORT, KY.

INSTRUCTIONS TO OFFICER BEFORE WHOM THIS VOUCHER IS EXECUTED.

1. This voucher may be executed before any officer authorized to administer an oath and having a seal.
2. In every case the pension certificate must be carefully compared with the voucher by the officer who executes it.
3. The officer will also see that post-office addresses are correctly inserted in the proper spaces in the voucher, particularly the address to which the check is to be mailed. He will also give his own postoffice address after his official title on the face of voucher.
4. The officer will be held strictly responsible for the correctness of his certificate of identity in every particular.
5. Vouchers must be returned to the pension Department, by February 1st, May 1st, August 1st, or November 1st, following the execution of the vouchers in order that checks may be paid promptly each quarter.

All acts involved in the execution or correction of vouchers must be performed in the presence of the officiating officer who must certify to the corrections over his own signature on the face of the voucher in the space indicated.

1. Signature by mark should appear thus  
his  
John X Doe  
mark
2. Street and number, P. O. box number, R. F. D. route, or "General Delivery" must appear in P. O. Address in case of residence within carrier delivery. "General Delivery" addresses will be accepted in such case only if no other address as above is available.
3. Jurat must be dated.

VOUCHERS

NOVEMBER 1925

AUGUST 1925

MAY 1925

FEBRUARY 1925

STATE OF KENTUCKY

CONFEDERATE PENSION DEPARTMENT

FRANKFORT, KY.

NO. \_\_\_\_\_ S. \_\_\_\_\_

HEADQUARTERS

Confederate Pension Department

W. J. STONE, EXAMINER  
FRANKFORT, KY.

February 12th 1913

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

Dear Sir:

Robert F. Viars,

who is an applicant for Pension under the Kentucky Pension law, claims to have been a member of Company "C" - 34th Virginia Regiment Cavalry C. S. A., and to have been

Please give me the record of this soldier.

Respectfully,

*W. J. Stone*

Examiner.

I call your attention to the following Section of the Pension Law. The Certificate of the County Judge referred to therein must accompany your Voucher for the quarter ending November 1st.

"Sec. 13. Once each year every pensioner under this act shall furnish in addition to the usual voucher, a certificate from the County Judge of the county where he resides to the effect that he is the holder of the pension certificate, is the identical person to whom the same was issued, and that to the best of his belief there has occurred no changes in his financial condition which would render the pensioner ineligible to receive such pension."

No blanks will be furnished for the use of the County Judge. His certificate must be made out by himself in his own language.

J. T. GEORGE, Commissioner.



# VOUCHER

I, \_\_\_\_\_ Make oath that I am the identical person named in pension Certificate No. \_\_\_\_\_, dated \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_, in my possession and now exhibited; that I come within the law upon which said certificate was issued; that I am entitled to and hereby make claim for the payment of THIRTY-SIX DOLLARS (\$36.00) pension now due, at the rate of twelve dollars per month, from AUGUST 1, 1925, to NOVEMBER 1, 1925.

and that my post-office address to which I desire the check in payment mailed is as follows:

If pensioner signs by mark or illegibly, two witnesses who write must sign here.

WHOM THIS VOUCHER IS EXECUTED  
Pensioner's signature must be written here in full as name appears in the head of this voucher  
Street and No. or R. F. D. route.  
Post-office.

State.

State of Kentucky, County of \_\_\_\_\_, ss.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1924, and I certify that the pensioner, above named, has this day exhibited to me his pension certificate, above described, and was fully identified as the pensioner named herein.

1. Signature by mark should be made in the presence of two witnesses who write must sign here.  
2. If no other signature is given, the signature will be accepted in the case of a soldier, sailor, or airman, if the certificate is signed by the commanding officer or other person in authority.  
3. If the certificate is signed by the pensioner, it must be signed in the presence of two witnesses who write must sign here.  
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5. If the certificate is signed by the pensioner, it must be signed in the presence of two witnesses who write must sign here.

Magistrate's signature.

Official character.

Post-office address.

(IF ANY ERASURES OR ALTERATIONS APPEAR ON THIS VOUCHER, THE MAGISTRATE MUST CERTIFY ABOVE HIS SIGNATURE TO THE JURAT THAT THEY WERE MADE BEFORE ITS EXECUTION.)



Name Robert F. Viars.

August, 1925

**VOUCHER**

**\$36.00**

RETURN TO

**J. T. GEORGE,**

COMMISSIONER OF CONFEDERATE PENSIONS

FRANKFORT, KY.

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State of Kentucky, County of ....., ss.

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(L. S.)

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Official character.

Post-office address.

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Walter County Court  
Regular February Term 1913  
State of Kentucky,  
County of Walter 3rd

By an act of the  
General Assembly of Kentucky granting  
pensions to disabled and indigent  
confederate soldiers approved March  
12<sup>th</sup> 1912

Personally appeared before me  
R. A. Carpenter Judge of the Walter  
County Court. Henry Sexton aged  
55 years whose post office address  
is Rush Kentucky and Robert Joest  
aged 55 years whose post office is  
Rush Kentucky both citizens and  
residents of Walter County Kentucky  
persons whom I certify to be respectable  
and entitled to credit and who  
being duly sworn state that they  
are acquainted with the claimant  
herein Robert F. Viers and that he has  
been a resident and citizen of this State  
since long before January 1<sup>st</sup> 1901  
That they are acquainted with the  
property owned by claimant. That he  
owns about 6000<sup>+</sup> of land near



Rank this county and said  
land is not of greater value than  
two hundred dollars and that  
claimant has no personal property  
of any kind. That he is unable  
to earn a subsist by manual  
labr. That they each have an interest  
in this claim.

From the above  
evidence I hereby recommend  
the allowance of this claim to  
Robert F Vians.

R. A. Carpenter  
Judge of the Carter County Court



STATE OF KENTUCKY  
ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE  
FRANKFORT

CONFEDERATE PENSION DEPARTMENT  
W. J. STONE, EXAMINER

March 2nd, 1914.

Robert F. Viars,  
Bradshaw, W. Va.

Dear Sir:-

I am in receipt of yours of the 28th ult.

A voucher was mailed to you at the address given in your application, Norton Branch, Ky., on the 17th day of January last, to be filled out and returned to this office before the 1st day of February, and it has never been returned, and you cannot now be paid until your voucher is filled out and returned, and you cannot be paid anything now before the next day provided in the law for paying pensions, which is May 5th, 1914.

I note that you write this letter from Bradshaw, W.Va. Please inform me whether or not this is to be your permanent address? So that the proper entry can be made upon our record:

Very truly,

W. J. Stone  
Examiner.

WJS-C



STATE OF KENTUCKY  
ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE  
Bradshaw W. Va 3/10/14

Mr. W. J. Stone

Dear Sir=

Replying to the within letter  
Am sorry to say I did not get the  
voucher mailed to Norton Branch Ky.  
There is no Post Office at Norton Branch  
now as it has been taken in.

I called at Geigersville, and Grayson  
Post offices ~~and~~ there and was told that  
nothing had ever been there for me.  
So I suppose it must have gone astray  
and will have to ask you to please  
send an other one,

Mail it to me at Bradshaw W. Va  
As I will make this my permanent  
address for some time

Yours Truly  
Robt. F. Viars



STATE OF KENTUCKY  
ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE  
FRANKFORT

CONFEDERATE PENSION DEPARTMENT  
W. J. STONE, EXAMINER

March 11th, 1914.

Robert F. Viars, Esq.,  
Bradshaw, W. Va.

Dear Sir:-

I am in receipt of yours of the 10th, and am mailing you herewith a duplicate Voucher for the amount due you on February 1st last.

In this connection I will say that if you have moved to West Virginia your name will be dropped from the pension roll hereafter, as the law provides that when a pensioner moves from this State his name shall be dropped from the pension roll.

Very truly,

*W. J. Stone*  
Examiner.

Enc. 1

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STATE OF KENTUCKY  
BRADSHAW, Va. March 16, 1914.

Mr. W. J. Stone, Examiner,  
Frankfort, Ky.

Dear Sir:-

I have not moved from Kentucky.  
And I am not going to move from  
Kentucky. My home is in Kentucky.  
I am only at Bradshaw, Va. on  
temporary business.

Very truly yours,

Robert F. <sup>his</sup> ~~Robert~~ <sup>mark</sup>

witness

J. F. Roberts



STATE OF KENTUCKY  
CONFEDERATE PENSION DEPARTMENT  
FRANKFORT

W. J. STONE, COMMISSIONER

September 16, 1914.

Robert F. Viars,  
Bradshaw, W. Va.

Dear Sir:-

I am in receipt of yours of the 14th. Your voucher after having been forwarded from one post-office to another and returned to that office was finally returned here. I am now enclosing it to you again. I want to call your attention to the fact that from what I gather from your letter you seem to be living in West Virginia, and that if you remain out of the State as much as three months your name will necessarily have to be dropped from the roll.

Very truly,

*W. J. Stone*  
Commissioner.

Enc. 1  
WJS-C

*W. J. Stone*  
Frankfort Ky

Dear Sir In reply to above beg to state that I make Kentucky my home and am out of the state only a little while at a time.

*yours truly*

*Robt F Viars*



Recd 7/4  
Nov 23 1914

The pension department  
of 7/4 as I am still an  
resident of Carter Co 7/4  
and I voted at my  
regular voting place while  
it is true I have been  
away on temporary business  
& can't see why I  
have not received my  
pension

Robert H. Niers



November 13th, 1914.

Robert F. Viars,

Bradshaw, W. Va.

Dear Sir:-

I am in receipt of yours of the 3rd, ~~and in receipt of~~

I find from our records here that you have been in West Virginia for sometime prior to the 1st of February, 1914. The law provides that when a pensioner removes from this State, or is absent therefrom for three months, his name shall be dropped from the pension roll. You have been given ample notice that this was the law.

A check will be mailed to you for the amount due you on the 1st day of August, your voucher having been returned to this office too late to be included in the August payment.

Notice was given you on September 16, 1914, that your name would be dropped from the pension roll unless you returned to Kentucky. By oversight a voucher was mailed to you along with those that are to be paid in this month, and when you filled it out you again gave your address as Bradshaw, W. Va. Therefore your name has been dropped from the pension roll.

Very truly,

Commissioner.

WJS-C



State of Kentucky

County of Pike sct

Personally appeared before me a Notary Public in and for the State and County aforesaid Robert.F.Viars aged 68 years who being by me duly sworn according to law states, that he is or was a pensioner of the State of Kentucky under the act of the General Assembly entitled an act pensioning Disabled and Indigent Confederate Soldiers Certificate No 1011 That he is the Identicle Robert.F.Viars who served in Company C 34th Virginia Cavalry during the Civil war. That he has been a bonafide resident of Kentucky since the year 1866. That in the month of November this year he received a notice from the Pension Department af Frankfort Kentucky that his pension had been stoped on the grounds of his removal from the State for a term of three months . He States in response to the letter notifying him of his having been droped from the Pension roll for the above cause, That he is a Minister of the Gospel in the Christian Baptist Church that he was appointed by the Church Authorities to establish a Church in Tazwell County Virginia near Tazwell the County Site. That he was only temporarily out of the State That his personal affects are still in Kentucky and that he still votes here in this State and claims it as his place of residence and home. That Bradshaw West Virginia was the Post Office to which he had his mail addressed ~~to~~ on account of it being handy for him as he passed through there quite often. That his present Post Office address is Stone, Pike County, Kentucky. That he makes this affidavit for the purpose of being restored on the Rolls of the Pension Department at Frankfort Kentucky.

Witness

J.C. Cantrell  
J. Murphy

Robert F. Viars  
mark

Pat Chales

Sworn to and subscribed before me this the 23 of December 1914 And I certify that the Affiant and witnesses are to me well known and that they are respectable and entitled to credit . That I am in no manner interested in this claim and am not in any manner concerned in its prosecution That My Commission expires Mar 2, 1918

J. C. Cantrell  
Notary Public Pike Co. Ky.