

193

Roberts, Jefferson
(Jackson County)



5²
Dund Off

ACCEPTED

No. 193

SUPPLEMENTAL PROOF.

Wid. a.
3687

Dund

Jefferson Roberts

FOSTER & WEBB PRINT, NASHVILLE

L Washington Institute
Chambers, Tenn

INQUIRY BLANK.

MY DEAR SIR:

At a meeting of the Board of Pension Examiners, held on February 21, 1894, it was found that the pension roll largely exceeded the appropriation. It was therefore obligatory on the Board to strike a large number from the roll, and to make a searching inquiry into the present condition, *physical and financial*, of every one left on the roll. Therefore the following questions must be answered:

Question 1. What is your present physical condition? Is it as bad as when granted a pension?

Answer. Mr Jeff Proberts is *totally* unable to do manual labor is 87 years old and has a very large inguinal hernia. His condition is *worse* than when he got his pension.

S. B. Fowler M.D.

(This must be answered by affidavit of Physician.)

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this

2 day of April 1894.

J. H. Chaffin Clerk.

Question 2. What is your present financial condition? What property, real or personal, do you own, and what is its value?

Answer. I own 35 acres of ridge land assessed for taxes at \$25.⁰⁰ but I think it worth \$30.⁰⁰. I have one cow & calf worth \$20.⁰⁰ to me. I have no money & am a little in debt on account of my pension being suddenly suspended.

Question 3. What property does your wife own, and what is its value?

Answer. A scant supply of wearing apparel - & a small lot of poultry - I own or eight in number.

Question 4. What is the present size of your family?

Answer. There are four of us
myself & wife & two children

Question 5. How many children have you, and what are their ages and sex?

Answer. My wife & I have one boy between 8
& 9 years of age
My wife has a daughter by her former husband
15 or 16 years old

Question 6. Are not some of your children able to support you?

Answer. They are not

Question 7. What is your present occupation, and how much do you earn thereby?

Answer. When I can get timber I saw it, I can
rive a few boards - that is all the work I try to do
and I can earn my wife at that

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 2^d day of April 1894

We, A. Pharris and Jesse Shepherd
know the above answers to be literally true.

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 2^d day of April 1894

J. M. Morgan
Clerk & Master

THESE questions must be answered and returned to me by the next meeting of the Board (May 21, 1894), or it will be taken for granted that you are not now in condition to draw a pension.

This action is taken by the Board on account of the meager appropriation allowed for pensions by the Legislature. The Board, at the last meeting of the Legislature, asked for an increased appropriation, but the Legislature refused to grant its request.

It is also obligatory on the Board that these questions should be answered, from time to time, by all men remaining on the pension roll. This is a positive requirement of the law. (See Section 5.)

Very respectfully,

JNO. P. HICKMAN, Secretary.

8/3 ACCEPTED

Wid. a.
#3687 No. 193

Soldier's Application for Pension.

(THE BOARD RESERVE THE RIGHT TO CALL FOR
ADDITIONAL TESTIMONY IF THEY DEEM IT
NECESSARY.)

Jefferson Roberts

Filed June 11. 1891

Allowed Aug 5. 1891

Quarterly Allowance, \$ 25-00

Pension allowed from filing

Rejected

Geo B Guia President.

Geo J Wickman Secretary.

Board Pension Examiners.

A. B. TAVEL, Printer to the State.

Action of Board of Pension Examiners.

Board of Pension Examiners.

READ THIS ACT BEFORE FILLING OUT APPLICATION.

CHAPTER 64, LAWS OF TENNESSEE, 1891.

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.

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 office 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 roll 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 regiments, 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 at least 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.

2. For partial disability, such as the loss of one leg and one arm, either in battle, skirmish or on picket, or one of the aforesaid limbs lost in battle, or skirmish, or on picket, and the other so disabled as to since render it useless or made amputation necessary, \$10 per month.

3. For smaller disability, such as the loss of one leg or one arm, or the use of the same, either in battle, skirmish or on picket, or in prison, \$8.33½ per month.

The Board of Pension Examiners shall pass on all ap-

plications, give their approval before a pension shall be granted; when granted, the Comptroller shall issue his warrant quarterly to the pensioner for the amount of the pension, on the Treasurer, who shall pay the same out of any moneys not otherwise appropriated.

SEC. 4. *Be it further enacted*, That no pension shall be allowed to any one unless it shall clearly appear that his disabilities resulted from some injury received while engaged in the military service, and while in the line of duty, or in prison.

SEC. 5. *Be it further enacted*, That the pensions allowed under this Act shall be paid quarterly; and that no arrears shall be allowed beyond the date of making application, and in no case for more than one year. If, from inheritance or otherwise, any pensioner shall acquire a competency sufficient for his support, cease to be a resident of the State, or die, it shall be the duty of the board to strike such pensioner from the pension roll.

SEC. 6. *Be it further enacted*, That the Board of Pension Examiners shall keep a book in which shall be recorded the names of each pensioner, company and regiment, date, place, and nature of wound received, date and place where paroled or discharged, date of granting and amount of pension.

SEC. 7. *Be it further enacted*, That it shall be the duty of the board to fix the fees of attorneys prosecuting applications for pensions, which shall in no case exceed \$10, which shall be paid directly to the attorney.

SEC. 8. *Be it further enacted*, That it shall be a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not less than \$500 and imprisonment not less than ten days, for any person to contract for or receive, directly or indirectly, more than the legal fees for prosecuting pension claims under this Act. The grand jury are given inquisitorial power over this offense, and the "Board of Pension Examiners" are required to investigate such matters, and have them brought before the courts.

SEC. 9. *Be it further enacted*, That the Board shall have power, with the consent of the Trustees, in case of applicants having no families, to allow them a support in the Confederate Soldier's Home in lieu of a pension.

SEC. 10. *Be it further enacted*, That it shall be the duty of the Board to withhold pension from any pensioner who may habitually waste the State's bounty in dissipation or other dishonorable manner.

SEC. 11. *Be it further enacted*, That this Act take effect from and after its passage, the public welfare requiring it; and that all former laws on the subject of pensions be and the same are hereby repealed.

Passed March 10, 1891.

THOMAS R. MYERS,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

W. C. DISMUKES,
Speaker of the Senate.

Approved March 12, 1891.

JOHN P. BUCHANAN,
Governor.

SOLDIER'S APPLICATION FOR PENSION.

I, Jefferson Roberts a native of the State of Tennessee
and now a citizen of Tennessee, resident at (near) Gainesboro in the County of Jackson
said State of Tennessee, and who was a soldier from the State of Tennessee in the war between the
United States and the Confederate States, do hereby apply for aid under the Act of 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 dis-
charge of my duty in the service of the Confederate or United States, as a member of the recruiting service

in the Confederate States I received an injury in the abdomen
while on my return from McMinnville when I had been with a lot of
Confederates - I was riding fast to escape a hard rain & was thrown
from my saddle & incurred a serious rupture of my bowels.
and that from the effects of such wound or wounds I was disabled as follows:

I have been compelled to wear a truss since, and even
with this I have never been able to perform manual labor since

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 a 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?

Ans. I was born in Jackson County Tennessee on the 28th
day of March 1857 - I am now 34 years old & a citizen

When did you enlist, and in what command? Give the names of regimental and company officers under whom you were serv-
ing at date of wound or wounds.

Ans. I was appointed Recruiting Officer for 1st district of
Jackson County Tennessee in 1862 & served as such
up to the close of the war - I was promoted to said service
by the removal of a man by the name of Butler & I remember
in what battle or battles were you wounded, and if not in battle state under what circumstances you received the injury or
injuries?

Ans. It occurred as above stated. I had been
captured in my life but had gotten out of

What was the precise nature of your wound or wounds?

Ans. I was torn open by the frame of my saddle
and could never be healed any more.

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?

Ans. The disability of which I complain as above
stated is permanent.

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

Ans. I continued in the discharge of my duties until
the close of the war.
Were you discharged from the army by reason of said wound, wounds or service?

Ans. I was not

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

Ans. I worked as long as I could do any good for the cause

What was the name of the surgeon that attended you?

Ans. I first got a truss & put it on & have it on now.

Are you married, or have you been married?

Ans. I am married now to a third wife.

If so, what is the size of your family?

Ans. *Myself - my wife & two children*

What are the respective ages of your wife and children?

Ans. *Our only child is nearly 5 1/2 years old - she has a little girl nearly 12 years old by her former marriage.*

To what sex do your children belong?

Ans. *A Boy & a girl - the boy is ours - the girl hers by her former husband*

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

Ans. *I try to raise a few boards occasionally - that is all I can do.*

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

Ans. *I live on a little piece of ridge land estimated at 35 acres - the deed is to my child - it is worth about one hundred dollars*

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

Ans. *She has none & no prospective interest.*

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

Ans. *The County Court of Jackson County has given me \$2.50 per month for 5 years - this with my wife's earnings by washing for neighbors & the proceeds of my little board making is what we have made up then.*

Ans. *I do not*

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

Ans. *All my life - 54 years -*

Have you an attorney to look after this application?

Ans. *I have*

If so, give his name and address.

Ans. *J. M. Morgan - Gainesboro - Jackson County*

Temperance and charges no fee

Witness my hand, this *8th* day of *January* 189*1*

WITNESSES:

Henry R. Loftis Physician.

Mr. S. Charles Witness.

W. H. Young Witness.

State of Tennessee, }
Jackson County.

Personally appeared before me *J. H. Chaffin*

Clerk of the County Court of said county, the above named *Jefferson Roberts* 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 *8th* day of *January* 189*1*

J. H. Chaffin Clerk.

State of Tennessee, }
Jackson County.

Personally appeared before me *J. H. Chaffin*

Clerk of the County Court of said county, the above named *Henry P. Loftis* 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 *Jefferson Rolata* the applicant, and finds him laboring
under the following disabilities:

*He is suffering from a complete paralysis
of the limbs, and old age. Said surgery is permanent
he is not able to perform manual labor on the
account of said surgery and old age.*

Witness my hand at office, this *5th* day of *June* 189*1*.

J. H. Chaffin Clerk.

(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.)

State of Tennessee, }
Jackson County.

Personally appeared before me *J. H. Chaffin*

Clerk of the County Court of said county, the above named *John S. Charles* and

W. H. Young 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 applica-
tion are correct and true, to the best of their knowledge and belief, and that they have no interest in this claim, and that said appli-
cant's habits are good and free from dishonor. And *John S. Charles* further make oath to the following facts
touching the applicant's service in the *Confederate* army.

*I know that Jefferson Rolata was a Conscript Officer
in the Confederate Army. He was killed in the battle of
Gettysburg. He was killed in the battle of Gettysburg.
I know that he was killed in the battle of Gettysburg.
I fully endorse the above statement of John S. Charles
and W. H. Young.*

Witness my hand, at office, this *5th* day of *June* 189*1*.

J. H. Chaffin Clerk.

*I state that I am personally acquainted with W. H. Young
and know that he went into the Confederate army early in
the year 1861 & remained until the close of the war.*
John S. Charles

R. C. GAW
Circuit Court Clerk
JACKSON COUNTY
GAINESBORO, TENNESSEE

Gainesboro Tenn
March 17-1911

Hon John P. Hickman
Nashville
Tenn

Dear Sir:

Inclosed find Mrs Sarah T.
Roberts' pension papers — Please inspect and
submit to Board for early action and let me know
favorable result — for surely she is the proudest old
blind woman that I ever worked for in all my
busy life very respectfully J. M. Morgan

Gainsboro June

Aug 15th 1893

John L. Dickinson Secy

Pension Board

Enclosed

find Application of
Jefferson Roberts

After Thorough
investigation We find the
Facts as stated in his applic-
ation and ask that his Pension
be continued

Very Respectfully
Yrs, S. Charles Secy
Comr S. S. Stanton

Gainesboro July 27/95

Capt, John P. Hickmon
Sir

comrade Jefferson Roberts
which the enclosed application
from Stanton Bivunas
asks to be restored to
the state Pension roll,
is the same man that
I ~~was~~ carried to see you
while you was on Roaring
River fishing a few
days ago. You no doubt
^{remember} his appearance. I therefore
request of you to go before
the Board at its next
meeting, and present this

his application
in as strong a manner as
you can you having seen
the applicant, I think he
is a good subject for
you to make a strong
argument for,, &
George W. Flynn the other
contract that I spoke
to you about is in as
bade shape as contract
Robberts very old but
not
so old as Robberts

The Board thought we
might be asking too much
of the Board, so we
left his name out of
the application, but I
make a request of you
if you should see a
chance to have him
restored to do so, your
influence in the matter

of having restored ^{our two friends} on
the Pension roll, will
be greatly appreciated
by the comrades themselves
as well as the entire
Bivouac

Yours

M. Le Gore

JOHN D. LOWE & CO.,

DEALERS IN

GENERAL MERCHANDISE.

Gainesboro, Tenn. May 18th 1894Mr. S. McKinnon
D. C.

I am personally acquainted with Jefferson - Roberts the Recruiting officer that was stopped by your Board - he is 87 years old very poor in fact at this time a County Chap. I know that he was sworn into the State or Confederate Service at McMinnville Tenn during the time the Conscript officer was there - just before the Murfreesboro Fight -

Yours Truly
Geo. S. Qualls

S. S. Stanton Rivanae

Met in Call Session
and on motion of M. L. Jones

It was ordered that the
Riv make a formal application
to the Hon - Pension Board
of the State of Tenn

Asking that Jefferson
Roberts be Restored to the Pension
Roll They having heretofore heard
that the cause of his suspension
from the Roll was that he
Jefferson Roberts was never
Duly & Regularly Sworn into
the Confederate Service

We Therefore Enclose
with above application the
Statement of John S. Quaker
who was with him at Wmminville
Tenn at the time he Jefferson
Roberts was sworn into the
Service and Recd his instruction
as Enrolling or Conscription officer
for this Jackson County Tenn
After which time he was so
injured in the Service that
he was never able to go Regularly
into the Confederate Service

but done valuable services as
Consent officer as his former
application will more fully
show

The Bivonae will more
further fully state that Jefferson
Roberts is Eighty-Eight years
old & has a wife and one
child ages respectively fifty
five and nine years old
he is very feeble & cannot
live but a short time

The Bivonae further
states that he had two sons
& two sons in laws all of
whom made 1st Class Soldiers
& were killed in the ^{Confederate Service} ~~war~~ he
also has two other sons
who served in the Confederate
Service one of them until the
close both of whom are
dead

We make this small request
that the old soldier may
pass his last days without
suffering for the necessities
of life

Jno. S. Quail
Sec. Pro Tempore

Jamus R. Williams -
1st Sec. President
Presiding

To The Hon Pension Board
of The State of Tenn

I hereby state that

I am personally acquainted with
Jefferson Roberts who is asking
to be reinstated on the pen-
sion Roll of The State of Tenn
& know that by my suggestion
that he Jefferson Roberts was
sworn into the Confederate Service
at McMinnville Tenn & ordered on
duty as Enrolling or Conscript
officer & did do valuable
service as his former application
will more fully show

Very Respectfully
Geo. S. Qualls

Gimshorn Tex
July 18th 1891

Hon John P. Hickman

Dear Sir

I send Certificate of exam-
ination of Jefferson Rabuts by
Dr. J. B. Parker -

I hope the board will grant
him a pension - he is so
old & infirm he can not
stay here to draw it long
if he gets any thing.

I claim no fee
in this case

Respectfully
J. M. Morgan
atty
for Rabuts.

Gainsboro
Maine

July 17-1891

This certifies that I am a
Pract Physician of 12 years
Standing Graduate at The
Ohio Medical College Cincinnati and have a few days
ago Examined Jefferson
Roberts, and find him
with reducible Inguinal
Hernia of several years
standing has never been
able to get a Truss
that will keep his
bowels from coming
out. This at least
disables him as much
as the loss of an
arm

I also state that I have
no interest in the above
case

A. B. Fowler

For Jefferson Roberts.

Q

When & where were you born
and where were you raised and
where have you resided,

Ans

I was born in Jackson County Tenn
in the year 1807. I was raised in
Jackson County. I never lived any
where but here long at a time, I lived in Clark Co
^{and Wm. Co.}
What relatives did you have
in the Confederate Army?

Ans

I had 2 sons, & 2 son in laws
in the army

When did each of sd relatives
enlist and how long did they
serve,

Ans

Henry (my son) went in with the first
company that left here. Sidney, went with Henry.

They all were killed in the war.

Also, both son in laws went in early in the service.

What relatives of yours were
killed while in the Confederate
Army, and in what battles or
at what places,

Ans.

Both son in laws were killed at Murfreesboro, don't know when sons were killed

What is your physical condition
Are you able to do any kind of

A labor or work of any kind,
I am very feeble and am unable
to do any work of any kind whatever
not even able to make fires,
Have you any thing upon which
to live, or with which to buy
clothing

Nothing whatever only as the
people give it to me except some
times my wife is able to wash
and iron a little and in this
way get a little something to
eat,

2, How old is your wife

Ans 57. years old

Quest Is she not in very bad health
and very feeble, Has she any
property or means whatever

Ans She is very feeble, and has no
property, no means of support

2 Are not both you and your
wife both now very poorly
clad and almost naked.

Ans yes sir.

Q Have you or your wife
any relations that are able to
take care of you or aid or
help you,

Ans Our relations are all very
poor and wholly unable to
aid or help us in any way
and we are helpless and wholly
dependent upon charity.

Q Where were you sworn in, the
services at?

Ans I was sworn in at McMinnville
John S. Iversen, of Claiborne Tennesse
about it.

Jefferson Roberts

State of Tennessee
Jackson County

Personally appeared before
me Jefferson Roberts who
makes oath in due form of
law that the foregoing ~~answers~~
~~are true~~, and statements
are true. Jefferson ^{to} Roberts

Subscribed
before me this Dec 28 1896

John J. Gore Dep. Co. Clerk.