

The Civil War Pension Records of
Erasmus D. Compton
Sergeant of Company C 3rd Kentucky Volunteer Infantry

Questionnaire

Where born	Russell Co., KY, July 17, 1841
Age at enlistment	20 years
Name under which served	Erasmus D Compton
Date of enlistment	October 8, 1861
Date of discharge	May 23, 1863
Any prior or sub. service	No
Any Confederate service	No
Battles, no initials	Shiloh, Murfreesboro, Perrysville, Nashville, TN & Louisville, KY
Name of Captain, Lieut., Sgt.	Capt. Denton Ralston, 1st Lieut. John L. Logan, Sgt. Barnett
Name of wife, undivorced	Married July 30, 1863 to Martha Jane Duck, license at Somerset, KY. Live together.
Any prior marriage	No
Name comrades	Green Trimble, John A. Jasper and Tyler Jasper
Personal description	6', 175 lbs, hazel eyes, non-gray
Date	March 25, 1912

Letter One - 11 August 1871

State of Kentucky
Pulaski County

On this 11th day of August A.D. 1871 personally appeared before me, E.D. Locke, Clerk of the County Court within and for the county and state aforesaid, Erasmus D. Compton, who being by me duly sworn, according to law declares that he is the identical Erasmus D. Compton, who enlisted under the name of Erasmus D. Compton in the military service of the United States at Somerset, State of Kentucky, on the 8th day of October 1861, in Company "C" 3rd Regt. Kentucky Infantry Volunteers and was honorably discharged on the 23rd day of May 1863, since which date he has rendered no military or naval service in the United States. That his personal description is as follows: age 30 years, height 6 feet 1 inch, complexion fair, blue eyes and light hair. That while in the services aforesaid and in the line of his duty, he received the following wound viz., in a general engagement with the rebel forces at Murfreesboro in the State of Tennessee on the 3rd day of December 1862, he received gunshot wound in his left thigh, ball passing through fracturing the bone, for which wound he was treated in the following [unreadable] hospitals viz. Hospital No. 14 at Nashville, Tenn.; from there he was transferred to Hospital No. 12 at Louisville, Ky.; from

there to Hospital No. 5 [unreadable proper name] at Louisville, Ky.; from there he was discharged.

What the effects of said wound caused him to be weak in his thigh that the *leaders* thereof appeared to draw up and give way, so that he cannot labor regularly, and that the pain and weakness in his thigh has increased very much recently, that since his discharge from the service, he has resided in the County of Pulaski, State of Kentucky, and his occupation is farming.

That he hereby appoints C.J. Sievers of Waterloo, Ky, his attorney to prosecute this his claim, and that he has never received or applied for pensions. His present residence is Pulaski County, Ky. and his P.O. address is Waterloo, Ky.

Attested

James Burke
E.M. Porch

E.D. Compton

Also personally appeared James Burke and E.D. Porch of P.O. address Somerset, Ky., persons whom I certify to be respectable and entitled to credit and also being by me duly sworn, say: that they were present and saw Erasmus D. Compton, the claimant sign his name to the foregoing declarations, that they have every reason to believe from the appearance of the claimant and their acquaintance with him, that he is the identical person he represents himself to be and that they have no interest in the prosecution of this claim.

James Burke
E.D. Porch

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 11th day of August 1871, and I hereby certify that the content of the foregoing declaration is now fully made known and explained to the applicant and subscribers before swearing thereunto, and that I have no interest in the prosecution of this claim.

E.D. Porch, Clerk
Pulaski County Court

Letter Two - 17 July 1890

State of Kentucky, County of Pulaski

On this 17th day of July A.D. 1890 personally appeared before me, a deputy County Court Clerk within and fore the County and State aforesaid, Erasmus D. Compton, aged 49 years, a resident of Taylor, County of Williamson, State of Texas, who being duly sworn according to law declares that he is the identical Erasmus D. Compton who was enrolled on the 8th day of October 1861 in Company C 3rd Regiment of Kentucky Volunteers Inft. in the service of the United States in the War of the Rebellion and served at least ninety days and was honorably discharged at Louisville, State of Kentucky the 23rd day of May 1863. That he is unable to earn a support by manual labor by reason of gun shot wound of the left thigh and dislocation of bones of right arm. That the said disabilities are not due to his vicious habits and are to the best of his knowledge and belief, permanent. That he is a pensioner under Certificate No. 117.761. That he makes this declaration for the purpose of being placed on the pension roll of the United States under provisions of the Act of June 1890. That he requests a medical examination before the board of Medical examiners at Somerset, Kentucky. He hereby appoints C.J. Sievers of Louisville, State of Kentucky, his true and lawful attorney to prosecute his claim, and to receive therefore fee of ten dollars. That his post office address is Taylor, County of Williamson, State of Texas.

Attest:
D.C. Barker
C.S. Barker

Erasmus D. Compton

Also personally appeared D.C. Barker and M.E. Barker residing at Waterloo, Ky., persons whom I certify to be respectable and entitled to credit and who, being by me duly sworn, say that they were present and saw Erasmus D. Compton, the claimant, sign his name to the foregoing declaration. That they have every reason to believe from the appearance of said claimant and their acquaintance with him for years that he is the identical person he represents himself to be and that they have no interest in the prosecution of this claim.

D.C. Barker
M.E. Barker

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 17th day of July A.D. 1871, and I hereby certify that the contents of the above declaration were fully made known and explained to the applicant and witnesses before swearing, including the words That the. That he has applied for pension, erased and that the sworn added and that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim.

John S. May, Clerk
By E.T. Barker, D.C.

Letter Three - 10 September 1890

State of Texas
County of Williamson

On this 10th day of September A.D. 1890 personally appeared before me, J.S. Jones, a notary public, within and for the County and State aforesaid, Erasmus D. Compton, aged 49 years, a resident of the County of Williamson, State of Texas who being duly sworn, according to law, deposes as follows:

I am a pensioner of the United States duly enrolled at the Louisville, KY pension agency at the rate of two dollars per month by reason of disability incurred in the military service of the United States while a member of Company C of the 3rd Regiment of Kentucky Volunteers. I am pensioned for gunshot wound of left thigh.

That my pension was first granted me in or about the 7th day of September 1871 T \$2.00 per month, and I claim that \$2.00 per month was too small when first granted was not adequate to the degree of disability that existed at the time it was granted, nor was it in proportion to amounts received by others for disability of the same character, or those equivalent in extent.

It is with full power of substitution that I hereby appoint C.J. Sievins of Louisville, KY my true and lawful attorney to prosecute my claim. My post office address is Taylor, County of Williamson, State of Texas, and the number of my certificate is 117761.

Attest
J.H. Stephens
John L. Loyal

Erasmus D. Compton

Also personally appeared J.H. Stephens and John L. Loyal, residing at Taylor, Texas, persons whom I certify to be respectable and entitled to credit, and who being duly sworn, say that they were present and saw Erasmus D. Compton, the claimant, sign his name to the foregoing declaration and that they have every reason to believe from the appearance of said claimant and from their acquaintance with him, that he is the identical person he represents himself to be, and they have no interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim.

J.H. Stephens
John L. Loyal

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 10th day September A.D. 1890 and I hereby certify that the contents of the above declaration were fully made known and explained to the applicant and witnesses before swearing, including the words. the following, erased, and that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim.

J.S. Jones, Notary Public
Williamson County, Texas

Letter Four - 8 January 1896

State of Texas
County of Williamson

Taylor 1/8, [18]96

I, Erasmus D. Compton, of county and state above mentioned, am applicant for pension by reason of service in United States Army as Sergeant of Co. C 3 Regt. of Ky Volunteers Inft. on oath state that on or about Apr. A.D. 1856, my right arm was injured by a fall dislocating a joint, then again about the 20th day of Nov. 1861, while in the service of the afore said US Army and in the line of duty, said Company and Regiment were camped about one half mile from Columbia, Adair County, Ky, our commissary was in Columbia, while carrying rations I fell and caught with my right hand which caused the sprain of my right arm. Again on Dec. 31, 1862, I was engaged in a battle at Murfreesboro, I was shot through the left thigh. I was carried back to the road, the spent balls fell around me so thick I attempted to change my position and with a gun rod, I managed to get near the railroad. There was a deep cut nearby. I fell and rolled to the bottom, respraining my arm, which together with a former sprain has rendered it weak causing fingers and thumb of right hand stiff.

I further state that this statement is made from my oral declaration and statement and was all written in my presence on the Jan 8, 1896 in town of Taylor, State and County aforesaid and not aided or prompted by any written or printed statement, or recited, prepared or dictated by another person and not attached as an exhibit to my declaration herein made.

Erasmus D. Compton

The State of Texas
Williamson County

Before me, George R. Scott, a notary public in and for Williamson County, Texas this day personally came Erasmus D. Compton, who being by me duly sworn, deposes and says on oath that the above and foregoing statements are true and subscribed and sworn to the said statement before me.

Given under my hand and seal of office at Taylor, Texas this 8th day of January A.D. 1896

George R. Scott
Notary Public

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