

To the 42nd Congress of the United States

Your petitioner Elijah Kilday, of Greene County, Tennessee, would most respectfully represent unto your honorable body, that on or about the 15th day of Nov. 1861, he enlisted, in the service of the United States, in Greene County Tennessee, under Col. David Fry, who was at that time in East Tenn recruiting for the United States Army. Your petitioner was regularly sworn into the service of the United States Army, by Col. Fry, and immediately entered upon duty as a private soldier under his command, which duty he continued to perform, until the Bridges on the East Tenn. & Va. Rail Road was burned, in which burning your petitioner participated. Immediately thereafter it became nessary for the recruits of Col. Fry to make there escape to the Federal lines in K. Y. in which effort your petitioner was engaged. When on the 9th day of February 1862 he was overtaken by the pursuing Rebles and repeatedly shot, and left by them for dead. Your petitioner would further represent that although not killed, he was seriously wounded and totally disabled from performing manual labor. That in addition to several shots received in his body he received a shot in each elbo of his arms, which so disabled him that he can not use either arm to perform any sort of labor. Your petitioner would further represent that he is in destitute circumstances, with a wife and nine children to support.

Th premises considered the _are of your petitioner is that your Honorable Body pass a special law placing your petitioner upon the pension rolls of the United States to draw pension from the date on which he was shot at the rate of the soldier with one arm left and your petitioner will ever pray.

Post office address Jeroldstown, Greene County, Tennessee.

Attest
Alexander Smith

Respectfully submitted

his
Elijah X Kilday
mark

State of Tennessee } This is to certify that the foregoing petition was sworn
Greene County } to me subscribed before me on this January the 8th AD 1873

G. H. Shorm, JP
For Greene County

State of Tennessee } This is to certify that G. H. Shorm, Esqr. whose genuine signature appears
Greene County } to the foregoing certificate is and was at the time of so signing an acting Justice
of the Peace in and for the state and county aforesaid and as such his official acts are entitled to full faith
and credit.

In testimony of which I here into set my hand and affix the seal of my office at office in
Greenville on this 13th day of January A. D. 1873.

V. S. Maloney, Clerk
Greene County Court

Department of the Interior

BUREAU OF PENSIONS

Washington, D. C. July 22, 1890

No. 785301

Elijah Kilday

Reaves Co. Misl Tenn. Vols

Sir:

It is alleged that Elijah Kilday enlisted No., 1861 and served as a private in Co. __ , Reg't Reeves Co. Misl. Tenn Vols, Col Daniel Fry

It is also alleged that while on duty at East Tenn. on or about Feb, 1862 he was disabled by gunshot wounds.

In case of the above-named soldier the War Department is requested to furnish an official statement of the enrollment, discharge and record of service so far as the same may be applicable to the foregoing allegation, together with full medial history. Please give the rank he held at the time he is claimed to have incurred the disability alleged, and if records show that he was not in line of duty during that period, let the fact be stated.

Very Respectfully,

Green B. Raum

Commissioner

*The Officer in Charge of the
Record and Pension Division,
War Department.*

→ Address "The Officer in charge of the Record and Pension Division,
War Department, Washington, D. C."

War Department

Record and Pension Division

Washington, Jul 23 1890

Respectfully returned to the

Commissioner of Pensions

It does not appear from the records of this

Office that such an organization as Reeve's

Co. Misl Tenn Vols

Was in the service of the United States

By Authority of the Secretary of War:

F. C. Ainsworth

Capt and Ass't Surgeon, U. S. Army

State of Tennessee}
County of Greene }

On this 16th day of November A. D. one thousand eight hundred and ninety personally appeared before me D. T. Woolsey an acting Justice of the peace within and for the County and state aforesaid. Elijah Kilday aged 48 years a resident of Jeraldstown County of Greene State of Tennessee, who being duly sworn according to law, declares that he is a pensioner of the United States, enrolled at the Knoxville Pension Agency at the rate of thirty dollars per month by reason of disability from gun shot wounds received in both arms incurred in the military service of the United States while serving as private Col. David Fry's Regt. Capt. Thos. Reaves Co. Tennessee Vols.

That he believes himself to entitled to an increase of pension on account of being rated too low for the disability of gun shot wounds in both arms. He claims increase proportionate thereto according to U. S. Pension laws and decisions. He also believes himself to be entitled to increase of pension on account of a general disorganization of his nervous system, which as he believes is resultant from said gun shot wounds, as he suffering continually from what he believes to be nervous neuralgia or spinal irritation which neuralgia or nervous influence seems to arise in his back near kidneys, running to the extremity of spinal column causing great confusion of his head rendering him incapable of taking care of himself. Also he further states that when it leaves his head it ranges in the pleural membranes of his body, sometimes running into the pleural membranes of his chest and sometimes running into his bowels and down the cords into the regions of his testacles which causes considerable swelling of both cords and testacles which renders him a great portion of the time entirely upon the care of his family. That his post office address is Jeraldstown Greene Co. Tenn.

his
Elijah X Kilday
Mark

Attest J. R. Crawford
Laura S. Woolsey

State of Tennessee, County of Greene,

On the matter of Pension Claim No. 503679 of **Elijah Kilday** of Reeves Co., Col. Fry's Reg't, Tenn. Inf., personally came before me a justice of the Peace in and for the aforesaid county and State, Sarah C. Kilday, aged 24 years a resident of Greene County Tenn., whose post office address is Jeroldstown, Greene County, Tennessee, well known to me to be reputable and entitled to credit and who, being duly sworn declares in relation to the aforesaid case as follows:

That she is the daughter of claimant and has lived in the home with him all her life, and has aided and assisted in taking care of her father ever since she has been large enough to aid and assist him in washing, dressing and undressing himself. That claimant is confined to his bed about half the time from the effects of gun shot wounds in both his arms. About half the time he can go outdoors, but is not able to take care of himself at anytime on account of said disabilities.

Sarah C. Kilday

Sworn to and Subscribed before me this **26th day of July A. D. 1892** by the above name affiant and I hereby certify that I read said affidavit to said affiant and acquainted her with its contents before she executed the same. I further certify that affiant is personally known to me and that she is a credible person. And that I have no interest in this claim and am not concerned in its prosecution.

D. T. Woolsey

J. P. for Greene County, Tenn.

Certificate on file in Washington D. C.

State of Tennessee, County of Greene

On the Pension Claim No. 503679 of Elijah Kilday late of Reeves Co., Col Fry's Reg't, Tenn. Vols.

Personally came before me a Justice of the Peace in and for the aforesaid County and State Dr. F. S. Smith. A citizen of Greene County, Tenn. whose Post Office address is Jeroldstown, Greene County, Tennessee. Well known to me to be reputable and entitled to credit and who, being duly sworn, declares in relation to aforesaid case as follows: That he is a practicing Physician and that he has been acquainted with said soldier for about 15 years.

I have this day, Dec. 30th, 1892, examined Elijah Kilday and find him suffering with complete ankylosis of right elbow joint caused by a shot wound which entered the elbow joint and ranged upward to about the middle of the humerus. Rotatory motion in right fore arm is lost. I consider his right arm of but very [little] service to him. Right Arm is about one inch smaller than the left.

On further examination I find the left arm has been broken in two different places. The arm is greatly deformed. Union between the bones is not complete. I find him suffering pain from injury done to the nerves by the shot.

His disabilities are such that it is impossible for him to wait upon himself.

His disabilities justified me in saying that he is entitled to \$50.00 dollars per month according to Act of July 14th, 1892

F. S. Smith, M. D.

Subscribed and sworn to before me an acting Justice of the Peace for the aforesaid County and State. I further state that I have no interest direct or indirect in the prosecution of this claim this **Dec. 30, 1892.**

A. W. Cox
J. P. for G. C.

**State of Tennessee)
County of Greene)**

Personally appeared before me H. N. Phillips a Notary Public for Greene County Tennessee, Geo. S. Hayes, M. D. and made oath in due form according to law that the above is correct to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Dec 31, 1892

H. N. Phillips
Notary Republic

I have this day examined Elija Killday and find him not able to put his hands to his head from the effects of a gunshot wound in each arm to wit: a ball striking the left arm at the inner aspect of the humerus at the junction of the lower with the middle third and ranging downward and coming out below the external condyle of the humerus. I find the humerus to have been broken and incomplete union still existing. Also, the elbow joint to be partially ankylosed. I find the right elbow joint completely ankylosed from the effects of a gun shot wound striking the fore arm about two inches below the olecerous process and ranging upward and coming out on the latter aspect of the humerus about the junction of the lower with the middle third shattering the Oleceron process and the internal condyle of the humerus.

From the above disabilities Elija Killday is entitled to \$50.00 for month as his disabilities are such that he is to be helped in dressing and to some extent in eating.

Jeroldstown, Tenn.
Dec. 31, 1892

Geo. S. Hayes M. D.

Widow's Declaration for Pension or Increase of Pension

State of Tennessee, County of Greene, .ss:

ON THIS 13 Day of July A. D. one thousand eight hundred and 94, personally appeared before me a Justice of the Peace within and for the County and State aforesaid Ama R. Kilday aged 56 years, who being duly sworn according to law, makes the following declaration in order to obtain the Pension provided by Acts of Congress granting pension to widows: That she is the widow of Elijah Kilday, who enlisted under the name of Elijah Kilday at Greene Co., Tenn., on the 15th day of November A. D. 1861, in Reeves' Co. Col. Fry's Regt. Tenn. Inf. In the war of the rebellion who received "gun shot wounds of both hands" or both arms, on the 9th day of February 1862, which caused his death on the 29th day of June A. D. 1894, who bore at the time of his death the rank of a private citizen in Greene Co. Tenn, that she was married under the name of Ama R. Conkin to said Elijah Kilday on the 23rd day of February A. D. 1859 by Rev. Solomon Bauchman at Sullivan Co. Tenn, there being no legal barrier to such marriage; that neither she or her husband had been previously married, that she has to present date remained his widow; that the following are the names and dates of birth of all his legitimate children yet surviving who were under sixteen years of age at father's death, viz:

Joseph R. Kilday of soldier by Claimant, born April 24th 1880
Corda A. Kilday of soldier by Claimant, born August 2nd 1882

That she has not abandoned the support of any one of her children, but that they are still under her care or maintenance. That she has not in any manner engaged in, or aided or abetted the rebellion in the United States; that ___ prior application has been filed by said soldier, whose Pension was granted certificate No. 503679, that she hereby appoints, with full power of substitution and revocation, W. D. B. Doty of Newmansville, Tenn, her attorney to prosecute the above claim; that her residence is No. ___, street ___ and her Post Office address is Jeroldstown Greene County Tennessee.

V. M. Baxter

L. A. Woolsey

(Two witnesses who can write, signature.)

her

Ama X R. Kilday
mark

General Law

[3-405.]
(Pensioner Dropped.)

U. S. Pension Agency

Jan 15, 1898

Hon. H. Clay Evans.
Commissioner of Pensions

Sir:

I hereby report that the name of Elijah Kilday - priv Reeves Co. Col Frys Tenn Vols, who was a pensioner on the rolls of this Agency, under Certificate No. 503679, and who was last paid at \$30, to 4 May, 1894, has been dropped because of Failure to Claim

Very Respectfully,

J. F. Wilder
Pension Agent

Every name dropped to be thus reported at once

Application of Guardian of Minor Children

IN ORDER TO OBTAIN ARMY PENSION, Act July 14, 1862

This declaration must be made before a Judge or Clerk of Court of Record, or some officer having custody of its seal.

State of Tennessee, County of Sullivan, .ss.

ON This the 29th day of Aug A. D. one thousand eight hundred and ninety eight, personally appeared before me a Justice of the Peace for aforesaid County, William R. Kilday a resident of Lost Mountain, in the County of Greene, and State of Tennessee, aged 32 years, who being duly sworn according to law, doth on oath make the following Declaration of Guardian of the minor children of Elijah Kilday, deceased, in order to obtain the benefits of the provision made by the Act of Congress approved **July 14, 1862**, granting Pensions to minor children, under sixteen years of age, of deceased Officers and Soldiers; that he is the guardian of Joseph R. Kilday and Corda A. Kilday whose father was a private in Company___, commanded by Captain Reeves, in the Fry's Regiment of Tenn. Infantry commanded by Colonel Fry in the war of 1861; and that the said Eijah Kilday died at Greene Co., Tenn. on the 29th day of June in the year A. D. 1894; that his death was caused by "gun shot wound of both hands" or both arms; that the mother of the children aforesaid died on the 15th day of December A. D. 1896 and that the date of birth of his said wards are as follows: Joseph R. Kilday born April 24th 1880. Corda A. Kilday born August 2nd 1882.

He further declares that he or his wards have not in any manner been engaged in, or aided or abetted the rebellion in the United States, but have always been true and loyal to the Government of the United States; and he hereby authorizes and empowers W. D. B. Doty of Newmansville, Tenn. to prosecute this claim, and to receive and receipt for any certificate or draft that may be for the same.

W. H. Mullennix
B. F. McLam

William R. Kilday
Signature of Claimant

AFFADAVIT OF WITNESSES

Also personally appeared W. J. Conkin and Mary Crawford, resident of Blairs Gap & Geordstown, County of Sullivan & Green, State of Tennessee, persons whom I certify to be respectable and entitled to credit, and who being by me duly sworn, say that were present and saw William R. Kilday sign his name to the foregoing declaration; that they are well acquainted with the applicant, and the children of the said Elijah Kilday under sixteen years of age at his decease are as follows:

Joseph R. Kilday and Corda A. Kilday.

That the mother of the said children aforesaid died on the ___ day of ___ A. D. 18__; that the parents of said children were married at Sullivan County Tennessee, on the 23rd day of February, A. D. 1859; that said guardian and children have not in any way been engaged in, or aided or abetted the rebellion, but have always been true and loyal to the Government of the United States. That they are able to state the foregoing facts from the following circumstances: That they have known said children all their lives, and known said Guardian all his life and was well acquainted with the parents of said children from the date of their marriage to the date of their death.

W. H. Mullinex
B. F. McLam

W. J. Conkin
Mary Crawford

State of Tennessee

County of Sullivan

Sworn to and subscribed before me, the 29th day of Aug A. D. 1898 and I hereby certify that I read the foregoing declaration to claimant and witnesses and acquainted them with its contents before signing, and that I have no interest, direct or indirect in the prosecution of this claim.

A. P. Mullinix J. P.
(Signature of Officer)