

DR. FRANCIS MARION CARTER:

Born: 28 July 1836 Grassy Creek, Morgan, Kentucky

Died: 10 Aug 1918 Farmers, Rowan, Kentucky

Son of : Joseph Jacob Carter (1791 – 1876) and Elizabeth Ann Scott (1794 – 1854)

Married: Martha Ann Gooch on 15 Jan 1857 Morgan County, KY.

Father of: James William, Elizabeth Ann, Sarah N, Joseph W, Flora Belle, John, Drue Frank, and Ella F.

Served in the Civil War from Oct 1861 to Oct 1862 as a Confederate physician and surgeon, and awarded a KY pension. As an aging physician, took into his practice son-in-law Dr. Francis Marion Evans, husband of daughter Ella F. Carter Evans (1879 - 1905).

Daughter Ella and wife Martha died within nine days and are buried together in Jones Cemetery.

Below is the application made by Dr. Carter in order for him to receive his pension for his service as a surgeon during the Civil War.

Dr. Francis Marion Carter

Born 1836 – Died 1918

Civil War Pension Application No. 2584

Summary:

Confederate States Army: Physician and Surgeon

Enlisted:	Oct. 21, 1861 Company A, Fifth Ky Inf'y
Honorably Discharged:	Oct. 20, 1862 at Hazel Green, KY
Pension Applied:	Sept. 18, 1912
Filed:	Nov. 4, 1912
US Pension Approved:	Early 1914

Notes: The application consists of a series of correspondence in chronological order documenting the pension application. Each document is listed by date. Due to the poor readability of the original correspondence, the documents have been transcribed exactly as typed or handwritten. Handwritten words are in quotes or underlined.

Nov 4, 1912

State of Kentucky

Soldier's Application for Pension

Dr. F. M. Carter

Co. A, 5th Kentucky Infantry, Confederate States Army

Filed: Nov 4, 1912

Approval Date: Jan 14, 1913

Allowed by W. J. Stone

Specifications:

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.	1. May be proven by officers or comrades.
2. Present Disability.	2. May be proven by physician's certificate.
3. Indigency.	3. May be proven by neighbors and by certificate of County Judge.
4. How you got out of the Army.	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. Character as a Soldier and Citizen	5. May be proven by comrades and citizens.
6. Applications will not be filed unless certificates of Doctor and County Judge are filled out.	

No date

Endorsement

Pension Examiner's Office

Frankfort, KY.

F. M. Carter

Enlisted Oct 21, 1861, in Company A 5th Ky. Inf'y and there is record proof of service to Nov. 23, 1861. Comrades testify to his service until honorably discharged at Hazel Green, Ky. Oct. 20, 1862. Property: \$400.00 Approved: W. J. Stone

(Application Beginning)

Sept 18, 1912 Application Date

Soldier's Application for Pension

I, Dr. Francis Marion Carter am a citizen of Kentucky, resident at Farmers P O in the County of Rowan in said State of Kentucky, and was a surgeon from the State of Kentucky 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:

(handwritten) "Surgeon of this Fifth Kentucky Infantry Regiment from Oct. 1861 to the time it was disbanded at Hazel Green Ky the last days of Oct 1862 and then rendered services as surgeon in the Commonwealth for many months afterwards" 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 (handwritten) "In Morgan County, Ky. On the 28th day of July 1838 as I remember."

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

Answer (handwritten) "I enlisted as surgeon of the Fifth Ky Regiment (With Dr. Parrish) on Oct. 1861. The Colonel of said regiment was John S. Williams, A. J. May and Harry Howkens.

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

Answer (handwritten) "Regiment was disbanded at Hazel Green, Ky by order of General Humphrey Marshall."

Were you ever in prison? Answer (handwritten) "No"

Were you paroled? If so, when and where? Answer (handwritten) "Only parole for hour in February or March 1862"

Did you take the oath of allegiance to the United States Government? Answer (handwritten) "No"

If so, when and under what circumstances? Answer (handwritten) "did not"

In what business are you now engaged, if any, and what did you earn? Answer (handwritten) "Practically None"

What estate have you in your own right, real and personal, and what is its actual cash value? Answer (handwritten) "I own a small house and lot in Farmers, Ky worth about \$400.00 No other property."

What estate has your wife in her own right, real and personal, and what is its actual cash value? Answer (handwritten) "My wife is dead. Left No property."

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 (handwritten) "Nothing"

Do you use intoxicants to any extent? Answer (handwritten) "No sir. Take a drink occasionally"

How long and since when have you been an actually resident of the State of Kentucky? Answer (handwritten) "All my life"

Have you an attorney to look after this application?

Answer (handwritten) "Yes"

If so, give his name and address? Answer (handwritten) "D. B. Caudill, Morehead, Ky." Witness my hand this 18th day of Sept 1912.

Witnesses: F. M. Carter (signature)

A. L. Blair and J. Wilson, Physician P. O. Farmers, Ky

Postoffice Address Morehead, KY Street and No. (if any)

Nov 4, 1912

In the Matter of Pension of Dr. Francis Marion Carter under Application of Pensions from the State of Kentucky:

I find the following to be the facts and also a brief memorandum of the substance of the testimony of each of the witnesses on this application:

Dr. Francis Marion Carter is a resident and citizen of the town of Farmers, in the county of Rowan, and State of Kentucky, and has been such resident and citizens for a period of twenty-five years last past; that he has no property except a house and lot in the town of Farmers worth about \$400.

That said Carter was born in 1838; that he has no income and no personal estate for his support; that he is a practicing physician, or has been an active practicing physician, but owing to his advanced age and failure in health that he is unable to earn a support by his profession; that he is unable to agreement or contract with any one to provide a support for him; that his wife is dead and left no estate and he has no one obligated to him in any way to support him; that he does not receive any pension from the United States, or any State, or foreign government; that he is unable on account of his advanced age and failure in health to perform manual labor and earn his support by such labor.

I find from the evidence of Jesse F. McGuire that said McGuire was a confederate soldier and was in the same Regiment with the applicant, Dr. Francis Marion Carter a portion of the time, and that said Carter was acting as physician and surgeon of the army, and that while said McGuire was sick in the army the applicant professionally attended him in his sickness as a physician; that the witness McGuire is well acquainted with the applicant and known him almost all his life. That the witness McGuire knows the condition of the applicant and that on account

of his advanced age and disabilities he is unable to earn a support by manual labor, or by practicing his profession. That the applicant has no property except a small house and lot in Farmers, Kentucky, and has no personal property at all that witness McGuire knows of, or any income or any kind known to witness.

J. W. Riley, Judge, Rowan County, Ky. (signature, no date)

STATE OF KENTUCKY Rowan County

Personally appeared before me A Notary Public of said County, the above named F. M. Carter 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 4th day of November, 1912.

My Com expires March 7, 1916

D. B. Caudill, N. Public

STATE OF KENTUCKY Rowan County

Personally appeared before me Public Notary of said County, the above named Dr. J Wilson Dr. A. L. Blair, two of the subscribing witnesses to the foregoing application, and who are physician of good standing, and being duly sworn says that he has carefully and thoroughly examined Dr. Francis Marion Carter the applicant, and find him laboring under the following disabilities:
Unable to earn a support by manual labor.

“Chronic Bronchial Catarrh Arterin, Selvenosis (?) Rheumatism and disease of heart and right lung with lesions.”

J. Wilson, A. L. Blair (signatures)

Witness my hand and seal of office, this 4th day of Nov 1912. D. B. Caudill N.P.

Jan 14, 1913

Headquarters, Confederate Pension Department

W. J. Stone, Examiner, Frankfort, KY.

Jan 14, 1913

Gen. W. P. Hall, Adjutant General, U.S.A.

Dear Sir:

Dr. F. M. Carter who is an applicant for Pension under the Kentucky Pension law, claims to have been a member of Company 5th Ky Regiment Inf., C.S.A, and to have been Col. John S. Williams. Please give me the record of this soldier: Respectively, W. J. Stone

Jan 17, 1913

War Department

1998133 The Adjutant General's Office, Washington

Respectfully returned to the Examiner,

Confederate Pension Department, Frankfort, Kentucky.

The records show that Francis M. Carter, rank not stated, served in Captain Andrew J. May's Company, subsequently (1st) Company A, 5th Kentucky Infantry, Confederate States Army. He enlisted October 21, 1851, and on the roll dated November 23, 1861, only roll on which borne, he was reported present. No later record of him has been found.

B. W. Andrew (signature) The Adjutant General.

Jan 10, 1913

STATE OF KENTUCKY

Rowan County I, J. W. Riley, Judge of said County, certify that Dr. F. M. Carter and his wife (blank) are assessed with (blank) acres, valued at \$300.00 , and with \$56 of personal property.

Witness my hand this 10th day of January, 1913. J. W. Riley (signature) Judge County Court. If applicant and his wife have no property, the Judge must so certify.

April 3, 1913

Dr. Francis M. Carter

Farmers, Rowan Co. Ky

Dear Sir:

Upon examination of the proof filed in your application for pension, I find that you furnish no proof of your army service with your application.

I find that the record shows that you enlisted Oct. 21, 1861, in Company A, 5th Kentucky Infantry, and that your company roll for November 23, 1861, shows you present.

There is no further proof of service and none as to how you got out of the army. Proof on these points necessary. Get all the proof you can and forward it to this office and then your application will be ready to be submitted to the Board for its action as provided by the law. Yours truly, Examiner. GJS-0 or WJS-0 (illegible)

December 5th, 1913

D. B. Caudill, Morehead, Kentucky

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of yours of the 3rd relative to the application of Dr. F. M. Carter. The application of a surgeon would be allowed as quickly as that of any other soldier upon such proof as would bring him within the provisions of the pension law, but there is no proof of the service of Dr. Carter by the records after November 23rd, 1861, which is just one month after it is shown he enlisted.

On April 2nd, 1913, I wrote Dr. Carter fully the status of his application, showing what proof was needed to bring his application within the provisions of the pension law. Since that no additional proof has been filed, and in its present condition the Pension Board could not, under the law, grant him a pension.

Very truly, Examiner.

Dec 16, 1913

If possible the two witnesses 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

Morgan County Personally appeared before me J. H. Sebastian, Clerk of the County Court of said County, the above named J. W. Perry and Lewis Henry 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 we further make oath to the following facts touching the applicant's service in the Confederate army.

State here what witnesses knew of their own knowledge. (Handwritten) "We enlisted in the Confederate army in the month of Sept 1861 in which we hereafter state that Dr. Francis Marion Carter was surgeon of the 5th – with Dr. Parrish from Oct 1861 – until the regiment was disbanded at Hazel Green Ky the 23rd day of Oct 1862, and our memories with different casualties for months after that date administering to the sick and wounded Confederate soldiers.

All the while that he was faithful and efficient and a true and loyal man to the cause of the deaths that we remember he served in that capacity about eighteen months was popular with the soldiers much useful to the service. The affidavit answers Carter residence in Morgan, West Liberty at the time we enlisted in the Confederate Army.

The affidavit Lewis Henry says he much remembers of the 5th Ky Regiment from its adjuration until it was disbanded and knows and states that the foregoing affidavit is absolutely true.

Witness my hand and seal of office, this 16th day of December 1913. Signed here Lewis Henry, J. W. Perry (signatures).

J H Sebastian Clerk, by Rev. F. Nickell, D.C. (signatures)

December 29th, 1913

D. B. Caudill, Morehead, Kentucky

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of yours of the 26th enclosing the affidavit of J. W. Perry and Lewis Henry to be filed with the application of Dr. F. M. Carter. I have filed the affidavits with the application and of the opinion they will complete the case when reached for final examination. Yours truly,
Examiner.