

***Pension Information of Joseph William Janes***  
***By Betty Engleka***

Private Co. E 6th WV Cavalry, Union Army, Civil War

The first paper in Joseph's Civil War Pension File is dated 23 March 1881, title DECLARATION FOR AN ORIGINAL INVALID PENSION,  
State of KANSAS  
County of LABETTE

On 23 March 1881 Joseph W. Janes, appeared before a Probate Judge, of the Probate Court of Labette Co. KS - Aged 43 years , Enrolled on 27th of June 1861 in Company E of the 6th Virginia Cavalry, Commanded by Capt. P. J. Potts, was honorably discharged at Wheeling, VA, 15th August 1864.

His personal description is age 43, 6 feet, light complexion, light hair, blue eyes.

That while a member of the organization aforesaid, in the service and in the line of his duty at a skirmish at Waterloo Bridge, in Virginia on the 28th day of August 1862, he received a gun shot wound in left foot, back of toe, for which he was treated in a hospital in Alexandria Va, from the time of the wound till late that fall, the exact time of which he does not know nor does he remember the name of the Physician in charge or by he was treated. Also that at Sutton, Va., on or about April 1863 while in the service aforesaid and in the line of duty while returning to camp from picket duty while crossing a draw he fell and dislocated the elbow of right arm for which he was treated by Dr. Dorsey, the regiment physician at the regimental hospital; Also that while in the service aforesaid while in the line of duty on march from Franklin Va., to Strausburg he contracted a disease, resulting in chronic inflammation of the bowels, being in Spring of 1862. That he was treated in a hospital at Strasburg about a week or more, by a physician there in charge, whose name he does not know. That after his discharge from said service in summer of 1865 at Shinnston, VA he was treated for said disease by Dr. Strickler. That Dr.'s Ellen and Davis in Bourbon Co. Kansas treated him in 1869; that Hull treated him at Labette Co. Kan. at various times from 1874 to present.

That after leaving the service he resided at Shinnston, VA till 1869 when he moved to Bourbon Co. KS, where he lived till 1873 or 74, when he moved to Labette CO. KS. where he has since resided.

That since leaving the service he has resided in the states of Virginia and Kansas, and his occupation was Farmer.

That prior to his entry into the service above named he was a man of good, sound, physical health, being when enrolled a farmer. That he is now partially disabled from obtaining his subsistence by manual labor, by reason of his injuries above described, received in the service of the United States; that he therefore makes this declaration for the purpose of being placed on The invalid pension roll of the United States. He appoints Tucker & Bishop, of Washington DC as his attorneys. That he has never received nor applied for a pension; that his residence is Mount Pleasant (Twp.?) Labette Co. Kansas, and his Post Office is Mount Valley, Kansas.

Signed Joseph W. Janes

(his handwriting)

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On December 16th 1882, Joseph completed a general affidavit in regards to his pension, this was filed in Labette Co. Kansas also.

He states he is 44 years of age, and a resident of Mount Pleasant, Kansas.

That he was wounded in the left foot by a gunshot at or near Waterloo Bridge in the state of Virginia on or about the 27th of August 1862, while engaged in battle with the enemy. Was sent to Alexandria VA and treated in King Street Hospital at said place For The space of about three months, was furloughed from the Hospital at Alexandria, VA, and returned to his Company again in the Spring of 1863, being unable to report for duty his furlough was extended for a longer time until able to report for duty, which he did about the month of March 1863.

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I don't know if by 1883 his pension had not been awarded, I assume this is the case, as on 23 February 1883 John Fortney, and Jasper Fortney, brother in law to Joseph, filed an affidavit stating the following:

State of Kansas, County of Bourbon, In the matter of Pension Claim No 419.038 for Joseph W. Janes, appeared John Fortney age 76, a resident of Marmaton, Kansas, and Jasper Fortney age 45, of Marmaton, Bourbon Co. Kansas.

That they have known the claimant Joseph W. Janes all his life. That they knew of his having enlisted as a soldier in Co. E 3rd WV Infantry.

That they knew him to be a sound man at the time of his enlistment.

That when he mustered out of the service he was much broken down in health. That his sickness was pronounced chronic inflammation of the bowels.

That they saw the said J.W. Janes many times during each month until within the last 4 or 5 years, and that they saw him 2 or 3 times in those years, and are aware of his continued affliction.

That they think claimant by reason of his affliction very much debilitated not able to do one half the labor of a man in sound health.

That for a large portion of the time he is not able to work any.

That he enlisted in June 1861, and was discharged in August 1864.

signed John Fortney

Jasper Fortney

(their handwriting)

(note: John Fortney is the father of Jasper Fortney, and a native of Harrison Co. WV, he moved with his wife Elizabeth Shinn, and family to Kansas I believe at the time Jasper and Basheba Janes Fortney went there, according to their pension file this was April 1868. Joseph states he went to Kansas in 1869, I wonder if that year was entered in error, and he actually went when John and Jasper Fortney and families went. Although it is possible he went a year later.....bje)

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July 28, 1883 is the date on a document from the WAR DEPARTMENT, Adjutant General's Office, this paper confirms his time spent in the service and being wounded. That he mustered out with his Company August 15, 1864.

Dated July 3, 1884 from the WAR DEPARTMENT, Surgeon General's Office, Record and Pension Division, Washington, D. C.

A statement saying Joseph W. Janes was wounded in the foot at the 2nd Battle of Bull Run, VA. Aug. 1862. That he entered King Street Hospital, Alexandria, VA, Aug. 31, 1862 with gun shot wound. That he was furloughed Dec. 6, 1862 for 60 days. No evidence of ( return ?).

The Records of Strasburg, VA, covering May 24th to June 6, 1862, and of Clarksburg, WV from Mar. 1, to Oct. 17, 1863 ( \_\_\_\_?\_\_\_\_ )  
evidence in the case.

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By this time he is receiving his pension, this next form may have been for an increase based on his age and health.

Soldier's Declaration for Pension

Under the Act of Congress, Approved June 27th, 1890

State of Kansas, County of Montgomery

On the 19th day of April 1894, appeared Joseph W. Janes.

States he was in Co. E. 6th WV Vol Cavalry, was honorably discharged at Wheeling, WV.

That his personal description is as follows: Age, 56 years, height 5 feet 11 1/2 inches, complexion light, hair brown, eyes grey.

That he is now suffering with disabilities as follows, by gun shot wound of left foot, resulting in ankylosis of all the toes of foot and by the disease of rheumatism and resulting disease of heart and lungs totally incapacitating him for the performance of and manual, skilled or professional labor for his support and maintenance. That all of the above and foregoing disabilities are of a permanent character, not the result of vicious habits.... That he has not sufficient property to support him without labor.

That he is a pensioner of the U. S. under the General Laws by Certf. #322.967 and rated at \$4 per month.

That his residence and Post Office is Liberty, Kansas.

Signed

Joseph W. Janes

A follow up to the above form seems to be this from a Doctor:

AFFIDAVIT

State of Kansas, County of Montgomery

In the matter of the Claim of Joseph W. Janes Co. E, 6th WV Vol. Cavalry, Certificate no. 322.967

On this 6th day of June 1894, appeared T. W. Huston, M.D. aged 47, a resident of Liberty Kansas.

This Doctor in his statement agrees with the gunshot wound and resulting problems, the rheumatism, heart condition, and stomach, colon and bowel problems, and that these affect

his ability to earn a living.

Another Physician's Affidavit from Labette Co. Kansas, Ira W. Clark stated that he has made a careful examination of claimant and find him suffering from the following diseases, heart disease and chronic rheumatism, the heart trouble in my opinion is due in the result of Rheumatism the Rheumatic trouble affect his whole system. That he is the family physician for the claimant, but has never treated him for Rheumatism as in his opinion his disabilities will not yield to treatment. That Claimant by reason of said disabilities is totally disabled to perform manual labor for his support.....

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
Bureau of Pensions  
Washington, D.C.  
January 15, 1898

Certificate No. 322.967  
Name, Joseph W. Janes

Sir:

In forwarding to the pension agent the executed voucher for your next quarterly payment please favor me by returning this circular to him with replies to the questions enumerated Below

Very Respectfully,  
H\_\_\_\_Evans  
Commissioner

First, Are you married? If so, pleas state your wife's full name and her maiden name.  
Answer, YES, LYDA JONES

Second, When, where, and by whom were you married?  
Answer, 25th March 1865 at Shinnston, WV by Jerry Simpson

Third, What record of marriage exist?  
Answer, All Records that exist are at Clarksburg, Harrison Co., WV

Fourth, Were you previously married?  
Answer, No Sir

Fifth, Have you any children living? If so, please state their names and dates of birth.  
Answer, Letha M. Janes, Oct. 3rd. 1867  
Sylvia B. Janes, Nov. 14th 1873  
Bertha A. Janes, July 27th, 1881  
Maude E. Janes, Aug. 25th, 1887

May 4th, 1898 signed Joseph W. Janes

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June 3, 1903 Joseph W. Janes is applying for additional pension. He is living in Liberty Kansas.

On this form he states that he receives a pension of \$6.00 a month.

That he received a gun shot wound in 1862 and has been lame ever since.  
That he contacted rheumatism 20 years ago and still have it.  
That 12 years ago my heart became affected, stomach has been sick a long time.  
Birthplace, West Va., age 65, height 5' 11 1/2", weight 139 lbs., complexion light, eyes blue, color of hair brown, occupation Gardner.

The Doctors' evaluation is on this form as follows:

This gentleman is slender, emaciated, and anemic. Muscles soft and flabby, palm of hands soft and shows an absence of work. Tongue clean and digestion poor. Pressure over stomach causes pain, but spleen and liver normal in size and position.....

as to the gun shot wound the Doctor says, ball entered 2nd toe at junction of metatarsal with tarsal bone, making a circular scar 3/8 of an inch in diameter, dislocation the joint and contracting the extensor tendon so that this toe overlaps the other. or great toe, producing a deformity which interferes with the wearing of the shoe. It would have been better had the toe been amputated.

He complains of rheumatism affecting the joints in body, but objective signs are negative. No swelling of joints, contraction of tendons, or atrophy of muscles.

He is gaunt, feeble and generally debilitated.

We find the aggregate permanent disability for earning a support by manual labor is due to gun shot wound of left foot, rheumatism, and general debility, not due to vicious habits, and warrants a rate of \$10.00 per month.

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Again on the 26th day of June 1907, he is applying for an increase in pension, this time from Riverside, California.

Age 69, and a resident of Riverside, California.

This time he is 6' with light complexion, blue eyes, and dark hair.....occupation Farmer

Was born 2 Feb. 1838, Shinnston, WV

His several places of residence since leaving service has been,

At Shinnston Wv. 1864, to 1869. (Ossnego?) Kansas 1869 to 1892, Liberty Kansas 1872 to 1907, Riverside California 1907.

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11 February, 1908 Montgomery Co. Kansas

Joseph W. Janes appears for an increase in pension.

That he is 70 years of age. and a resident of Independence, Montgomery Co. Kansas.

That he is 5' 11 1/2" light complexion, blue eyes, brown hair.

Occupation Farmer

Born 2nd Feb. 1838,

That his several places of residence are as follows, Harrison co. WV, Came to Kansas 1869, and resided Ft. Scott, Altamont, Liberty and Independence, Kansas

That he is now a pensioner, that he applied for pension July 1897.

That he makes this declaration for the purpose of being placed on the pension roll of the United States under the provision of the act of February 6, 1907.

His Post Office address is No. 606 South 15th Street, Independence, Montgomery Co., Kansas

signed Joseph W. Janes  
(his hand writing)

Witnessed by

James H. Kerr (this is his son in law)

Kelsie Bird  
Residents of Independence, KS.

He was granted a pension of \$12.00 a month.

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Nov. 27th 1912 Wichita, Kansas

Joseph writes to the Commissioner of Pensions asking to be placed on the roll on age and time of service. That the gunshot wound gives him some trouble but at his age and in his physical condition he could not perform manual labor.

His address is 1013 Glenn Ave.

Wichita, Kansas.

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4th February 1913, Wichita, Sedgwick Co., Kansas

Joseph W. Janes age 75 is applying for an increase in his pensions under the Act of May 11, 1912.

this application states the same information as the others, and is signed by Joseph, witnessed by Earl Lyda, and Bertha Kerr (his daughter).

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PENSIONER DROPPED

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Pensions

Jan. 17, 1914

Certificate NO. 322. 967

Joseph W. Janes

Co. E, W. Va. Cav.

I have the honor to report that the above named pensioner who was last paid

\$30 to Nov. 4, 1914,

was this day dropped from the roll because of death January 3, 1914

2023 University St.

Wichita, Kan.

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WILKINS & CO.

Furniture and Undertaking

Altamont, Kansas, Feb. 14, 1914

Mrs. J. H. Kerr,

Wichita Kansas

Madam I've received your letter of the 13 and in reply to same, our bill was \$20.00 twenty dollars, for conveyance services and Maintenance of your Father, deceased, and shipped from

Wichita Kansas on Jan. 5, 1914 and delivered to the  
Wooden Cemetery on Jan. 6, 1914. and your credits are as follows,  
Jan. 6, cr. by cash ..... \$10.00  
Feb. 10, cr. by money order \$6.50

\$16.50

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this leaves a Bal. of \$ 3.50  
and will kindly ask you to remit this  
balance by return mail and oblige  
Yours truly,  
Wilkins

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I. W. GILL  
Funeral Directors  
327 E. Douglas Ave.  
Wichita, Kansas

sold to: Mr. J. H. Kerr for J. W. Janes  
#32 South Vine Ave, City

1/3/1914

Octagon Crape Casket.....\$50.00  
Embalming body .....25.00  
Burial Robe .....15.00  
Wagon Service to Train .....5.00

\$ 95.00

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1/30/ 14 Rec'd Mrs. Kerr  
\$10.00 in person, payment

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#### APPLICATION FOR REIMBURSEMENT

State of, Kansas  
County of, Sedgwick

2nd March, 1914

Appeared J.H. Kerr, aged 35,  
Resident of Wichita, Kansas

Makes declaration in order to obtain reimbursement from the accrued pension for expenses  
paid in the last sickness and burial of  
Joseph W. Janes. That pensioner was last paid to Nov. 4th 1913.

Name of deceased pensioner? Joseph W. Janes  
What capacity was dependent pensioned? Soldier  
Was he ever married? Yes  
How many times and to whom? Once, to Lydia Jones  
Did his wife survive him? No

If not living give full name and date of death....Lydia Jones Janes, died about Feb. 20th 1904.

Is there an executor or administrator ? No

Did the deceased pensioner leave any money, real estate, or personal property ? Left \$40.00 cash only.

What is your relationship to pensioner ? Son in law

Are you married? Yes

What was cause of pensioners death? Dropsy

When did pensioner's last sickness begin? had been sick for over a year.

From what date did the pensioner become so ill as to require the regular and daily attendance of another person constantly until death?

from on or about Oct. 1st. 1913.

State names of persons by whom the pensioner was nursed during the last sickness.

Bertha Kerr and J. H. Kerr

Where did the pensioner live during the last sickness? at the home of J. H. Kerr, Wichita, Kansas.

Where did the pensioner die ? Home of J. H. Kerr, Wichita, Kansas

When did the pensioner die ? Jan. 3rd 1914

Where was the pensioner buried? Altamont, Labette Co. Kansas

(Items owed)

S. A. Bass ....Physician, ....unpaid.... \$14.50  
I. W. Gill ..undertaker.....par. paid.... 95.00  
Wilkins Fur. Co..livery..... par. paid.....20.00  
Wooden.....cemetery Altamont pd.....10.00  
Railroad for Wichita to Altamont..pd.....2.70  
Railroad for Wichita to Altamont  
and return J. H. Kerr ..... .5.40

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A Doctor stated Joseph W. Janes died of Bright's disease, causing general dropsy.