

Zadock D. Duncan Civil War Papers

Handwritten Oath by Z.D. Duncan of his Capture
State of Tenn [sic]

Coffee County

Zadock D. Duncan, being duly sworn, makes oath that he was captured, June 23, 1863 near Concord Coffee County Tennessee, by Colonel Wilder's cavalry, and taken to Johnson Island, and there until 26 or 27 February 1865 then affiant was sent to [illegible] on James River 12 miles below Richmond. Affiant got there 3rd March 1865, was paroled [sic], and sent South until 1st June 1865, affiant went then to Augusta, and was there when Lee's army surrendered, then Affiant left there, and came to Chattanooga, all the armies has surrender before affiant left Augusta then when I got to Chattanooga they sent affiant to Nashville before they would permit him to go home, at Nashville on the 14 May 1865, affiant took the oath of allegiance before they would let him [missing text] affiant further states that he was injured in the fight at Murfreesboro, on the front line, whilst holding a comrades [sic] head, who had been struck in the head by a piece of a shell, and whilst in a stooping position, a cannon Ball struck affiant on the coat collar [sic] cutting it into [sic], and broke the skin slightly, but jarred affiant left arm at the shoulder, and was thrown to the ground unconcious [sic], and remained unconcious [sic] the most of that night and was taken off the field and was under treatment about two weeks, when affiant returned to his command, but his left shoulder [illegible] arm was so paralyzed that ever since he has been unable to raise his left arm up even with his shoulder or even half so high, also at Triune whilst in the Cavalry service his horse, whilst in a fight jumped forward, throwing [rest is missing]

Company Muster Roll Form for May and June 186[illegible]
(Confederate.)

D 34 Tenn.

Z D Duncan

1st Lt, Co. I, 4 Confederate Regiment Tennessee Infantry. [see footnote below]

Appears on Company Muster Roll of the organization named above, for May and June, 186[illegible].

Enlisted:

When May 5, 186[blank].

Where Knoxville

By whom Lt McCaul

Period [blank]

Last paid:

By whom Capt [sic] Davenport

To what time Feb 28, 286[blank].

Present or absent Present

Remarks: Promoted by election on reorganization from [illegible]

[footnote: This company was successively designated as Captain Ross' Company, Churchwell's Regiment Tennessee Volunteers; Companies G and I, 4th Confederate Regiment Tennessee Infantry; and Company I, 34th Regiment Tennessee Infantry. The regiment was organized August 5, 1861, and re-organized in April 1862. It was designated the 34th Regiment Tennessee Infantry by the Confederate War Department, but was known in the field as the 4th Confederate Regiment Tennessee Infantry and as Churchwell's Regiment Tennessee Volunteers. Captain William H. Burroughs' Company Tennessee Light Artillery was mustered as (1st) Company C until January 21, 1862, when it became an independent command. Company E was transferred to the 2d Battalion Mississippi Infantry by S.O. No. 113 A. and I.G.O., dated May 17, 1862, and finally became Company I, 48th Regiment Mississippi Infantry. The 24th Battalion Tennessee Sharp Shooters appears to have been temporarily consolidated into one company about April, 1864, and united with this regiment. About April 9, 1865, the 1st, 6th, 8th, 9th, 16th, 27th, 28th and 34th Regiments Tennessee Infantry and the 24th Battalion Tennessee Sharp Shooters were consolidated and formed the 1st Consolidated Regiment Tennessee Infantry, which was paroled at Greensboro, N.C., May 1, 1865.

Book mark: [blank]

J.W. Wilkinson

Copyist.

Roll of Prisoners of War Form

{Note: There are 10 columns on the form in the following order – WHEN RECEIVED.; NO.; NAMES -IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER. (BY REGIMENTS AND COMPANIES.); RANK.; REGIMENT.; CO.; WHERE CAPTURED.; WHEN CAPTURED.; WHEN DISCHARGED.; REMARKS, (CHARGES, etc., etc.). The information about Z.D. Duncan will be written in that order with semi-colons separating the columns.]

July 15, 1863; 35; Duncan Z.A.; 1st Lieut [sic]; 4th Tenn.; I; Coffee County; June 24, 1863; Aug 29, 1865; C Morton Ind.

Pension Application June 1901

SOLDIER'S APPLICATION FOR PENSION.

Z D Duncan, a native of the State of Tennessee and now a citizen of Tennessee, resident at or near Gossburg, in the County of Coffee in 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 the 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 discharge of my duty in the service of the Confederate or United States, as a member of Company I the 4th Confederate Regiment [sic] Tenn [sic] Volunteers I was wounded in the battle or battles of Murfreesboro Ten [sic] and from the effects of such wound or wounds I was disabled as follows: disabel [sic] in the left Arm 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 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? Answer: I was borned [sic] in warren [sic] County Tennessee 1849 December the 10

When did you enlist and in what command? Give the names of the regimental and company officers under whom you were serving at date of wound or wounds: Answer: I was in listed [sic] August 61 under Captain John Ross Company I 4 Confederate Cornel [sic] William Churchwell

In what battle or battles were you wounded, and, if not in battle, state under what circumstances you received the injury or injuries? Answer: I was wonded [sic] first at Murfreesboro Second Tryune [sic] or near their [sic]

What was the precise nature of your wound or wounds? Answer: I was woonded [sic] in left Arm Second By A Horse throwing me an [sic] my saddle and mashing one of my testicles

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? Answer: [blank]

Were you incapacitated for service by reason of said wound, wounds, or service? Answer: I was for some time

Were you discharged from the army by reason of said wound, wounds, or service? Answer: I Was Not

If discharged from the army, where were you and what did you do until the close of the war? Answer: I never was discharge [sic]

What was the name of the surgeon who attended you? Answer: [illegible] Oyens

How did you get out of the army? Answer: I was [three illegible words crossed out] A prisner [sic] and sent for exchange

Did you take the oath of allegiance to the United States Government? Answer: I did

If so, when and under what circumstances? Answer: I was not Exchange and I was cared [sic] to Nashville and take this oath

Are you married, or have you been married? Answer: I Am married

If so, what is the size of your family? Answer: I Have My Self and Wife five children My Children all left me

What are the respective ages of your wife and children? Answer: Wife 79 years olde daugh [sic] 49 [illegible] on son 35 [illegible] daugh [sic] 33 28 23 [illegible]

To what sex do your children belong? Answer: two girls three boys

Are not some of your children able to support you? Answer: they are not

In what business are you now engaged, if any, and what do you earn? Answer: I am trying to farne [sic] a littel [sic] I dont [sic] supos [sic] that I woold [sic] [illegible] [illegible number] per day

What estate have you in your own right, real and personal, and what is its value? Answer: I Have five hogs worth \$30.00 Nothing [illegible]

What estate has your wife in her own right, real and personal, and what is its value? Answer: None what Ever

How have you derived support for yourself and family for the last five years? Answer: My youngest Boy Has Remained with me until Aug 85

Do you use intoxicants to any extent? Answer: None what Ever

How long have you been an actual resident of the State of Tennessee? Answer: 71 years and 6 months

Have you an attorney to look after this application? Answer: Yes

If so, give his name and address? Answer: R.C. Messick Gossburg Coffee County Tennes [sic]

Witness my hand, this the 15 day of June 1901

Z.D. Duncan

WITNESSES: J M Chadwick, Physician.

Logan Darnell, Witness.

H. Oyles x his mark, Witness.

STATE OF TENNESSEE, Coffee County.

Personally appeared before me W A Jacobs Clerk of the County Court of said County, the above named Z.D. Duncan 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 26th day of June 1901

W A Jacobs Clerk.

STATE OF TENNESSEE, Coffee County.

Personally appeared before me, A.B. Witherspoon Notary Pub [Clerk of the County Court is crossed out] of said County, the above named [Z.D. Duncan is crossed out] J.M. Chadwick 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 Z.D. Duncan, the applicant, and finds him laboring under the following disabilities: Disabled in left arm so as he cannot raise his arm to the [crossed out] his head, also one of his testicles is considerable enlarged to about the size of a qt cup he is unable to do manuel [sic] labor.

Witness my hand, at office, this 26th day of June, 1901

A.B.W. Witherspoon Notary Pub

(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; also say other information regarding Applicant's Army service.)

STATE OF TENNESSEE, Coffee County,

Personally appeared before me, W.A. Jacobs Clerk of the County Court of said County, the above named Logan Darnell and H Ogles, two of the subscribing witnesses to the foregoing application, with whom I am personally acquainted, and known to be citizens of veracity and standing in this community, and who make path that they are personally acquainted with the foregoing application, and that the facts set forth and statements made in his 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 H. Oyles further make oath to the following facts touching the applicant's service in the Confederate army; I was with Mr [sic] Duncan 2 years in the 4th Tenn [sic] Confederate Infantry he was wounded at the Battle of Murfreesboro

and I helped carry him off of the field. After the two years he resigned his commission and joined the Cavalry 4th Tenn [sic] Reg.

Witness my hand, at office, this 26th day of June 1901

W A Jacobs, Clerk.

[image: photo of and elderly Z.D. Duncan and his wife]