

(ORIGINAL)

# Questions for Applicant

STATE OF KENTUCKY,

*Bea*

County.

*Polly Miracle*

..... of said State and County, desiring to avail herself of the pension allowed to Indigent Widows of Soldiers, General Assembly, approved March 11, 1912, hereby submits her proofs, and after being duly sworn true answers to make to the following questions, deposes and answers as follows:

1. What is your full name and where do you reside? (Give State, County and Postoffice.) .....

*Polly Miracle, Wasisto Bell County Ky*

2. How long and since when have you been a resident of this State? *Resided in Ky all life*

3. When and where were you born and what was your maiden name? *Sept 11, 1837 Harlan Co Ky*  
*Polly Lee*

4. When and where was your husband born—state his full name, and where were you and he married, and who performed the marriage ceremony. (If possible, attach certified copy marriage license in every case.) *Abraham Miracle, born Sept 11-1833 Harlan Co Ky, married in Oct. 1848 at Brownie's Creek, Harlan Co Ky, by Wm Bailey, Deed.*

5. When and where and in what Company and Regiment did your husband enlist or serve during the war between the States? *Enlisted in Company I, Capt Pursfull, Do not know what regiment*  
*Enlisted at Cumberland Gap - Spring of 1863*

6. How long did your husband serve in said Company and Regiment? *Served about 7 months and captured at Fort Mifflin - and died a prisoner at Camp Douglas - four days before*

7. When and where did your husband's Company and Regiment surrender? .....

8. Was your husband present at the time and place when his Company and Regiment surrendered? *No*

9. If not with his command at surrender, state clearly and specifically where he was, when he left command, for what cause and by what authority? *See above*

10. When and where did your husband die? *See ans to 6*

11. At the time of your husband's death, were you living with him as his lawful wife? *Yes*

12. Have you married since the death of your soldier husband? *No*

13. What property, real or personal, or income do you have or possess, and its gross value? *None*

14. Have you a family? If so, who compose such family? *Two daughters and 6 sons*  
*all married*

15. Name some friend, giving his name and postoffice address, who will be willing to have us write to him about your case if necessary. *J. B. Wilson*

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this, the *7* day of *July*, 191*4*

*Polly Miracle*  
*Wife*

*J. J. Asher*  
Judge of *Bell* County.

*Wm. H. Sawyer*  
Com. Witness

# Questions for Witnesses

STATE OF KENTUCKY,

Bell County.  
J. S. Wilson, James Miracle, of said State and County, having been presented as a witness in support of the application of Mrs. Polly Miracle for a pension under Confederate Pension Law, approved March 11, 1912, after being duly sworn, true answers to make to the following questions, deposes and answers as follows:

1. What is your name and what is your postoffice address? J. S. Wilson, Pineville, Ky. James Miracle, Iron Ky
2. Are you acquainted with the applicant, Mrs. Polly Miracle? Yes  
 If so, how long have you known her? 10 years
3. Where does she reside, and how long and since when has she been a resident of this State? Wesley, Bell Co. - all her life
4. Were you ever acquainted with her husband? Yes
5. Were either or both of you present at the marriage? No but knew of their marriage
6. How long did you know him? All his life
7. When and where did he enlist in the war between the States, and in what Company and Regiment did he enlist, and how do you know this? Company I formed by Capt. Harry Pursell in Holerses and which was engaged in the fight at the battle of King of the Mountains, Bristol, Knoxville
8. Were you a member of the same Company and Regiment at the close of the war? James Miracle was, J. S. Wilson transferred to 9th Va. Infantry
9. How long did he perform regular military duty? From his enlistment in Spring of 1863 until his capture at Bristol about 7 months later
10. When and where was his Company and Regiment surrendered? Bristol, Va. - Tenn.
11. Were you with the command when it surrendered? James Miracle was with me
12. Was Abraham Miracle, the husband of applicant, present? Yes
13. If not present, where was he?
14. When and where did he leave his command? at the capture of the Co at Bristol  
 For what cause? Captivity  
 By whose authority did he leave? I
- How do you know all this? (State fully and clearly.) The answers above explain. We were enlisted at same time, were from the same neighborhood and kept track of each other during the war
15. When and where did he die? Camp Douglas, just about the end of the war
16. Where did he reside at his death, and how long had he been a resident of Kentucky at his death? His family was in Ky
17. Do you know of your own knowledge that applicant is the lawful widow of Abraham Miracle? Yes

18. Has she remained unmarried since her soldier husband's death, and is she now his widow? .....

*Yes*

19. What property, effects or income has the applicant, if any, and how do you know this of your own knowledge? .....

*None*

Has applicant conveyed any property, in the last two years or given any away, if so, what was it, and to whom? .....

*No*

NOTE.—Let the witness who can answer the greatest number of the questions do so; then let the other witness state in the space below how much of the testimony of the first witness he concurs in, and whether or not he can answer any of the questions not answered by the first witness.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 9 day of July 1914

X J. J. Asher  
Judge Bellcount

J. S. Wilson  
James Miracle  
Witnesses.

THE FOLLOWING CERTIFICATE OF THE COUNTY JUDGE MUST BE FILLED OUT WHETHER THE APPLICANT OWNS ANY TAXABLE PROPERTY OR NOT.

I, J. J. Asher Judge of Bell County, Kentucky, hereby certify that the property assessed on the tax books of this County to Mrs. Polly Miracle the widow of Abraham Miracle amounts to \$ nothing real estate and \$ nothing personal X Trustee Judge Bell County, Ky.

Certificate of Clerk of Court or Notary Public

STATE OF KENTUCKY,

I, W. C. Bingham Clerk or Notary Public, in and for said county, hereby certify that the applicant, Mrs. Polly Miracle resides in said county, and has been a bona fide resident of this State since the 10th day of the month of July 1914, and that the witnesses, Mr. J. S. Wilson and James Miracle are of trustworthy character, and that their statements are entitled to full faith and credit.

I do further certify that before answering the foregoing questions, the applicant and said witness took the oath heretofore prescribed, and the full text of the affidavits was read to the applicant and witnesses before the same was signed and subscribed.

Witness my hand and official seal this 9 day of July 1914  
(SEAL) W. C. Bingham  
Clerk Bell County, Ky.

- Note—1. Before any questions are answered, the Clerk or Notary shall swear applicant and the witnesses in the following words: "You do solemnly swear that you will true answers make to each of the questions asked of you, and the evidence you shall give will be the whole truth; so help you God."  
2. Additional affidavits may be attached, if blank spaces are insufficient.  
3. All affidavits must be made before an officer using a seal.  
4. Only widows who were the wives of soldiers need apply—and are now widows. Those married since Jan. 1st, 1890, not entitled.  
5. Two witnesses are necessary to make out claims.  
6. Attach certified copy marriage license in every case, or certificate of County Court Clerk, under seal, that license is filed in his office duly certified by officiating minister, or the affidavit of the officiating minister, or the affidavit of a witness of the ceremony, or the affidavit of two witnesses who knew them as man and wife, prior to January 1, 1890, and knew that they were living together on the date of his death.

**NOTICE TO APPLICANTS.**

The Widows' Pension Law, passed by the Kentucky Legislature, provides for the widows of *soldiers only*, and they must have been residents of the State of Kentucky since January 1, 1907.

Widow must have married prior to 1890.

To be eligible the applicant must have remained a widow after the death of her soldier husband, and must be indigent.

Read the questions in the application carefully and answer them fully.

Read the law, and unless you come clearly under the laws it will be useless to file application.

No. 3614.....

**Widow's  
Indigent Pension**

Name *Polly Miracle*.....

**JUL 21 1916**

Filed *February 9th 1914*.....

Widow of *Abraham Miracle*.....

*Allowed Oct 14<sup>th</sup> 1916*  
*W. F. Stone*  
*Commissioner*

All blanks on this filing to be filled by the Pension Board.

Indorsement.

PENSION EXAMINER'S OFFICE,

FRANKFORT, KY.

POLLY MIRACLE  
widow of  
ABRAHAM MIRACLE

Who was a member of Co. K,  
64th N.C. Inf'y., and was cap-  
tured Sept. 9, 1863, at Cumber-  
land Gap and died at Camp  
Douglass, Ills. Nov. 18, 1864.  
Proven by the records and  
comrades.

Indigent.

Approved:

W J Stone.

WAR DEPARTMENT,

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

WASHINGTON, Aug. 17, 1916.

Respectfully returned to Examiner

W. J. Stone, Pension

Dept  
Frankfort Ky.

with the information that the name  
Abraham Miracle  
has not been found  
on rolls Co. K 64 N. C.  
Inf. C. S. A. partly cov-  
ering period from  
Sept. 13/62 to June 30/63.  
Prisoners of war  
records show Abraham  
Miracle, Pvt. Co. K 64  
N. C. Inf. C. S. A. captured  
Sept. 9/63 at Cumber-  
land Gap and  
died at Camp Doug-  
lass Ill. Nov. 18, 1864  
of small pox

H. P. Stone

The Adjutant General.

Per  
Form No. 160-2-A. G. O.,  
Ed. July 18-16-10,000.

Received A. G. O., AUG 14 1916

No. .... W. ....

HEADQUARTERS

# Confederate Pension Department

W. J. STONE, EXAMINER

FRANKFORT, KY.

August 12th 1916

GEN. W. P. HALL,  
Adjutant General, U. S. A.,  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Mrs. Polly Miracle

who is an applicant for pension under the Kentucky Widows' Pension Law,

claims that her husband Abraham Miracle

was a member of Company "K" Regiment 64th N.C. C. S. A.,

and was Infantry

Please give me the record of this soldier.

Respectfully,

*W. J. Stone*  
Examiner.

WAR DEPARTMENT,  
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,  
WASHINGTON, July 27, 1916

Respectfully returned to  
Confed Pension Dept  
State of Ky.  
Frankfort

with the information that the name  
Abraham Mircale  
has not been found  
on rolls of any C. S. A.  
organization on file  
in this office nor  
has name Purifull  
been found as Capt.  
of any C. of any  
C. S. A. organization

H. S. W. R. W.  
The Adjutant General.

Per F

CONFEDERATE PENSION DEPARTMENT  
STATE OF KY.  
FRANKFORT  
ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE  
WASHINGTON, D. C.  
JULY 27 1916

No. .... W .....

HEADQUARTERS

# Confederate Pension Department

W. J. STONE, EXAMINER

FRANKFORT, KY.

July 24th 1916

GEN. W. P. HALL,  
Adjutant General, U. S. A.,  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Mrs. Polly Miracle

who is an applicant for pension under the Kentucky Widows' Pension Law,  
claims that her husband Abraham Mircale

was a member of Company ..... Regiment ..... C. S. A.,

and was ..... Who it is claimed enlisted in the spring

of 1863 in Captain Pursifull's company, regiment  
not known, which information is of no value, but

it is further claimed that he was captured at or  
near Cumberland Gap in the fall of 1864 and  
imprisoned at Camp Douglass and died in April, 1865,

a short time before Gen'l. Lee surrendered.

Please give me the record of this soldier.

Respectfully,

*W. J. Stone*  
Examiner.

BELL COUNTY COURT

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION

OF POLLY MIRACLE

FOR PENSION AS THE WIDOW

OF A CONFEDERATE SOLDIER ::::

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The applicant, Polly Miracle, having, at a former term of this Court filed her sworn application for a pension as the widow of Abraham Miracle, who was a Confederate soldier, and died during the Civil War, this day in open Court produced as her witnesses W. S. Miracle, A. B. Miracle and James S. Wilson, who, under oath, stated that they were acquainted with her, knew that she was the widow of Abraham Miracle; that they were legally married at the time of his death, and that he died a member of the Confederate Army, as shown in the application, and that the said Polly Miracle is an indigent person entitled to the benefits of said law. The Court further finds that she is possessed of no personal or real property and recommends that the pension be allowed to her.

*J. J. Asher*  
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JUDGE BELL COUNTY COURT

Calvin, Ky.

July, 20, 1916.

Mr. W. J. Stone.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of recent date to hand content noted I found the original application for pension of Polly, Miracle and James Miracle and I will file the Duplicates in the Clerk's office the Co. atty is mailing to you the original papers. The Co. Judge has sign his report I failed to find

2.

The marriage Certificate of Polly, Miracle, on record but none shown by proof and can show by the old citations that her and my father was living together as man and wife at his death and had been for number of years and had raised a large family and after you have examined these papers I will thank you very much if you will write me if there is anything liking.

3.

In regard to these papers if my mother is in title to a pension she needs it very badly she is 84 yrs. old and has no means for her supports I thank you very much for your kindness to me and let me know what is wrong about the papers I will thank you very much to let me know in the future if anything wrong with kindness personal regard I try to remain your friend.  
A. B. Miracle Calvin, Ky.

Calvin Ky

July 21-16

Mr. W. J. Stone.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of yours the 24th inst you wanted to know the name of regiment that my father belonged to is you will look at Tilda Green, papers with you granted her a pension you will see the name of the regiment that my father belonged to him and Robert Green

2.

belonged to the same  
company and the same  
regiment at the same  
witness in Tilda Green  
Case is the same that  
my mother used in her  
case to wit James S.  
Wilson, Elmer Green  
Robert Green the husband  
of Tilda Green and my  
father seemed to gather  
and was captured to  
gather and both died  
about 5 days before  
the surrender of the

after your mother Tilda  
Green passed about one  
year ago. B.

was my father died at  
Camp Douglas James  
S. Wilson says that  
Robert Green the  
husband of Tilda Green  
and my father both  
belonged to the same  
company and same  
regiment and seemed  
to gather and captured  
to gather that he will  
state that if you want  
him to. With kindest  
personal regards I beg to  
remain yours. A. B. Miracle

Calvin, Ky  
Sept 2, 1916.

Mr. W. J. Stone,

Your letter of recent date  
recd and content noted I  
would thank you very much  
to write me in regard to  
Polly, Miracle, Claims  
let me know if anything  
likeing that you want  
to know I enquired  
to it I hate to bother  
you with it I will ask  
you to pardon me for  
writing you these  
letters

2.

but I believe my mother  
is in title to a claim  
and think I can show  
it up to you plan  
with proof if I knew how  
to get a title it I hope  
you have sufficient  
proof before you if not  
let me know thanking  
you very much for past  
decisions with kindness  
personal regards I beg to  
remain your friend.

A. B. Miracle,

September 5, 1916.

A. B. Miracle,  
Colvin, Kentucky.

Dear Sir:-

I am in receipt of yours of the 2nd inst.

Using the information given me in your former letter I made further inquiry at the War Department and find that there is no record of Abraham Miracle as a member of Co. K, 54th N.C. Inf'y. in the Confederate records, but I find that the war records show that he was captured September 9, 1863, at Cumberland Gap and died at Camp Douglass, Ills. November 18, 1864, of small pox, which, with the proof filed with the application, brings Polly Miracle within the provisions of the pension law, and a pension will be allowed her I think in time for her to receive her first installment in November.

Very truly,

Commissioner.

WJS-C

Calvin Ky.

12/18/16

Mr. W. J. Stone.

Dear Sir:

I wrote you in regard  
to Polly Miracle  
petition I have heard  
from you the date of  
her application  
the record show  
Feb. 9, 1914 if she is  
entitled to draw she is  
entitled to draw from the  
date of her application  
I think you please

look the matter up  
and let me know if this  
is correct I hope this  
can be arranged all right  
I am under many  
obligation to you and  
thank you very much  
for what you have done  
in past I hope the Lord  
will bless you and  
prosper you in your  
old age.

With Best regards  
to you.

I am yours very truly  
A. B. Miracle.

December 19th, 1916.

A. B. Miracle,  
Calvin, Kentucky.

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Dear Sir:-

I am in receipt of yours of the 18th inst.

The pension law provides that when a pension is allowed it shall begin on the day the application reaches this office, that is, the pension office.

The application of Polly Miracle was received here on the 21st day of July, 1916, and she has been paid from that day till the 1st day of November, 1916. It would seem that this application was sworn to by Polly Miracle on the 9th day of February, 1914, but that has nothing to do with the date on which the pension will begin.

So that Polly Miracle has been paid according to law, and nothing is due her for the time that expired between the date she filed the application in the County Court and the day on which it was received in this office.

Very truly,

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Commissioner.

WJS-0

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Uvasito, Ky.

Jan. 21, 1926

Confederate Pension Dept.

Frankfort, Ky.

Dear Sirs:

In regard to your letter addressed to Polly miracle  
Uvasito, Ky. which now remains at this office.

Polly miracle has been dead about two months, she  
made her home with her daughter Mrs. Park Jackson

Uvasito, Ky. and in case you wish to know any more  
about Polly miracle you may write her.

Please let me know as to disposition of letter.

Respectfully,

Emma Smith

P.M.