(ORIGINAL)

Questions for Applicant

STATE OF KENTUCKY,

Kenton County.

Mary Ashcraft 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 follow:

1. What is your full name and where do you reside? (Give State, County and Postoffice.) Mary Elizabeth Ashcraft — 1022 Russell Avenue, Covington, Kenton County, Ky.

2. How long and since when have you been a resident of this State? Born and raised in Kentucky.

3. When and where were you born and what was your maiden name? Born near Headquarters, in Nicholas County, Ky., June 5th 1832 = Mary Elizabeth Monson

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.) Louis Keith Ashcraft, born in Harrison Co, (now part of Robertson Co) Ky, Born May 27, 1831 = Married in Robertson County, Ky., December ..., 1866, by Rev. Thomas Riggs, Minister

5. When and where and in what Company and Regiment did your husband enlist or serve during the war between the States? Enlisted at Kentontown, Harrison Co., Ky, in 1861, under Capt. Cameron + General Humphrey Marshall. He was afterward under General John H. Morgan —

6. How long did your husband serve in said Company and Regiment? Served through war, except when imprisoned

7. When and where did your husband's Company and Regiment surrender? He was in prison at or near Chicago when the war was ended —

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? He was captured and was in prison at close of the war at or near Chicago

10. When and where did your husband die? Died while on visit in Chicago, Ill., December 12, 1902.

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? Absolutely nothing = but personal effects = I have no property or income of any kind.

14. Have you a family? If so, who compose such family? Seven children, 5 by former husband, and 2 by Mr. Ashcraft = Nancy Monson Jarnell = S. H. Monson = Susan L. Paynter = Margaret Paynter = W. C. Monson, by former husband John W. Monson; and Malissa Cain and Lucy Freeze, by Mr Ashcraft.

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. John R. Pope, Cynthiana, was in War with Mr. Ashcraft; T. W. Duncan, Kentontown, Robertson Co, was in war;

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this, the 19th day of June 1912

Mary Elizabeth Ashcraft

Ira S. Ware, Notary Public

of Kenton County. Ky

My commission expires Feb 8, 1914

Questions for Witnesses

STATE OF KENTUCKY,

Kenton County.

Thomas Sparks, of said State and County, having been presented as a witness in support of the application of Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Ashcraft 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? Thomas Sparks #113 East Second St., Covington, Kenton County, Ky.

2. Are you acquainted with the applicant, Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Ashcraft
If so, how long have you known her? at least fifty years

3. Where does she reside, and how long and since when has she been a resident of this State? 1022 Russell Ave, Covington, Kenton County, Ky. She has been a resident of Kentucky ever since I have known her.

4. Were you ever acquainted with her husband? Yes

5. Were either or both of you present at the marriage? No Sir:
Undersigned S. H. Monson was present at Marriage

6. How long did you know him? All my life = I am 61 years old -

7. When and where did Louis Keith Ashcraft enlist in the war between the States, and in what Company and Regiment did he enlist, and how do you know this? Enlisted at Kentontown, Harrison Co (now Robertson Co) Ky about 1861 or 1862 under Capt Cameron & General Humphrey Marshall

8. Were you a member of the same Company and Regiment at the close of the war? No.

9. How long did he perform regular military duty? through-out the war = except when imprisoned = did not return until war was over.

10. When and where was his Company and Regiment surrendered? Don't know

11. Were you with the command when it surrendered? No -

12. Was Louis Keith Ashcraft, the husband of applicant, present?
from my information from Mr. Ashcraft and others, he was imprisoned at close of war

13. If not present, where was he? in prison

14. When and where did he leave his command? Captured in Ohio and in prison at close of war
For what cause? —
By whose authority did he leave? —

How do you know all this? (State fully and clearly.) I have known all these parties since the war and know these facts from general community information = I lived near Kentontown, Ky., where I was born in 1851, until about 1898.

15. When and where did Louis Keith Ashcraft die?
Only know from hearsay that he died at Chicago Ill. about 1902

16. Where did he reside at his death, and how long had he been a resident of Kentucky at his death?
Kentucky was his residence all his life

17. Do you know of your own knowledge that applicant is the lawful widow of Louis Keith Ashcraft?
Yes Sir

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?*

She has nothing = No property or income

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

No sir

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.

S. H. Monson, son of Applicant and Step-son of Louis K. Ashcraft, subscribes to the truth of all the foregoing answers and was present at Marriage

My residence is 1022 Russell Ave, Covington Ky

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 17 *day of* June 1912

Ora S Ware
Notary Public, Kenton County, Ky.

Thomas Sparks
S. H. Monson
Witnesses.

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

I, Walter H. Cleary *Judge of* Kenton *County, Kentucky, hereby certify that the property assessed on the tax books of this County to Mrs.* Mary Ashcraft *the widow of* Louis K. Ashcraft *amounts to $* nothing *real estate and $* no *personal*

Walter H. Cleary ~~Trustee.~~ Judge
For Kenton *County, Ky.*

Certificate of Clerk of Court or Notary Public

STATE OF KENTUCKY,

Kenton *County.*

I, Jno M Dillon *Clerk* ~~*or Notary Public*~~*, in and for said county, hereby certify that the applicant, Mrs.* Mary Ashcraft *resides in said county, and has been a bona fide resident of this State since the* all her life *day of* ....19..., *and that the witnesses, Mr.* S. H. Monson *and* Thomas Sparks *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 herein 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 8 *day of* July 1912

(SEAL)

Jno M Dillon
Clk Kenton County.

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. 21

Widow's Indigent Pension

Name Mary Wahrenfels

AUG 19 1912

Filed June 20 1912

Widow of Louis N. Ashcraft

Approved
W. J. Stone
Examiner.

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

MARRIAGE LICENSE

THE COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY.

TO ANY MINISTER OF THE GOSPEL, OR OTHER PERSON LEGALLY AUTHORIZED TO SOLEMNIZE MATRIMONY:

You are permitted to solemnize the **Rites of Matrimony**

between _____

and _____

the requirements of law having been complied with.

WITNESS my signature as Clerk of the Robertson County Court, this _____

day of _____, *19*____. _____ *Clerk.*

_____ *D. C.*

MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE

This Is To Certify. *That on the* 19th *day of* March, 1868, *the* **Rites of Marriage** *was legally solemnized by me between*

Lewis Ashcraft *and*

Miss Mary E. Monson

at the residence of Mrs Monson *in the County of* Robertson

in the presence of Simrod Ashcraft and Charles French

NOTE—The Statute requires the names of two witnesses to the foregoing Certificate.

Signed: Elder T. G. Rigg.

A copy attest: John T. Brown, Clerk Robertson County Court.

☞ Address: "The Adjutant General,
War Department, Washington. D. C."

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WAR DEPARTMENT,

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

WASHINGTON. August 22, 1912.

Respectfully returned to the

Examiner,
Confederate Pension Department,
Frankfort, Kentucky.

The records show that Lewis Ashcraft (name Louis K. Ashcraft not found), private, Company A (formerly Captain O. G. Camron's Company), 1st Battalion Kentucky Mounted Rifles, Confederate States Army, enlisted October 18, 1861, and that he was mustered out with his company November 20, 1862. No later record of him has been found.

Geo. Andrews
Adjutant General.

Indorsement

Confederate Pension Department

STATE OF KENTUCKY

FRANKFORT.

MRS. MARY ASHCRAFT,
WIDOW OF LOUIS K. ASHCRAFT,
who enlisted Oct. 16,1861
Co. A, 1st Bat.Kentucky Mtd.
Rifles, for 1 year; and he was mustered
out with his company Nov.20,
1862. Proven by the record.
Indigent.

W J S

I recommend that this
Claim be allowed

J. Q. Randy Ellis
Adjutant General

Approved by state
Pension Board
James B McCreary
Chairman State
Pension Board

Marriage Cert
of
Mary Ashcra
Widow of
Lewis Keith Ashc
filed as exhib
with proof on
Application for

Filed August 21,
Jno M Dillon
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HEADQUARTERS

Confederate Pension Department

W. J. STONE, EXAMINER

FRANKFORT, KY.

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

Dear Sir:

Mrs. Mary Ashcraft

who is an applicant for pension under the Kentucky Widows' Pension Law, claims that her husband Louis K. Ashcraft was a member of Company ..... Regiment ..... C. S. A., and was

Enlisted in 1861 under Capt Cameron & Gen. Humphrey Marshall

Afterward under Gen John H. Morgan

Please give me the record of this soldier.

Respectfully,

W. J. Stone
Examiner.

State of Kentucky,

Kenton County Court,

July 8, 1912.

Commonwealth of Kentucky,

vs.

Mary Ashcraft.

Application of Mary Ashcraft, widow of Louis Keith Ashcraft, for Confederate Pension. All parties being persent, the following testimony was introduced.

APPEARANCES.

For Commonwealth of Ky., For Defendant,

F.J. Hanlon, County Att'y. None.

The witness, Mary Ashcraft, after being first duly sworn, testified as follows:

By F.J. Hanlon:

Q. What is your name?

A. Mary Ashcraft.

Q. Where do you live?

A. I live right here with my son.

Q. 1022 Russell Street?

A. Yes Sir.

Q. You are the widow of whom?

A. Louis Keith Ashcraft.

Q. Was he a confederate soldier?

A. Yes Sir.

Q. He enlisted in Harrison County?

A. Yes Sir.

Q. In 1861?

A. Yes sir, he was under Captain Camerson's Company.

Q. And General Humphrey Marshall?

A. Yes Sir.

Q. Have you any property?

A. No Sir.

Q. Have you any income of any kind?

A. No Sir.

Q. How old are you?

A. I am 80 years old.

The witness, S. H. Monson, after being first duly sworn, testified as follows:

By F. J. Hanlon:

Q. What is your name?

A. S. H. Monson.

Q. Do you know Mrs. Mary Ashcraft?

A. Yes sir.

Q. The Applicant here?

A. Yes Sir, she is my mother.

Q. Do you know whether she has any property in her own name?

A. No, she hasn't.

Q. Has she any income of any kind?

A. No Sir, all she gets is what her children give her.

Q. Do you know whether her husband Louis Keith Ashcraft was in the Confederate Army?

A. Yes sir.

Q. How long has your mother lived in this City?

A. Pratically all her life, born and raised in this State, of course she was away at times with her children, but she has been a resident of this State, she was born and raised in this State.

ORDER.

The testimony having been heard, and the Judge of this Court knowing that the witnesses are reputable and credible and worthy of belief, the application is approved.

Attest: Jno M Dillon
County Clerk.

Walter W Geary
Presiding Judge, Kenton County.