

(ORIGINAL)

# Questions for Applicant

STATE OF KENTUCKY,

Todd

County.

Mr. Emma Davidson Erskine

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.) Emma Davidson Erskine, Guthrie, Todd Co., Ky.
2. How long and since when have you been a resident of this State? since 1907
3. When and where were you born and what was your maiden name? Hancock Co Ky  
Emma Davidson
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.)  
Born March 24 1840 Hancock Co Ky, Jas R Erskine, copy marriage cert enclosed.
5. When and where and in what Company and Regiment did your husband enlist or serve during the war between the States? Oct 1861 in Co G 1st Ky. Cavalry
6. How long did your husband serve in said Company and Regiment? May 22 1865
7. When and where did your husband's Company and Regiment surrender? Ash Grove, Ky 1865
8. Was your husband present at the time and place when his Company and Regiment surrendered? yes
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?
10. When and where did your husband die? Nov. 30, 1911 at Confederate Home Louisville, Ky
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? yes, (Five children)
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... Capt. L. W. Whittow, Guthrie Ky

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this, the

19 day of Sept 1911

H. J. McQuinn Notary Public

of Todd County Ky

Emma Davidson Erskine

# Questions for Witnesses

STATE OF KENTUCKY,

*Hancock* County.  
*John H. Sterett and J. B. Jarboe*, of said State and County, having been presented as a witness in support of the application of *Mrs. Emma Dawson Erskine* 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? *John H. Sterett*  
*Skillman Ky.*

2. Are you acquainted with the applicant, Mrs. *Emma Erskine*  
If so, how long have you known her? *Yes All her life*

3. Where does she reside, and how long and since when has she been a resident of this State?  
*She resides at Guthrie in Todd Co. About 5 years in Ky.*

4. Were you ever acquainted with her husband? *Mr. Sterett met him at the confederate home at Pewee Valley*  
5. Were either or both of you present at the marriage? *no neither of us*

6. How long did you know him? *1/2 day*

7. When and where did ..... enlist in the war between the States, and in what Company and Regiment did he enlist, and how do you know this?

8. Were you a member of the same Company and Regiment at the close of the war?

9. How long did he perform regular military duty?

10. When and where was his Company and Regiment surrendered?

11. Were you with the command when it surrendered?

12. Was ....., the husband of applicant, present?

13. If not present, where was he?

14. When and where did he leave his command?  
For what cause?  
By whose authority did he leave?

How do you know all this? (State fully and clearly.)

15. When and where did ..... die?

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

17. Do you know of your own knowledge that applicant is the lawful widow of *Mr. Erskine*  
*I think so.*

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?

*I dont know.*

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

*I dont know*

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.

*Mr. John C. Jarboe concurs in evidence of Mr Sterett except he never met Mrs Erskine. He knows the other answers to be true.*

Sworn to and subscribed before me this *16<sup>th</sup>*

day of *Sept* 191*2*

*John M. Kelly, N.P. H.C.  
my commission expires Jan 11 1916*

*John H. Sterett  
J C Jarboe*  
Witnesses.

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

I, *P O Duffy* Judge of *Todd* County, Kentucky,

hereby certify that the property assessed on the tax books of this County to Mrs. *Emma D Erskine*

the widow of amounts to \$ *no* real estate and

\$ *no* personal *P O Duffy, Judge Trustee.*

For *Todd* County, Ky.

Certificate of Clerk of Court or Notary Public

STATE OF KENTUCKY,

*Hancock* County.

I, *John M. Kelly* Clerk or Notary Public, in and for said county, hereby

certify that the applicant, Mrs. *Emma Erskine* resides in *Todd* county, and has been

a bona fide resident of this State since the *for five years* 19*12*, and that the wit-

nesses, Mr. *John H. Sterett and J C Jarboe*

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.

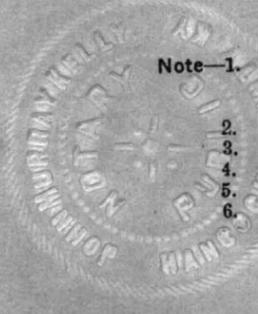
Witness my hand and official seal this *16<sup>th</sup>* day of *September* 191*2*

(SEAL)

*John M. Kelly, Notary Public*

*Hancock County.  
my commission expires Jan 11 1916*

- 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. 624

**Widow's  
Indigent Pension**

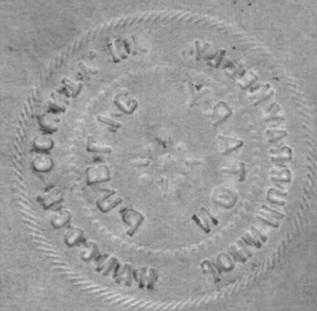
Name *Emma B. Crasbaine*

Filed NOV 16 1912

Widow of *James N. Crasbaine*

Approved, Mar: 5<sup>th</sup> 1913  
*W. J. Stone* Examiner

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



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THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

WASHINGTON, Nov. 20, 1912.

Respectfully returned to the

Examiner,  
Confederate Pension Department,  
Frankfort, Kentucky.

The records show that James R. Erskine, private, Company G, 1st Kentucky Cavalry, Confederate States Army, enlisted October 5, 1861, and that he was paroled May 6, 1865, at Washington, Georgia, and subscribed to the oath of allegiance to the United States May 22, 1865, at Nashville, Tennessee.

The Adjutant General.

Indorsement

Confederate Pension Department

STATE OF KENTUCKY

FRANKFORT,

MRS. EMMA D. ERSKINE,  
widow of  
JAMES R. ERSKINE,

Who enlisted Oct. 5, 1861, Company G, 1st Kentucky Cav. and he was surrendered May 6, 1865, at Washington, Ga. and released May 22, 1865, at Nashville, Tenn. upon taking the oath of allegiance.

Proven by the record.

Indigent.

W J Stone.

I recommend that this claim be allowed.

Adjutant General.

Approved by State Pension Board.

Chairman.

Name Emma D. Erskine.

May, 1926

VOUCHER

\$36.00

RETURN TO

J. T. GEORGE,

COMMISSIONER OF CONFEDERATE PENSIONS  
FRANKFORT, KY.

INSTRUCTIONS TO OFFICER BEFORE WHOM THIS VOUCHER IS EXECUTED.

1. This voucher may be executed before any officer authorized to administer an oath and having a seal.
2. In every case the pension certificate must be carefully compared with the voucher by the officer who executes it.
3. The officer will also see that post-office addresses are correctly inserted in the proper spaces in the voucher, particularly the address to which the check is to be mailed. He will also give his own postoffice address after his official title on the face of voucher.
4. The officer will be held strictly responsible for the correctness of his certificate of identity in every particular.
5. Vouchers must be returned to the pension Department, by February 1st, May 1st, August 1st, or November 1st, following the execution of the vouchers in order that checks may be paid promptly each quarter.

All acts involved in the execution or correction of vouchers must be performed in the presence of the officiating officer who must certify to the corrections over his own signature on the face of the voucher in the space indicated.

1. Signature by mark should appear thus  
his  
John X Doe  
mark
2. Street and number, P. O. box number, R. F. D. route, or "General Delivery" must appear in P. O. Address in case of residence within carrier delivery. "General Delivery" addresses will be accepted in such case only if no other address as above is available.
3. Jurat must be dated.

State of Kentucky, County of

Post-office address  
Official signature  
Notary signature  
Date

No. \_\_\_\_\_ W. \_\_\_\_\_

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. Emma D. Erskine

who is an applicant for pension under the Kentucky Widows' Pension Law,  
claims that her husband James R. Erskine

was a member of Company G Regiment 1st Ky. C. S. A.,  
Can.

and was \_\_\_\_\_  
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Please give me the record of this soldier.

Respectfully,

W. J. Stone  
Examiner.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, WABASH COUNTY, SS:

## Certificate of Record of Marriage

I, J. H. McClain Clerk of the County Court of said  
county, hereby certify that Mr. James R. Erskine was married  
to Miss Emma Davison in said county, on the 25 day  
of June A. D. ~~1866~~ 1866, by David Martin  
a Justice of the Peace duly authorized to solemnize marriage by  
the statute of the State of Illinois, as shown by his return and the records of the County  
Clerk's office of Wabash County.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name  
and attached the seal of the said County Court, at my office in Mt. Car-  
mel, this 14 day of June, A. D. 1912

J. H. McClain

Clerk of the County Court.

# VOUCHER

I, \_\_\_\_\_ Make oath that I am the identical person named in pension Certificate No. \_\_\_\_\_, dated \_\_\_\_\_, 1 \_\_\_\_\_, in my possession and now exhibited; that I come within the law upon which said certificate was issued; that I am entitled to and hereby make claim for the payment of THIRTY-SIX DOLLARS (\$36.00) pension now due, at the rate of twelve dollars per month, from FEBRUARY 1, 1926, to MAY 1, 1926.

and that my post-office address to which I desire the check in payment mailed is as follows:

If pensioner signs by mark or illegibly, two witnesses who write must sign here.

WHOM THIS VOUCHER IS EXECUTED

Pensioner's signature must be written here in full as name appears in the head of this voucher

Street and No. or R. F. D. route.

Post-office.

State.

State of Kentucky, County of \_\_\_\_\_, ss.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1926, and I certify that the pensioner, above named, has this day exhibited to me his pension certificate, above described, and was fully identified as the pensioner named herein.

(L. S.)

Magistrate's signature.

Official character.

Post-office address.

(IF ANY ERASURES OR ALTERATIONS APPEAR ON THIS VOUCHER, THE MAGISTRATE MUST CERTIFY ABOVE HIS SIGNATURE TO THE JURAT THAT THEY WERE MADE BEFORE ITS EXECUTION.)

State of Kentucky )  
Todd County. )       Set.

I, P. O. Duffy, Judge of the Todd County Court, certify that the application of Emma Davidson Perkins for pension under an act entitled "an Act granting a pension to disabled indigent Confederate soldiers" was filed in the Todd County Court on the first day of the regular October term of said Court, and that same laid over to the Nov. term of said court, when on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of Nov., 1912, testimony was heard in open court as to applicant's citizenship, residence and means of support and moral standing; that the post-office address of the witnesses, Mrs Emma Clark Guthrie Ky and W. H. Oldham, who testified in said matter is Ekston, Todd County, Ky., and that the evidence of said witnesses was in substance as follows: That the said Emma Davidson Perkins resides in Todd County, Ky., and has resided for 11 years; that she is now about 64 years of age and that she is unable to earn a living by manual labor, or otherwise; that she receives no pension and has no contract with anyone to provide ~~her~~ with a support; that she has property worth consisting of household & kitchen furniture not exceeding \$      , and that ~~her~~ income does not amount to as much as \$300000 a year, and that applicant is a sober, discreet, up-right citizen.

I further certify that W. G. Davis, County Attorney, was present at said hearing; that from the evidence produced and from my knowledge of the ~~applicant's~~ applicant and ~~her~~ circumstances, in my opinion she is entitled to the pension provided for under said Act and so recommend to the Adjutant General.

Witness my hand as Judge of the Todd County Court, this the 12 day of November, 1912.

P. O. Duffy  
Judge Todd County Court.



GEN. BENJAMIN H. YOUNG,  
President

DR. W. F. BEARD,  
Vice-President

# Kentucky Confederate Home

COL. WM. A. MILTON, Treasurer  
ANDREW M. SEA, Secretary  
HENRY GEORGE, Commandant

Penner Valley, Ky.

June 17  
1912,

James R. Erskine was born March 25, 1840, in Hancock Co Ky.

Entered Confederate Army Oct. 1861, in Co G, 1st Ky Cavalry and served to May 22<sup>nd</sup> 1865.

Came to The Home from Guthrie Ky, Nov 21, 1903.

Died Nov 30, 1911. Buried in Penner Valley Ky.

His conduct at The Home was good and above reproach.

The above is all the record we have of Mr Erskine.

Very Respectfully  
Henry George  
Commandant.

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To whom this may concern;  
we the undersigned, have known Mrs. James Erskine as for all her life and ~~had~~ ~~had~~ knew her before her marriage as Miss Emily Davison, daughter of the late Dr. D. Davison.

J. C. Jarboe  
John H. Sterett