

(ORIGINAL)

Questions for Applicant

STATE OF KENTUCKY,

McCracken County.

Sarah J. Wells

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.) Sarah Jane Wells, 624 Jefferson St., Paducah, McCracken County, Kentucky.
2. How long and since when have you been a resident of this State? I have been a resident of Ky. since 1857.
3. When and where were you born and what was your maiden name? I was born in Robertson County, Tennessee. Maiden name, Sarah J. Wilson.
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.) William Israel Wells born in Livingston Co. Ky. Feb. 27, 1840, married at New Liberty, Ill. July 4, 1866, by a Justice of the Peace whose name I cannot recall.
5. When and where and in what Company and Regiment did your husband enlist or serve during the war between the States? Cannot answer fully. He first was with Capt. Wilcox and later captured at Ft. Donelson and was in Prison 6 months.
6. How long did your husband serve in said Company and Regiment? See foregoing answer.
7. When and where did your husband's Company and Regiment surrender? Captured at Ft. Donelson as I understand.
8. Was your husband present at the time and place when his Company and Regiment surrendered? See above.
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 at Ft. Donelson and imprisoned 6 months at Camp Butler.
10. When and where did your husband die? Died in Evansville, Ind. Feb. 10, 1882.
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? None. I live with my single daughter.
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. Hon. G. Mike Allison Paducah, Kentucky, whose father was in some Company with my first husband who was killed at "Shiloh"

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this, the 7th day of June 1911
Carrie G. Galt Notary Public
of McCracken County.

Sarah Jane Wells

Questions for Witnesses

STATE OF KENTUCKY,

..... County.

....., of said State and County, having been presented as a witness in support of the application of Mrs. 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?
2. Are you acquainted with the applicant, Mrs.
If so, how long have you known her?
3. Where does she reside, and how long and since when has she been a resident of this State?
4. Were you ever acquainted with her husband?
5. Were either or both of you present at the marriage?
6. How long did you know him?
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

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

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

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

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 day of 191...

Witnesses.

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

Alben W. Berkeley, Judge of Meigs County, Kentucky, hereby certify that the property assessed on the tax books of this County to Mrs. Sarah M. Wells, the widow of Mr. Wells, amounts to \$ Nothing real estate and \$ personal. Alben W. Berkeley, Trustee. For Meigs County, Ky.

Certificate of Clerk of Court or Notary Public

STATE OF KENTUCKY,

County.

I, Clerk or Notary Public, in and for said county, hereby certify that the applicant, Mrs. Sarah M. Wells, resides in said county, and has been a bona fide resident of this State since the day of 191..., and that the witnesses, Mr. 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 here 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 day of 191...

(SEAL)

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.

Sarah J. Helle

No. *2315*

**Widow's
Indigent Pension**

Name *Sarah J. Helle*
SEP 5 - 1912
Filed *July 9th 1912*
Widow of *William J. Helle*

Approved
W. J. Stone
Examiner.

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT,

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

WASHINGTON, September 10, 1912.

Respectfully returned to the

Examiner,
Confederate Pension Department,
Frankfort, Kentucky.

There are no rolls on file in this office of Major James K. Huey's Battalion, Kentucky Volunteers, Confederate States Army, and no record has been found of the capture or parole of a man named William I. Wells as a member of any Kentucky organization, Confederate States Army.

Geo. Andrews
The Adjutant General.

(A.G.O.74)

Indorsement

Confederate Pension Department

STATE OF KENTUCKY

FRANKFORT.

MRS. SARAH J. WELLS,
widow of
WILLIAM I. WELLS,

Who enlisted in Co.G,
1st Kentucky Cav. ~~in~~ Oct.15,
1861, for 1 year. Was captured
Feb'y.16,1862, at Ft. Donelson
and exchanged in August, 1862,
at Vicksburg, Miss. and after the
expiration of his term of service
re-enlisted in Co.A, 13th Kentucky
Cavalry, and as 2nd Lieut. of said
company served till the close of
the war.

Proven by the record and
his comrades.

Indigent.

W J Stone.

No. _____ W _____

HEADQUARTERS

Confederate Pension Department

W. J. STONE, EXAMINER

FRANKFORT, KY.

SEP 5 - 1912 191 _____

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

Dear Sir:

Mrs. Sarah J. Mills

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

claims that her husband William J. Miller

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

and was _____

Capt R. K. Ward
Bufords Div.
Armys Battalion

Bills Brigade

Captured at Ft. Donelson
In prison 6 months

Please give me the record of this soldier.

Respectfully,

W. J. Stone
Examiner.

I recommend that this claim be allowed.

Adjutant General.

Allowed by the State Pension Board.

Chairman.

State of Kentucky,
County of McCracken,

I, Sarah Jane Wells, whose application for pension under the Act of March 11, 1912, for the benefit of disabled and indigent Confederate soldiers and their widows, hereby state the following facts in order that my case may be more fully understood. My maiden name was Sarah Jane Wilson, and I was born in Robertson County, Tennessee and afterward lived in Marshall County, Kentucky, and I was married on the 7th day of October, 1858 to Riley Franklin Stone in Marshall County, Kentucky. He enlisted in Company A 3rd Kentucky Regiment in 1861 and was first Lieutenant and was Captain of that Company in the Battle of Shiloh and was mortally wounded there on Sunday, April 6, 1862, and died ten days afterward at Corinth, Mississippi. As to these facts, I refer to Mr. E. N. Oliver now of Marshall County, Kentucky, and Judge Brian of Benton, Kentucky, D. C. Stahl now of McCracken County, Kentucky, and Mr. Joe Jordan of Cravel Hill, McNairy County, Tennessee, who helped to bury ~~said~~ ^{my} first husband. I lived a widow until the 4th day of July, 1866 when I married William I. Wells, the soldier referred to in the attached application.

Mr. Wells was, at the time, a resident of Smithland, Livingston County, Kentucky, and we crossed the river into Illinois and were married by a Justice of the Peace at a Hotel in New Liberty, Illinois. I can not give the name of the Justice of the Peace and have no certificate of that wedding. I lived with him as his wife until his death in 1882, and have not married since. Both my husbands were confederate soldiers.

Mr. Wells enlisted under Captain Wilcos and was in same Company with W.R. Gracey of Eddyville, Kentucky. I cannot give the number of his Company or Regiment, but he was under Forrest and was ^{at Fort Donaldson} among those who were captured in 1862, and he remained in prison

at Camp Butler for six months.

I have no family with me except my unmarried daughter, Miss Frankie Stone, the daughter of my first soldier husband, and I am without property, without income and am not able really to earn my own livelihood.

As further evidence in this case, I refer to a copy of Resolutions of the members of the bar of McCracken Circuit Court, adopted May 12, 1866, and state that the Captain Frank Stone there referred to was my husband.

Sarah Jane Wells

Subscribed and sworn to before me by Sarah Jane Wells,
this 7th day of June, 1912.

Carrie Boh
Notary Public of McCracken Co

In the matter of Sarah J. Wells, applicant for pension,

-Affidavit of W. T. Russell.

The affiant, W. T. Russell deposes as follows:- I was born in Davidson County Tennessee. I am now past seventy-five years of age. At the beginning of the civil war, I lived in Livingston County, Kentucky, and was acquainted with William I. Wells, commonly called Is Wells, who lived in the same county. I joined the Confederate army and belonged to a company made up by Capt. R. K. Ward about May, 1863. Mr. Wells had been a confederate soldier before that and, as I remember, assisted in making up this company and became First Lieutenant. The company was made up in Calloway and Marshall County. My recollection now is it was Company A, R. K. Ward Captain and W. I. Wells First Lieutenant; we belonged to Huey's batallion, Belle's brigade, Burford's division under command of General Forrest. Mr. Wells served with this company until the close of the war, but I can not remember distinctly just where ~~he~~ was when I finally surrendered to General Meredith after Lee's surrender in 1865. I know we were in the battles of Franklin, Nashville, Spring Hill and Murfreesboro. I remember Lieut. Wells was with us in the battle at Nashville under Gen. Hood; we belonged to Forrest's command at that time and got into that battle at Butler's Creek. I do not give the various skirmishes and smaller battles, and I am not sure whether Lieut. Wells was captured or not, but my best recollection is that he was still with us after Lee's surrender in 1865. I know he served continuously for about two years.

I am not acquainted with Mrs. Wells, but I remember well of being with our company when we would be on a scout and stopped at the house of her father, Mr. John K. Wilson in Marshall County, and she was then a young widow.

These are facts as I remember them, though my memory does not serve me further. I live at present in Paducah and ~~have~~ the employ of the St. Bernard Coal Company and have been for thirty years or more, but I have not seen Mrs. Wells since the war.

W. T. Russell

Subscribed and sworn to before me by W. T. Russell, this
24th day of June, 1912.

Carrie Bobo
H. P. of W. C. Cradock Co.

State of Kentucky,
County of McCracken.

Personally appeared before me C. C. Walker of the City of Paducah, State of Kentucky, a person known by me to be worthy of credit as a witness, and, being duly sworn, states that he is acquainted with Sarah J. Wells who is making application for a pension under the Act of March 11, 1912, and that he knows she is the widow of William Israel Wells or a man who usually went by the name of Is Wells of Livingston County, Kentucky.

Affiant says that he was acquainted with the said Wells, and while he does not know when he enlisted in the Confederate army or how long he served, he saw him in the army at Hopkinsville, Kentucky, and afterwards in Marshall County, and knows that he was considered as a confederate soldier and that he married the applicant, Mrs. Wells, soon after the war, and his best recollection is that the applicant and her husband then lived in Smithland, Kentucky, though they afterwards moved ^{to} Evansville, Indiana, but he does not remember just when nor how long they stayed there, and the man affiant refers to died in Evansville, Indiana.

He says that he knew of the fact that about the close of the war the said Wells was visiting the applicant who was then a Mrs. Stone the widow of Frank Stone, and that it was said that he was "courting" her.

Affiant says that the time he saw Wellstate Hopkinsville was on the occasion of visit that affiant made to his brother who was also a confederate soldier in the army at Hopkinsville. Affiant also knows that Mrs. Wells is and has for a long time been a resident of McCracken County, Kentucky, and is a near neighbor of his, and that she is in needy circumstances.

Affiant says he knew the applicant before her marriage to Frank Stone, and that she was a Miss Sarah J. Wilson, and that he remembers well when she married Frank Stone who afterward became Captain in the Confederate Army.

C. C. Walker

Subscribed and sworn to before me by C. C. Walker, this
day of June, 1912.

Carrie Bobo
Notary Public of McCracken Co.

State of Tennessee,
County of Henry.

This day appeared before me, *W. B. Truesdale, Circuit Ct. Clerk*
in and for the County of Henry and State of Tennessee, F. F. Ward,
a person known to me to be worthy of credit upon oath, and stated
that he is and for many years has been a resident of the state of
Tennessee and County of Henry and acquainted to a considerable extent
in the Counties of Marshall and Calloway in Kentucky, and that he
was a soldier in the Confederate States Army during the Civil War,
and was acquainted with William Israel Wells, commonly called Is Wells.
He says he and the said Wm. I. Wells were members of Company A, 13th
Kentucky Cavalry; that he, affiant, was Second Lieutenant and the said
Wells was the First Lieutenant and R. K. Ward, a brother of this
affiant was Captain of the said company, and that J. K. Huey was
colonel of the said regiment, and that they belonged to Forrest's com-
mand. Affiant says that the said Wells assisted in the making of the
said company and was made First Lieutenant and remained with the com-
pany from the time it was made up in the latter part of the year, 1863,
until after the commands of Hood and Forrest were joined after a
battle or skirmish at Johnsonville, Tennessee; that after that, and
a short time before the battle of Nashville, perhaps near Florence Ala.
that the said Wells for some reason was sent back down the Tennessee
river and affiant understood that he then became separated from his
command and attached to the command of General H. B. Lyon, though
he has no personal knowledge of that fact and has no recollection of
the said Wells being with his company after that time; but he knows
that Wells was First Lieutenant in the said company and was with it
for about one year or perhaps more prior to the time he was sent, as
above stated, with a squad of men upon some services not understood
by this affiant, and affiant does not know whether the said Wells
was finally captured or mustered out or when he did leave the service.

Affiant knows the applicant, Sarah J. Wells, who was the daughter of John K. Wilson of Marshall County, Kentucky. Affiant does not say that the said Wells was not with Company A after the time referred to, but affiant does not clearly remember of his being with the company again after the time mentioned, and further this deponent sayeth not.

F. F. Ward

Subscribed and sworn to before me by F. F. Ward in the County of Henry and State of Tennessee on this 5th day of July, 1912, and I certify that my commission or term of office as clerk does not expire until 1st day of Sept, 1914.

M. B. Sprousdale
Clerk

State of Kentucky,
County of ~~McCracken~~ *Callaway*.

The affiant, John S. Irvan says he is a resident of Calloway County, Kentucky, living near Hardin, near the Calloway line, and that his postoffice is Hardin, Marshall County, Kentucky, R.F.D.1. He says that he was a member of Company A, 13th Kentucky Cavalry commanded by R. K. Ward, Captain, Wm. Israel Wells first lieutenant, and F. F. Ward second lieutenant; that said Is wells was First Lieutenant of that company at the time this affiant became a member thereof which was about February, 1864, and that the said Wells continued to be a member and First Lieutenant of that company, Though affiant does not remember of seeing him with it after about the time of the battle of Nashville in the latter part of 1864, affiant's information and understanding was that the said Wells remained with the army until the close of the war.

John S. Irvan

Subscribed and sworn to be fore me by John S. Irvan, this
5 day of July, 1912.

C. E. Clayton
Notary Public, Calloway County, Ky.
My Commission Expires January 11, 1916

State of Kentucky.
County of Marshall.

The affiant, J. N. Oliver, states that he was himself a Confederate soldier in Company A. 3rd Regiment, C. S. A.; that that company was made up by Alfred Johnson in June, 1861, at which time this affiant and Riley Frank Stone enlisted. Stone was First Lieutenant in that Company and was later promoted to the place of Captain, and commanded the Company at Shiloh where it went into battle on April 6, 1862; and this affiant saw Captain Stone on that field, wounded in the leg, and this affiant was also wounded and ordered to the rear by Capt. Stone who, as affiant is informed, died from that wound a few days afterward.

J. N. Oliver

Subscribed and sworn to before me J. N. Oliver, this 26
day of June, 1912.

Ans. Parker
Examiner, Marshall Co. Ky.

State of Kentucky,

McCracken Circuit Court,

May 12th, 1866.

At a meeting of the members of the Bar and officers of the McCracken Circuit Court held at the Court house in the city of Paducah on the 12th day of May, 1866, Gov. J.Q.A. King was called to the chair and Ed Crossland was appointed secretary, whereupon Judge J. M. Biggers, Ed Crossland and H. H. Houston were appointed a committee to prepare and report resolutions expressive of the feelings of the meeting--retired--and reported the following.

"Whereas we have heretofore heard of the death of six of our fellow members of this Bar, Major H. S. Dillam, who died on the 15th day of June 1862, Capt. Frank Stone who died in May 1862, Colonel Charles Wickliffe who died on the 27th day of April, 1862, Colonel A. P. Thompson who died on the 25th day of March, 1864, R. W. Walker, Esq. who died in July 1865, and James T. Lochridge, Esq. who died on the 20th day of February, 1866,

And this being the first court since the proclamation of peace and the restoration of civil authority, and desiring to testify our appreciation of their many virtues as men and to express our sorrow at our loss,

Therefore, be it resolved:- That in the deaths of Major Dillam, Capt. Stone, Col. Wickliffe, Col. Thompson, R. W. Walker, Esq. and J. T. Lochridge Esq., this bar has sustained the loss of six of its brightest ornaments and this community the loss of six of its best citizens, and while we bow with reverence to the decree of omnipotence, we cannot but feel the profoundest sorrow that they should so soon have been cut off from usefulness and our companionship.

Resolved 2nd:- That their talent, generosity and manly bearing were of the highest order, and their virtues endeared them

to us, and all who knew them.

Resolved 3rd:- That as a token of respect for the memories of our deceased fellow members, that we request the Judge to have entered of record by the clerk of the McCracken Circuit Court these resolutions, and that the clerk send a copy of them to the families of deceased and to the Paducah Herald.

Fourth, That we wear the usual badge of mourning for thirty days for our departed brethren.

J. M. Bigger,
Ed Crossland,
H. H. Houston,
Committee.

While the committee were preparing the resolutions, elequent and feeling remarks were made by Messrs. Quigly, J. B. Husbands, Morrow Moss and H. H. Houston, after which the resolutions were unanimously adopted and the meeting adjourned.

April 21, 1913.

Mrs. Sarah J. Wells,

624 Jefferson St.,

Paducah, Ky.

Dear Madam:-

Upon examining the proof filed with your application for pension I find that witnesses testify to the enlistment and service of your husband from May 1863 until the battle of Nashville, Tenn. the latter of 1864. There is no proof on file of further service, and none as to when and how he got out of the army.

I know myself of his enlistment in the fall of 1861 in Company G, 1st Kentucky Cavalry and of his service till the battle of Fort Donelson Feb. 16, 1862. Proof, if possible, showing when and how he got out of the army, is necessary to make your application perfectly clear to the Pension Board. Get that proof if you can and forward to this office to be filed with your application before it is submitted to the Pension Board for its action.

Yours truly,

Examiner.

WJS-C

P.S.-- The proof filed with your application relative to the service of my kinsman- your first husband- Captain Frank Stone is perfectly clear and complete, but when you married Mr. Wells you were no longer the widow of your first husband and ofcourse your application had to be made, and a pension if allowed you, will be allowed you because of the fact that you ~~were~~ are the widow of Mr. Wells. Will gladly do anything I can to help you, and am giving you this information to enable you to get your claim as clear as possible.

W J S

January 24th, 1914.

Judge John G. Miller,

Paducah, Kentucky.

Dear Sir:-

I am in receipt of yours of recent date enclosing affidavit to be filed with the application of Mrs. Sarah J. Wells. Ofcourse, I knew her first husband, and knew she was Miss Wilson, the Sister of Miss Rice, and all the things about her that you suggest in your letter. I find in one of the affidavits that she and her husband, W. I. Wells, at one time resided in Evansville, Indiana, but I find nothing in the proof to show how long she has lived in Kentucky since returning from Evansville. On account of the provisions in the law, it is necessary that information showing how long she has lived in Kentucky be filed with her application.

Very truly, your friend,

Examiner.

WJS-C

McCracken County Court

In the matter of Carol J. Wells

Applicant for pension under the act granting pensions to disabled and indigent confederate soldiers.

Be it remembered that on the 12 day of Aug 1912 at a regular Court held in and for the county of McCracken and state of Kentucky, came Carol J. Wells the above named applicant, who introduced Francis Stone whose post office address is Paducah, Ky and J. E. Ingram whose post office address is _____ as witnesses in his behalf, and the witnesses being by me duly sworn, deposed as follows, in substance:

That they are both personally acquainted with the applicant, Carol J. Wells, and that they have both known him for the past many years during all of which time he has been a citizen and a resident of the state of Kentucky; that the said Applicant is unable to earn a support by manual labor or by his knowledge of any art or skill in a profession; that he does not receive a pension from the United States, from any State or from any foreign government that he does not possess an income of as much as three hundred dollars per year and that he has no property; that his wife has no property except her household goods; that his support is not provided for by reason of any contract with any one and that he is unable to earn a support or income of three hundred dollars per year by reason of the combined partial ability to earn money by manual labor, by his property, or any other means.

I, Alben W. Barkley, Judge of the McCracken County Court, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct statement in substance of the evidence given by the foregoing witnesses on the hearing of this application on the day and date above mentioned. I further certify that both the above witnesses are personally known to me and that they are entitled to full faith and credit when sworn as witnesses. I have examined the papers in this case and I recommend that a pension be granted to the above applicant.

Given under my hand as Judge of the McCracken County Court, this the 12th day of Aug 1912

Alben W. Barkley
Judge McCracken County Court

A F F I D A V I T.

In the matter of the application of Sarah J. Wells, for a pension on account of the fact that both her first and second husbands were Soldiers in the service of the Confederate States of America.

The Affiant, Sarah J. Wells says, in addition to proof hereinbefore filed, that she is now and for many years next, prior to this time, has been continuously a resident of the State of Kentucky, County of McCracken, and city of Paducah.

She says that during the year 1870, her husband, William Isreal Wells, was employed upon a Steamboat---The Steamer Alpha--- on the Cumberland and Ohio Rivers and that one of its terminals was in Evansville, Ind., and it became necessary for her said husband to move to Evansville, Ind., from Smithland, Ky., which he did, and that he died in Evansville, but she returned to her home state, Kentucky, and has for many years continuously resided here; that for the last nine years or nearly nine years, she has resided nowhere except in the city of Paducah, Kentucky, and that she lives in said city at this time.

Sarah J. Wells

Subscribed and sworn to before me by Sarah J. Wells, on this the 11th day of Feb., 1914.

Mayce L. Simmons, Notary Public in and for the County of McCracken, State of Kentucky.

My commission expires Jan. 23rd, 1918.

Mayce L. Simmons
Notary Public, McCracken Co., Ky.

A F F I D A V I T.

The Affiant, Charles L. Cook, says he is now and for many years has been a resident of the City of Paducah, and that prior to that time he was a resident of Crittenden County, Kentucky; that about eight or nine years since, and in the year of 1905, he began to board with, or had a room in the house occupied by Miss Frankie Stone, the daughter of the applicant for pension Mrs. Sarah J. Wells, and that he knows that Mrs. Wells has been a resident of the city of Paducah from that time continuously, until the present time.

Charles L. Cook

Subscribed and sworn to before me by Charles L. Cook,
on this 4th day of Feb, 1914.

Mayce L. Simmons, Notary Public in and for the County
of McCracken, State of Kentucky.

My Commission Expires Jan. 23rd, 1915.

Mayce L. Simmons
Notary Public, McCracken Co., Ky.,

A F F I D A V I T.

In the matter of the Pension Claim of the widow of W. I. Wells, commonly called, Israel Wells, who was a Soldier in the Army of the Confederate States of America, the undersigned Affidavit, ^{ant} W. A. Heater, says, I knew Israel Wells, and knew him in the Confederate Army, at Paris, in Henry County Tennessee, with Forrest, in 1864 a short time before the Battle at Nashville, and the said Wells was sick at the house of a farmer, I am not sure, but perhaps the farmer's name was Duncan. General Forrest, wanted a certain horse that was owned by a man named Pete Williamson, in Calloway County, Kentucky, and sent this Affidavit with a mule down into Calloway County to try to trade the mule for the horse and while affidavit ^{ant} was gone, in obedience to this order, trying to get the horse in Calloway County, the Army moved on towards Nashville, and left the said Wells at the house where he was sick, and when Affiant returned to the neighborhood of Paris, he and Wells, after Wells recovered sufficiently, started on after their command to Nashville, and near Nashville, met straggling confederate soldiers who said the Battle was over and Nashville was in the hands of the Yankees. Then Affiant and Wells turned and went to Robertson County, Tennessee, to the house of Jack Wells, an uncle of W. I. Wells, and remained there to keep out of the way of the Federal Soldiers for eight or ten days, and as the Country was over-run by the Federals came back to their home, County, Livingston County Kentucky, and still fearing they would fall into the hands of the Federals, left next day for Carmi, Illinois, and ^{the said Wells} remained there, three or four months, then came on

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back to Livingston County and not having been able to get back to their Command, and learned that the War was practically over, ^{the said Wells} they surrendered to the Federal authorities and took the oath of allegiance.

^{ant} Affidavit says that it was the purpose of himself and of Wells to try to get back into the Army, but that they were cut off and following ^{the} the course set-forth above.

^{attest}
C. H. Wilson,
Notary Public,
Smithland, Ky.
Wanda Ferguson
Smithland, Ky.

^{his}
W. A. Heater
^{maker}

Subscribed and sworn to before me, by W. A. Heater, this
10th day of Jan, 1914.

C. H. Wilson
Notary Public, in and for Livingston
County

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Paducah, Ky.

Paducah, Ky., Jan. 13th, 1914.

Hon. W. J. Stone,
Pension Examiner,
Frankfort, Ky.

Dear Sir:--

We send you herewith the Affidavit of W. A. Heater, of Smithland, Ky., in support of the claim of the widow of W. I. Wells, known as Israel Wells, which claim with proofs, has heretofore been filed with you. This Affidavit shows pretty clearly how the widow's deceased husband left the Army and closes up the proof.

We hope you will approve this poor woman's claim. She was first the widow of Frank Stone, a relative of yours, who was killed at Shiloh in the ranks of the Confederates. She afterward married another Confederate soldier and is now his widow, and in very needy circumstances, indeed, and a good woman. You will know the family when I tell you that her name was Wilson before she was first married, and that she was the sister to Mrs. Clay Rice, who formerly was an old neighbor of yours.

Kindly take up this matter again and let me know what is done as soon as you can. If anything more can be done I am willing to try, but there is nothing else that I know of now to do.

Very truly yours,

JGM/MLS/

