

ORIGINAL

*Filed June 19-1916  
By P. Smith  
C. Jones*

# Questions for Applicant

STATE OF KENTUCKY,

Caldwell County.

Orlana McVary Calvert

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.) Orlana McVary Calvert, in Caldwell County Ky, Princeton Ky.
2. How long and since when have you been a resident of this State? All my life
3. When and where were you born and what was your maiden name? Jan 18<sup>th</sup> 1837 in Caldwell County Ky. Orlana McVary Sigler
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.) in Caldwell County Ky. William Maxwell Calvert married at Princeton Ky. March 11<sup>th</sup> 1856
5. When and where and in what Company and Regiment did your husband enlist or serve during the war between the States? Princeton Ky, In serv. 1861, 1<sup>st</sup> Ky Cav Capt B. D. Terry
6. How long did your husband serve in said Company and Regiment? until Oct 18<sup>th</sup> 1864
7. When and where did your husband's Company and Regiment surrender? In Virginia in 1865
8. Was your husband present at the time and place when his Company 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? at home, left command Oct 18<sup>th</sup> 1864, sickness, and honorably discharged by R. D. Hummel Surgeon. P. S. C. S. J. J. Troy capt Surgeon P. S. C. S. D. Carter capt Surgeon P. S. C. S.
10. When and where did your husband die? June 5<sup>th</sup> 1916
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? a small farm worth about \$500 or \$600 and a few house hold goods and a milk cow and an horse, both real personal not worth exceeding \$500.
14. Have you a family? If so, who compose such family? I have several children all grown
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. Rev. L. Woodruff, Princeton Ky.

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this, the 5<sup>th</sup> day of May 1916 at Princeton County Caldwell County.

Orlana McVary Calvert  
attest: S. D. Hodge

By J. E. Albert D. C.

# Questions for Witnesses

STATE OF KENTUCKY,

Caldwell County.

Joe Bortnuth, & A. B. Bickner, of said State and County, having been presented as a witness in support of the application of Mrs. William Mansfield Balvert 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? Joe Bortnuth, Princeton Ky. A. B. Bickner, Princeton Ky.
2. Are you acquainted with the applicant, Mrs. William Mansfield Balvert  
If so, how long have you known her? Yes. Since the war.
3. Where does she reside, and how long and since when has she been a resident of this State? Six miles north of Princeton Ky. all her life.
4. Were you ever acquainted with her husband? Yes.
5. Were either or both of you present at the marriage? No for Bortnuth, Yes for A. B. Bickner.
6. How long did you know him? Ever since the beginning of the war between the States.
7. When and where did William Mansfield Balvert enlist in the war between the States, and in what Company and Regiment did he enlist, and how do you know this? 1861, at Princeton Ky. 1st Ky. Battalion, Capt. B. D. ... a comrade.
8. Were you a member of the same Company and Regiment at the close of the war? Yes sir.
9. How long did he perform regular military duty? Almost three years.
10. When and where was his Company and Regiment surrendered? In May 1862 in the State of Virginia.
11. Were you with the command when it surrendered? On detached service.
12. Was William Mansfield Balvert, the husband of applicant, present? Yes.
13. If not present, where was he? Honorable Discharged.
14. When and where did he leave his command? Oct 18<sup>th</sup> 1864, Bristol Tenn.  
For what cause? Sickness, Hemorrhage.  
By whose authority did he leave? R. D. Hamilton Surgeon P. A. C. S., and J. J. Love apt surgeon P. A. C. S., L. D. Enlist apt surgeon P. A. C. S.  
How do you know all this? (State fully and clearly.) I know him & served with him the war, and have seen his discharge, and know he had weak lungs etc, and served with him in the war.
15. When and where did William Mansfield Balvert die? Jan 5<sup>th</sup> 1911, in Caldwell County Ky.
16. Where did he reside at his death, and how long had he been a resident of Kentucky at his death? In Caldwell County Ky, and had been a resident of Kentucky his whole life.
17. Do you know of your own knowledge that applicant is the lawful widow of William Mansfield Balvert? 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?.....

*She has a small poor farm, household goods, cows & a horse, but no income. I have seen it and know of my own knowledge. All her property not worth exceeding \$500.*

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

*but that I know of and don't know she has.*

NOTE.—Let the witness who can answer the greatest number of 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.

*The witness A. N. Beckner served with applicant, but entitled. I served in different co's at the beginning, on reorganization became member of same company and served together until Madison Manfield Calvert got sick. He concurs in answers to all questions except 7, but was not present when he was discharged on 1st of April. Sworn to and subscribed before me this 5th day of May 1916.*

*Jos Boitnott*

*A. N. Beckner*

Witnesses.

day of *May* 1916.

*R. L. Hershman* Clerk

*Caldwell County Ky*

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

I, *M. P. Smith* Judge of *Caldwell* County, Kentucky,

hereby certify that the property assessed on the tax books of this county to Mrs. *Orlena M. Mary Calvert*

the widow of *Wm M. Calvert* amounts to \$ *nothing* real estate and

\$ *nothing* personal. *M. P. Smith* Judge.

For *Caldwell* County, Ky.

### Certificate of Clerk of Court or Notary Public

STATE OF KENTUCKY,

*Caldwell* County.

I, *R. L. Hershman* Clerk of the Court or Notary Public, in and for said county, hereby

certify that the applicant, Mrs. *Orlena M. Mary Calvert* resides in said county, and has been

a bona fide resident of this State since the *all her life time* day of *19*, 19....., and that the wit-

nesses, Mr. *Jos. Boitnott A. N. Beckner & H. B. Sigler*

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.

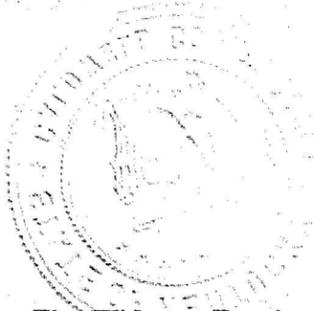
Witness my hand and official seal this *17* day of *July*, 191*6*

(SEAL)

*R. L. Hershman* Clerk

*Caldwell Co.* County.

- 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. 3589

Widow's  
Indigent Pension

Name Arlena Mc Kay Calvert

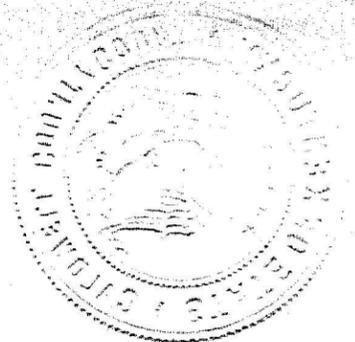
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Widow of William M. Calvert

Filed June 17<sup>th</sup> 1916,  
Att. R. L. Sheeham  
Ch. C. Co. Court

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

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



Indorsement.

PENSION EXAMINER'S OFFICE,

FRANKFORT, KY.

ORLENA M. CALVERT  
widow of  
WILLIAM M. CALVERT

Enlisted Sept. 2, 1862, in  
Co. H, of Butler's 1st Kentucky  
Cavalry, and there is record  
proof of service to October  
31, 1864.

Comrades testify that he  
had formerly enlisted in  
1861 in Company G of Helm's  
1st Kentucky Cavalry, but  
there is no record proof of  
it. Comrades also testify  
that he was discharged Oct.  
18, 1864, at Bristol, Tenn.  
on account of disease con-  
tracted in line of duty  
rendering him unfit for fur-  
ther military service.

Property: \$800.00.

Approved:

W J Stone.

No. W

HEADQUARTERS

## Confederate Pension Department

W. J. STONE, EXAMINER

FRANKFORT, KY.

July 18th 1916

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

Dear Sir:

Mrs. Orlena M. Calvert

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

claims that her husband William Mansfield Calvert

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

and was a member of Captain B. D. Terry's Company

of the 1st Battalion Kentucky Cavalry

Please give me the record of this soldier.

Respectfully,

W. J. Stone.  
Examiner.

(COPY)

FORM FOR RETIRING A SOLDIER.

Under the Act of Congress to Provide an Invalid Corps  
Approved Feb.17,1864.

ALL TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

Know ye that W. M. Calvert, a private of Captain B. D. Terry's Company, 1st Kentucky Battalion of Cavalry, who was enlisted on the \_\_\_ day of September, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-one, to serve three years, is hereby honorably retired from military service in the army of the Confederate States. Said W. M. Calvert was born in Caldwell County, in the State of Kentucky; is twenty-one years of age, five feet nine inches high, fair complexion, hazel eyes, light hair, and by occupation, when enlisted, a farmer.

Given at Bristol, Tennessee, this 18th day of October,  
Eighteen Sixty-Four.

(Signed) R. D. Hamilton, Surgeon.

(Signed) J. T. Love, Asst. "

(Signed) Louis D. Carter Asst. Surgeon

STATE OF KENTUCKY

CALDWELL COUNTY

The witness, David B. Sigler, of Princeton, Caldwell County, Kentucky, having been presented as a witness in support of Mrs. Orlena McNary Calvert, for a pension under the Confederate pension law approved March 11, 1912, after <sup>being</sup> duly sworn true answers to make, says that his name is David B. Sigler, P. O. address Princeton, Ky.; that he is acquainted with the applicant, Mrs. Orlena McNary Calvert, and has known her all his life; that she ~~now~~ now resides and has so resided all her life in the state of Kentucky; that she now resides six miles N. E. of Princeton, Kentucky. That the witness was also acquainted with her husband ~~William~~ William Mansfield Calvert, and knew him from his childhood; that the witness was present at the marriage of applicant to William Mansfield Calvert, at Princeton Kentucky, in March of the year 1856; that the wedding occurred at the residence of John M. Higgins, and the ceremony was performed by Esq. John Weller; that Mrs Mary Jane Melin, daughter of J. M. Higgins, was also present and now resides in Princeton, Kentucky; that the witness has no individual knowledge of William Mansfield Calvert's service in the Confederate army, except that he was away from home during the war. That said Calvert died a resident of Caldwell County four or five years ago, and the applicant is the lawful widow of the said William Mansfield Calvert, and has remained unmarried ever since; that she has no income and resides on a small <sup>poor</sup> farm, and has household goods, all of not very much value.

David B. Sigler  
Witness

Sworn to and subscribed before me this  
10 day of May, 1916.

R. L. Buchanan Clerk  
Caldwell Co. Court

S. D. HODGE  
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW  
PRINCETON, KY.

July 31, 1916.

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

Dear Sir:- In re: Orlena McNary Calvert,

On or about the 17th day of July 1916, I mailed to you application and proof of Mrs. Calvert, for a pension, and she advises me that she has not heard from you. Her post office address is, Mrs. Orlean McNary Calvert, Princeton, Ky., and I thought that I possibly had given her postoffice address wrong and that is the reason she has not heard from you,

Yours very truly,

*S. D. Hodge*

MARGIN RESERVED FOR BINDING  
 WRITE PLAINLY, WITH UNFADING INK--THIS IS A PERMANENT RECORD  
 N. B.—Every item of information should be carefully supplied. AGE should be stated EXACTLY. PHYSICIANS should state CAUSE OF DEATH in plain terms, so that it may be properly classified. Exact statement of OCCUPATION is very important. See instructions on back of certificate.

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS		MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH	
FORM V. S. 1-500M. 6 20-11 Commonwealth of Kentucky STATE BOARD OF HEALTH BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS <b>CERTIFICATE OF DEATH</b>			
1 PLACE OF DEATH County <i>Harrison</i>		File No. ....	
Vot. Pot. <i>Charleston</i>		Registered No. <i>11</i>	
Inc. Town. ....		[If death occurred in a hospital or institution, give its NAME instead of street and number.]	
City. .... (No. .... St., .... Ward)			
2 FULL NAME <i>Orlena M. Calvert</i>			
3 SEX <i>Female</i>	4 COLOR OR RACE <i>White</i>	5 SINGLE, MARRIED, WIDOWED, OR DIVORCED <i>Widowed</i>	16 DATE OF DEATH <i>12 26 1923</i> (Month) (Day) (Year)
6 DATE OF BIRTH <i>Jan 22, 1887</i> (Month) (Day) (Year)		17 I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from <i>7/19</i> , 19 <i>16</i> to <i>12/26</i> , 19 <i>23</i> , that I last saw her alive on <i>12/19</i> , 19 <i>23</i> , and that death occurred on the date stated above at <i>12/26</i> m. The CAUSE OF DEATH* was as follows: <i>Senility</i>	
7 AGE <i>36</i> yrs. .... mos. .... ds.	IF LESS than 1 day... hrs. or... min.?	..... (Duration) .... yrs. .... mos. .... ds.	
8 OCCUPATION (a) Trade, profession, or particular kind of work. .... <i>None</i> (b) General nature of industry, business or establishment in which employed (or employer) .....		Contributory (SECONDARY) .....	
9 BIRTHPLACE (State or country) <i>Ky.</i>		(Signed) <i>C. A. Niles</i> , M. D. <i>12/27</i> , 19 <i>23</i> (Address) <i>Raws Springs, Ky.</i>	
PARENTS 10 NAME OF FATHER .....		*State the DISEASE CAUSING DEATH, or, in deaths from VIOLENT CAUSES state (1) MEANS OF INJURY; and (2) whether ACCIDENTAL, SUICIDAL or HOMICIDAL	
11 BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (State or country) .....		18 LENGTH OF RESIDENCE (FOR HOSPITALS, INSTITUTIONS, TRANSIENTS OR RECENT RESIDENTS) At place of death .... yrs. .... mos. .... ds. In the State .... yrs. .... mos. .... ds. Where was disease contracted, if not at place of death? .....	
12 MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER .....		Former or usual residence .....	
13 BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (State or country) .....		19 PLACE OF BURIAL OR REMOVAL <i>Calvert Cemetery</i>	
14 THE ABOVE IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE (Informant) <i>W. J. Calvert</i> (Address) <i>Raws Springs, Ky.</i>		DATE OF BURIAL <i>12/28</i> , 19 <i>23</i>	
15 Filed <i>12/28</i> , 19 <i>23</i> <i>R. B. Frankline</i> REGISTRAR		20 UNDERTAKER <i>Clark &amp; Arthur Clark Raws Springs, Ky.</i>	

Caldwell County Court, July term 1916  
Before J.B. Davis, nearest Justice  
peace, acting County Judge, in the  
Absence of M.P. Smith, County Judge.

In the matter of,

Orlena McNary Calvert, application for Widow's Indigent Pension, as the widow of William M. Calvert, deceased, coming on to be heard, and the Hon. M.P. Smith, County Judge of Caldwell County, being sick and unable to attend court, and the undersigned, a justice of the peace for Princeton Magisterial District, residing nearest to the court house having been notified by R.L. Gresham, County Clerk of Caldwell County of the absence and inability of the regular judge to preside, did hear the witnesses offered by the applicant, to wit:- A.T. Boitnott, Route #5, Princeton, Ky., and S.J. McNeely, Route #5, Princeton, Ky., and each witness testified in substance as follows:- That they were acquainted with the applicant, Mrs. Orlena McNary Calvert, widow of William M. Calvert, deceased; that they have known her all their lives; that she is a citizen and a resident of Caldwell County Ky., and was born and raised in said County, and has lived said county and State all her life; that she is in weak and feeble health, and has not an income of as much as \$300.00 per year; that she owns a small farm worth about \$500. or \$600.00; and a few household goods; and she has not sold or conveyed her property to any person in consideration of an agreement to support her. This the 17th day of July 1916.

J. B. Davis J. P.C.C.  
Acting County Judge Caldwell County.