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# Questions for Applicant

STATE OF KENTUCKY,

Nelson County.

Mary C. Cokerdolphus

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.) Mary C. Cokerdolphus
2. How long and since when have you been a resident of this State? All Life
3. When and where were you born and what was your maiden name? Mary C. Smithers  
was born Feb. 8, 1849 in Nelson County, Ky near Chapin
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.) David Cokerdolphus, was born in Nelson County, Oct. 15, 1848  
married in Nelson County Aug. 15, 1867, Rev. P. F. Vanmeter performing ceremony, certificate here attached
5. When and where and in what Company and Regiment did your husband enlist or serve during the war between the States? 1861 Enlisted in Co. B, 2nd Ky. Cav. U. S. A. (Morgan's Command)
6. How long did your husband serve in said Company and Regiment? He served until close of war
7. When and where did your husband's Company and Regiment surrender? Was disbanded at Columbus, Miss. when war was over.
8. Was your husband present at the time and place when his Company 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? Dec. 4, 1912 at Bloomfield, 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? I have about \$1750.00 personal property. Income about \$75.00 per annum
14. Have you a family? If so, who compose such family? I have two daughters living with me. I have one son and one daughter married who do not live with me
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. W. F. Grubbs, Springfield, Ky. or R. S. Murphy, Bloomfield, Ky

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this, the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of April, 1914

Morgan Bieper Clerk  
of Nelson County Court

Mary C. Cokerdolphus

Ben H. Foster & Co

# Questions for Witnesses

STATE OF KENTUCKY,

Nelson County.

J. E. M. Glaskey and John H. Purdy, of said State and County, having been presented as a witness in support of the application of Mrs. Mary C. Cokerdolph 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. E. M. Glaskey, Bloomfield Ky, J. H. Purdy, Bloomfield Ky
2. Are you acquainted with the applicant, Mrs. Mary C. Cokerdolph  
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? Bloomfield Nelson Co Ky, in state all her life
4. Were you ever acquainted with her husband? yes
5. Were either or both of you present at the marriage? no was not present at marriage
6. How long did you know him? all his life
7. When and where did David Cokerdolph enlist in the war between the States, and in what Company and Regiment did he enlist, and how do you know this? 1861 in Maryland Command Regimental Officer Lt. Basil Duke, Capt. Tom Allen, Lieut. Shabon I was in Co. B of same Regiment.
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? until close of war
10. When and where was his Company and Regiment surrendered? Columbus, Miss. when war was over
11. Were you with the command when it surrendered? no
12. Was David Cokerdolph, the husband of applicant, present? do not know
13. If not present, where was he? do not know
14. When and where did he leave his command? Columbus, Miss  
For what cause? war was over  
By whose authority did he leave? Company was disbanded war was over  
How do you know all this? (State fully and clearly.) I was a member of Co. B and met him and slept with him during war John H. Purdy was also member of Co. B. was with Mr. Cokerdolph frequently during war
15. When and where did David Cokerdolph die? at Bloomfield Ky. Dec. 4, 1912
16. Where did he reside at his death, and how long had he been a resident of Kentucky at his death? at Bloomfield, lived in Ky. all his life
17. Do you know of your own knowledge that applicant is the lawful widow of David Cokerdolph? 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? do

not know of any <sup>estate that derived from her husband's estate</sup> the only property she ever had was that derived from her husband's estate, which after payment of debts, we understand is about \$1500.00  
Has applicant conveyed any property, in the last two years or given any away, if so, what was it, and to whom?  
don't know of any

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.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of April 1914  
Morgan Gilkey, Clerk Nelson County Court  
By Ben H. Foster S.C.

John H. Purdy  
J. E. McBlaskey  
Witnesses

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

I, Wallace Brown Judge of Nelson County, Kentucky, hereby certify that the property assessed on the tax books of this county to Mrs. Mary C. Cookendolpher the widow of David Cookendolpher amounts to \$1500.00 real estate and personal. Wallace Brown Judge. For Nelson County, Ky.

Certificate of Clerk of Court or Notary Public

STATE OF KENTUCKY,

Nelson County.

I, Morgan Gilkey, By Ben H. Foster S.C. Clerk or Notary Public, in and for said county, hereby certify that the applicant, Mrs. Mary C. Cookendolpher resides in said county, and has been a bona fide resident of this State since the all her day of life, 19....., and that the witnesses, Mr. John H. Purdy & J. E. McBlaskey 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 23 day of April 1914  
(SEAL) Morgan Gilkey, Clerk Nelson County  
By Ben H. Foster S.C. 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. 2938

**Widow's  
Indigent Pension**

Name *Mary L. Copenhofher*

JUL 20 1914

Filed in Court May 11th 1914  
at Morgan Green Colson

Widow of *David Copenhofher*

*D. S. C.*

Allowed Oct 15<sup>th</sup> 1914

*W. J. Stone*  
Commissioner

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

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War Department, Washington, D. C."

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**WAR DEPARTMENT,**

**THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,**

WASHINGTON, June 20, 1912.

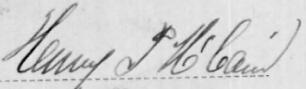
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Examiner,  
Confederate Pension Department,  
Frankfort, Kentucky.

The name David Cokendolpher has not been found on the rolls, on file in this office, of any company of any 2d Kentucky Cavalry, Confederate States Army.

The name David Cokendolpher, private, Company B, 2d (Woodward's) Kentucky Cavalry, Confederate States Army, appears, however, on a roll of prisoners of war with remarks indicating that he was captured August 30, 1862, in Casey County, Kentucky, and sent from Camp Chase, Ohio, to Cairo, Illinois, September 29, 1862. This roll bears the following indorsement: "Rec'd near Vicksburg on board Steamer Emerald, Nov. 1, 1862."

The records of prisoners of war also show that one David Cokendolpher, private, Company C of the regiment last named, was captured April 26, 1863, in Dixon County, Tennessee, and sent from Camp Morton, Indiana, to City Point, where he was exchanged May 23, 1863.



Adjutant General.

(A.G.O. 72-1)

Per

# 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 *David Cakendolpher*  
and *Mary C Smithers*  
the requirements of the law having been complied with.

Witness my signature as Clerk of *Nelson County Court,*  
this *15<sup>th</sup>* day of *August 1867* *Edwin Turner* Clerk.  
By *R H Rowland D.C.*

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# MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE.

This is to Certify That on the *Fifteenth* day of *August*  
*1867* the **Rites of Marriage** were legally solemnized by me between  
*David Cakendolpher* and  
*Mary C Smithers*

at *Isaac Smithers* in the County of *Nelson*  
in the presence of *Lee McManis* and *W. S.*

*W. S. Hutchins*  
*Morgan*  
Attest *Morgan* *Nelson County Clerk*

SIGNED.

*J F Vanmeter*

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Nelson County Court.

Application of Marcy C. Cokendolpher, Widow of  
David Cokendolpher under  
Confederate Pension Act.

A Finding of Facts:

This Application having  
been filed at a former term of this Court and being continued  
until the present term of Court, same came on for hearing, the  
County Attorney, R.C. Cherry, being present representing the Common-  
wealth.

The Applicant introduced and had sworn as a witness I.M.  
McMakin, whose residence and Post-office address is Bloomfield,  
Nelson County, Kentucky, who testified that he was the  
Administrator of the Estate of David Cokendolpher, deceased, and  
as such was familiar with the property owned by the Applicant,  
Mary C. Cokendolpher. He stated that she had no property except  
the property left her by her husband, David Cokendolpher, which  
amounts to \$1200.00 or \$1500.00 in person property. He states  
that the only income she has is the interest from this property  
which amounts to about sixty dollars per year; that she is a  
citizen and resident of Nelson County, Ky., and has been since  
his earliest recollection, - he being now 41 years old. He stated  
that the Applicant and David Cokendolpher were living together  
as husband and wife at the time of the death of David Cokendolpher  
and that she is still his Widow; that she draws no pension from  
the United States Government or other source and that she is not  
able by manual labor to earn her living.

Applicant also introduced and had sworn as a witness W.F.  
Grigsby, whose residence and Post-office address is Springfield,  
Washington County, Ky., who testified to substantially the same  
facts as I.M. McMakin.

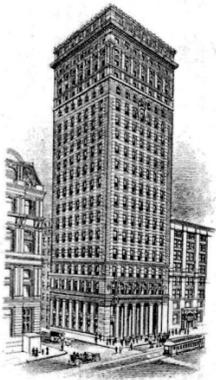
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As County Judge of Nelson County, Kentucky, I hereby recommend that the Pension be allowed.

Witness my hand as County Judge of Nelson County, this July 13, 1914.

*Wallace Brown*

County Judge Nelson County, Ky..



*Home Office Building.*

*American Surety Company  
of New York.*

*Capital and Surplus over \$6,000,000.*

*F. W. Lafrentz, President.*

W. F. GRIGSBY, AGENT

SPRINGFIELD, KENTUCKY, July 17, 1914.

Capt. W. J. Stone,  
Frankfort, Ky.

Dear Sir:

I am sending you herewith application of Mrs. Mary C. Cokendolpher, of Bloomfield, Ky., who is the widow of David Cokendolpher, for a pension under the Confederate Act. Any communications in regard to this matter, or should any further information be desired, kindly address same to me here.

Yours truly,

*W. F. Grigsby*

August 26th, 1914.

Hon. J. C. W. Beckham,

Frankfort, Kentucky.

Dear Governor:-

Replying to your request of this date for information as to the status of the application of Mrs. Mary C. Cokendolpher, widow of David Cokendolpher, her husband had an application on file here, but with the proof on file with it it could not be allowed for the reason that it was shown that he had \$2500.00 worth of property, but I find that the proof filed with the application of the widow shows that she has \$1750.00 worth of property, and I find that the proof as to her husband's military record brings her within the provisions of the pension law and a pension will be allowed her, I hope in time for her to receive the first payment at the next regular pay-day, which is in November.

Her application was only received here on the 20th day of July, 1914, and the law provides that a pension, when allowed, shall begin on the day the application reaches this office.

Very truly,

Commissioner.

WJS-C