

Questions for Applicant

STATE OF KENTUCKY,

Washington County.

Nannie Craycroft Simms 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.) Nannie Craycroft Simms, Kentucky, Washington Co
2. How long and since when have you been a resident of this State? All my life 66 yrs
3. When and where were you born and what was your maiden name? Springfield Ky, Washington Co, Nannie Craycroft in 1846
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.) Springfield Ky, Nov 22 1835, Patrick Simms, St Rose Church, Washington Co, Father Lynch
5. When and where and in what Company and Regiment did your husband enlist or serve during the war between the States? Bowling Green Oct 6 - 1861, 6th Ky Co. A. Inf
6. How long did your husband serve in said Company and Regiment? He was commissioned as Capt by Gen John M. Morgan to raise Co at that time Sept. 1862 at that time
7. When and where did your husband's Company and Regiment surrender? April 1865 - Tennessee
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? He was with them at all times except when in prison at Johnsons Island
10. When and where did your husband die? Springfield Ky, Feb 27 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? Home & lot listed \$800 or valued at \$1500. I have no income or personal property except house & furniture
14. Have you a family? If so, who compose such family? I have six daughters & 1 son, all married, except my son who lives near Louisville Ky and his daughter who with my family at present
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. Mr C O Walker, Springfield Ky

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this, the }
16th day of Apr 1912. }
W F Crocker Clerk
of Washington County.

Mrs Nannie Craycroft Simms

Questions for Witnesses

STATE OF KENTUCKY,

Washington County.

Osceola Walker, of said State and County, having been presented as a witness in support of the application of Mrs. Nannie Leaycraft Simms 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? Osceola Walker
Springfield Washington Co. Ky

2. Are you acquainted with the applicant, Mrs. Nannie Leaycraft Simms? personally acquainted
If so, how long have you known her? All her life

3. Where does she reside, and how long and since when has she been a resident of this State? In Springfield Ky
has been a resident of the State all her life

4. Were you ever acquainted with her husband? I served with him during the entire war

5. Were either or both of you present at the marriage? In

6. How long did you know him? All his life went to school with him

7. When and where did Capt. Pat Simms enlist, in the war between the States, and in what Company and Regiment did he enlist, and how do you know this? At Bowling Green Oct 1861
in the 1st Ky Vol Inf. He enlisted in Co. G 1st Ky Vol Inf. I know this because I enlisted with him.

8. Were you a member of the same Company and Regiment at the close of the war? Yes I served under him he was my captain during the whole of the war

9. How long did he perform regular military duty? During the entire war between the States - excepting about 18 months he was in Prison at Johnson Island

10. When and where was his Company and Regiment surrendered? At close of the war in 1865 in the State of Tennessee

11. Were you with the command when it surrendered? I was in prison at Camp Doniphan

12. Was Capt. Pat Simms, the husband of applicant, present? I can not say of my own knowledge but have heard him say so

13. If not present, where was he? I was in prison at Camp Doniphan

14. When and where did he leave his command? At the close of the war when the final surrender took place in Tennessee
For what cause? Because the whole Army had surrendered
By whose authority did he leave? By the superior force of the United States

How do you know all this? (State fully and clearly.) Because I knew Capt. Simms all of his life. I enlisted with him, & served under him after he was commissioned Captain

15. When and where did Captain Pat Simms die? In Springfield Ky about ten years ago

16. Where did he reside at his death, and how long had he been a resident of Kentucky at his death? At Springfield Washington Co. Kentucky and had been a resident of Kentucky all his life

17. Do you know of your own knowledge that applicant is the lawful widow of Capt. Pat Simms? Yes

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

19. What property, effects or income has the applicant, if any, and how do you know this of your own knowledge? *She has nothing except house & lot in Springs Field Ky. I know from intimate acquaintance with the family.*

Has applicant conveyed any property, in the last two years or given away, if so, what was it, and to whom? *She has not conveyed any property or given any away in the last two years to any body.*

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.

John T. Craycroft concurs in all the above as to substance because he visited the same day in the same capacity and saw her and knows that Nannie Craycroft is the widow being her brother

Sworn to and subscribed before me this *16* day of *April* 191*2*
W F Bookin Clerk
Washington Co Court

E. Oscar Walker
John T. Craycroft
Witnesses.

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

I, *B. L. Litsey* Judge of *Washington* County, Kentucky, hereby certify that the property assessed on the tax books of this County to Mrs. *Nannie Craycroft Simms* the widow of *Capt Patrick Simms* amounts to \$ *Eight hundred dollars* real estate and \$ *personal* *B. L. Litsey County Judge*
For *Washington* County, Ky.

Certificate of Clerk of Court or Notary Public

STATE OF KENTUCKY,

Washington County.

I, *W F Bookin* Clerk or Notary Public, in and for said county, hereby certify that the applicant, Mrs. *Nannie Craycroft Simms* resides in said county, and has been a bona fide resident of this State since the *21* day of *May* 18*76*, and that the witnesses, Mr. *Oscar Walker* & *John T. Craycroft* 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* day of *April* 191*2*
(SEAL) *W F Bookin Clerk*
Washington 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. 2270

**Widow's
Indigent Pension**

Name *Mamma C. Simms*

Filed *JUN 7 - 1912*

Widow of *Patack Simms*

W. C. S. Ky.

*Approved Stone
W. J. Examiner*

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

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W. M. M. in

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE
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WAR DEPARTMENT

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT,

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

WASHINGTON, June 24, 1912.

Respectfully returned to the
Examiner,
Confederate Pension Department,
Frankfort, Kentucky.

The records show that one Pat. Simms
captain, Company K, 4th Kentucky Cavalry,
Confederate States Army, enlisted
September 10, 1862, and that he was
captured July 6, 1863, at Springfield,
Kentucky, and released June 12, 1865,
at Fort Delaware, Delaware, on taking
the oath of allegiance.

Henry J. McLean
Adjutant General.

Indorsement.

STATE OF KENTUCKY
ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

FRANKFORT, KY., June 19, 1912

PATRICK SIMMS.

Major Womack says that
Capt. Simms was Captain of
Company K- Roy S. Cluke's
8th Regiment, commissioned
as Capt. Sept. 10, 1862
at Springfield, Ky.

(A. G. O. 35.)

MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE



This is to Certify, That on the 17 day of April 1912

the RITES OF MATRIMONY were legally solemnized by me

between Pat Simms

and Hannah Craycroft

at St Rose in the County of Washington

in the presence of J. M. Beir Mary Mc Intire Wm Knott & Jennie Simms

Wm G. Moore Clerk
Washington Co. Clerk

Signed J. H. Lynch

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

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HEADQUARTERS

Confederate Pension Department

W. J. STONE, EXAMINER

FRANKFORT, KY,

June 20, 1912

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

Dear Sir:

Capt. Patrick Simms.

who is an applicant for Pension under the Kentucky Pension law, claims
to have been a member of Company "K" - Cluke's 8th Ky.
Regiment Cavalry C. S. A., and to have been

Please give me the record of this soldier.

Respectfully,

W. J. Stone
Examiner.

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ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE
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WAR DEPARTMENT

Address: "The Adjutant General,
War Department, Washington, D. C."
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WAR DEPARTMENT,
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,
WASHINGTON. June 11, 1912.

Respectfully returned to the
Examiner,
Confederate Pension Department,
Frankfort, Kentucky.

The name Patrick Simms has not been found on the rolls, on file in this office, of Company A of any 6th Kentucky organization, Confederate States Army, and no record has been found of the capture or parole of a man of this name as of any such organization.

Henry P. Blair
Adjutant General.

(A. G. O. 72-1)

MRS. NANNIE C. SIMMS,

WIDOW OF PATRICK SIMMS, who
enlisted Sept. 10, 1862, Co. K,
4th Kentucky Cavalry; captured
July 6, 1863, and released June
12, 1865 at Ft. Delaware. Proven
by the record and comrades.

Property: \$1500.00

W J S

I recommend that this
claim be allowed.

Adjutant General.

Allowed by the State
Pension Board.

Chairman.

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. *Nannie C. Sims*

who is an applicant for pension under the Kentucky Widows' Pension Law,
claims that her husband *Patrick Simms*
was a member of Company *A* Regiment *6th Ky* C. S. A.,
and was

was Captain

Please give me the record of this soldier.

Respectfully,

W. J. Stone
Examiner.

Washington County Court

On application of Mrs Nannie Craycroft Simms, widow of Patrick Simms now deceased of Co A. 6th Ky. Inf., for a pension under the Act Granting Pensions to Disabled Confederate Soldiers and Their Widows.

1st, I find that Mrs Nannie Craycroft Simms is now the widow of Capt Patrick Simms, deceased, who was a member of Co A. 6th Ky. Inf. and has remained his widow since his death; that they were married prior to Jan. 1st 1890, and that the said Patrick Simms and his wife Nannie Craycroft Simms were both residents of the State of Kentucky prior to Jan. 1st 1907 and resided continuously in this State all their lives until the death of Patrick Simms and his widow has resided in this State ever since his death and is now a resident of Springfield Washington County Kentucky,

Second; I find that the only property owned by Mrs Nannie Craycroft Simms is a house and lot valued at \$1500⁰⁰ and she has no income at all and is not able to earn a living by manual labor or by reason of her knowledge, skill or art in any profession or craft. That she does not receive a pension from The United States Government

or any foreign Government, that she
has not removed from this state nor
been absent therefrom

That she does not possess a net income
to the amount of \$300⁰⁰ per year; that
she does not possess property to the value of
\$2500⁰⁰ and that her support is not
provided for.

I recommend that the pension be granted.

Witness my hand as County Judge of
Washington County, This June 3rd 1912

B. L. Lacey

In the matter of the application of Mrs. Nannie Simms,
for a pension under the Act Granting Pensions to dis-
abled and indigent Confederate Soldiers;

Testimony of Mrs. Nannie Simms;

Examined by Jos. Polin.

Q State you name?

A Nannie Simms.

Q Are you the widow of the late Patrick Simms?

A Yes sir.

Q When and where were you married?

A On April, 17th, 1876 in Springfield, Washington
County, Kentucky.

Q Have you resided in Washington County all of your
life?

A Yes all of my life.

Q How old are you Mrs. Simms?

A 66 years old.

Q How long has your husband been dead?

A Ten years.

Q What property have you?

A House and lot.

Q Any personal property?

A No sir.

Q What is the value of that house and lot?

A About \$1500.00

Q Are you able to earn a support by manual labor, or
by reason of your knowledge art, or skill in any
profession trade or craft?

A No sir.

Do you receive a pension from the U. S. or any State or foreign Government?

A No sir.

Q What is your income per year?

A It is hard to tell, I have no income of my own.

Cross examined by T. S. Mayes.

Q You occupy this house as a homestead?

A Yes sir.

Q Is your support suitably provided for and secured by reason of a contract or agreement for a valuable consideration with a person able to provide such support?

A No sir.

Q Do you receive any income whatever from your property?

A No sir.

Testimony of G. C. Wharton;

Examined by Jos. Polin.

Q Mr. wharton are you acquainted with Mrs. Nannie Simms?

A I am.

Q Is she the widow of the late Pat Simms, of this County?

A Yes sir.

Q How long has she been a resident of this county to your knowledge?

A Well thirty years.

Q What property has she?

A House and lot on High St. is all she has.

Q What is this house and lot worth?

A About \$1500.00 or \$1600.00

Q Is she able to earn a support by manual labor, or by reason of knowledge of art, or skill in any profession trade or craft?

A I think not.

Q Is her support suitably provided for and secured by reason of a contract or agreement for a valuable consideration with a person able to provide such support?

A No sir.

Q Is she by reason of her combined Partial ability to earn a support, and income of property, or any or all of these combined able to obtain an income equivalent to \$300.00 per Year??

A She is not.

Q How long has Pat Simms been dead.

A About ten years.

Q How many constitute her family?

A Six children.

Cross examined by T. S. Mayes.

Q Is she by reason of her combined partial ability to earn a support, and income of property, or any or all of these combined able to obtain an income equivalent to \$300.00 per year?

A I think not.

Q She only occupys the house as a homestead, she receives no proceeds?

A She only lives there.

Q You are familiar with her business affairs?

A Yes sir.

Q For a number of years?

A Yes sir.

Testimony of C. L. Price;

Examined by Jos. Polin.

Q Are you acquainted with Mrs. Nannie Simms, and is she the widow of the late Pat Simms?

A Yes sir.

Q How long has she been a widow?

A Eight or ten years.

Q Has she married since the death of her husband?

A No sir.

Q Where did he die?

A In Springfield, Washington County, Kentucky.

Q What property if any has she?

A A house and lot worth about \$1500.00

Q Are you acquainted with the value of property in that part of the town?

A Yes sir.

Q What other property has she?

A None.

Q Is she able to earn a support by manual labor, or by reason of her knowledge of art, or skill in any profession trade or craft?

A I would think not.

Q What is her net income per year?

A Nothing that I know of.

Q Is her support suitably provided for and secured by reason of contract or agreement for a valuable consideration with a person able to provide such support?

A I think not.

Q Is she by reason of her combined partial ability to earn a support, and income of property, or any or all of these combined able to obtain an income equivalent to \$300.00 Per year?

A No sir.

Cross examined by T. S. Mayes.

Q What is ~~the~~ physical condition of Mrs. Simm's health?

A She is a delicate lady, been sick a good deal.

Q Could her earning if any, and income of property be equivalent to \$300.00 per year?

A I would think not.

WASHINGTON COUNTY COURT,

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CALLED TERM, JANUARY 9TH, 1934

This day came Cecelia Simms and filed a paper signed by her brother, J. L. Simms, named as Executor in the will of Mrs. Nannie Simms, deceased, declining to qualify as said Executor and asking the Court to appoint one of his sisters Administratrix with the will annexed in his stead; and, on motion of the said Cecelia Simms, it is ordered that she be, and she is hereby appointed Administratrix with the will annexed of the said Mrs. Nannie Simms' estate.

Whereupon, came the said Cecelia Simms and made oath and executed and acknowledged a bond unto the Commonwealth of Kentucky in the sum of Fifteen Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00), with Mrs. Mary Lee Simms and G. C. Wharton as sureties thereon, which bond, being conditioned as required by law and examined by the Court, is approved.

State of Kentucky, ()
Washington County, () Sct.

I, John M. Smothers, Clerk of the Washington County Court, certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the order of appointment and qualification of Cecelia Simms as Administratrix with the will annexed of Mrs. Nannie Simms, deceased, as it appears of record in my office in County Court Order Book P, Page 79; and I further certify that the said Cecelia Simms is still the duly qualified and acting Administratrix with the will annexed of the said Mrs. Nannie Simms.

Given under my hand and seal of office, this the 6th day of February, 1934.

John M. Smothers, Clerk.

By May Conway D. C.

December 23, 1912.

Mrs. Nannie Simms,
Springfield, Kentucky.

Dear Madam:-

I am in receipt of your letter of the 20th instant.

I have examined the proof in your case and found the proof clear and have recommended that your application be allowed by the pension Board, who has the final adjudication of all claims.

It is a fact that the most needy cases, those having absolutely nothing, will be allowed pensions earlier than those that have some money or property. You ask how do we know those who have nothing? If you will remember in making your application out the question was asked, "13. What property, real or personal, or income do you have or possess, and its gross value?"

It is impossible to pass upon all the applications in time for the next payment, and I therefore deemed it best to give those their money first that have not a cent in the world and who are living upon pure charity and those who are so kind as to take care of them. There are about 800 cases like this that I have examined to date.

You ofcourse understand that when your application is allowed by the Pension Board you will be paid from the date the papers were filed here, which was June 7, 1912.

Very respectfully,

LCC

Examiner.