(ORIGINAL)

Questions for Applicant

STATE OF KENTUCKY,

Boone County.

Hetha A. Stephens of said State and County, desiring to avail herself of the pension allowed to Indigent Widows of Soldiers, General Assembly, approved March 18, 1914, 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.) Hetha A. Stephens Grant, Boone County, Kentucky

2. How long and since when have you been a resident of this State? 38 years 1887

3. When and where were you born and what was your maiden name? Born May 5, 1850. Cass County Missouri. maiden Name Hetha A. Stephens

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. (A copy of the marriage license or affidavits of two or more persons who know when the applicant was married to her husband, must accompany the application) Oct 24 1843. Boone County Kentucky. Lewis L. Stephens. married in Boone Co Ky by Rev C. S. Carter

5. When and where and in what Company and Regiment did your husband enlist or serve during the war between the States? Co I. 2nd Ky. Cavalry. dont know place or date

6. How long did your husband serve in said Company and Regiment? until Close of the war

7. When and where did your husband's Company and Regiment surrender? Some time in May, 1865, dont know exact date, at Washington Georgia

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? in Boone County Kentucky Oct 30. 1925.

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? $100 in Bank. Household goods value about $200 No regular income. Also interest in husbands estate, see will and Opinion attached hereto.

14. Have you a family? If so, who compose such family? No. Children All Married with families of their own

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 H. M. Cloe. Grant Ky R. F. D #1

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this, the 14th day of November, 1926.

R. T. Stephens, Notary Public of Boone County.

My commission expires Dec 19, 1927

Hetha A Stephens

Questions for Witnesses

STATE OF KENTUCKY,

Boone County.

G. L. Smith & Lizzie Stephens, of said State and County, having been presented as a witness in support of the application of Mrs. Netha A. Stephens for a pension under Confederate Pension Law, approved March 18, 1914, 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? G. L. Smith. Walton. Ky
Lizzie Stephens. Grant. Ky

2. Are you acquainted with the applicant, Mrs. Netha A. Stephens. yes.

If so, how long have you known her? Yes. over 60 years

3. Where does she reside, and how long and since when has she been a resident of this State? at Grant Boone County. Kentucky. About 38 years dont know exact date

4. Were you ever acquainted with her husband? yes

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

6. How long did you know him? all his life

7. When and where did Lewis L. Stephens enlist in the war between the States, and in what Company and Regiment did he enlist, and how do you know this? near Union Ky some time in June 1864, Co. I. 2nd Ky Cavalry. Gen. Morgans Co. I was present at enlistment

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

9. How long did he perform regular military duty? from time of enlistment until close of war

10. When and where was his Company and Regiment surrendered? About May first 1865 dont remember date at Washington. Georgia. were body guard of President Davis.

11. Were you with the command when it surrendered? yes

12. Was Lewis L. Stephens, the husband of applicant, present?
yes

13. If not present, where was he?

14. When and where did he leave his command?

For what caues?

By whose authority did he leave?

How do you know all this? (State fully and clearly.) was with him from time of enlistment until surrender

15. When and where did Lewis L. Stephens die?
Oct 30. 1925. at Grant Ky

16. Where did he reside at his death, and how long had he been a resident of Kentucky at his death?
at Grant Boone co. Ky. about 38 years

17. Do you know of your own knowledge that applicant is the lawful widow of Lewis L. Stephens
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?*
Small amt in Bank. Household goods dont know exact value no regular income. Have been intimate friend and neighbor for many years

20. *Has applicant conveyed any property, in the last two years or given any money, if so, what was it, and to whom?*
No, had no property to convey.

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.

G. L. Smith answers Nos 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 & 12, 14, 15, 16, 17 & 18. Lizzie Stephens concurs in Nos 1, 2, 3, 4, 15, 16, 17, & 18 and answers No 19 & 20, to Nos 2 & 6 say over 40 years.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 14th *day of* November 1925

R. T. Stephens
Notary Public

My Commission expires Dec 19, 1927

Hubert Ryle, his
witness to mark G. L. Smith
mark

Lizzie Stephens
Witnesses.

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

I, ... *Judge of* ..... *County, Kentucky, hereby certify that the property assessed on the tax books of this County to Mrs.* ..... *the widow of* ..... *amounts to $* ..... *real estate and $* ..... *personal*

..... *Trustee.*

For ..... *County, Ky.*

Certificate of Clerk of Court or Notary Public

STATE OF KENTUCKY,

Boone *County.*

I, R. T. Stephens ~~Clerk or~~ *Notary Public, in and for said county, hereby certify that the applicant, Mrs.* Hetha A. Stephens *resides in said county, and has been a bona fide resident of this State since the* ..... *day of* 1887 ~~19~~, *and that the witnesses, Mr.* G. L. Smith *and Mrs* Lizzie Stephens *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 witnesses 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 14th *day of* November 1925

(SEAL)

R. T. Stephens, Notary Public
Boone *County.*

My Commission expires Dec 19, 1927

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 your 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. 4390

Widow's Indigent Pension

Name Ida Thea A. Stephens

Filed Jany 5th 1912

Widow of A. J. Stephens

Allowed, Jany 9th 1912

J. D. Yeager Comr.

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

CONFEDERATE PENSION DEPARTMENT

FRANKFORT, KENTUCKY

Hetha A. Stephens, widow of L. L. Stephens, who enlisted in Company I, 2nd Kentucky Infantry, served until the close of the war.

Proven by th records.

Indigent.

Expenses to be paid out of ~~Funds~~ E. S. Stephens estate by the Executor

Undertaker	$ 250.00
Physicians & Nurse	$ 100.00
Monument, Cemetery Lot & expense thereto	$ 400.00
Other expenses	$ 100.00
Admr Expenses	$ 200.00
Total	$ 1100.00

J. Accumulate

1 Bed stead		50
1 Matress		50
1 Beau---		1.00
1 Bed stead		75
1 Rocking chair		25
1 Bed spring		1.00
1 Kitchen linoleum		5.00
1 Lantern		25
Cert. deposit Farmers Trust Co.	July 7-25.	200.00
" " " " ".	Aug. 26-25.	600.00
" " " " ".	Aug 29- 25.	700.00
On checking account		48.75
One fourth liberty bond		600.00
		$1724.80

Frank Merick
J.Colin Kelly Apprs.
J.E.Hodges

Attest A. G. McMullen Clerk Boone County Comnt Clerk.

ATTEST COPY OF THE WILL OF L.L.STEPHENS, DECEASED.

I, L.L.Stephens of the County of Boone and State of Kentucky being of sound mind and memory and realizing the uncertainty of life and the certainty of Death, do hereby make and publish this my last will and testament.

First.-----I desire that all of my just debts and my funeral expenses be paid as soon as possible after my death.

All of the estate of whatever kind I may posses at the time of my death, after paying my just debts and my funeral expenses, I be queath and devise to my beloved wife Hetha A.Stephens for her use and benefit during her life time.

After the death of my wife if there is any of my estate remaining, it shall be divided into six equal shares, and one shar given to each of my five daughters; Viz: Lucy Ryle, Nettie Stephens, Vida Stephens, Dessie Ryle, and Bessie Clore, and the remaining share shall be divided equally between my two grand-daughters Mamie Hankison and Louise Aylor, children of my deased daughter Hattie Aylor. Should my grand-daughter Louise Aylor survive my wife and dies without children before she reaches the age of twenty one, her share shall revert to her sister Mamie Hankinson.

I, hereby appoint my son-in-law Hubert Ryle, Executor of this my last will and testament. He shall settle my affairs as speedly as possible after my death. He shall have charge of my estate during the lifetime of my wife, and all times he shall counsel and advise her as to her care and comfort. He shall authority to useany part or all of my estate to maintain her in comfort and provide for her as she should be provided for, at her death he shall pay the funeral expenses and all other expenses that may be incurred out of my estate and devise the remainder as herein provided and deliver to each one her share, except he shall hold the share of my grand-daughter Louise Aylor until she reaches the age of Twenty one years.

I, hereby give the said Hubert Ryle full power and authority to sell and transfer all or any property belonging to my estate, when necessary to carry out the provisions of this will, having confide

ence in the integrity and honor of the said Hubert Ryle. I insist that no bond shall ever be required of him in the settlement or-~~ma~~ management of my estate.

In witness whereof, I have he reunto set my hand this 6th day of November 1924.

L.L.Stephens.

Attest A. G. McTillen Boone County Court Clerk.

State of Kentucky }
County of Boone }

The Affiant, Amanda Ryle, says, she was present at the marriage of Lewis L. Stephens and Hetha A. Stephens, And was the Bride's maid, that the marriage occurred in Boone County, Kentucky on the 21st day of December 1865. Rev C. S. Carter performed the marriage ceremony.

Affiant further says, She knows the said Lewis L. Stephens and Hetha A. Stephens lived together as Man and Wife, without divorce or separation from the day of their marriage until his death, which occurred on the 30th day of October 1925 and that neither had been married before,

Amanda Ryle

Subscribed and sworn to, before me by Amanda Ryle, who is to me personally known.

This 12th day of November 1925

R. T. Stephens
Notary Public, Boone Co. Ky

My Commission expires Dec 19. 1927

State of Kentucky }
County of Boone }

The Affiant, Amanda Ryle, says, she was present at the marriage of Lewis L. Stephens and Hetha A Stephens, and was the Bridesmaid, that the marriage occurred in Boone County Kentucky on the 21st day of December 1865, Rev. C. S. Carter performed the marriage ceremony.

Affiant, further says, she knows that the said Lewis L. Stephens and Hetha A. Stephens lived together as man and wife, without divorce or separation, from the day of their marriage, until his death, which occurred on the 30th day of October 1925, and that neither had been married before.

Amanda Ryle

Subscribed and sworn to before me by Amanda Ryle, who is to me personally known.
This 12th day of November 1925—

R. T. Stephens
Notary Public Boone Co. Ky.
My Commission expires Dec. 19. 1927

ATTEST COPY.

Last of the personal property of the late L.L.Stephens, Deceased, appraised by us November 4th 1925.

2 Garden hoes	25
1 Grubbing hoes	25
1 Pitch fork	25
1 Scoop Shovel	40
1 Scythe	50
1 Post hole digger	75
1 Potato ------	25
1 Plow single shovel	50
5 Gallon roofing paint	2.50
1 Iron Kettle	2.00
1 Ax	25
1 One man saw	2.00
1 Hand saw	50
1 Foot Tub	15
1 Lot canned goods	10.00
23 Gallon lard jars	2.25
1 Sprinkler can	25
1 Step ladder 6 ft.	50
2 Wash tubs	50
1 Lot chickens about 40	15.00
1 Cook stove and cooking utensils	7.00
1 Kitchen safe	1.00
1 Dining table	75.
1 Kitchen table	1.25
1 Lot kitchen utensils	1.00
6 Kitchen chairs	1.50
1 Feather bed	5.00
2 Pillows and 1 Bolster	2.00
1 Oil heater	2.00
1 Bed stead	50
1 Bed cot	75
1 Beau---	2.00
6 Chairs	5.00

January, II, I926.

Mrs. Hetha A. Stephens.
Grant, Kentucky.

My dear Madam:

Your application for pension as the widow of L. L. Stephens deceased, has been received in this office, and I have just placed her name on the Confederate Pension rolls, you will receive your first voucher and a pension certificate will be mailed to you January, I5th, I926- You will be due at that time $8,40.

Very respectfully,

R. V. George
Com.

N. E. RIDDELL,
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW
Burlington, Ky.
COUNTY JUDGE,

January 8th 1926.

Hon Commissioner Confederate pensions.

Frankfort. KY.

Dear Sir-

I am enclosing you the application of Hetha A. Stephens Widow of L. L. Stephens deceased who was a Confederate soldier and was a pensioner of this State. Mr. Stephens had very little estate until the death of his brother a short time before the death of the pensioner and he inherited from his brother the cash and bonds as shown by the appraisment also the real estate is assessed at $2,000.00. I figure the estate of the widow Hetha Stephens according to the appraisment and assessment of the land at a grand total of $3624.80 deducting the expense estimated of settling the estate of the deceased soldier ~~xxxxx~~ ampunting to $1100.00 would make the total estate of the widow worth $2624.00 which in my opinion is a very liberal estimate of the estate. The widow is practically helpless and needs the pension. I am enclsoing you herewith the application in duplicate for this pension together with a copy of the will of L.L. Stephens and an inventpry of his estate. I have known the widow for a number of years and unless the amount of this estate prohibits her from receiving the pension, she is entitled to it and I hope that it can be granted.

Advise me in regard to this and oblige.

Yours

N E Riddell

State of Kentucky,

County of Boone S.S.

The affiant. H.M.Clore says that he resides in Boone County, Kentucky, and that his post office address is Grant. Boone County, Kentucky. He says that he was personally acquainted with HETHA A STEPHENS, who was drawing a Confederate pension fron the Commonwealth of Kentucky. and he says that said Hetha A. Stephens died a resident of Boone County, Kentucky, November 12th 1930. That this affiant was present when she died and also attended her funeral.

H. M. Clore

Subscribed and swornto before me by H. M. Clore November 18th 1930.

N E Rodell

County Judge Boone County, Ky.

State of Kentucky.

County of Boone. S.S.

The affiant. Hubert Ryle says that he was present and attended the funeral of Hetha A. Stephens, that he was present when she died November 12th 1930. Affiant has been appointed Administrator of said Hetha A. Stephens and a copy of the order of the Boone County Court showing his appointment and qualification and filed herewith. This November 18th 1930.

Hubert Ryle. Grant Ky

Subscribed and swornto before me by Hubert Ryle 11-18-1930.

N E Rodell

County Judge Boone County, Ky

SECTION 12 OF THE KENTUCKY PENSION LAW PROVIDES THAT

§ 12. No pension money granted under this act while due or to become due to any pensioner, shall be liable to attachment or levy or seizure by or under any legal or equitable process whatever, whether the same remains with the State, or in the course of transmission to the pensioner entitled thereto.

No. 1930. dupli

PENSION CERTIFICATE OF

Louis L. Stephens.

Payable Quarterly

by the

Treasurer of Kentucky

at

Frankfort, Kentucky.

Louis L. Stephens

Capt

No. 1930. Duplicate.

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

DEPARTMENT OF CONFEDERATE PENSIONS

It is hereby certified

That in conformity with the laws of the Commonwealth of Kentucky;

Louis L. Stephens,

who was a member of Company I. Regiment 2nd Ky Cav.

Confederate States Army, is entitled to a pension at the rate of Ten dollars per month to commence on the third day of July one thousand nine hundred and 12.

Given at the office of the Commissioner of Pensions

this 3rd day of July

one thousand nine hundred and 12.

W. J. Stone

Commissioner.

Copy: by L. T. George. Cerm

MARCOURT-LOUISVILLE