

(ORIGINAL)

Questions for Applicant

STATE OF KENTUCKY,

Frazer County.

Sarah C. Cunningham 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)

Sarah Cunningham, Sertzer Frazer County 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? Frazer County Ky Dec 17, 1844

Sarah C. Newton

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)

at Medway Ky Dont know date James E Cunningham Frazer County Heron Ford

5. When and where and in what Company and Regiment did your husband enlist or serve during the war between the States?

Co. G 5th Ky Cavalry at Millington Ky Dont know date

6. How long did your husband serve in said Company and Regiment? three years

7. When and where did your husband's Company and Regiment surrender?

captured in the field & sent to Prison at Camp Douglas

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? Died 1889 in Scott County

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?

House & Lot in Millage of Sertzer Ky val. One thousand dollars. no other income

14. Have you a family? If so, who compose such family? No

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

Thos Wash Sertzer Ky

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this, the 26 day of Feb, 1931

Sarah C. Cunningham

Witness
of Frazer County.

Questions for Witnesses

STATE OF KENTUCKY,

Franklin County.

W. J. Nash

of said State and County, having been presented as a witness in support of the application of Mrs. Sarah E. Cunningham 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? W. J. Nash
Sevitzers Ky
2. Are you acquainted with the applicant, Mrs. Sarah E. Cunningham
If so, how long have you known her? Yes 60 years
3. Where does she reside, and how long and since when has she been a resident of this State? Sevitzers 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
6. How long did you know him? about 60 years
7. When and where did James E. Cunningham enlist in the war between the States, and in what Company and Regiment did he enlist, and how do you know this? Do not know
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? Do not know
10. When and where was his Company and Regiment surrendered? Do not know
11. Were you with the command when it surrendered? No
12. Was James E. Cunningham, the husband of applicant, present?
13. If not present, where was he?
14. When and where did he leave his command? Do not know
For what cause?
By whose authority did he leave? Do not know
How do you know all this? (State fully and clearly.)

15. When and where did James E. Cunningham die?
Dudin Scott County year 1889

16. Where did he reside at his death, and how long had he been a resident of Kentucky at his death?
Resided in County of Scott Had lived in Kentucky all his life

17. Do you know of your own knowledge that applicant is the lawful widow of James E. Cunningham 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 house & lot in village of Switzer 14. No income that I know of. By living very close. See and know much about her business

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

None

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.

*Can only answer questions that he has answered
Am unable to answer any of the others*

Sworn to and subscribed before me this *26*

day of *Feb* 19*31*

*J. B. Nash
Clerk*

by W. S. Burtz Jr. DC

W. J. Wash

J. R. Newton

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,

Franklin County, }

I, *J. B. Nash* Clerk or Notary Public, in and for said county, hereby

certify that the applicant, Mrs. *Sarah C. Cunningham* resides in said county, and has been

a bona fide resident of this State since the *17* day of *December* *1894* and that the wit-

nesses, Mr. *W. J. Wash & J. R. Newton*

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 *26th* day of *February* 19*31*

(SEAL)

J. B. Nash Clerk
by W. S. Burtz Jr. DC
Franklin 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 at 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. 4634

Widow's
Indigent Pension

Name Sarah C. Cunningham

Filed

Widow of James B. Cunningham

The Record in this application
Being conclusive to the
Commissioner & a Law that
Pension to day 11 of
March 1931

John M. Lewis Secy

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

CONFEDERATE PENSION DEPARTMENT

FRANKFORT, KENTUCKY

Sarah C. Cunningham, widow
of James E. Cunningham who
enlisted in Com, g 4th Ky.
Cavalry, captured and release
June, 16th, 1865

Indigent.

J. M. Lucas
Comm.

Williamstown Ky June 12th 1862
Mrs Kate Cunningham
Dear Madam
Yours of the 3rd inst
received some days ago and I will
reply - I remember very well
your husband being with us and going
south with us. He was in the
the wagons the most of the time
up to the time we started on the
Ohio Raid and I never saw him
afterwards as I was captured and
I and was in prison until the close
of the war and I have talked to
several members of our company
and that is about what they
remember of his service. I will be
very glad to aid you in any way

I can in getting your prison
and will gladly furnish you
with what I know of his service
in Co "G" 5th Reg Cavalry
commanded by Col D. Howard
Smith, Lt. H. Loomis was
our captain now in conclusion
will say that you need not hesitate
to ask for any and all info to
give you ~~some~~

Respectfully

James B. Webb

FRANKLIN COUNTY , to-wit:

It is hereby certified that under and by virtue of the within license, I did, on the 11th day of February, 1866, at the house of Benj. Newton in said county, celebrate the Rites of Matrimony between the within named J. E. Cunningham and Sarah C. Newton and that Joyn Robinson and Will Perry, were present and witnessed the celebration.

Given under my hand this 25th day of February, 1866

H. W. Ford, Minister

STATE OF KENTUCKY
COUNTY OF FRANKLIN

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SS
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I, J. B. Nash, Clerk of the County Court, in and for the County and State aforesaid, do certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Marriage certifiidate of J. E. Cunningham and Sarah C. Newton, as appears of record in the Franklin County Court Clerk's Office, in Marriage Certificate Book No. 4, page 39.

Given under my hand and seal this the 10th day of April, 1923.

J. B. Nash, Clerk.

By Carrie Milton D.C.

WAR DEPARTMENT

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

IN REPLY
REFER TO

WASHINGTON

March 7, 1931.

ORD

J. M. C.

Respectfully returned to

The Examiner,
Confederate Pension Department,
Frankfort,
Kentucky.

The name James E. Cunningham has not been found on the only roll on file in this office of Company G of the 5th Regiment Kentucky Cavalry, Confederate States Army, which roll covers the period from November 1, 1862 to February 28, 1863, and no record has been found of a man of that name and organization.

One James Cunningham is shown to have served in Companies A and B, 2nd (Woodward's) Kentucky Cavalry, and a man of the same name in Company G of the 4th Regiment Kentucky Mounted Infantry, C.S. Army.

There are papers on file showing that one J.E. Cunningham of Mercer County, Kentucky was in the custody of Federal Officers in May and June, 1865. In these documents it is stated that he served for a time in the Confederate Army, but no other information relative thereto has been found. He was released on oath of allegiance, June 5, 1865.

C. H. Bridges
Major General,
The Adjutant General.
By *WB*

March, 11, 1951-

Sarah C. Cunningham,
Switzer, Ky,

My dear Madam:

We have received the record from Washington,
which completes your husband's War record and your appli-
cation is allowed from this date, March 11th, a voucher and
a certificate will be mailed to you April 15th, which
is the next regular time for sending them out,

Very Truly,

Comm.